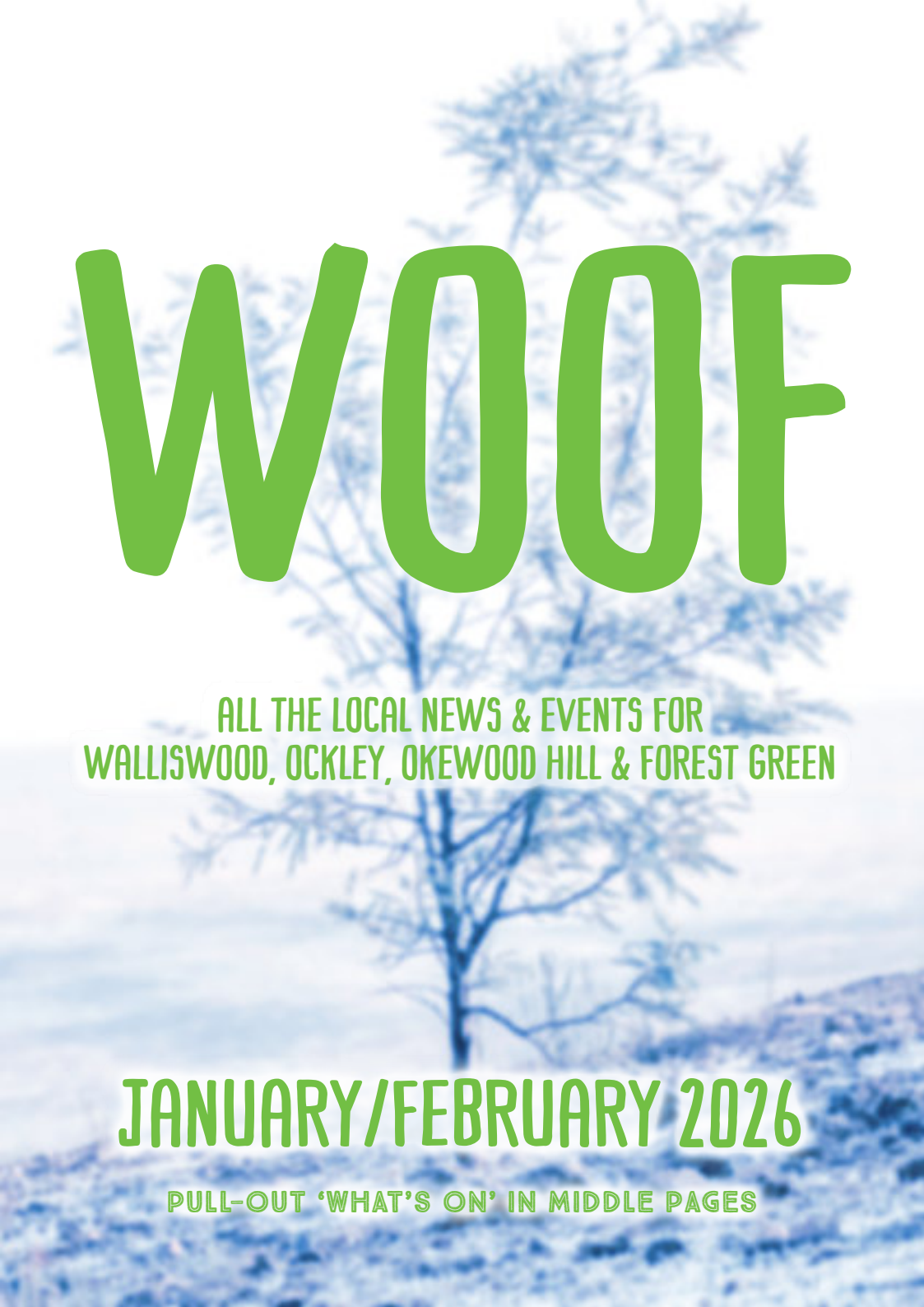




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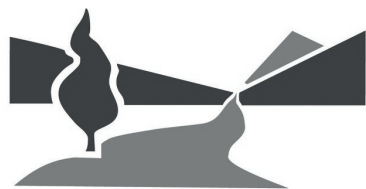
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WELCOME

The days are getting lighter and I am sure that the birds are already beginning to sing more and, to be honest, the mud is getting muddier and we are all feeling poorer. But we are all 'in it together' is the message I have picked up from many local encounters, possibly a bit too literally for fellow dog walkers greeted by our enthusiastic young Golden Retriever in the fields and woods around here!

