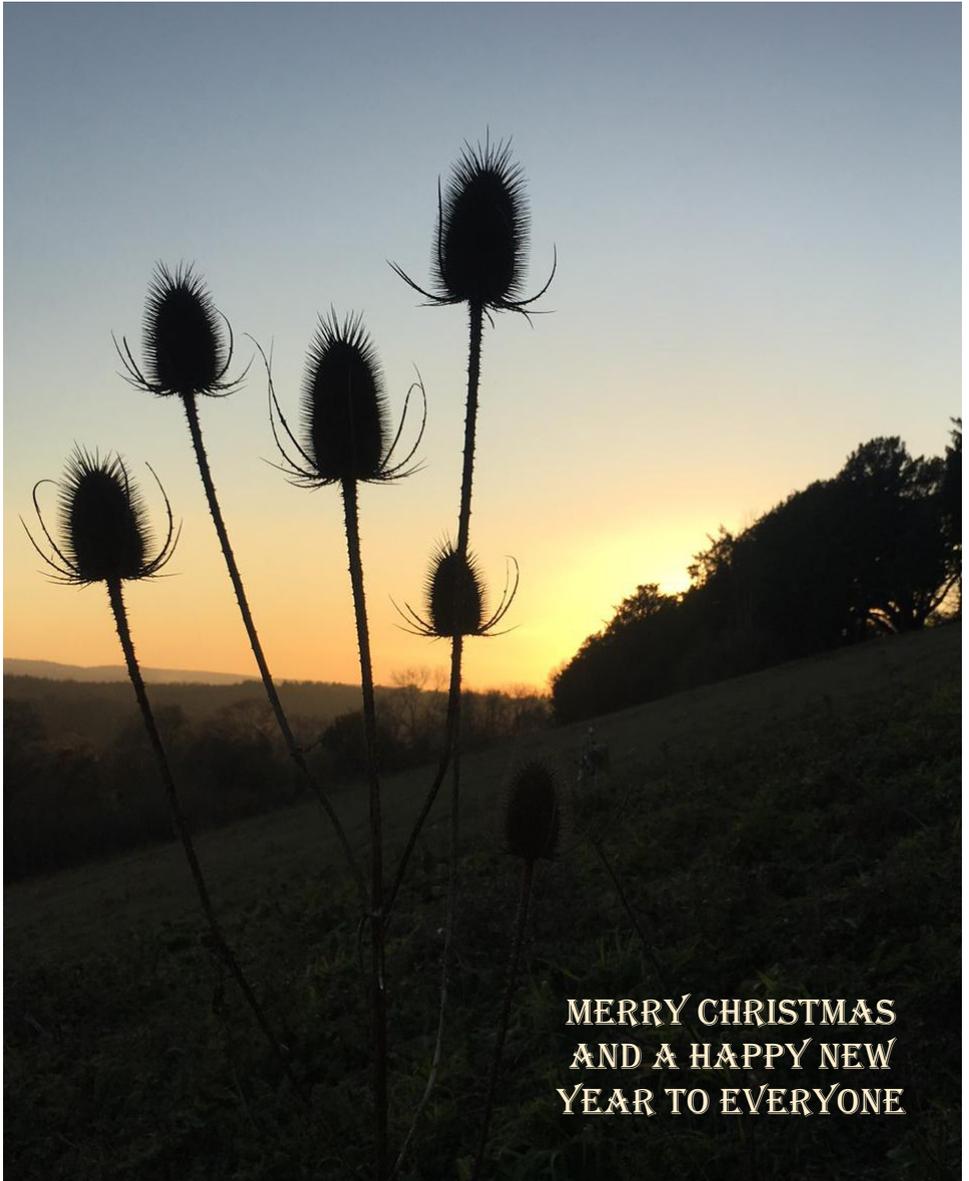


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If you have any articles, photos, letters, etc that you think we may like to feature in the next issue, please email the Editor on:

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FROM THE EDITOR



Well, we made it! I wasn't sure we'd ever get to the end of 2020 at some points but here it is. The one hope is that 2021 can't possibly be as bad as 2020, so onwards and upwards.

Even in the darkest days though, there have been some happy times - spending much more time walking round our beautiful countryside, discovering local sights that I'd never noticed before, finding out how kind people really are when it comes down to the wire. Also discovering just how many different mushrooms there are round here - thanks to Jo Smewing for providing so many photos! We have put together a wordsearch to help entertain you if you have fewer visitors than usual over Christmas, it's a tricky

one so grab your coffee and biscuits first.

As you may have noticed this issue is a combined December/January edition due to the lockdown restrictions in November, and so has information for both of these months. There is the Dorking Camera Club's annual exhibition on virtually in December to help keep you occupied, and the village association are calling for any volunteers or people who might need some help over the Christmas period to let them know so they can coordinate that.

I hope you all have a good Christmas in whatever way you are spending the days, don't forget to call the people you can't see, and we'll be back in February.

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Sad to say the St John's Chapel Cafe is not up and running yet, but we will keep you posted as soon as we hear otherwise.



...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

Discover afresh the Christ...

joy, peace, love, hope...

Discover afresh Jesus... Yeshua

As I write in mid November, in the midst of the second lockdown, I anticipate that Christmas in Westcott will be very different this year as we continue to face coronavirus restrictions. And yet, this could be a very rich Christmas, with new discoveries that will bless us into 2021 and beyond.

Unless there is an extraordinary turnaround, our main Christmas Services will be on Zoom*. We will surely miss seeing one another in person, in our well-attended services in Holy Trinity, with the beauty and joy of our celebrations.

Alongside our restricted Church celebrations, there may well be continuing limits on gatherings of family and friends. And, of course, this year of crisis has brought death, severe illness and economic pain and uncertainty. There will be many sad and concerned households this

Christmas.

Yet, the most essential elements of Christmas are still with us – the celebration of the Christ, Jesus. The astonishing stories of the birth of Jesus accord with the astonishing life he goes on to lead. Read the gospel accounts and you see Jesus in his wonderful, full humanity. He is depicted as such a complete, compelling, unique person, you could not possibly make him up. He had a great zest for life – hill-walking, partying, out on the lake, caring, travelling, eating and drinking, rejecting wealth, emphasizing simplicity. He was a man of complete integrity. In the Bible narrative, he is moved to tears and

anger, he sleeps and is wearied. He is utterly courageous, not in the machismo way of the fighter but in the far more difficult way of moral resolution and bearing of suffering. In the Bible, Jesus' life was one of being fully human, a life formed in times of solitude and prayer. Jesus is our example of how to live.

