

Westcott Village Magazine



April 2017

Wednesday, 10th May
2017

Charity Bridge Lunch

in aid of Kids for Kids



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a glass of wine and a cup of coffee*

*There will be a **Raffle** with
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...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT

EASTER RESURRECTION

A new parish magazine!



The Westcott Parish Magazine is dead. Long live the Westcott Village Magazine! After a break of two months, Westcott again has a monthly magazine, now in colour and with free distribution to all in the village. I hope you really enjoy this new version. I am very grateful to the team that has worked extremely hard to make this change possible – the full 'roll call' is listed later in the magazine.

A key reason for the name change is to reflect the hope that all in Westcott –

and anyone else interested – will really use the magazine to keep up with village events, and help build our lovely community. Of course, this depends on copy being submitted by everyone who is involved in village life; please do use this opportunity.

The rise of the new magazine is very appropriate in this Easter month as we come together with millions around the world to remember the death of Jesus Christ, and celebrate His Resurrection. Christians believe that in the events of 2000 years ago,



reality changed – death is not the final word, evil is not the ultimate power, nothing but nothing can separate us from God's love; there is power for new life, new creation.

All are very welcome at our village celebrations that mark the revolutionary events of Easter. You may be a person of deep faith, or someone who 'paddles at the edge

of faith'. You may be a sceptic or just confused. All are welcome. See the details of service times later in the magazine.

When we come together, work and worship together,

we see the power of new life and we may see more, the God, who is its source and sustenance – the God who proclaims in Jesus: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." (John 11:25).

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IN CELEBRATION OF OUR NEW MAGAZINE



Many thanks to all the team who have produced this new "Westcott Village Magazine".

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SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION OF THE NEW MAGAZINE



**SUNDAY 2ND APRIL,
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

10.15 am Words and prayers of thanks and dedication in the Parish Communion Service

11.30 am Celebratory refreshments.

All are very welcome to come to all or part.



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EASTER SERVICES IN WESTCOTT



9 th Apr	 Palm Sunday	Book of Common Prayer Communion 8:30am, Holy Trinity Parish Communion 10:15am, Holy Trinity. Evensong 6:00pm, Holy Trinity
13 th Apr	Maundy Thursday 	Bring & Share Supper with Holy Communion 7:30pm, Holy Trinity
14 th Apr	Good Friday 	Prayer and Procession 9:30am, Holy Trinity All age service 10:15am, St John's Vigil at the Cross 2:00pm, Holy Trinity
16 th Apr	Easter Day 	Book of Common Prayer Communion 8:30am, Holy Trinity Parish Family Communion 10:15am, Holy Trinity. Evensong 6:00pm, Holy Trinity



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EASTER



APRIL SUNDAY SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY



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!

DATE	THEME	8:30AM	10:15AM	6:00PM
2 nd Apr	Lent	Book of Common Prayer Communion Organ	Parish Communion Piano	Evensong Organ
9 th Apr	Palm Sunday	Book of Common Prayer Communion Organ	Parish Communion Organ	Evensong Organ
16 th Apr	Easter Day	Book of Common Prayer Communion Organ	Parish Family Communion Music Group	Evensong Organ
23 rd Apr	Easter	Book of Common Prayer Communion No music	Parish Communion Piano	Evensong Organ
30 th Apr	Easter/ Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Book of Common Prayer Communion Organ	Morning Worship Organ	Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing Organ

Services led by 'Organ' generally have traditional hymns and follow through the liturgy.

'Music Group' led services have more contemporary songs / hymns and a freer use of liturgy.

MID WEEK SERVICES

Wednesdays	10am	Communion at St John's
Mondays & Wednesdays	8:30am	Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity
Tuesdays & Thursdays	8:30am	Morning Prayer at St John's

CELEBRATE



WHAT'S ON FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN APRIL?



'Celebrate' is the name for all the things we do at the Church in Westcott to help children and families to live life, love life and share life to the full! Everyone is welcome, whether you've been to church before or not. There's a place here for you!

Celebrate Tea Service is our monthly all age service held at St John's, Furlong Road from 4:30- 6:00pm. We start with worship, prayer, craft, games and Bible stories, followed by a bring & share tea together.

Our next Celebrate Tea Service is on Sunday, 30th April, 4:30- 6:00pm.



THE ALPHA COURSE IN WESTCOTT

LIFE IS SHORT.
LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE.
LIFE IS THIS. LIFE IS THAT.
SO WHAT DO WE DO?
DO WE SPEED UP OR SLOW DOWN?
DO WE QUIT OUR JOBS AND SEE THE WORLD, OR DO WE STAY PUT AND
CLIMB THE LADDER?
MAYBE ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT WHILE WE'RE HERE ON EARTH, WE NEVER
STOP EXPLORING WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.

Is there more to life than this?

Lead by Rev Alan Jonas
& members of the Church in Westcott

Introductory session
Weds 3rd May 7:45 - 9:30pm

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After the introductory session, Alpha will run for a series of Wednesday evenings in the Summer and Autumn.

For more details, contact Alan Jonas alchasjonas@aol.com 01306 885309

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

ENCOUNTER

*Exploring worship, prayer, God's word.
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**Monthly on
Wednesday evenings**

7:45 - 9:30pm

26th April

10th May

14th June

**St John's Community Hall
Furlong Road RH4 3PP**

www.holytrinitywestcott.org.uk

FLOODLIGHTING

The floodlighting for February was sponsored by The Westcott Village Association.

The floodlighting for March was sponsored by Iris & John in celebration of their special birthday.

The floodlighting for April has been sponsored by Gerald & Brenda Cullford for the wellbeing of the people of Westcott.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, please contact Sarah Massey at sarah@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk or on 01306 887413.

(Suggested donation of £72 to Westcott Church Funds.)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism:

19th February

Charlotte Autumn Evans
Oliver Norman Benedict Lister

Death:

14th January

Muriel Joy Morley Orr (92)

2nd February

Violet Evelyn May (Peggy) Cooke (94)

GET INVOLVED!

SITUATIONS FILLED

Many thanks to Helen Chappell for taking on the co-ordination of this year's Christian Aid Week collection.



SITUATIONS VACANT

Leaders and helpers are still required for our Sunday morning Children's Work.

To volunteer: Contact Alan, Vicar
alchasjonas@aol.com or Ellie, Families Worker
e.lister.holytrinitywestcott@gmail.com

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING OF HOLY TRINITY WESTCOTT

Sunday, 30th April, 10.15 am & 11.45 am

Our Annual Meeting this year is in two parts on Sunday April 30th. In the 10.15 am service, we will report on the last year and reflect on where God is leading us in the coming months. After a break for refreshments, we will meet at 11.45 am in Holy Trinity for the formal elections.

Papers for the Annual Meeting will be in Holy Trinity from Easter Day, April 16th.

Please show your support for your Village Church by coming to the Annual Meeting.

Those who normally worship at 8.30 are asked to consider coming to the 10.15 am service on this occasion.

HAPPY EASTER!



New Life

Because Jesus was raised from the dead,
we've been given a brand-new life
and have everything to live for,
including a future in heaven
—and the future starts now!

1Peter 1:3

New Hope

ECO CHURCH

THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT IS GOING GREEN!

In January the Church in Westcott officially launched our bid to become an Eco Church- an environmental award scheme run by global Christian charity A Rocha UK.



Our new churchyard 'bug hotel' made in our January Breakfast Service.

At the heart of it is the belief that we have a God-given responsibility to care for all creation. 'Eco church' helps churches do that. There's an online survey that helps

us assess what we're already doing to care for God's earth, reflect on what more we can do, and act accordingly. It's designed to help us make our responsibility for caring for God's earth an integral part of our everyday work and witness.

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DIFFERENCE."**

The good news is that we're moving steadily towards a Bronze Award! But there's still so much we can do - as a church, as a community, and as individuals.

There's no denying that the issues involved in climate change are huge, and it's difficult not to feel helpless at the scale of the problem. But Eco Church gives us a useful framework help us encourage

each other to make changes in our lifestyle.... some small, some more significant.... which really can make a difference.

So each month in the magazine we'll be giving you some Eco-tips focussed on a particular theme, with updates on how we're doing in our journey to become an Eco Church and get that Bronze award!