Iris Spruce, from Ockley, has contributed a healthy recipe for the New Year, Lynne Porter (whose acquaintance I made thanks to our exuberant dog, Padda, and she didn't run a mile) has some great money saving tips. There is a fun review of Ockley Dramatic Society's latest spoof whodunnit, an encouragement - again - for us all to get fit and learn to bell ring, an interview with Gill Christie, who totally exemplifies the 'all in it together' attitude, and up to date details of many events for the new year. I am wondering whether one of the Walking Group's circular walks, all beginning and finishing at a pub, would be just the ticket for me and Padda? Details inside. . .

Amanda Elsdon-Dew



The Ockley Village Facebook page is here to encourage local businesses, charities, societies and clubs to share their news with the villagers of Ockley as well as keeping the community connected. We look forward to hearing from you.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY THANKS

Thank you to all who came to the Village Hall on Remembrance Sunday.

We raised £41 in donations which we have donated to the British Red Cross.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Iris and Michael

OCKLEY VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Ockley Village Hall Committee will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 20th February 2026 at 8pm. Everyone is welcome.

We have lost several committee members this year and would be very pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join us. We particularly need someone to take the minutes of the meetings and another to be treasurer. Our meetings usually last about an hour and we only meet 4 times a year.

Should you be interested please contact Barry on 01306 711789.



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BROKE AGAIN?

When was Christmas last affordable?

Let's not despair but think of this as our time to regroup, plan and look forward. The days are already getting lighter and longer.

In the meantime, here are some ideas to help us have a full 'wallet detox' and put the 'flow' back into cash flow!

1. Check larders and cupboards

We probably have more than we think.

- Plan meals around what's already in the fridge, freezer, and cupboards.
- Use up forgotten items (tins, pasta, frozen veg, sauces) to reduce grocery spending for a couple of weeks.
- Get 'creative' with our menus, set a challenge to the family to create a new signature dish!

2. How about a low-spend or no-spend week?

Make it a personal challenge:

- Only buy essentials (milk, bread, fruit/veg).
- Avoid takeaways and make our own 'fakeaways' - lots of great ideas online.
- Say no to small impulse buys, or 'boredom spending'.
- Frame it as a re-set after holiday indulgence.

3. Become a pre-loved ambassador

We are helping the planet, and might make a little cash:

- List unused gifts, clothes, or décor on Facebook Marketplace, Vinted, Depop, or local community groups.
- January is a good time - people look for deals.

4. Make social time meaningful not costly

- Walks, coffee at home, game nights, movie nights, or potluck meals.
- Time with friends and family is invaluable.



5. Find some free entertainment

- Local library (books, e-books, audiobooks, DVDs, sometimes events).
- Free fitness videos online.
- Community events or free museum days.

6. Take a breather - pause subscriptions temporarily

Even pausing a couple for a month can give breathing room:

- Streaming services
- App subscriptions
- Gym membership (if allowed)

7. Do a spare-change treasure hunt

- Check down the back of the sofa, look into old handbags, any coins at home, check loyalty card balances, unused gift cards, or cashback apps – there can be a surprising amount of extra money.

8. Warm up the old fashioned and cheap way. Heating is one of the biggest January expenses.

- Use blankets/hot water bottles.
- Close off unused rooms.
- Wear layers indoors.
- Walk the dog (or the neighbour's dog) double benefits, warm up and keep fit!

9. Be kind to ourselves

- There's often pressure to 'start the year strong', but it's okay if January is simply about recovering from December. Think like a bear - we are surfacing from a period of hibernation

10. Plan for next year (gently)

- Not to guilt trip ourselves, just to future proof ourselves: a small monthly 'holiday fund' (even £5-£10) can take the sting out of next December.

We all overdo it at Christmas, too much food, too much spent, too much telly so we are all looking for ways to get back on track. Hopefully some of this might help a few people with the energy to do just that! And remember, in the immortal words of a giant retailer.... every little helps!

Lynne Porter



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Gordon Lee-Steere

HEALTHY FRUIT CAKE

Do you like fruit cake but want to cut down on fat and sugar?

If you do try this simple cake.

INGREDIENTS

350g/12oz dried mixed fruit

225ml/8fl oz hot breakfast tea

Zest and juice of 1 orange

6tbs Sweeteners i.e.Canderel

2 eggs, beaten

225g/8oz self-raising flour

50g/1^{3/4} oz ground almonds

METHOD

1) Place the fruit into a large bowl. Pour over the tea. Add the zest and juice of the orange. Cover and leave for at least 4 hours, preferably overnight.

2) Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan. Line a 2lb loaf tin.

3) Add the sweetener, eggs, flour and almonds to the fruit and beat until smooth. Spoon the mixture into the tin, level the top. Bake for about 50 mins or until a skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tin on a rack.

4) Turn out onto a serving plate and enjoy.

Iris Spruce

OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Two new councillors were co-opted on to the parish council at the November 2025 meeting. Welcome to Gary Swindle and Vernon Trefry. Your Ockley parish councillors are as follows:

Jason Wright (Chairman), James Lee-Steere (Vice-Chairman)

Charles Calvert, Gary Swindle, Barry Thorne and Vernon Trefry

There is one vacancy for a parish councillor.

Also attending Parish Council meetings are

Councillors A Magesh from MVDC and H Clack from SCC.

Local Government Reorganisation in Surrey

Government have confirmed plans for this reorganisation. Two new unitary councils to replace the existing twelve councils in April 2027. Mole Valley to be included in the East Surrey unitary authority. Town and parish councils to remain intact under this reorganisation.

Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

It is proposed that a new sign be put up in the village following boundary changes.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The plan is still being prepared and the local community to be involved again soon.

Meetings will be advertised through the usual channels: OPC website, notice board, FB pages. More details will be provided.

Ockley Parish Council Clerk

Samantha Bell has resigned as Clerk.

Lesley Fletcher has been appointed Temporary Clerk.

A recruitment process will be put in place.

Meeting Dates for 2026

Dates agreed: 12 January, 2 March, 11 May, 6 July, 7 September, 2 November

With all best wishes to parishioners for the New Year from Councillors and Clerk.

Lesley Fletcher

OCKLEY ARCHIVES

I have made progress completing Bryony's notes on those killed in the Great War and recorded on the Ockley War Memorial. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was in contact wishing to trace any descendants of Philip Figg who is on the memorial and is buried in St John's graveyard. The wooden cross has disintegrated, and the War Graves Commission would install a stone memorial if there are any descendants, but none of the Figgs I have contacted can help!

Gordon Lee-Steere

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Does it do regular shopping runs?

The **WASP** is licensed to operate on a weekly basis to Tesco at Broadbridge Heath, to Sainsbury's in Godalming, to Lidl in Guildford and to Cranleigh. It does not take a route via bus stops but the drivers collect people from their homes and deliver them back with their shopping (even been known to put the shopping on the table). These trips tend to attract regulars so you get to know people and have the opportunity for a chat!



widely, it has been used in recent years to transport groups to the Bosworth Battlefield, to National Trust Houses, to the Hogs Back Brewery (no, the driver did not sample), to Worthing for the seaside, along the North Downs Way to pick up the Long Distance Walkers, to name but a few.

Who runs it?

Would YOU like to drive it!

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

Can groups hire it for outings?

Yes, it is also available for local organisations and groups. As an example, the local schools in Clandon, Shere and Peaslake have used the **WASP** to transport children.

The **WASP** is also used most months by the Drop-In centre in Gomshall for excursions. More

WASP is looking to the future

We became concerned that, despite having robust finances, the shortage of volunteers would put the future of the **WASP** in doubt but with the assistance of Shere Parish Council, that short term concern has receded. However, we still need volunteers and, if you do not see yourself as a driver, you could still volunteer to join the backroom staff.

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



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THE GARDEN IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

As the new year begins, our gardens enter a **peaceful pause**, and this is a perfect time for us to take stock of our green spaces and plan for next year. We can reflect on last year's successes (and failures!) and think about our aspirations for 2026. Perhaps you have been inspired by something you saw online or in a magazine, or at an open garden or garden show? Now is the time to have a real think about making it a reality, whether it's a planning a new border, creating a seating area or improving your composting area. It's always a great idea to have a photographic record of our gardens throughout the year, which can be used as an aide-memoire when planning changes. With the best will in the world, we can't always remember exactly what we have when leaves fall off shrubs and perennials go into hibernation. If you haven't started one, there's no time like the present.

We do need to **keep an eye on our gardens** in these cold wintry months. Remember to make sure that young trees and shrubs are staked well - especially in exposed areas - as they are susceptible to wind damage. New plants that haven't yet had time to establish roots in the ground and benefit from its nutrients may also need some added protection from hard frosts. Draping horticultural fleece over them will help shield them from severe weather. This also applies to terracotta pots in exposed areas. Move them closer to the house for shelter and protect with bubble wrap if they are not frost-proof. And, remember, when the grass is very frosty, it's best not to walk on it if you can avoid it.