MAY YOU DISCOVER
AFRESH THIS CHRISTMAS
JOY, PEACE, LOVE, HOPE

Comfort
and **Joy**

...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT

But there is, of course more. The first followers of Jesus come to recognize that he is "the Christ, the Son of the living God"- He who, in love for all, takes on sin, death and the devil and wins, bringing the power of resurrection. It is in the Christ, Jesus that there is true meaning and purpose, and hope. Only in Jesus "the Christ, the Son of the living God", can there be unlocking of the mysteries of our existence.

I hope and pray amongst all the disappointments, frustrations, pain and anguish in this time of Corona, you will be able to discover afresh the vast richness of Christmas – the birth of the Christ, Jesus. I pray you will truly know him, man and God. Try reading a gospel, Matthew or Luke this Christmas season, taking you beyond the nativity stories to his unique life.

Then, as we go into the New Year, with growing hope of an effective vaccine against Covid 19, you will have discovered a vast richness in Christ Jesus, that will be with you in all times.

It may be that the name "Jesus" has become too familiar in our culture. It's a common name in Hispanic countries (there is even a Jesus who plays for Manchester City!), and many through our country may only know Jesus as a swear word or in vaguely remembered stories. It may be helpful to approach a fresh discovery of the Christ, as Yeshua, the Hebrew/Aramaic name for Jesus.

May you discover afresh this Christmas joy, peace, love, hope... discover afresh the Christ, Jesus... Yeshua.

*Please do visit Holy Trinity over Christmas. The Church will be seasonally decorated - many thanks to Andrea Gabb for co-ordinating this.

As long as Government restrictions allow, there are several opportunities to be in Holy Trinity for Communion and Christmas music – see centre pages for full details of these and Zoom services.

Holy Trinity is open on Sundays and Wednesdays, 9.30 am – 3.30 pm, for private prayer.



A very happy Christmas
and blessed, healthy
New Year to you all
from Alan & Jenny

SERVICES AT THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

DATE	THEME	8:30AM IN CHURCH	10:30AM ON ZOOM
6th Dec	Healing (3) / Advent 2	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Holy Communion
13th Dec	Advent 3	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Holy Communion
20th Dec	Please see separate central insert		
27th Dec			
3rd Jan	Epiphany	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Holy Communion
10th Jan	Baptism of Christ	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Holy Communion
17th Jan	God's Hope for our Planet	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Creation Communion
24th Jan	Papua Partners	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Holy Communion
31st Jan	Sermon Series: From 1 Corinthians 1 & 2	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Holy Communion

8.30am – At the time of writing, we hope 'lockdown' will be lifted in December and we can meet in Church for this service. The service focuses on the receiving of the sacrament, with no sermon or hymns, and finishing by c. 9am. There is no need to sign in – please just come along. We follow all government guidance on safe procedures including wearing of masks being compulsory. Further details, including our Risk Assessment are available to view on our website thechurchinwestcott.org.uk.

10.30am - Our 'parish' **online Zoom service**, reflecting the people of the Church in Westcott, with a mixture of traditional and contemporary music. Visit our website to sign up to our emailing list for weekly invitations.

You are also very welcome to come to Holy Trinity, for prayer, reflection or just visit our Church **on Sundays and/or Wednesdays between 9.30am and 4pm.**

THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT – SUPPORT IN THIS TIME OF CORONA

We are a part of the **Westcott Good Neighbour Scheme** and we are always here for a chat, prayer, pastoral need. **Paul Stacey** paulstacey88@gmail.com, may be able to help with **debt advice**.

For help, more information, please contact me:-
Alan, Vicar 01306 644868 alchasjonas@aol.com
or visit our website thechurchinwestcott.org.uk

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

I am delighted to say that Ellie, our Children's and Family Worker, is now able to work reduced hours with a focus on Church communications. Please pray for Ellie's full recovery. Cookie Club, our parent, baby and toddler group, remains closed and will not be re-opening until further notice.

See details of our joint Surrey Hills Churches Crib Service and the all-age Christmas Day Celebration, listed with our Christmas service publicity. Thereafter, we hope to run a monthly all-age service on Zoom.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Death:

8th September 2020	Ann Morrison Monie (96)
25th September 2020	Keith William Wakeford (72)
13th January 2020	Dorothy Marion Miller (83)



THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

FLOODLIGHTING

Many thanks to our floodlighting sponsors:

Paul & Carol Morris, who have sponsored December's floodlighting in memory of Paul's father Barry and Carol's father Jim.

Yasmin & Freddie George, who have sponsored January's floodlighting in memory of their son Freddie (Little Freddie) & their Grandpa Freddie Harry George, who passed away in the summer of 2018 aged 98.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, please contact Sarah Massey at sarah@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk.

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THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT



Holy Trinity Church will be open for you to visit, for private prayer or reflection

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Come to enjoy the Christmas decorations, pray, reflect, enjoy the beauty and peace.

All are welcome.



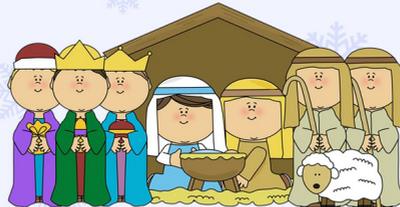
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SURREY HILLS CHURCHES

Christmas Crib Service

4pm, Weds 23rd December on Zoom



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Children are invited to come dressed as a character at the Crib
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In particular we would like to establish a Christmas Dinner programme to ensure that everyone in the village gets a Christmas Dinner. If you would like to volunteer for this please can you confirm this in your email. If you already know a neighbour who could benefit from a meal on Christmas Day please reach out to them, a small act of kindness can mean so much.

Thank you

Alan Jonas, Vicar, Holy Trinity Church
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WESTCOTT HISTORY GROUP

A new film version of 'Rebecca' has just been released, based on the 1938 novel by Daphne Du Maurier but I don't suppose there are many people who would have watched a stage version by The Westcott Players at the Hut on March 26 1949.