After taking the Eco Survey, we now have a clear picture of how eco-friendly we are in 5 areas of Church Life: Worship & Teaching; Management of Church Buildings & Land; Community & Global Engagement; and Lifestyle.

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APRIL ECO TIPS: WASTE

The decisions we make about what to buy, what to discard and how to dispose of items are really important. The UK produced 27.8 million tonnes of household waste in 2014, of which 44.9% was recycled.

REDUCE ...your carbon footprint: visit www.footprint.wwf.org.uk to calculate your footprint & find ways to reduce it.

... what you buy. Studies show that we're happier when we place less emphasis on material possessions. Think before you buy! *Do you really need it?* Could you borrow/hire what you need instead?

REUSE Try to use less 'disposable' products and use washable ones instead. Many of the things we might throw away can still be useful!

Surrey Reuse Network (Tel 01276 409416 or 0800 082 0180 (select option 0)) provides collection services for pre-used furniture and appliances which are then sold at affordable prices. www.surreyreusenetwork.org.uk

Repair Café - Take hand-portable damaged items along to the monthly Repair Café where experts can help you repair them. Park Barn Community Centre, Cabell Road, Guildford, GU2 8JH. 01483444509
www.guildford.gov.uk/repaircafe

RECYCLE **These can all go in your green bin after being rinsed out:** ■ Dry paper & cardboard ■ Plastic bottles, tubs & trays (inc detergent bottles) ■ Metal food tins & drinks cans ■ Glass bottles & jars ■ Clean aluminium foil & trays ■ Plastic & metal lids (put back on bottles and jars)

These can be tied in a carrier bag and will be collected with your normal bin collection: ■ Small electrical items (inc batteries) ■ Clothing ■ pairs of shoes ■ towels ■ sheets.

These can go in your food waste bin: All cooked & uncooked food waste. No liquids though & no packaging.

It is all anaerobically digested & used to generate electricity, heat & transport fuel. It also makes bio-fertilizer, which is used in farming and land regeneration.

The following can be recycled at Dorking Community Recycling Centre, Ranmore Rd:

Fruit juice & food cartons ■ Print cartridges ■ Garden waste ■ Electrical waste.

For a full list of materials accepted look on Dorking Community Recycling Centre page at www.surreycc.gov.uk

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES ...



Regular readers of the Westcott Parish Magazine will know that each month I use my column inches to focus on how the District Council is supporting our village and the wider area as well focus a little on topics that residents have asked questions about in recent days.

I need to start with a huge thank you to all the team behind this new Westcott Village Magazine. You have driven this project with a passion and the dedication to ensure it reaches everyone has been massively appreciated. I know your efforts will be inspiring others to get involved.

My first contribution to getting the new Village Magazine up and running was to dig out details of how many homes there are in each street. The Village as a whole has 968 dwellings with four more having planning permission. I suspect that we'll be over the 1,000 mark before 2020.

The editor's instructions to me (received loud and clear over a post Dry January, pre Lent Prince of Wales beer) have been clear – photos and more of the same. So here goes.

WESTCOTT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Hopefully everyone has seen the latest draft of the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan. If not, please take a look at westcottvillageforum.com – by the time you read this, the plan will be with Mole Valley District Council as they take on the statutory next steps. The most recent actions from the volunteer group in the village have been to consult with folks such as the Surrey Hills Board, the Housing Associations, Historic

England, the Environment Agency and the list goes on. One respondent, Natural England, drew the Forum's attention to a piece of Ancient Woodland in the village. I suspect not everyone will know where this is:



There are a couple of good clues in the picture, so answers on a postcard and if guess the location proves popular I'll feature it again in another edition.

WESTCOTT – The facts and the figures

So what does a typical Westcott household look like? The latest census tells us, on average there are 2.46 people living in the home, sharing 1.62 cars (or vans). Compared to the rest of Surrey we have more children and more under 5 and are more likely to be living detached or semi-detached.

We have better educational achievement, better access to social rented accommodation and we see fewer instances of anti-social behaviour. It's not all good news though as there are more instances of domestic violence here than on average in Surrey.

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If the above has interested you, perhaps got you thinking about where we live, then you can find all this data – and more – on the Surrey website. It's well worth an explore.

The latest Electoral Roll tells me that the village's most common adult surname is Brown with 17 of you, closely followed by Jones, Phillips, Smith, Sawyers, Cook, Lewis, Thompson and Watson. There are 433 folks who do not share their surname with any other adult in the village and 908 different surnames on the register. (Nothing if not educational this article, I hope.)



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

If you are inspired to not just learn about the village but also to participate, then you might be interested in a new Community Grant Fund that the District Council has established to support small organisations and charities.

The council has recognised that there are many smaller community organisations and charities providing critical services for residents across the District who may be struggling financially and who need a little help to continue to deliver services and ensure their future sustainability. In 2017/18 the fund will be around £18,000, rising to £38,000 by 2019/20.

I always have a list of village organisations looking for new volunteers, so please do let me know if you think

that you might have a little time on your hands – either as a regular commitment to deliver a key community project or as a one off change of scene.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

As part of the District Council's budget setting process for the new financial year, our local Citizens Advice Bureau has received a new three year grant from the council, providing £330,000 together with Business Rate Relief and free accommodation. The grant to Citizens Advice Mole Valley represents more than half of all available grant funding from the District Council and enables them to carry their hugely beneficial work, supporting residents in need.

The latest figures I have, show that for Westcott, compared to Mole Valley as a whole, residents go to the CAB more for support on Tax, Tax Credits, Benefits and Employment issues and much less on Debt and Relationships and Family matters.

If you, or someone you know, are in need of free and confidential advice on any of the tax, employment issues more common to Westcott or on housing, consumer rights, neighbourhood disputes, education or healthcare, then the CAB can be easily contacted by phone 03444 111444, email

dorking@camv.org.uk or online at citizensadvicemolevalley.org.uk – or you can pop in to their offices at Lyons Court Dorking – behind Lloyds Bank in the High Street.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

The contrast to the earlier point on Domestic Violence rates should not be lost. Domestic Abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged

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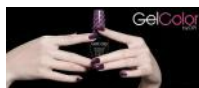
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16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. It arises from the misuse of power & control by one person over another. It is rarely a one-off event, but tends to escalate in frequency and severity over time.

Do you know the signs of an unhealthy relationship?



Abuse in the home is more widespread than you think. It affects men & women of all ages, ethnicities, orientations and income levels, regardless of ability. It is not easy to accept that a loved one can behave so aggressively and because you cannot explain the behaviour, you assume that it is your fault. You are not to blame for your partner's behaviour. Everyone has the right to live life free from threats, violence and abuse and help is available.

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services is an independent charity providing outreach and associated services across Mole Valley. They offer a confidential listening service to anyone affected by domestic abuse and violence and can give practical advice about your legal position and can put you in touch with solicitors who are experienced in domestic abuse issues. They can also:

- advise you on your housing options
- help you apply for any benefits that you may be entitled to
- help you look at your children's needs
- arrange transport if you wish to leave your home
- put you in touch with other caring agencies and sources of help and

attend appointments with you if you wish ■ talk to you on the phone or meet you face to face to discuss any concerns that you may have about your relationship

You can contact East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services, in confidence, on 01737 771350 or by emailing support@esdas.org.uk or texting 07860 039720. Their website is esdas.org.uk

DON'T BIFFA BIN LORRY

May I add just a word of caution, particularly for Mondays and Fridays I guess. Across Mole Valley, there have been a few instances of drivers taking to the pavements to get round the Biffa bin lorry.

You might want to know that Biffa and Surrey Police have joined forces to protect pedestrians from this danger and Biffa staff are likely to report any drivers who can face attending an educational driving course costing £90 or if the course is refused, points can be added to their licence. In the worst cases, offending drivers could face prosecution.

I'm conscious that our tight village roads make bin day a challenge, so please take extra care and give yourself a little extra time – all this means that if you ask the Biffa team to move their lorry to let you through then they should be only too pleased to help!