If you do feel the need to work off the festive excess, a **garden tidy-up** is a great way to do this. Most of us will have 'messy areas' in the garden that we never get around to sorting, full of old pots, compost bags and other gardening paraphernalia. Now is the time to tackle that area, as well as sheds and greenhouses. And how about mending that fence or trellis, unblocking the pipe to the water butt or cleaning and sharpening those tools?

Other jobs include **pruning** established wisteria, apple trees (not cordons), Japanese maples, currants, and gooseberries; and then late-flowering clematis, ornamental grasses, cornus, and shrub roses in February.

Another very important task is **giving wildlife a helping hand** during particularly cold spells. Go to www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/help-wildlife-cold to find out more about this.

Frost and snow permitting, February is a great time to **dig the new border** that you've planned in January. And you may also find some perennial or shrub bargains in the garden centres. Remember that if you buy plants out of their 'flowering' season (i.e. when they look at their best with flowers, berries, foliage etc), you're likely to pay less or even find them discounted.

For 2026, you might also like to make some **'greener' gardening resolutions** and plans.

- Reduce or eliminate peat-based compost and buy a bulk load if you have space (to reduce individual plastic compost bags). If you don't have space, some garden centres (Newbridge in Broadbridge Heath, for example) have a collecting bin near the entrance for empty compost bags.
- Use fallen leaves to make mulch. Turn old compost bags inside out, fill them with leaves, prick them with a fork and leave them to break down into mulch.
- Recycle and reuse garden pots for your seedlings.
- Resist the temptation to cut back all of the 'brown' perennials in the late autumn as not only do they provide food for birds but also winter shelter for lots of garden insects. If you can't do this in your whole garden, create a wildlife-friendly area.
- Collect rainwater in butts or large containers (remember that if the containers are open, provide insects with some sort of raft or means of escape if they get stranded).
- Evaluate how you might improve your composting. Even in the smallest gardens, a compost bin is a great addition. A great place to start is the RHS website, visit:

www.rhs.org.uk/soil-composts-mulches/composting

With regard to **vegetables**, winter is an ideal time to plan what produce you'd like to grow that year. But remember that you don't need a big veggie patch to do this. Pots and troughs can work really well in smaller gardens. There is plenty of advice out there on social media (it's not all bad!) and in books and magazines. Charity shops are awash with great value gardening books. One new book to recommend is by Martha Swales, called 'Give it a Grow' who you can also follow on Instagram at 'marfskitchengarden'.

A date for your diaries

It's never too early to think about what you might enter in the **Okewood, Ockley and Forest Green Summer Fair**. Mark your calendars for Saturday, 8th August 2026 ready to enjoy a timeless village celebration.

Plant of the month

Autumn and winter flowering camellias can give a stunning burst of colour against the more muted palate of winter gardens. A few varieties have scented flowers as well as gorgeous blooms. Grow them in sheltered sunny spots in your garden, in a pot or a border near a house, wall or fence. They need acidic soil to thrive so use ericaceous compost if planted in a pot.

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Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come along and have a go, under supervision, or just to watch. If you decide to take it further then individual sessions are arranged at a mutually convenient time and handling a bell can be achieved in as little as a few hours.

Practice nights at St Margaret's Ockley have moved to Thursday evenings from the earlier time of 5.30pm to 7pm. We also practise at St Peter's Newdigate on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 9pm. For more details call Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com



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The parish magazine of January 1893 records that the organ, which was given by Mrs Hibbert in 1873, was reopened after great enlargement and improvement at the expense of Colonel Calvert. The work was executed by the original builder, Mr Holdich of London.

The church had been enlarged and the North Aisle added in 1873 by Colonel Calvert.

The description of the organ is given in the magazine as – Compass of the Manual, CC to G, 56 notes. On great organ: open diaspon, 8ft Metal, CC to G. 56 pipes; stop diaspon, 8ft wood, CC to G. 56 pipes. The description continues giving full details and ends 'pedals concave, according to the College of Organists scale, CCC to F. The organ is constructed on every modern principle, with the new tabular pneumatic notion to the pedals, which makes them quiet and light.'

The College of Organists report that the organ was restored in 1935 by Hill Norman and Beard and moved back to its current position. In 1973 Mander enlarged the organ replacing Gamba with the Sesquiterza on the Great and replacing the Open Diaspon with a mixture on the Swell. It is likely the Cornopean was changed to be the present Swell Trumpet at this time too.