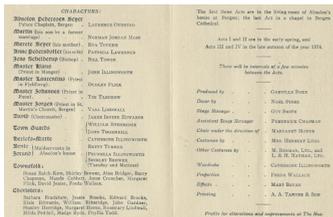
WLHG have quite a number of programmes of productions by the Westcott Players in the 1940/50s era and they list some pretty impressive



names who were heavily involved at that time. Principally Lady Eva Touche from Broomfield (see left) - Eva was prepared to do anything to support the Players, including

scrubbing the steps to the stage. Leslie Howard's wife did the make-up for several years. The Illingworth family living in Broomhills on Logmore Lane were frequent performers and it was in November 1949 that daughter Prunella first trod the boards in 'The Witch' by John Masefield. She is better known today as Prunella Scales.

Another lady who later became a professional actress was Patricia Lawrence, probably best known for



Programme from The Witch, Nov 1949

television series drama 'Tenko' but had small parts in many other well-known BBC productions. She also appeared in the films 'A Room with a View' and 'Howards End'. Her husband was Greville Poke, who also acted and produced for the Players. He was an arts administrator and a founding member of the English Stage Company and it was his role in a long drawn out battle with the Lord Chamberlain in the 1960s that led to the 1968 Theatres Bill, which abolished the censorship of plays.

Norman Jordan-Moss, CMG, CB, a formidable senior civil servant. He forged a close relationship with President and Eva Peron whilst spending 6 months in Argentina negotiating a beef deal. In Belgrade he supervised British aid to Yugoslavia, which entailed frequent meetings with Tito, and he spent his last night there celebrating with the secret police colonel who had been tailing him!

The Players adopted professional standards and practices such as ringing a bell and announcing the production would be starting in so many minutes among others. Dare we hope that if and when we get a new 'village hall' on the site of the Hut that we could again enjoy the particular pleasures of amateur plays, musicals and pantomimes.

playing Sister Urica, a Dutch prisoner of war in the BBC

WLHG's programme of events is suspended until further notice because of the pandemic restrictions.

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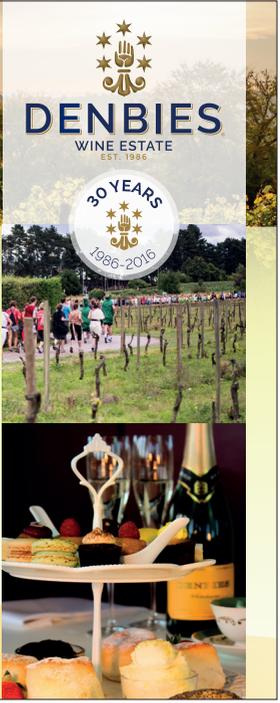
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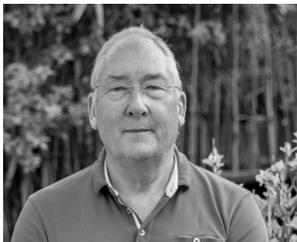
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The Village Magazine is being delivered to you later this month as a result of the second lockdown, but having sent out an update to those in the community for whom we have an email address, I have chosen to repeat the update in this edition. If you would like to be added to our newsletter update circulation list, then please send us your details at contact@westcottvillage.com

AGM

Forty-five people attended the virtual AGM on Zoom at the beginning of October and the minutes have been posted on the website at www.westcottvillage.com

Speeding Campaign and Motorbike Noise



Covid-19 restrictions have delayed the plans for Speedwatch training, but Nick Lund (the Trustee

leading this initiative) is now in a position to work with a small group of volunteers in the use of the equipment (which we have agreed to purchase rather than loan) and once proven, the training will be rolled out to everyone who volunteered. The intention is to have everyone trained by the end of the year.



Fibre-optic Broadband

We are looking at the possibility of bringing Fibre Optic Broadband capability to all parts of the village, but we need two things to get this off the ground:

1. The WVA is looking for an individual to lead this project – preferably someone who has a technical knowledge or background – and for two or three other residents to support that person. The WVA would provide support with communication and co-ordination. *If you are willing to take this on, or wish to discuss the idea, please drop me an email or call me.*

2. If you are interested in exploring this scheme further, please write to the WVA by 12th December at contact@westcottvillage.com with “Fibre-optic broadband” in the



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The WVA wants to be as inclusive as possible and encourage the broadest possible involvement of all residents in achieving its aims and objectives. If you have views on how the Village Association can become more inclusive then please write to me at timway.westcott@gmail.com and we will build your views into the discussions we are planning to hold at our next meeting in early December.

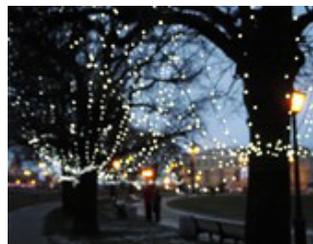
Annual Subscriptions to the WVA

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Christmas Lights

With continuing Covid-19 restrictions,

traditional Christmas cheer may be in limited supply for many families



this year so the WVA will be putting up a Christmas Tree on the Village Green on 5th December. The lighting will be solar powered so we are hoping for plenty of bright days in December!!

To add to the feeling of Christmas we are encouraging residents who live around the Green to enter into the spirit by placing any lights they have at home in their windows.

Finally, we will be running a light-hearted competition to find the best Christmas decorated house in the village. Please enter the competition – there will be a prize for the winner!

Good Neighbour Scheme

Volunteers: If you volunteered in April and are still available to help, or if you are able to join the team because your circumstances have changed, then please drop a note to contact@westcottvillage.com with your name, address/postcode and a brief description of what you can volunteer to do.

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Contact: Please remember that if you do need help to shop, pick up prescriptions, or need other support please contact the Good Neighbour Scheme. There are neighbours and friends who will want to help you. Telephone 07772 989509 or email westcottgoodneighbour@gmail.com and talk to Sally Hewetson who coordinates the volunteers.

Church Bank

Members of the committee have been supporting the Church by clearing the weeds from around the hedge along the parking area on Logmore Lane, taking out the dead



plants, and will be replanting mixed species hedge plants to create a more rural appearance as the hedge grows. Hopefully by the spring we will again see the fruits of our labour!

Cycling Survey – Help for A-Level Geography Student

The Covid restrictions are causing some problems for young people studying for A Levels and we received a request from a young man at The Priory School who needs help to complete a Geography project survey. If you have not already done so, and are happy to help him, please go to <https://forms.gle/nv4LaqqmdUCMJviA9> to complete the short survey on cycling journeys.