Alternatively, if you live in Westcott (or are looking to move here) and ever have a question, query or concern about a council or other matter, please just drop me an email

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WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Westcott Village Association is delighted to be a part of this new Westcott Village Magazine. We will be contributing each month on issues of interest to village residents.

We are a Residents Association, founded in 1974, as Westcott does not have a Parish Council. We work with the district and county councils and we try to obtain the best service for the village. If any of you have any suggestions do contact us on the website.

The Reading Room and The Hut provide contrasting but overlapping services and St John's provides its own separate but distinct role. As an Association we have had discussions with the three managements. All are very content with their aims for the future which we support.

There have been losses to village facilities and there is considerable concern about the future character of Westcott as a distinct entity with its own character. We hope that the Westcott Village Magazine will provide a forum for discussing ideas and exchanging views. Action is required and time may not be on our side.

Following the retirement of Harry and Naina Chavads after twenty-eight years running Balchins Stores and the Post Office, the Committee of the Westcott Village Association presented them with a print of Westcott. This was painted by Susie West, a Leatherhead artist.

A second restricted parking bay has been approved by Surrey County Council Highways to be located outside Westcott Newsagents. It is important that the time limits are observed, otherwise passing traffic will not stop and local shops will suffer loss of trade.



We have a group of Street Stewards who collect subscriptions and distribute a Spring Newsletter and we would welcome more volunteers so that we can cover all parts of the village.

Alex Segal

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Surrey Hills C of E Primary School

This has been a very busy term, it is amazing to reflect on how much we have fitted in: World Book Day, Shakespeare week, Red Nose Day, Mother and Grandmother afternoon as well as Parents' Evening to name a few!

SIAMs Inspection

I am delighted that our SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection graded our school as **GOOD** in all areas including effectiveness of leadership and management. The full report is available on our school website, which I am sure you will agree is extremely positive. In particular:

■ *"The headteacher has ensured that the school has made good progress since the previous inspection in developing its Christian ethos so that it has even greater meaning and purpose for all members of the school community."*

■ *"Parents say that they are 'delighted' with how the school helps their children appreciate values and an understanding of Christianity and other world religions."*

■ *"Religious education is a vibrant subject in the curriculum. It makes an important contribution to the children's moral and cultural development through the exploration of issues relating to social justice and fairness...."*

■ *"CARE values are well embedded in the life of the school through the high quality of relationships that underpins the school's ethos."*

■ *"...best quality work comes from discussions when children are challenged to think at a deeper level and relish being questioned by their teachers"*

Year 2 Visit to Wisley

The Year Two children observed colourful butterflies taking flight among plants from far-off shores that create the tropical paradise within the glass house at RHS Wisley Gardens. The children enjoyed spotting different types of exotic butterflies such as the Blue Morpho, Giant Owl, King Swallowtail and Malay Lacewing. They also enjoyed learning about the lifecycle of the butterfly, spotting butterfly eggs hidden on the luscious leaves, sketching their surroundings, and planting a cosmos.

Sporting Success

Finally, I would like to congratulate every child that has participated in the Dorking School Partnership competitions this term; they all showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. The Year 5 & Year 6 team represented Surrey Hills at the Sports Hall Athletics, as a result of their determination Surrey Hills team were awarded first place overall and will now compete in the County finals. Then our hardworking KS2 gymnastics team won the gym competition, both teams were proud to have brought back two trophies. Finally the enthusiastic Surrey Hills Quicksticks Hockey team competed in a tough tournament, they played well and are very happy with their victory. This team will also take part in the country finals. Go Surrey Hills!

Best wishes **Jennie Ratcliff**



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New Year's Next Day Walk

Monday 2nd January was a fine, if cloudy, day but there had been heavy rain over the weekend. Some 60 people and assorted dogs set out from the Reading Room heading down Westcott Street and across the Cradhurst Recreation Ground to the Springfield Bridge across the Pippbrook and up the bank on the other side towards Ranmore. The mud on the path was becoming serious and before long some large pools of water had to be negotiated. After the railway crossing the walk turned west through the Land Barn Farm field (courtesy of loan of key to gate) and thence along the concrete lane to Hole Hill.

This led back to the secret destination at Springfield Farm for the traditional 'mulled wine and mince pies' ably provided by the WLHG volunteers. The WLHG is very grateful to Mike and Jill Flower for making their yard available for the occasion.

The History and Records of Mental Health Care in Surrey 1700 – ca.1980.

Talk by Julian Pooley, the Senior Archivist at Surrey History Centre in Woking.

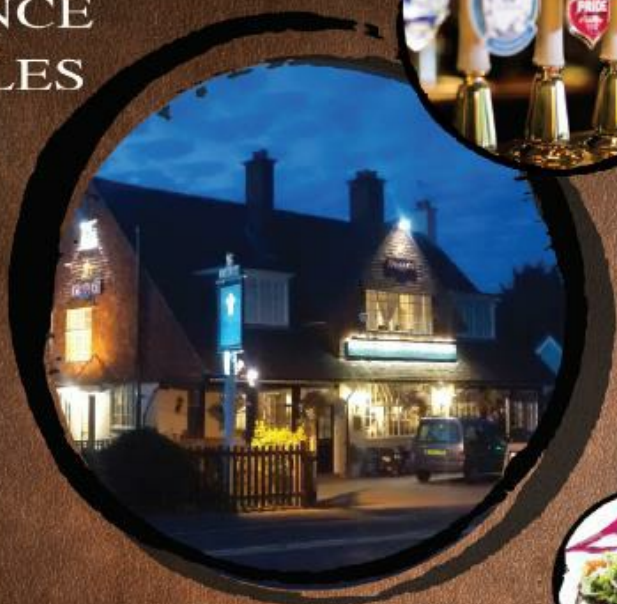
Julian Pooley has been at the Surrey History Centre for nearly 30 years and obviously enjoys his occupation delving into records going back to the 12th century with 6 miles of shelving.

These records reveal the changes in provision of mental health care from the 1700's right through the Victorian era. In earlier days ca. 1774 – 1813 there were licensed houses for mental health care in Surrey. As time went on the Victorians built huge asylums in Surrey with incredible style to accommodate patients from far and wide. Asylum records that Pooley illustrated described people with dementia, imbecility, idiocy, mania and melancholy, palsy and chronic alcoholism at all ages for both men and women.

It seems that the Victorians were 'compassionate carers' seeking always to occupy and train their charges. Pooley illustrated patients doing agricultural work in the extensive fields of the asylum, in particular harvesting which gave people fresh air and exercise. Women were more usually occupied with laundry and sewing. This was the therapy that would help patients return to normal life in the community in that era. The institutions were largely self-supporting in staff terms. The object was to rebuild the patient's self-esteem and to give them an opportunity of training for a new occupation. Music was an important part of institutional life both for listening and for participation, all helping people recover their lives.



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Pooley displayed illustrations of a number of the great institutes – Brookwood with 150 acres held 650 people until 1948, Great Fosters is now a country house hotel, at Earlswood Common, Redhill Asylum for Idiots was built in 1862, and Holloway Sanatorium at Virginia Water held some 200 people of “reduced middle class”.

In many cases funds were raised for special cases sponsored by celebrated personalities in the establishment. On the technical front attempts were made to establish indexes of various facial characteristics or behaviour, namely – expression, distance between the eyes, shape of chin and nose. However there were many examples of people quite simply knitting or reading at one moment and throwing the furniture around in the next moment.

It was impressive how well these institutions were kept with their large public rooms contrasting with rather crowded sleeping quarters. Pooley and his team made great efforts to recover records from buildings that were being demolished and found heaps of disorganised records in rooms still smelling of antiseptics. Surrey have the best records in the country.

There was no meeting in February and the next meeting on Tuesday 14th March with a talk by Margaret Richardson about “Lutyens in Surrey” will be reported in a later edition. Lutyens is often linked with Gertrude Jekyll in some of his Arts & Crafts designs for houses and gardens. ‘Goddards’ in Abinger Lane is one such and the WLHG plans a visit there on **Tuesday 13th June**. Margaret Richardson is one of the founding members of the Lutyens Trust and was joint editor of the Lutyens Exhibition Catalogue. The website Lutyens Trust has a gallery of photos of his buildings and the war memorials for which he is famous.