If you would like an explanation of the terms and what they do please come to the Organ Recital on 28th February when Benjamin Morrell will give a short talk on the organ as well as a recital.

Gordon Lee-Steere

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When: **28th February 2026**

Where: **St. Margaret's Church,
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Time: **6 PM**



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NEW CURATE

Gill Christie always gives me a cheery greeting but there is never time to talk so I asked her round, with the excuse of an interview for Woof! To my great delight, she accepted and we got to talk and talk. Which, as I discovered, is Gill's favourite way of communicating her Christian faith. She loves the Bible and storytelling and to have really good discussions about it all. We were quickly into some meaty subjects and I learnt quite a bit I hadn't known about parts of the Bible in the process.

After a good hour, I got out my questions and picked up my pen.

'Why do you wear a dog collar?' She said that she had visited a gurdwara as part of her training for ordination and had met there a young Sikh who told her that for him the reason to wear a turban was not a statement of race or nationality but of faith. That made Gill think and decide that she would wear a dog collar for the same reason.

I had read the brief account of her route to ordination on the Guildford diocesan website and been intrigued. It seemed that she had never strayed from the Anglican path, staying in the same church from baptism until after she was married – getting confirmed, becoming a server and teaching Sunday School. What kept you there? I wondered. She said that she had been riveted by David Kossoff's retelling of Bible stories as a child and had gradually developed her own relationship with Jesus, believing the good news of the gospel and so Confirmation was the perfect way for her to make it all real with a 100% commitment.

Her original church was in Stoke D'Abernon, but once she had children and the family was living in Rudgwick, from 1994 to 2007, she got involved in the Sunday School there, until moving to Ockley where she felt instantly at home at St Margaret's, which had a flavour of her childhood church.

In the course of our conversation Gill told me that she thinks of church as being everywhere, not just in the buildings or on Sundays but out in the community. She wants it to be more accessible than it often is, and that was what led her on the route to ordination. Originally wanting to learn to communicate her faith better, she had gone on a diocesan worship



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leaders' course and also an occasional preachers' one, but it was when speaking with Rev Liz Richardson as Ockley was separated from OOFG and combined with Capel that she felt the fire of her vocation be a priest – able to bless, baptise, administer Communion, marry people, as well as preach and be along people in their daily lives. So she went before the BAP (Bishops Advisory Panel), which is the gateway to ordination as a priest in the Church of England. That led to a huge disappointment in that they didn't recommend her to continue. But Gill refused to give up and re-applied and this time was approved and trained through a Local Ministry Programme.

She was ordained curate in Guildford Cathedral in the summer, becoming the Rev Gill Christie, and is now officially attached to the parish of Capel and Ockley and, if all continues well, hopes to be priested in the summer of next year.

Amanda Elsdon-Dew

WALKING GROUP

Thursday	8th January	The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate	10am
Thursday	22nd January	The Wotton Hatch	10am
Thursday	12th February	The Star, Rusper	10am
Thursday	26th February	The Punchbowl	10am

Thursday 8th January

Meet at The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate at 10am for moderate walk of 6.3 miles through Ruffolds Copse to Henfold Lakes and Swires Farm, then up towards Brockhamhurst and returning via Ewood Farm and Parkgate.

Thursday 22nd January

Meet at The Wotton Hatch at 10am for a strenuous 6 mile walk up to White Downs and along the North Downs Way to Abinger dropping down to return via The Roughts and the Wilberforce Memorial.

Thursday 12th February

Meet at The Star, Rusper at 10am for a moderate 5.2 mile walk over Rusper Court Farm and Baldhorne Park to Nunnery Farm returning via the Border Path to Rusper.

Thursday 26th February

Meet at The Punchbowl at 10am for a moderate 5.5 mile walk over Ruckmans to Charmans Farm and then Rowhook, returning via Old Ockleys, Ridge Farm and Honeybush Lane.

VILLAGE EVENTS JANUARY 2026

📅 5th Monday 6.15pm - Pilates in the Pavilion

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Monday (during term-time)

📅 6th Tuesday 9.15 & 10.30am, 6.15 & 7.30pm - Pilates in the Pavilion

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

📅 6th Tuesday 1.30pm–2.30pm - Seniors Exercise Class

Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Also 3rd & 4th Tuesdays in month - see p46 for details.