As always, you are invited to write to me on issues which concern you, and the WVA committee will do their best to address them.

The Trustees of the Village Association wish you and all your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Tim Way
Chairman, Westcott Village Association
timway.westcott@gmail.com
contact@westcottvillage.com

Life at Surrey Hills continues to be very busy! I believe school is absolutely the best place for the children during these uncertain times and I am keen to keep everything as normal as possible for them. The staff have worked incredibly hard, planning exciting and engaging learning experiences for the children in school or at home self-isolating. You can see what they have achieved on the school website, Facebook page and Twitter feed.

All Saints Pause Day

On Friday, 23rd October, the whole school spent a day reflecting on the meaning of All Saints Day for Christians. It was a day of exploration and creativity, resulting in the children expressing their thoughts, opinions and ideas through discussion and art.

Last year, we changed our school name to incorporate All Saints and our school vision is as follows:

We are rooted in the love of God and others, we believe in ourselves and so, will aspire to grow in every part of our lives. Following the example from All Saints, we choose to respect and encourage one another and to be responsible citizens in our community and our world.

Therefore, we wanted to celebrate our community and the Core Values that we follow. We spent the whole day

exploring the meaning of All Saints Day for Christians. All Saints Day is the day Christians remember and give thanks for every saint. It is celebrated on 1st November and demonstrates that saints are ordinary people who loved God.

Each class chose a saint which they thought represented our Core Values and explored what we, as a school, could learn from them. In EYFS, they found out about St George, whilst in KS1, the children learned about St James, one of Jesus' disciples. He was a fisherman and continued Jesus' work across Europe. Our local church in Abinger is named and dedicated to him.

In KS2, the children investigated a range of saints, making links between their deeds and our school Core values. The children channelled their ideas into a colourful array of stained glass windows.

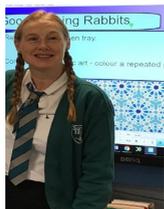


SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS (cont.)



Good to be Green

Recently, two classes reached their Good to be Green targets and had their well-deserved reward day! Foxes class enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas and Rabbits class were all teachers for the day. Luckily Mrs Coyle and Mrs Gale were very well behaved pupils! We look forward to celebrating the children's achievements and more green point reward days later in the term.



Foxes Class

Foxes Class have been learning about levers and looking to balance the effort of gravity on one side of the pivot

with the weight of a load on the other. Then to try and balance



out the lever again once the load was made heavier.



Open Days

We have now held our open days, however, if you are still looking for a Reception or Year 3 school place from September 2021, please book an appointment via the school office on 01306 881136 and we will be happy to show you around, outside of school hours.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook, you can see daily life at Surrey Hills and share in the learning opportunities the children experience. Twitter @SurreyAllSaints, Facebook Surrey All Saints.

Lastly, merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mrs Ratcliff, Headteacher



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THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES...



Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us

It is timely to say a huge thank you to those who have been regularly decorating our village green bus shelter throughout this year.

Revised Christmas Bin Collection Dates

The council's bin collection contractors are keen that everyone knows the revised dates for collections this festive season. These are:

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
25th December	28th December
28th December	29th December
29th December	30th December
30th December	31st December
31st December	2nd January
1st January	4th January
4th January	5th January
5th January	6th January
6th January	7th January
7th January	8th January
8th January	9th January

Surrey Environment Partnership have started a project aiming to divert food waste from rubbish bins to food waste caddies. In coming months, following a trial taking place elsewhere in Surrey, the bin crews will start to have access to new technology and using in-cab data, the project will target those residents known not to use their caddies regularly with a range of communications designed to encourage them to do so.



The tribute around Remembrance Sunday was remarked upon by several residents to me and looked captivating. Thank you.

Action Surrey Grant Scheme for Hard to Heat Homes

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THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES... (cont.)

Jump Surrey" has been awarded through central Government to local authorities across the county and will provide eligible households up to £10,000 to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

In addition to the Government's grant, Surrey County Council is contributing £750,000 to the "Green Jump Surrey" project as top-up funding to cover the full cost of works.

Eligible owner-occupied households can use the funding to install energy efficiency improvements including loft, solid wall, cavity wall and park home insulation, to keep their home warm. Air source heat pumps and solar hot water systems can also be funded in addition to insulation works, to further help save on energy bills and reduce carbon emission.



Private and social housing landlords can receive up to £5,000 to cover two-thirds the cost of installing solid wall insulation. If you are living in a hard-to-heat home and either in receipt of a means tested benefit or have a total

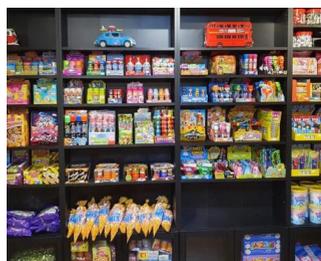
gross annual household income of less than £30,000, you could be eligible for funding.

As funding is time-limited, you are urged to contact Action Surrey as soon as possible on 0800 783 2503 or via www.actionsurrey.org/enquiries to check your eligibility for support.

Support Our Local Businesses This Christmas

This year more than ever it is important that we shop locally and safely for our festive gifts. The Mole Valley Together website (www.molevalleytogether.co.uk) features over 50 businesses who have submitted their Christmas offers, gifts and details to help their customers navigate Christmas shopping in their own community during this pandemic. There are more than 15 local businesses taking part in Dorking alone, including Flowers by Elaine, Deepdene Bar & Lounge and T&S Sweet Shop.

Much of this can be done via online shopping or via call/click and collect during the current restrictions. Residents are also encouraged to take part in



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THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES... (cont.)



Deepdene Bar and Lounge

the Christmas Shop Window competition, run in partnership with Dorking BID and Mole Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Businesses will be asked to submit photos of their shop windows dressed up for the occasion. We can all then vote online for the best displays in each town. All participants will enter a prize draw for a chance of winning local goodies.



Flowers by Elaine



Support our NHS This Christmas

You may or not have noticed the addition of a new sticker to our main village post box. The Royal Mail are a key partner for the government's

coronavirus testing programme. They are collecting completed test kits from priority postboxes as part of the government programme.

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35,000 specially selected Royal Mail priority postboxes. For us in Westcott, this is the one by the top of Furlong Road.

Support for Each Other This Christmas

Finally, a message that often bears repeating, especially this year. A massive thank you to everyone who has been looking out for friends and neighbours, especially during our lockdowns.