The annual Good Friday Walk is planned for **15th April** and more will be announced nearer the date.

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THE DORKING & DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Dorking & District Preservation Society holds its **AGM** on **Friday 28th April, 7pm** at the United Reformed Church in West Street. If you take an interest in the heritage, environment and community of Dorking and the surrounding villages, please come along and hear about its activities. These include review of local planning applications, Dorking Museum and Dorking Local History Group. The Society welcomes new members who support its aims, take part in its activities and make a contribution to the area's future. For more information, visit

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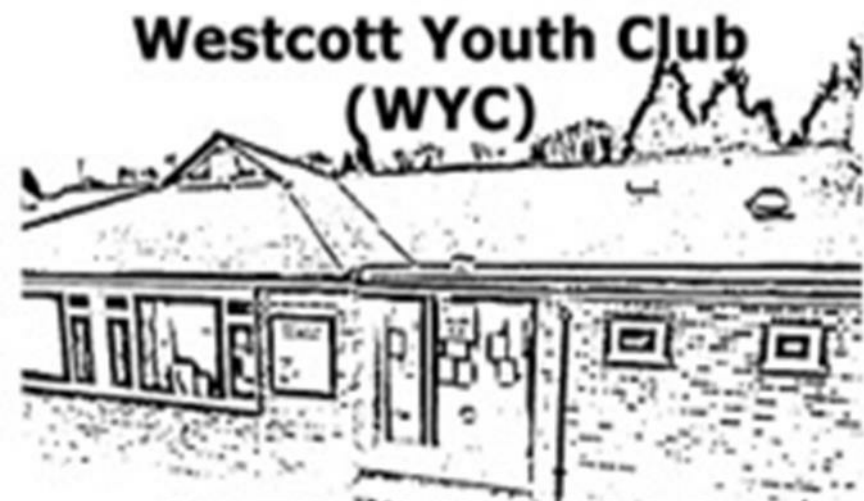
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A big thank you on behalf of all the children at the Westcott Youth Club for supporting us by contributing to the green tokens at Waitrose Community Project in Dorking. You helped raise £237 which will go towards equipment for the youth club and trips for the children later in the year.



Also our thanks goes to Kevin Martin at Surrey Youth Support Service for providing some of our young people such a fun day out at High Ashurst last Saturday 11th Feb.

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Summer Show

This is held on a Saturday afternoon in the Reading Room on the south side of the Guildford Road. All entries are welcome, but none more so than those from new members, including children. It's time some of the oldies were knocked off the top spots! Plants can be bought from the Plant Stall, refreshments are available and a raffle is held.. *This year it will be held on Saturday 8th July.*

Autumn Show

This is held in early September, again on a Saturday afternoon. It is along the same lines as the Summer Show but with a whole range of different flowers, vegetables and fruit. *This year it will be held on Saturday 9th September.*

Other activities

AGM –You might think this would be a pretty dry affair but we lighten the load by offering cheese and wine afterwards so you can meet the Committee and many other gardening soul mates. *This year the AGM was held on 29th March so look out for next year.*



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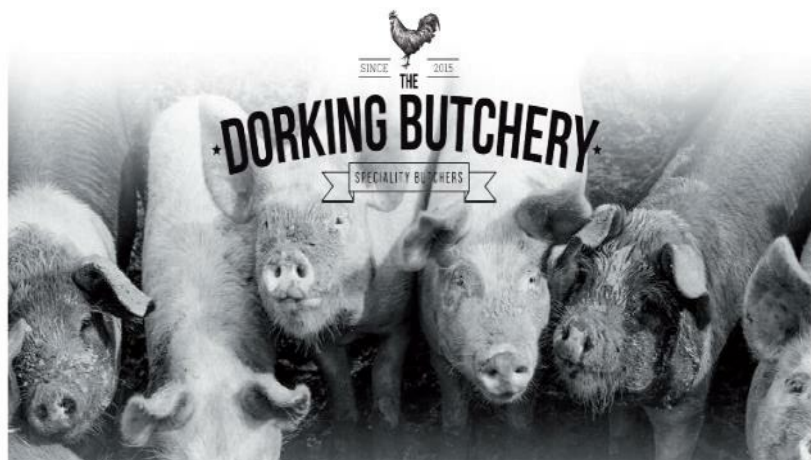
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ACS will offer Carers a flexible range of support including:

- telephone support and advice
- local Carers meetings
- face-to-face meetings, where needed
- support groups, and workshops.

In addition, there will also be Carer Advisors in the county's five acute hospitals (East Surrey, Epsom, Royal Surrey County in Guildford, Frimley Park and St Peters in Chertsey).

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Four Seasons – Youthful Reflections by Neil and Stuart

I'm aware that now the magazine is being delivered to all the houses in the village there will be some new readers. Neil and I contribute 4 times a year at the moment, hence the title of our seasonal articles. I was formerly employed as youth and community worker in the village and back then Neil and I contributed monthly.

As I begin to pen this article, I sit watching Match of the Day on a day when Crystal Palace have lost again and are staring down the barrel as relegation from the Premiership looms. I keep telling myself that it really doesn't matter, but sadly, no matter how much I tell myself that, it does. Maybe I should venture down to Westhumble and watch Dorking Wanderers, currently 2nd in the Ryman League South. Much cheaper and more chance of seeing a home win.

Last Wednesday I popped into The Hut to visit Westcott Youth Club. Deborah and Julian are doing a great job running the youth club with help from other volunteers. The young people of Westcott very much appreciate having a place to meet and take part in a variety of activities.

I am now over 5 months into my new job and am continuing to enjoy working with a range of young people and their families. The Youth Support Service which is the team I am currently working in will be renamed to the Young People and Families Support Service to reflect the fact that although it is the young

people, usually aged 13-19 that are referred to us, our work will involve supporting their whole family. It has been a privilege to work with the young people who have been referred to me and see them develop with our support.

Talking of young people developing and as the summer will soon be upon us, I wonder if you might be able to guess who this young person is, a clue is that this picture was taken around 35 years ago and he is a regular contributor to the magazine. A mover and shaker in the village, I wonder if



MVDC might consider a 'pitch and putt' course in Westcott in the future?

I recently attended a training session on Mental Health and Young People and back in October a mental health awareness week took place in Epsom. The mental health conversation has been given considerable press recently with the young Royals making a call to 'smash the mental health stigma'. A shocking statistic is that young men are more likely to commit suicide than die in a car crash or from cancer. Hopefully with the mental health agenda being so much more in the public domain this will encourage those who are suffering to talk to someone. The 3 sides of the

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health triangle all require looking after and are all interconnected: physical, mental/emotional and social/spiritual. I think in this day and age that people are feeling much more able to talk about their mental health than when I was growing up in the 80's. We must encourage that to continue.

If you are reading this and feel that you would like to talk to someone about your mental health, whether you are struggling with anxiety, low mood, stress or have other symptoms, then you could call one of the following helplines:

Rethink Mental Illness: 0300 5000 927
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Please don't struggle on your own when there are people available to help.

Since I last wrote, sadly Balchin's Stores and Post Office have closed. It was a poignant moment when I made my last purchase from Harry in the New Year (2 jars of a Loyd Grossman pasta sauce). I got to know Harry very well when playing snooker at the village club and serving on the committee back in 2008 and of course Naina through regular visits to the Post Office. I would like to thank them for their service to the village, for 28 years I believe. The pasta sauce was very good by the way, well done Loyd.

It's time for me to pass over to Neil for his poem, this month based on that topic of fascination for many Brits – the weather. Enjoy spring, we'll be back in the summer.

Stuart Ryland

Have a Nice Day

Dense fog descends on frozen ground,
Mist creeps round trees, eerie, not a sound,
Icy breeze cuts through like a blade of steel,
Fingers numb, hard to feel,
Heavy rain falls, its dancing, pattering feet,
A gaping, leaking roof, a soaking wet seat,
Muddy waters, lashing sleet,
Slipping and sliding down a frozen cobbled street,
Hail and snow, windscreen wipers to and fro,
Stuck in traffic, nowhere to go,
Eyes stream in the cold wintery air,
A hand hides a face from the sun's harsh glare,
A brutal gale growls and roars,
Like a giant hand slapping coastal shores,
Jogging in the dark, windswept in the rain,
Aching cold feet, this weather is a pain,
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Oh we hope for a hot, sunny day.