📅 6th Tuesday 2.00pm–3.00pm - RMPT Exercise Class

Walliswood Village Hall - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

📅 7th Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p24 for details

📅 8th Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group

Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p9 for details

📅 8th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate - See p26 for details

📅 8th Thursday 7.10pm–8.10pm - RMPT Exercise Class

Walliswood Village Hall - Every Thursday (during term-time)

📅 11th Sunday 10am–12pm - Café on the Green

Forest Green Village Hall

📅 19th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches

Ockley Village Hall - See p22 for details

📅 22nd Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

The Wotton Hatch - See p17 for details

📅 30th Friday 7.45pm - The Sleeping Beauty

Ockley Village Hall - See p19 for details

📅 31st Saturday 2.00pm & 7.45pm - The Sleeping Beauty

Ockley Village Hall - See p19 for details

🏰 Church services p50-51

JANUARY 2026 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 Pilates in the Pavilion	6 Pilates in the Pavilion Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	7 Pavilion Café	8 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class Walking Group	9	10
11 Café on the Green	12 Pilates in the Pavilion	13 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class	14 Pavilion Café	15 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	16	17
18	19 Pilates in the Pavilion Village Lunches	20 Pilates in the Pavilion Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	21 Pavilion Café	22 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class Walking Group	23	24
25	26 Pilates in the Pavilion	27 Pilates in the Pavilion Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	28 Pavilion Café	29 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	30 The Sleeping Beauty	31 The Sleeping Beauty

FEBRUARY 2026 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Pilates in the Pavilion	3 Pilates in the Pavilion Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	4 Pavilion Café	5 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	6	7 The Sleeping Beauty
8	9 Pilates in the Pavilion	10 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class	11 Pavilion Café	12 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class Walking Group	13 Café on the Green	14
15	16 Village Lunches	17 Seniors Exercise Class	18 Pavilion Café	19 Toddler Group	20	21
22	23 Pilates in the Pavilion	24 Seniors Exercise Class	25 Pavilion Café	26 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class Walking Group	27	28 Organ Recital

VILLAGE EVENTS FEBRUARY 2026

📅 **2nd Tuesday 1.30pm–2.30pm - Seniors Exercise Class**

Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Also 3rd 4th & 5th Tuesdays in month - see p46 for details

📅 **2nd Tuesday 2.00pm–3.00pm - RMPT Exercise Class**

Walliswood Village Hall - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

📅 **3rd Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café**

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p24 for details

📅 **4th Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group**

Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p9 for details

📅 **4th Thursday 7.10pm–8.10pm - RMPT Exercise Class**

Walliswood Village Hall - Every Thursday (during term-time)

📅 **7th Saturday 2.00pm & 7.45pm - The Sleeping Beauty**

Ockley Village Hall - See p19 for details

📅 **12th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**

The Star, Rusper - See p26 for details

📅 **12^h Friday 10.00am–12pm - Café on the Green**

Forest Green Village Hall

📅 **16th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches**

Ockley Village Hall - See p22 for details

📅 **26th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**

The Punchbowl - See p26 for details

📅 **28th Saturday 6.00pm - Organ Recital**

St. Margaret's Church, Ockley - See p23 for details

🏰 **Church services p50-51**

Further Ahead - March

📅 **7th Saturday 7.00pm - Ockley Society Spring Quiz**

Ockley Village Hall - See p38 for details

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We used to receive over £3,000 a year and then, of course, last year changed.

.....and now it has changed again !

The Winter Fuel Payment will now be paid to those born before 22nd September 1959 and living in England or Wales. However, those whose income exceeds £35,000 will then have to give it back !! Or rather the government will reclaim it by adjusting one's tax code. There was a date to decline the payment if one did not want it but that has passed.