As the winter weather no doubt approaches, please do take some time to just call or knock on the door of folks you haven't seen for a while and make sure that they are still ok. I'm sure that no-one is going to be worried by being "checked-up on" and it might just make a difference to someone in your road, in our village. Thank you.

James Friend

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Love the names of these mushrooms! We have been spotting mushrooms all over Westcott on our walks, not sure if we spotted any of these though.

Shingled Hedgehog

Wrinkled Peach

Devil's Tooth

Spindleshank

Jewelled Amanita

Elastic Saddle

Witch's Butter

Dusty Puffball

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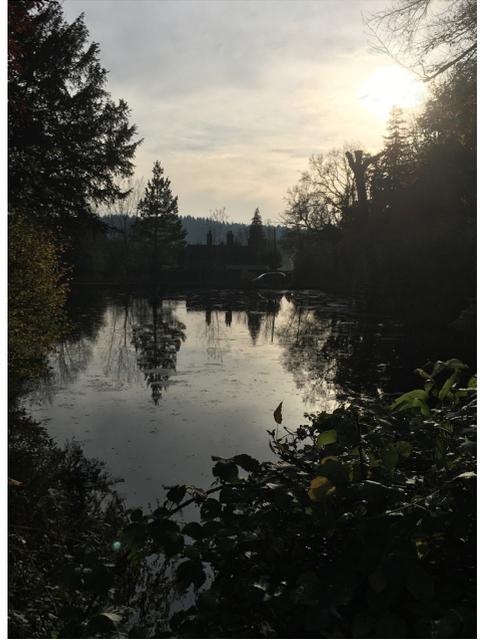
Lion's Mane

Thanks to Jo Smewing for the names

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"If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." – Dolly Parton. Photo by Jo Smewing



Time for reflection, at Silent Pool Nov 11th
Photo by Jacki Moss



Early sun at Newlands. Photo by Jacki Moss

LOST BRACELET

FOUND

Small silver bracelet found on the path near Broomfield Park on Friday 27th November. If it is yours please call 07943 187320 and we will reunite it with its rightful owner.

Estelle Holmes



Brockham Choral



What an unusual Choral year 2020 has been for us choristers at Brockham Choral. The love of singing together in the rehearsal room is on hold as we click & Zoom to learn new repertoire under our enthusiastic Musical Director Cole Bendall. Our accompanist Marion Lea has been busy producing recordings for us all to follow. In addition we have kept our community together with a quiz, and marooning a member on a Desert Island to entertain us with his favourite discs and memories.

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We are happy to do shopping, pick up prescriptions, drop off meals, or simply be a friendly face to pop by and have an “at distance” cup of tea.

Also, during this unusual year, the festive season may be more challenging than normal for some. If anyone is not able to prepare a Christmas dinner please let us know as we are planning on a Christmas Dinner programme to make sure no one is left hungry or disappointed on Christmas Day.

Alan Jonas, Vicar, Holy Trinity Church
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We have a range of services for all ages, in Holy Trinity Church (guidelines permitting) and on Zoom. Visit thechurchinwestcott.org.uk to sign up to our emailing list for weekly invitations to Zoom services, or email churchwardens@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk who will send you the details.



SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER

BCP Communion in Holy Trinity Church

8:30am Book of Common Prayer Communion Service, in Holy Trinity

No need to book in advance, however please bear in mind we have a maximum capacity of 35 at this time

Carol Service on Zoom

5:00pm Carol Service on Zoom

Join us on Zoom for our traditional Carol Service, with readings, carols old and new, music and messages of joy, peace, love and hope



WEDNESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Crib Service on Zoom

4:00pm Surrey Hills Churches Crib Service on Zoom

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CHRISTMAS EVE 24TH DECEMBER

Christmas Communion in Holy Trinity Church

5:00pm Christmas Communion, with music, in Holy Trinity

Please book in advance for this service



CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER

BCP Communion in Holy Trinity Church

*8:30am Book of Common Prayer Communion, with music,
in Holy Trinity*

Please book in advance for this service

Christmas Celebration on Zoom

10:30am Christmas Celebration on Zoom

Join us on Zoom for our Christmas Celebration for all ages



SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Christmas Communion in Holy Trinity Church

9:30am Christmas Communion, with music, in Holy Trinity

Please book in advance for this service

** To book for these Communion services in Holy Trinity *
contact churchwardens@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk
or telephone Alan Jonas, Vicar 01306 644868*

In addition to our Christmas services, the church is open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays, between 9:30am-3:30pm. Come to enjoy the seasonal decorations, pray, reflect, enjoy the beauty and peace.

We hold regular weekly services on Sundays:

8:30am BCP Communion in Holy Trinity (guidelines permitting)

10:30am Zoom Communion Service in the comfort of your home.

Visit thechurchinwestcott.org.uk to sign up to our emailing list for weekly invitations to Zoom services.



Comfort and Joy

Celebrate Christmas with the Church in Westcott

Discover afresh the Christ.....joy, peace, love, hope

Discover afresh Jesus...Yeshua

We've been feeling very creative this month and have expressed our individuality in making some amazing works of art, using loose parts. (Buttons, bottle tops, corks etc). The best thing about this kind of art is that we can



keep rearranging it as many times as we like and let our imaginations run wild! Our pictures included an owl, a lion, mummy, daddy, many a self portrait and lots of abstracts! We also made some beautiful necklaces and bracelets, some cracking conker key chains, brilliant bird feeders and fantastic firework pictures.

Our thoughtful Nursery teachers and committee have set up a new recycling station to teach us what part we can play in helping the environment. It's a hugely fun way of catching our interest and once our tummies are full we set about washing, drying and posting all of our lunch box waste into the separate containers (plus anything else we can find throughout the day!). It makes getting to the end of lunchtime

something to look forward to!

Pumpkin season has been upon us which meant we were able to decorate a great number of them with buttons and beads so they looked like fancy ornaments. We made tasty Halloween biscuits, which we iced and then sprayed with special edible glitter. They were spookily delicious! Other treats we've cooked up along the way have been fabulously fruity, with apple turnovers and flapjacks to name but a few.



Out in the garden we've been exploring the giant puddles created by the rain...thank goodness for wellies! We continued our love of sports by practicing balancing, throwing and catching beanbags using tennis rackets. An amazing addition to our outdoor toys has been the kind donation of some life sized Lego bricks. Our teamwork has seen us create walls, towers, chairs and to top it all a huge house! Out in the forest we made crazy tree people with clay and natural items we found.