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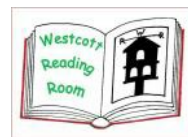
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In the 1960s the building was showing its age and was in urgent need of repair, but lacked the funds. At the time, Holy Trinity was in need of a church hall and agreed to replace the building and the PCC assumed responsibility for its management. The old building was demolished and a new one built at a cost of £8,500 with a car park created on land that had been the kitchen garden of the caretaker's house "Draycote". In 1993 the church no longer felt the need for a hall and relinquished its control to a new management of village residents.

The existing building is 50 years old this year and like the original is showing its age, with potentially expensive refurbishment likely to be required in the near future, prompting the management to consider the best way forward.

Rather than wasting money on escalating repair costs it has been agreed to take the opportunity to replace the building, with updated facilities, to reflect the existing and future needs for the "recreation and benefit" of the village in a single building. The primary aim being to increase available booking opportunities (currently regular weekly bookings result in over 90% usage on weekdays outside school holidays, while attracting fewer bookings at the weekends).

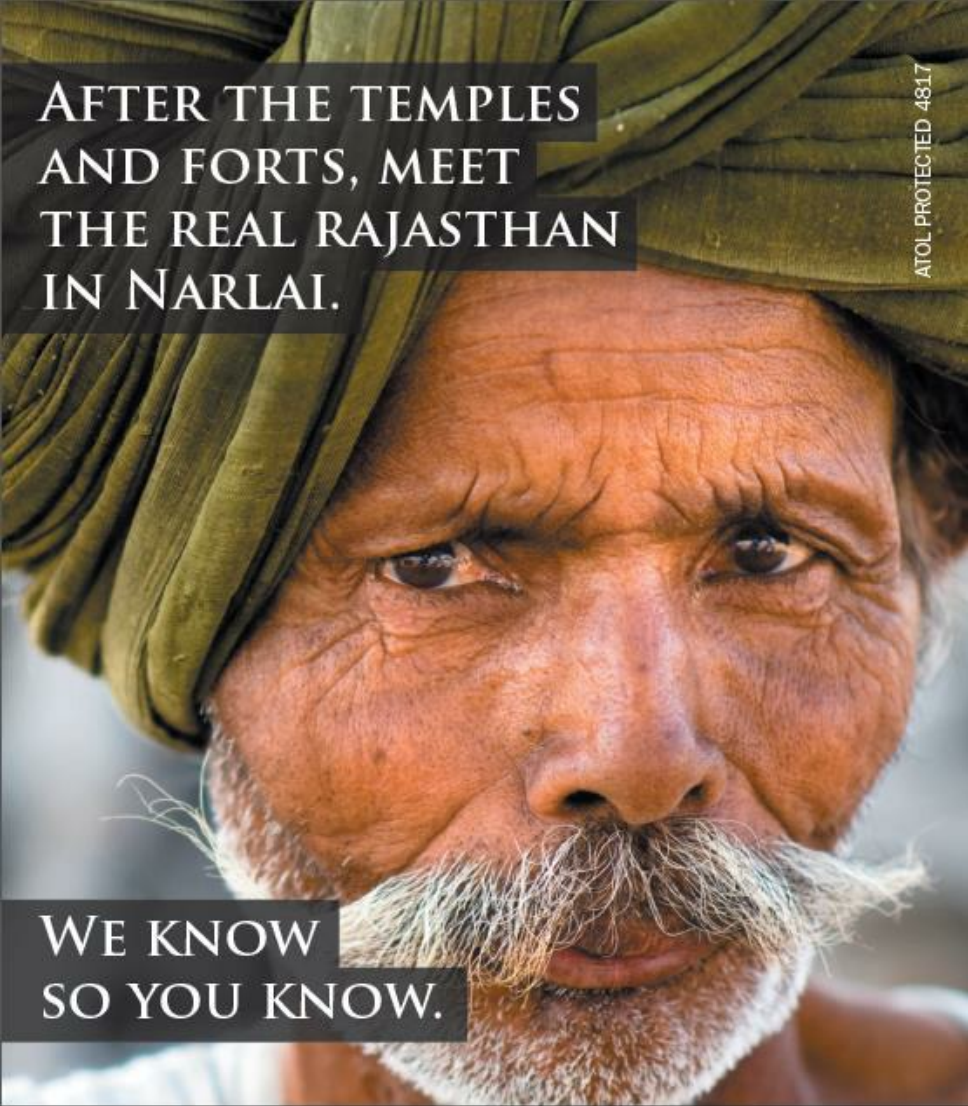
Requirements for the new building

The following needs have been identified:

1. The new building should be an attractive addition to the village it represents.
2. Significantly increased booking opportunities with the main hall designed for a greater range of activities and provision of a bright, modern, welcoming space, for celebrations and receptions to attract additional weekend bookings.

The new proposed building will have a main hall with a sprung floor, increased ceiling height for sports such as badminton, demountable staging and large drop-down screen, up-dated audio system and increased storage.

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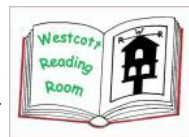
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Activities considered include but are not limited to:

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The final design details are nearing completion.



For activities and booking see **www.WestcottReadingRoom.org.uk**

For comment and suggestions **info@WestcottReadingRoom.org.uk**

Edward Bennett

With acknowledgement to the History Group's Terry Wooden for historical information

Westcott Reading Room Governance

The Governing Document or constitution of the Westcott Reading Room Trust has been the Indenture dated 11 March 1892 by which the land and buildings were bequeathed to the village with two Holding Trustees, who were empowered to delegate the basic management to a committee. That is how it has been run over very many years.

In the last year or so the Charity Commission has recommended that Charities should transfer their Property Deeds to the Official Custodian for Charities and that the traditional Trustees and management committees should work together. The terms of the original Indenture have been overtaken by modern requirements and the recommendations of the Charity Commission.

Furthermore it has become necessary to legalize the protection against personal financial liability for the formal Trustees and others involved in the management of the Trust.

For these reasons the Trustees have drawn up, with legal advice, a new constitution to replace the old Indenture which is called a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as provided by the Charities Act. This new form of constitution has the important benefit of obviating the individual

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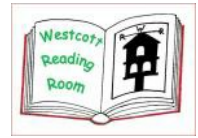
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The present long serving Trustees are Roger Christian and Janet Phillips. With the introduction of the new CIO, four additional Trustees are being enlisted who will only be asked to serve for a limited period of between one and three years and be free to stand again if they wish. It is hoped that in future responsible members of the village will be more willing to volunteer as Trustees of the Reading Room Trust under these new terms in the CIO constitution.

As the Reading Room Trust plans for a replacement building are reaching the stage of fund raising it is very important to have watertight governance before starting to commit funds. In addition the regular users of the Reading Room are being encouraged to play a part in the practical management of the building and to offer their views on the proposed new design.

It is expected to hold a General Meeting at the Reading Room in the near future in order to formally announce the rebuild project and the new constitution. The overall project is expected to take several years but we have to get going now on identifying the funds required.

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aka Westcott Women, or Westcott Wives

Firstly a BIG welcome to the new look Parish/ Village magazine, and our thanks to Hugh Parry and Andrea Gabb and their team for all their hard work to launch this exciting project.

On Wednesday February 1st, Brigitte Ziegler returned to Westcott to relate her frightening experiences as a refugee from East Prussia ahead of the Red Army. She was given a warm welcome from her old friends in the Village, and by those who had not met her before.

In March at short notice, Tricia Storey fascinated us with her description of how she came to paint the ceiling of the Egyptian room in Harrods, as well as other "artefacts" that weresculpted to give the impression of a Pharoah's tomb.

On April 5th we will welcome Emma from the Women's Refuge in Redhill. She is coming to talk to us about the Refuge and how it serves the community. The women and children who have had to flee their homes in this country, often with just the clothes on their backs and a favourite toy in their hands, to escape physical and mental abuse in their lives.