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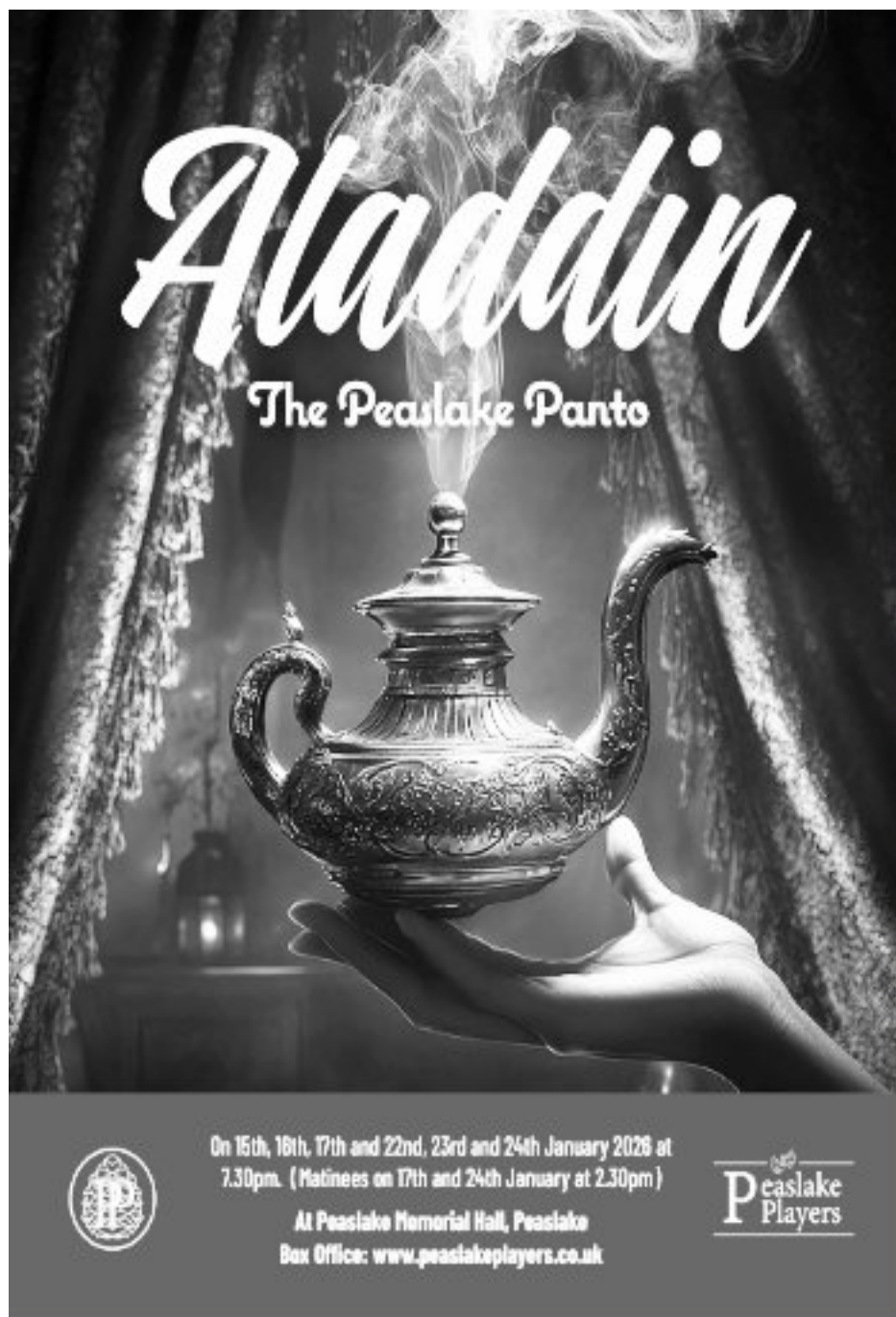
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HELYN CLACK, COUNCILLOR, REPORTS

Highways – Before we transfer responsibility to the new unitary authority, I will continue to focus on roads in my division in need of major maintenance. One of my priorities in Ockley is to lobby for further speed reduction in the roads around the village as well as drainage and pot hole repairs. You can report highways defaults on line at Roads and transport - Surrey County Council on the council's website www.surreycc.gov.uk



Deputy Cabinet Member – Children, Families and Lifelong Learning – Surrey's Children's Services - Last month, I enquired into Surrey's Looked After Children – these young people come into the council's care through a

number of routes, including the family courts, for a variety of reasons including family breakdown, abuse and neglect. Children's services work hard to return children to their parents or extended families when it is safe for them to do so. When a child needs to remain in the council's care, the majority live with foster families, and a smaller group, often older children, will live in a children's home.

All elected members (councillors) take on the role of Corporate Parents for children in Surrey's care; we receive regular training to understand the importance of our roles as councillors. We are asked to consider, 'Would this be good enough for my child?' The council has a Corporate Parenting Board with elected members, senior staff and care leavers which meets bi-monthly to consider the needs of the children as they come into the service and grow up and reach independence with a home of their own and ongoing support, after all we all know that parenting does not stop at eighteen. Surrey has some excellent and committed foster carers, and we are very grateful for all they do. However, the council is always seeking more – if you are interested in finding out more about fostering please click on the link Fostering - Surrey County Council or go to www.surreycc.gov.uk and search 'fostering'.