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We are now really looking forward to the festive season and whilst there will be some traditions we'll be unable to do, we know we will still have a wonderful time. We'd like to say a very big thank you to all our Nursery teachers and committee who have worked tirelessly to keep us safe and happy throughout this very strange year. We wish you all the happiest of Christmases and a happy and healthy New Year.

Kate Fairbrass

WESTCOTT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

To all our loyal supporters, we hope you are keeping well and have not found this latest lockdown too tedious. Due to the ongoing uncertainty with Covid 19, we are still not certain when the coffee mornings will restart.

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READING ROOM



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Maintenance on the main entrance hall side of the property has been completed to freshen up the front side which was repainted with a new canopy above the front door.

In October we welcomed back the Monday's Art Class, Tuesday's Surrey Academy of Ballet & Performing Arts, Wednesday's Art History and Aikido Club plus Saturday and Sunday's Martial Arts Group. Recently the Reading Room also hosted a film crew interviewing a local VIP for a TV program. A strict cleaning program was being observed to ensure the Hall is as safe as it can be to combat any pandemic spread.



Following the end of Government closure rules currently in place the Reading Room has decided to keep the kitchen out of action for the time being. There is still availability for regular group activities on Monday afternoon, Thursday morning plus Friday morning and afternoon. Some evenings are available for casual and regular Hall use if required too.



We are prepared to reserve dates for traditional children's party bookings after the new year in the hope that some of the tougher restrictions will be lifted as we move into 2021.

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How to sum up this year, I imagine its going to be one which will certainly go down in the history books as nothing like any of us have ever experienced before. For the QRMW Charity it could have been a difficult time without the help we have received from The National Lottery and Armed Forces Covenant Trust whose Covid-19 Impact Schemes have been a lifeline to us and those we assist.

For our woodland it has been quite an exciting year, new picnic benches and a new Visitors Centre both possible because of the grants awarded to us by the Post Code Lottery and The Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund, to whom we are extremely grateful.

During lockdown in the Spring the woodland was a very quiet place of reflection apart from the wildlife who came to visit, make their homes and produce offspring. The many ex-servicemen who come to the woodland to reflect, meet up with likeminded people and often return to help with the maintenance of the woodland were very pleased to be able to visit again in the Summer months when the restrictions of the lockdown were reduced.

As well as ex-servicemen we have many others who come and enjoy our



Phil and Sheila from Burstow Nurseries

little piece of heaven, we welcome all. LC Energy of Gomshall who we are again grateful to for providing new wood chips to line the pathways around the woodland and the proprietors of Burstow Nurseries in Horley, Phil and Sheila, paid us a visit in October. They were thrilled to see many of the trees and shrubs they donated to us were, five years on, well established and thriving.

We also had a donation from a local resident Jane Button, a Ginko tree, a species of tree that was around during the dinosaur period and part of the Pine family. Thank you Jane, the Ginko is now in a place of prominence at the woodland.

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QRMW (cont.)

In November we were of course back in lockdown and our Remembrance Service always held on 11th November had to be scaled down. Debbie and I went to the woodland and placed our QRMW poppy wreath at the Monument and our village Vicar Rev. David Grundy joined us to say a prayer in memory of those very brave servicemen and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to give us our freedom.

As we draw close to Christmas and the end of 2020 I would like to wish every one of you a Happy Christmas and New Year. Let's pray that 2021 will be a safer and healthier year for all of us. Remember the woodland is open 24/7 and all are welcome to come and visit. I look forward to seeing you.

God Bless you all.

Paul Cooling
Chairman
QRMW

STUART RYLAND 23.4.69 - 19.11.20

At the time of going to press, we are in utter grief and turmoil following the death of Stuart Ryland of Furlong Road, by suicide.

Please pray for Steph, Stuart's wife and Hannah, their daughter.
Please register for Church emails for updates.

For a sermon, 22.11.20, "Hope in grief - Stuart Ryland",
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If you would like to talk please do not hesitate to
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The February magazine will feature a celebration of Stu's life.

Alan Jonas
Vicar

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DORKING MUSEUM

Dorking Museum offers seasonal greetings to all readers and to the supporters and friends of the Museum.

How sad that the pandemic is creating so much uncertainty about how we will be able to celebrate the festive season this year. Who can we see? Where can we go? What can we do?

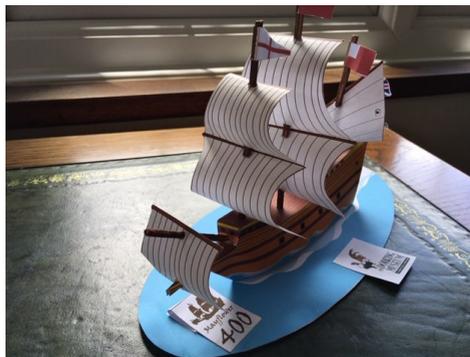
Looking on the bright side, in the middle of the 17th century, Parliament effectively 'banned' Christmas altogether! The Puritans believed that the Catholic celebration was a sinful extravagance fuelled by immorality – their mission was to cleanse the country of decadence. Even mince pies were banned! Abolished in 1644, it was not until the Restoration in 1660 that Christmas could be celebrated again – although pro-Christmas protests took place, and seasonal revelry undoubtedly continued behind closed doors in the interim.

The Museum was making seasonal plans for re-opening when the latest lockdown was announced. So, anything included here is subject to the progress and duration of the lockdown and any subsequent regulation and guidelines. Hopefully, by the time this magazine is published, all will have become clearer (and, hopefully, easier).