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Miss Johnson owned the drapers for essential underwear, stockings and socks, needlework requisites and stationery, and "Constance" the hairdresser next door did all our cutting and crimping. On the corner was Forrest Stores for groceries, and across the road was Tunnell's Dairy for milk, eggs, cream etc.

Coal was delivered from a big lorry. The coal-man hoisted black one-hundredweight sacks onto his back, walked up the path and round the back, and tipped them into the coal-store. "Merry" Aldred lived up to his name as, despite being black all over from the coal dust, he always had a cheery word and smile for everyone. Rent was collected weekly by the landlord, and a young insurance man regularly rode up on his bicycle and often came in for a cup of tea to check if there was any more insurance he could sell us!

"Nobby" Dixon loaded up his horse and cart with greengrocery and served it from the back, with his old nag stopping every few paces so the customers could catch up with him.



Nobby Dixon with his horse and cart.

At the end of the day, the horse was put out into the buttercup field at the back of his house in St .John's Road. "Wag" Dixon was a senior brother and he had a lorry with a long base where the boxes of fish were displayed, and a 'nice bit of cod' or a couple of herrings could be weighed and sold on the spot. If you couldn't get out for your shopping, there were many deliveries.

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A garage which would repair your bicycle, a newsagent who delivered, four pubs, The Hut for social events, a library in the Reading Room and the postman called three times a day". A narrow life, perhaps, without cars or telephones, but is today any better? Those who recall 'the old days' and note the number of vacant shops in the village at present may well wonder.

Terry Wooden

(Memories provided to the Local History Group by June Broomer)



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DORKING MUSEUM IN APRIL



Gallery Talks, Thursday 27th April: "A Sense of Place: Medieval Betchworth". Archivist Jane Le Cluse gives our latest evening Gallery Talk, telling about life in a small medieval village in the 11th to 14th centuries. Based on the current Museum exhibition, Jane will focus on the upheavals the peasantry had to contend with from 1066 to 1348, and on how they lived and got their living. At Dorking Museum, 7pm, doors open 6.30, entry £5 on the door, includes a glass of Prosecco. Our current special exhibition, **'Medieval Betchworth'** continues to intrigue visitors with its portrayal of everyday village life, and the more dramatic events that impacted on the villagers.



Dorking's Famous South Street Cave Tours

resume in April. 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, and check out the 'mystery chamber'. Tours last 45 minutes and can be booked for groups or organisations, including family and friends groups. To arrange a date and time, e-mail caves@dorkingmuseum.org.uk. There are regular Open Days for individual bookings between April and October: for details and booking, see www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk/south-street-caves/.



Historic Dorking and Deepdene Trail Walks:

What a great way to welcome the better weather and take in the sights of this beautiful area. The Museum walks team runs guided walks taking in the highlights of historic Dorking or the history, landscape and views of the recently regenerated Deepdene Trail. Open Days for individual bookings on 1st April (Dorking) and 2nd April (Deepdene Trail) – see the Museum website for further open days. Group bookings for walks or Museum visits by appointment: details, prices and bookings through the Museum website or e-mail.

Family Holiday Fun: Fun, hands-on family activities for the Easter holidays.

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th April: 'Spring time and the Victorians': Families are invited to make a Victorian Easter or Springtime Card, try their hand at our Victorian Spring Quiz, or try on some Victorian clothing. **Thursday 13th April: 'Spring Chickens and Easter Eggs':** the Museum's ever-popular Easter Egg Hunt – but with a new twist this year! Hunt for the chicken and egg shapes in the Museum displays and win an Easter Egg. No need to book, just drop in

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Dorking on the small screen! Here is something to look out for in the near future. In February, Dorking Museum and the South Street Caves were pleased to welcome presenter Anita Manning and team from the popular BBC TV programme 'Bargain Hunt'. Filming took place in both the Museum and Caves. The programme will be screened in summer.



The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm. Visit www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk. Enquiries to admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk or phone 01306 876591.



This is Olince. She is the enthusiastic book keeper of a new savings group with has 45 members at the Tabor Hill Church in the town of Sentani on the coast of Papua Province in Indonesia. Many women in the congregation make money for their families selling vegetables in the market but they felt that they could never progress as the money they earned ran out very quickly. They could never grow their business or afford school and health costs. In September of 2016 Papua Partners, working together with our partner YAPELIN facilitated discussions and training with a small group of women from the congregation on how to use and manage money. The group of women who attended the workshop immediately decided to set up their own saving group. They meet once every week and lodge their savings and have committed that they won't take any money out for at least a year. The initial group of 20 has grown to 45 and they have now saved an equivalent of 4,500 pounds. Several of the women have been able to start new businesses such as selling petrol due to better weekly management and planning for the use of their money.



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We are excited that such a simple input into peoples lives can make such a big difference. During 2017 we hope that we will be able to set up at least another 10 savings groups around Papua. Also during 2017 we will also be starting a new initiative working with churches to tackle gender based violence which is rampant throughout Papua and is keeping many women marginalized and in poverty.

Papua Partners is a Westcott supported charity and has been working in the region of Papua, Indonesia for 11 years. We work in partnership with local indigenous organisations in education, health, community development and womens' empowerment.

We hope you will continue to stay in touch to hear more stories of transformation from Papua over the coming year. If you want more information on our work please check us out on our website: www.papupartners.org, follow us on facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/PapuaPartners/> or on twitter....@papupartners



Nejebar has fled terrible conflict in Afghanistan. She's now living in a refugee camp in Greece.



Christian Aid Week: standing with refugees like Nejebar

Nejebar and her family have fled horrors in Afghanistan, where her husband was threatened with torture and death for being a government worker.

But now they've arrived in Greece, all they have is a tent. They have no other protection against wind and rain. There's no school for their five children. And they have no certainty or clear idea of what will happen to them now. They thought they would stay here for 10 days, but it's already been six months and there's no end in sight.

Nejebar's husband Noor describes their initial reaction to arriving in the camp in Greece: 'It was like suicide for us. But we took the decision that it is better to die here than to die there from war.'

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Thanks to you, Christian Aid has been there for refugees like Nejebar since 1945, providing essential food, shelter and legal assistance for people far from home. And we still believe in life before death.

This Christian Aid Week, 14-20 May, The Church in Westcott is continuing to walk with refugees by taking part in the annual Christian Aid house to house collection.

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MUSIC IN DORKING - APRIL



by Ian Codd

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1st at 7.30, Surrey Girlguiding presents Musicals at Dorking Halls, £15, 01306 881717

4th at 7.30, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £17.50, 01306 881717

4th 11th 18th at 8.30, Watermill Jazz at Betchworth Park golf club, £20-25, 07415 815784

6th 7th 8th at 7.30, Leith Hill Musical Festival at Dorking Halls, £9-17, 01403 240093

9th at 4.00, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £17.50, 01306 881717

11th at 7.15, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £17.50, 01306 881717

22nd at 7.30, Piatti string quartet at Dorking Halls, £20, 01306 740619

27th at 7.30, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £17.50, 01306 881717

There are several events, both live and screened, at the Dorking Halls this month. The Leith Hill Musical Festival runs for three days, under its new festival conductor Jonathan Willcocks. Each morning there are competitions as the individual choirs, with their own conductors, sing a range of pieces from madrigals to full-chorus works, and the adjudicators give their verdict. Anyone is welcome to drop in and listen during the morning. Following an afternoon rehearsal, the choirs then unite to give a combined concert with soloists and orchestra, under the baton of Jonathan Willcocks. This year's main works are: Vaughan Williams' *Dona nobis pacem* and Parry's *Blest pair of sirens* (Thur), Mendelssohn's *Elijah* (Fri), and Haydn's *Little organ mass* and Andrew Carter's *Benedicite* (Sat).

The Dorking Concertgoers present the third and final concert in the series given by the Piatti string quartet. Their concerts have focussed on the three string quartets of Brahms, and here they will complete the set by playing the third quartet. This is a relaxed piece with an opening movement in hunting style and a lovely Brahmsian intermezzo. One of Beethoven's greatest quartets, op.130 in B flat, a powerful work in six movements, will provide the final work from the Piatti quartet.