Museum shop: It is hoped that the Museum shop might open on

Saturdays, 5th-19th December, 11am-4pm, with appropriate arrangements in line with covid-19 guidance. If so, why not drop in for Dorking themed cards, books or gifts? There is a wide range of Cockerel Press and other books of local interest, covering subjects as diverse as underground Dorking, a 'lost' 18th century country villa, Dorking pubs, suffragettes, motor racing, wartime Dorking, the Dorking Cockerel, village histories and the Mayflower. These are also available from the Museum's online shop along with vintage and second-hand books, postcards and other ephemera: dorkingmuseum.org.uk/dorking-museum-shop

Mayflower 400 Dorking Treasure Trail:



Families are invited to follow the Mayflower 400 treasure trail, commemorating the 400th anniversary of its sailing for the New World. Find the seven Mayflower models in windows around the town. A map of the locations can be printed from the Museum's website or (when open)



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collected from Mullins Coffee Shop on West Street. Each model has a letter displayed next to it. Write down the letters, rearrange them into a word related to the Mayflower and take the completed sheet to Mullins Coffee Shop (when open) to claim a prize. There is no charge for entry and the trail will continue until Christmas. A template of the Mayflower model may also be downloaded from the Museum's website to make at home. Further details at dorkingmuseum.org.uk/mayflower-400-dorking-treasure-trail

Visits to the **Museum Archive** and the **Walking in Dorking** guided walks had to be put on hold again during the November lockdown. Please check the website for resumption of these activities.

Otherwise, plans have been put in place to allow us to re-open the main Museum exhibition space safely whilst continuing to offer an appropriate visitor experience. It is hoped that this can happen at the beginning of January, subject to review of the ongoing restrictions. Our first special



exhibition of the year will be Forster at 50, which was postponed from summer and

commemorates the 50th anniversary of the death of the novelist E M Forster, concentrating on his life locally, the local initiatives he took part in, his local associates and the impact of the area on his novels.



Among several new acquisitions during lockdown, the Museum was pleased to acquire a wonderful watercolour of the White Horse in Dorking, (see above) painted in 1823 by the noted Bavarian artist George Johann Scharf (1788–1860). Scharf spent much of his life in England, having joined the English army after escape from a besieged Antwerp and been present at the Battle of Waterloo. He was a frequent exhibitor at the Royal Academy and was commissioned at one point by Charles Darwin.

The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. For an update on resumption of activities, to read our regularly updated blog, to visit the shop, to become a member or to donate, please visit the website www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk.

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Christmas 2020 is likely to be different in all sorts of ways, so how about making it a year when we take some time to think about a more sustainable way to be festive? Here are a few ideas - I'm sure you can think of many more...



Presents: 81 million unwanted presents are received each year, and at least one in ten of them end up in landfill. Could we cull our present list? Tricky one that - might cause family mutiny! Or at least find out exactly what people would actually like? And remember that when we spend money, we're casting a vote for the kind of world we want. Which is likely to mean local, fair-trade, homemade, handmade, sustainably sourced, ethical products, rather than mass-produced tat. Have a look at ethicalshop.org, traidcraftshop.co.uk (for Traidcraft, order through Jan Way), ethicalsuperstore.com or look for lovely handmade gifts on etsy.com/uk, zero waste shops like fetchemcupboard.co.uk, or from the countless artisan makers and producers in our area. You could gift 'experiences' or memberships. And homemade, edible presents always go down really well...

Wrapping: 27,000 miles of wrapping paper is used each year in the UK alone. And much of it ends up in landfill. At all costs we should avoid paper with glitter, or that's shiny. (TOP

TIP: if you can scrunch the paper into a ball and it stays scrunched, it can go in the recycling, providing there's no glitter. If it 'unscrunches' itself...it can't.) And then there's sticky tape, which is likely to contaminate the recycling too. I did see some plastic free sellotape in Waitrose the other day, or you can buy paper-based Washi tape, which comes in all kinds of colours and patterns and is apparently 'a thing'. Who knew...

I'm still working through a massive roll of brown paper I bought online a couple of years ago! I stamp stars/snowflakes on it once I've wrapped. You could follow the Japanese (Furoshiki) style of using fabric to wrap - using vintage headscarves from charity shops or ebay.co.uk would be lovely. Use proper ribbon that can be reused over and over (I have a ribbon jar, and I love it)

Tree: If you already have an artificial tree...cherish it, love it, and keep using it for as long as humanly possible. Certainly more sustainable than chucking it out or buying a new one. If you like a real one, try Charlie's Farm in Newdigate - dig it up, roots and all,

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and plant it in the garden to use each year, or if you have a cut one, at least look out for the council recycling sites after Christmas.

Food: The equivalent of 5 million Christmas puddings and 2 million turkeys end up in the bin each year - the leftovers that don't get eaten when everyone's fed up with curry/fricassee/pie/risotto etc. This year we're unlikely to be able to feed more than 6 people on Christmas Day anyway so let's think about what size turkey we actually need, and how many variations those 6 people can bear! Buy local if possible - try foodfloat.org. You can get all the veg from them too.

Stockings: it's tricky for kids but can we resist the temptation to fill them with cheap plastic tat, most of which ends up in the bin, and heads swiftly to landfill? It's a challenge but how about bits and bobs you know will be used and/or loved, edible gifts, books etc. Try the ethical shopping sites in the presents section, and why not pop in a bamboo toothbrush - another way to ditch some of the plastic!

Crackers: More often than not covered in shiny un-recyclable paper, filled with plastic tat, and shipped from China - not the planet's friend. Making your own isn't difficult (cardboard loo rolls and wrapping paper basically) and there are lots of tutorials online, or if

that's a step too far, you could buy 'fill your own' crackers through etsy (there are some beautiful ones made of fabric you can reuse each year) or ebay. Or M&S have some this year too...all elements recyclable. And put something in them that you know people will use/enjoy (though I have to admit those mini screwdrivers can be very useful....)

Decorations: 500 tonnes of fairy lights are thrown away each year. Whaaaaat?? They break, fact of life but don't forget they can go in the electrical recycling at the tip. Look out for energy saving LED fairy lights if you need new ones. And if you want something new, how about drying some orange/lemon



slices in the oven (they smell lovely too) and hang them on the tree or round the house. Gather pinecones from the woods, bundle up cinnamon sticks, make gingerbread biscuits and hang them on the tree. Get the kids making paper chains, or popcorn chains (though you might end up with rather fewer than you thought!)



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a Christmas email I'm afraid in most cases. No bragging I promise - we do highlights and lowlights (can think of one or two...) of the year from each of us. Usually (sadly not this year) we have a huge communal card in church for people to sign - maybe next year we could have a page for messages here in the village magazine?

Do please get in touch with your ideas for a Greener Christmas: ecochallengewestcott@gmail.com

Hannah Mayo

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If you go down to the woods today, Clandon Wood to be exact, you're sure of a big surprise!

I first went to Clandon Wood Nature Reserve and Natural Burial Ground years ago – when it first opened. They had an open day inviting people to experience another way to consider what happens when you die - to think, perhaps slightly out of the box, about what you might want for your own funeral. A seed was sown in my head at that time - there is another way, possibly a more environmentally responsible way, to deal with the inevitable: the disposal of my body.

Time has moved on and now, in these days of obvious global warming, perhaps it is even more important than ever to consider the impact on the environment of how our bodies end their days on this earth. So, having trained as a celebrant to conduct weddings and funerals, I went along to Clandon Wood Nature Reserve and Natural Burial Ground, nestling between the villages of East and West Clandon, and spent some time talking to Simon Ferrar the founder, whose vision for this site was planted after attending his own aunt's funeral many years before. He came away feeling there must be another way.

A middle-aged man with an open face, bright eyes and a cheerful smile,

Simon, took me on a tour of the site. I hopped onto the back of the golf buggy and we headed off across the wild meadowland, which on this autumn day was not perhaps at its best – but as with all things in nature, no matter what the time of year, there is always plenty to see.



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Simon, a former builder, explained to me how, after a number of years searching for some land, this parcel came up for sale and he just knew it was the one. The 31 acres are managed carefully by grounds men who are passionate about the environment. There are separate areas across the land consisting of wildflower meadows, native trees, wetland, lakes and new woodland areas.

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the tall grass. We mused about how they had sought refuge at the Nature Reserve in order to avoid the shooting season!

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As we continued our tour, Simon pointed out areas used for the interment of ashes, another service that Clandon Wood offers. There has been an increase in demand for this service in more recent years and there are specific areas set aside for the purpose. The ashes are not scattered but in a rather more considered way, buried in biodegradable urns so as not to upset the balance of the environment.

Natural ways to manage the land

Each part of the land is naturally and carefully considered – for example, the grass is mown once a year and made into hay for horses. Beautiful Suffolk sheep frolic about grazing the land over autumn and winter, bringing further benefits to biodiversity, resulting

in an increase in the presence of birds, insects and pollinators.

As we continued wending our way around this little piece of 'heaven', Simon brought my attention to the 'bug hotel'. Initially created in the early days to encourage insects to settle, he told me how the hotel had only been open a few days when a robin took up residence there instead! How clever Mr Robin was, to make his nest within the confines of his very own 'fast food' joint!

Reflective, peaceful spaces

There are also areas set aside for people to sit and reflect on their friends and family who may have already passed – beautiful contemplative spaces dotted around, where birds can be seen and heard flying past and nesting in the trees. The large lake, now well established, contains a hive of biodiversity, with the sound of frogs more recently being heard and migrating birds stopping en route to warmer climes, with coots and other waterfowl having also made their homes here.





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As the sky began to darken and rain to gently fall, we stopped to look at some graves. No headstones adorn these places, no statues mark the spot, just a simple wooden or stone plaque but more often than not, nothing. Nothing but the land, just as it was intended to be, as Mother Nature would have it. The most natural thing in the world – to give back to the earth – to nourish the soil. Here, the deceased are buried only 3' 6" under, not 6 feet or more as with a conventional burial. The shallower grave helps with the decomposition of the body, allowing a quicker transition back to the earth.

I stopped and considered this place – the autumn leaves changing in all their different hues, decorating the space with vibrant colours, a celebration of the short lives that they have just lived this past year! Soon, they will have fallen to the ground to once more be absorbed into the earth – offering sustenance back to the land to be renewed again in the spring, and so the circle of life continues.

As the rain became relentless, we moved on again, crisscrossing the land, – whilst the black faces of the Suffolk sheep bleat and move out of our way as they watch us pass. We moved under beech, hornbeam, lime and oak trees, all native species to this land and growing symbiotically with everything around it.

A natural place to mourn and celebrate

Simon has created a place to mourn and celebrate which sits naturally within the land. A dual-purpose, sustainable space, on the one hand a burial site and on the other a nature reserve each purpose complimenting the other perfectly.

Even the glass pavilion which gives panoramic views across the nature reserve, seems somehow to disappear into the landscape. It is as if Simon's presence here has been embraced by the land as a thank you for all his efforts to leave no trace.



When thinking of my own funeral, I cannot think of many places that meet both my need to be at one with nature and also to preserve the beauty in nature that we still have left on this earth. We can try so hard in life to limit the effect we have on our planet, so it seems a shame not to continue this after our deaths.

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Dorking Choral Society

Dorking Choral Society have kept music alive during the COVID-19 situation in several ways. Members have exercised their vocal cords through regular zoom rehearsals under the virtual baton of their Musical Director Timothy Ferguson who has remained in Norway during this extraordinary period, and also under Olivia Shotton. The Choir has rehearsed Mendelssohn's Elijah which they plan to perform once restrictions have eased. A bonus has been familiarisation with the Norwegian language and the building up of a repertoire of Norwegian songs. In addition, current rehearsals are aimed towards maintaining familiarity with much loved pieces from previous concerts as well as works linked with Christmas.

On a social level the Choir has maintained contact through regular Zoom quizzes.

Depending on the COVID-19 situation the Choir has planned to restart physical rehearsals in November within the constraints of current guidelines at the URC in Dorking, and in the best of all possible worlds to organise a Christmas concert. So, keep a lookout for details on our website. www.dorkingchoralsociety.org.uk

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About the club - Dorking Camera Club is a friendly club for everyone who enjoys photography. We enjoy taking part in photography related activities together including days out, club holidays, competitions both internal and against other clubs, hosting photographic presentations by subject experts and coaching sessions. With the ongoing Covid situation we continue to run a full Programme on a Virtual basis. For further information on the club please visit:

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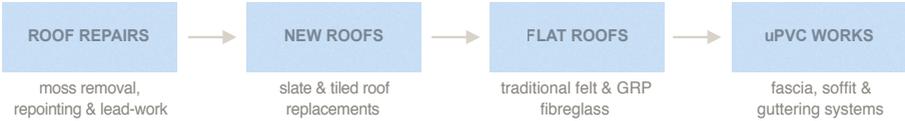


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MAIASTRA

Chamber music concert



**Friday 22 January 2021
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Performers:

David Waterman – cello
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Roberto Ruisi - violin

Juliette Roos - violin

Ting-Ru Lai - viola

Alinka Rowe – viola

Ben Tarlton - cello

Programme:

**Dvořák String Sextet
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**Brahms String Sextet
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