There is one opera screening at the Dorking Halls, a recording of Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* from the Royal Opera. This is a tragic tale of love betrayed, told through Puccini's powerful and highly emotional music. There are also three ballet screenings. Live from the Bolshoi in Moscow comes *A hero of our time*, a story about a young Russian officer, based on the classic novel by Lermontov (9th). *Jewels* comes live from the Royal Ballet and features the music of Fauré, Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky (11th). And finally there is a recording of *Coppelia* from the Australian Ballet (27th).

'Musicals' is presented by Girlguiding Surrey East to raise money for their campsite and holiday house. Members of the rainbows, brownies and guides will be singing and dancing their way through some of their favourite musicals, enjoying themselves while raising money to put a roof on their new building. Sounds like a fun evening!

April's lunchtime recital at St Martin's church will be given by Daniel Collins, who is a countertenor and a member of the distinguished group of singers The Sixteen.

Watermill Jazz meets each Tuesday. This month's programme is: a tribute to Bobby Wellins (4th), Patricia Barber (11th), and the Scott Hamilton quartet (18th). Please note there will be no concert on 25th as the usual venue is unavailable.

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The Queen's Regt Memorial Woodland For Fallen Servicemen

With February behind us the woodland has sprung alive. The spring bulbs and primulas are blooming and the birds are in and out of the nesting boxes, a promise of warmer weather to come. Fred is working on the pond when his health allows and we are looking forward to our next event at the woodland, the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 9th April.

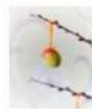
The Community Evening at The Royal Oak Pub in Holmbury St Mary was very successful. Thank you to all that came it was encouraging to see so many local residents who showed interest and asked questions about the story of my life and why I created the woodland. It has been a pleasure to meet some of those who attended the evening again at the woodland since.

Later this month we will be welcoming the Widow and family of an Ex-Queensman who are coming to the woodland to plant a tree in his memory and to scatter her husbands ashes so that he will be among his fellow servicemen.

Ex-Queensmen will visit that day to join the family in saying their final farewell, meeting up to celebrate their colleagues life.

The woodland is a monument to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, but it is also a meeting place to share fond memories of comradeship. A place to laugh, to reflect and yes sometimes cry.

The woodland is not a morbid place and we look forward to seeing you all at our Easter Egg Hunt - but do register to save disappointment.



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If that wasn't enticement enough, here are a few of the health benefits of playing lawn bowls:

Bowls has a long, noble and quirky history

Maybe not a direct health benefit but think Sir Francis Drake, Henry VIII, George Washington, all keen bowlers. In 1522 the Duke of Suffolk (possibly a bowling chum of Henry) was involved in an energetic game when his bowl split in two. Eager to continue, he rushed into the front hall of his grand home and removed the round cap from the staircase's newel post. Delighted to discover that the flat side of his replacement bowl gave him a game changing bias, he bowled his way into the history books. Bowls encourages mental agility.

It encourages self-discipline you have to turn up on time for a match and you have to wear the correct uniform.

To be honest, we have all been to school so there shouldn't be too much of a problem here but will playing bowls be like going back to school (alarming and embarrassing)? Not unless your school allowed you to drink beer during a match and to stay on afterwards in the clubhouse to enjoy pleasant company without the worry of having to rush off to do your homework. This, of course, doesn't apply to members of school age!

Fitness helps moderately improve muscle strength (arm, shoulder, leg muscles), flexibility and endurance

The emphasis is on "moderately" here. Bowls is not an extreme sport. It is a gentle, polite game underpinned by a tactical and merciless competitiveness (unless you are playing in a Friendly, of course)

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Increases skills – bowls involves some element of problem solving skills and also helps improve coordination and concentration

One set of "problems" to solve are the rules. At first, they seem complicated but there are at least two people in the club who understand "Bowls England – Rules and Regulations 2013 ed." almost in their entirety. The main thing is that other players are friendly and supportive, even though they may be on the opposing team. And it's certainly true that quiet concentration over a few hours of play can induce a pleasant Zen-like tiredness.

Above all it doesn't take long to grasp the basics of the game: lawn bowls is for people of all ages, abilities and fitness levels

Having said that, we look forward to seeing you on the 29th April

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4, 6 and 7 May 2017

If you enjoy the best classical music has to offer, then do think about checking your diary now as The Investec International Music Festival each May brings world-class artists to perform in lovely venues in the area of the Surrey Hills.

Festival Insight Evening

Thursday 27 April 7pm in the historic Guildhall, High Street, Guildford, GU1 3AA Popular broadcaster, writer and musician Sandy Burnett will enrich our pleasure of the concert season by drawing out the musical strands which he will weave into a colourful and witty presentation. Refreshments will be offered.

To reserve your place simply email julia@iimf.co.uk and pay £5.00 on the door

The Sitkovetsky Trio and Friends

Thursday 4 May, 8pm at Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking, RH56AA

The hugely popular Sitkovetsky Trio opens the Festival and will be joined by the incomparable cellist Gary Hoffman, and eminent artists violist Philip Dukes and Korean violinist So Ock Kim who will perform glorious works by Faure, Ravel and Schubert. This will be a chamber concert of the highest quality and unmissable.

A pre-concert supper can be reserved directly with Denbies on 01306 876616

Piano Extravaganza

Saturday 6 May 7.30 pm, at St Catherine's School Auditorium, Bramley, GU5 0DF International pianist Juho Pohjonen flies in from Finland to join world-class pianist Wu Qian in a dazzling programme of piano works to include Barber, Schubert, Arensky and Gershwin. These two exceptional soloists will exploit the sound of two Steinways in a perfect acoustic setting. This new Festival venue offers all the comfort of a mini Festival Hall experience but is so much closer to home!

The Gala Concert - an all Handel affair

Sunday 7 May, 5pm at St Teresa's, Effingham, RH5 6ST

Only the world's best perform in the Festival's Gala and this year we are honoured to have the UK's most revered baroque orchestra The English Concert, led by Harry Bicket who will perform with two of the world's top Handelian experts mezzo soprano Sarah Connolly and soprano Rosemary Joshua. Excerpts will include breathtaking aria from Ariodante, Agrippina and Giulio Cesare.

Concert tickets range from £25 to £29.00, £5.00 for Under 21's and can be booked via the Festival website www.iimf.co.uk, or in person, or by phone from the Guildford Tourist Information Centre, 155 High Street, Guildford, GU1 3AJ, 01483 444334. There is reserved seating for performances on the 6 and 7 May. Doors open 30 minutes before the concert.





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‘ERMINTRUDE’

What happened to Ermintrude?

Last summer, Ermintrude was one of 60 brightly painted cows that were seen at some of Surrey's beauty spots and public places.

Ermintrude, was displayed in St Martins Walk Dorking. She was sponsored by Downs of Dorking and painted by local Westcott artist Jill Flower.

At the end of September all the cows were auctioned and the monies went to a wide variety of chosen charities.

A grateful patient of The Royal Marsden Hospital bought the exotic Ermintrude, so the sale of our local colourful friend has contributed to a brand new children's cancer wing.

After spending a few weeks in the garden of the donor, Ermintrude was transported to The Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton and spent several months outside the main entrance.

She can now be seen grazing in the grounds near the main entrance to the continued amusement of the patients, relatives, staff and friends who are taking a little walk in the fresh air.

Jill was honoured and grateful to have taken part in such a heart-warming project.

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Sunshine and showers

April is a month of unfolding bud, of warmth and cold, sunshine and showers. The month's title is thought to come from the Latin 'aperire', a word which describes the opening of leaf. Another theory holds that since months are often named for gods and goddess and since Aphrilis is derived from the Greek "Aphrodite," one can surmise that the month was named for the Greek goddess of love, whom the Romans called Venus. 'March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers' is a commonly used old proverb.

According to the Met Office, 'At this time of year in the UK we are in a transition period between the long, cold (well sometimes) winter months, and the warmer spring and summer. The jet stream starts to move northwards, which can bring the first signs of warmth, but also tends to make our weather more unsettled due to low pressure systems being driven towards the UK, and so we get rain, showers and strong wind.

But it isn't just low pressure that results in showers; they can also develop due to daytime heating. At this time of year, the sea temperature around the UK is at its lowest, meanwhile the heating we receive from the sun is increasing as the sun rises higher in the sky and daylight hours increase. This results in warm land temperatures compared with sea temperatures, and so shower clouds develop preferentially over the warmer land.'

Dancing Adders

In April, the male adder actively seeks out a potential mate. This mate searching activity can be frantic, with male adders patrolling at speed, searching for pheromone trails. When they find a female the male flicks his tongue along her back and sides, both snakes vibrate their tails and the male moves along her back and follows her movements. After mating the male will sometimes remain coiled around the female.

The males are very territorial and if another male tries to move in there may be a 'dance of the adders'. Obviously, they're not really dancing; it's more a duel, a way of establishing who's superior without being injured. The snakes never attempt to bite each other.

The two snakes raise half their bodies off the ground in an attempt to push their rival down. This maybe done belly to belly or back to back or they may become entwined together. The pair topple to the ground and then rise again several times. They continue wrestling coiled around each other and moving from side to



side. Should you be lucky enough to witness this graceful spectacle, it is an event you will never forget. I've only ever seen it once in the 8 years I've been at Landbarn but it was indeed unforgettable.

The winner of the fight is almost always the larger and stronger snake. Sometimes the winning male will stay with the female for several days and mate with her several times.

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Dogs and Adders

Dogs are occasionally bitten by adders; although the bites are painful they are very rarely fatal.

Adders are quite timid in nature and will not usually bite unless they feel threatened or cornered. They prefer to move on if given the chance to do so. Due to their inquisitive nature, dogs can sometimes disturb adders whilst exploring undergrowth making them susceptible to being bitten.

Our advice is to keep to paths, have your dog under close control, avoid scrub edges and long grass between March and October.

If your pet is bitten by an adder (or you suspect that it may have been), you should keep your dog calm and seek prompt veterinary attention. Most adder bites result in pain and inflammation around the muzzle, where bites usually occur. Vets in our area where adders occur, are generally experienced in treating pets that have received bites.

Events

Make your own wooden trug or planter (booking essential)

Join our volunteer carpentry team at Landbarn to make a useful trug or planter for your home. We use our own sustainably sourced oak from Bookham Commons as part of our woodland management projects.

Fri 21 Apr 2017, 10:00 - 15:00 £35 per person

Booking Essential Surreyhill@nationaltrust.org.uk Tel: 01372 220644

Out with my volunteers

It's been a bit of mad rush getting all the habitat work done before the cut-off for bird nesting season. Winter has flown by this year but we have achieved a great deal for the wildlife on the Hill, and that is due to the help from my volunteers.

I've just got a bit of clearing up to do where scrub has been cut and then it's the start of the spring/summer season. Cattle will be coming on site in April, so the start of endless fence checks and repairs begins.

The job for my volunteers last week was to do major repairs on a fence at Leasers' Barn on Abinger Roughs. I thought it might be a tall order to expect them to finish it in one day but boy did they put me right - finished in just over half a day! Big thanks to my hard core volunteers.

The 18th century Barn was for many years left unused and abused - raves, parties and damage to the old building from a deliberate fire. We worked hard to find a use for this remote building. Luckily, we found a local farmer and almost 6 years ago he took it on. He now uses it for lambing, housing pigs, the odd goat, storing farm machinery and hay bales. Since then we have had no trouble at all. I won't miss having to call the Police out...

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The Dorking Group of Artists Spring Exhibition 2017



DORKING GROUP OF ARTISTS

The Dorking Group of Artists, probably the largest art group in Surrey, will be holding their popular annual Spring Exhibition at Betchworth Village Hall. Exhibiting members, many professionals among them, will be displaying over 250 pieces of new and original art, all for sale at affordable prices. The paintings will appeal to all tastes with different subjects and styles, and in a wide variety of prices and media. There will be large selection of unframed paintings for sale too. Entrance to the exhibition is free.

The exhibition, at Betchworth Village Hall

Station Rd, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7DF, is open:

Saturday 29th April – Monday 1st May 10.00am – 6.00pm

The exhibition closes at 4pm on Monday 1st May

The Dorking Group of Artists meets on Tuesday afternoons at Beare Green Village Hall from September through to Easter. Membership is open to artists of all abilities, from beginner to professional and costs just £20 per calendar year. The activities programme is varied and includes workshops and demonstrations.

(Outdoor painting and sketching during the summer months).

For more information contact Jane Anderson Wood (Chairman)

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THE WESTCOTT SPORTS CLUB



My name is Richard Green and I am Chairman of Westcott Sports Club. The Club is run as a charity providing playing facilities at Stable Meadow to Westcott Cricket Club, Holmbury and Westcott Wolves (Junior Football Club) and Westcott 1935 (Senior Football Club).

The beautiful facility is comprised of a football pitch, a cricket pitch and a clubhouse and is located on the A25, with entrance in Milton Street at the east end of the village. Surrounded by trees and with views over Ranmore, Stable Meadow is a wonderful venue year round, offering its 250 playing members a fabulous home ground for their respective sporting endeavours.



There is a strong focus on junior football and cricket development; the under 5s to under 10s age football groups are led by qualified coaches every Saturday morning from September to March. From April onwards the junior cricket groups of the same age groups find and develop their technical skills on a Friday evening. In the summer, parents swap steaming coffee for chilled Pinot Grigio and the touchline for a deckchair. It's very social and you will be most welcome to join us.

The individual clubs have all enjoyed recent successes on the field of play too.

I'm pleased to announce that Westcott Sports Club has secured a new 25 year lease with its landlord, securing our tenure and fun for a further generation. The committee has already started a renewal programme which will see the club house and grounds continue to improve as a focal point for village activity.

Please come and explore how you can get involved, as a player, a parent or as a spectator. Why not bring a picnic to a cricket match this summer, we'd love to see you at the Club.

For further information contact me at wsctrustees1chair@gmail.com

Westcott 1935

The senior football club attracts players from 18 to 48 and puts out 2 strong teams each week. The Senior team, under Matt Dunning's management have qualified for the Tony Kopp Cup final and will face Henfield Football Club on April 26th, kick off 730pm at Horsham YMCA.



The Reserves team are also very capably led by Ryan Freeland and are in second place their Division They have 2 games in hand and only 4 points behind, so it's all to play for!

Thanks to the supporters that now come down and watch the games every Saturday, there is a real buzz around the club, come down and watch a game! The players really appreciate the support. If you are interested to know more, please contact Paul on paul.mckeown@vanderbilthomes.co.uk

Westcott Cricket Club

Westcott Cricket Club is a very friendly village cricket club, though we play to win! We play league matches on Saturdays



(Surrey Downs League Division 3) and Sundays (Surrey Village Cricket League Division 2) throughout the season, and some 6pm midweek 20-20s too. New players of all abilities, and families, are always welcome. It's a wonderful spot to spend the afternoon playing or spectating!

Junior Members: Please contact the junior membership secretary, Alan Pickering at a.pickering@gold.ac.uk or visit the ground after 6 o'clock on a Friday evening from the beginning of May. We are particularly looking to recruit boys and girls who will be u8 (School year 3) and u10 (school year 5) in summer 2017.

Adult members: Please send an e-mail to the Membership Secretary at westcottcc@gmail.com. Come along to the club on a Saturday or Sunday during the season; play starts at 1.30pm or to a net session every Thursday evening at 6.30 during the season. All welcome.

Holmbury and Westcott Wolves

We are a friendly and growing junior football club with about 180 boys and girls playing in age groups from Under-5s to Under-15s and were awarded Charter Standard status in 2013. We firmly believe in fun, fair, friendly football for all.



We have a mini-soccer school for our youngest footballers at ages 5-7, moving up to small-sided football matches at age 8-10, then larger 9 aside matches at age 11-12 and finally full-size matches at age 13-15. The minis train at Westcott on a Saturday morning, bring the kids along!

Our Club is a friendly, local community club taking children from around the Mole Valley and Surrey Hills. We are entirely volunteer-run, with parents doing the Saturday coaching and committee roles. Most of our volunteer coaches take their professional FA Level 1 coaching qualifications and we actively support any coach or parent who wants to take professional football training further.

We run mid-week professional coaching sessions after school so that our players can improve their football skills. For further information, please contact our Secretary, Carl Grieves, at grieves.carl@gmail.com

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