Local Government Reform - Now that the government has made its preferences clear for Surrey, there will be a Joint Committee for both new unitaries to oversee the transfer of responsibilities to, in our case, East Surrey Council. I have been asked to join this as one of the five county councillors to work with the district and boroughs and their respective councillor representatives. I have also joined a pilot, as directed by HMG, of a Neighbourhood Area Committee (NAC) for Dorking and the Villages, which includes representatives from health, community safety, voluntary and faith sectors and parish councils.

Gatwick – GACC organised a well-attended meeting in Charlwood to highlight the challenges facing the protection of our rural villages and way of life. I think going on holiday to somewhere warm and relaxing is important for families needing a break and Gatwick is a great airport for family holiday destinations. But another runway will affect our villages, more noise and traffic – not just an increase in passengers but for all the services and suppliers. Traffic already comes through our villages to avoid the main roads and congestion on the motorways, but we get no funding from either the airport or the government to mitigate this. So I support the GACC and I encourage you all to do so as well.

If you think I can help with a council issue please let me know and may I also wish residents and businesses across my division of Dorking Rural a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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CLIMATIC EVENTS

FROM THE PARISH MAGAZINE 1884

'During the awful and magnificent thunderstorm on 9th August 1884 a man named George Francis was struck by lightning near Crooked Shy Barn in Ockley and rendered unconscious. The Rector was first on the spot with restoratives and other remedies, and the man though in an alarming state of insensibility, accompanied by strong convulsive movements, slowly regained consciousness and in a few days was nearly free of symptoms. Considerable weakness remained for some weeks and it is only recently that he has been able to resume work. There was no mark of burning or any scar on the body, nor injury to the clothing. The remedies to be used in such an occurrence would vary somewhat according to the symptoms, but stimulants, brandy, if it can be swallowed, smelling salts to the nose, friction to the chest and over the heart, mustard poultices to the same parts, cold to the head, and artificial respiration if the breathing is low, might all be found useful.'

LAND SLIPS from LEITH HILL

There have been various landslips from Leith Hill recorded over the years. In the late 1800s there was a bad slip near Coldharbour when several cottages were swept away. The road near Cockshot (the cottage by the pedestrian track leading up to Leith Hill Tower) was swept away about ten years ago. And 50 or more years ago, British Geological surveyors drilled in the fields below Hartshurst farm and found the original surface some 30ft below the existing level because of a major land slip thousands of years ago.

FLOODING

There have been several instances of flooding on the village green in Ockley over the years. The water backs up from the weir at Weavers Pond, if the pond and ditch is not kept clear. Water rises above the floor level of 14,15 and 16 The Green.

I recall a major flood in the late 1960s or early 1970s at the bridge leading up to Oakwood Hill when the stream variously called the North branch of the Arun, the Oke or the Oak flooded the road and rose above the first floor level of Hale Cottage, which was the opposite side to the road from Hale House. The occupants had to be rescued by boat though the first-floor windows where they had been sitting on their bed! The bridge on the A29 downstream had been replaced by a culvert which may have caused the problem. The wooden frame of the cottage was used to build the new Hale Cottage situated in Cricketers Close up from the Cricketers Pub.

Gordon Lee-Steere

MURDERED TO DEATH

This was my first visit to see an Ockley Dramatic Society play and 'Murdered to Death' did not disappoint! Assistant director Stephen Dallyn had told me about it and, as the amateur sleuth genre appealed, I had booked six tickets at a table at the front.

The stage set was perfect for a 1930s country manor house hosting a weekend party and Prompt Colin Seelig had very little to do. The pace was good in this excellent fast-moving script by Peter Gordon, and the audience was kept on the edge of their seats anticipating what came next. Zara Morley, playing Dorothy, orphaned niece of Mildred (the Lady of the Manor, played by Katy Peters) ran the household like a housekeeper/cook and was possibly somewhat exploited by her aunt.

Vee Hardy played Bunting, the morose butler who appeared very put upon with everything asked of him and was somewhat stropky with his employer.

House guests arrived for the weekend including the Colonel (Martyn Peters), a rather misogynistic, bigoted army type whom it appeared had been having an affair with the Lady of the Manor, Mildred. Mildred wanted the Colonel to tell his wife so they could be together but he wasn't so keen....

Margaret (Annie Walker), the Colonel's long suffering wife, put up with her husband's ways reluctantly and he treated her like a door mat. Pierre, a 'French' art dealer (played by Tom Newcombe), was there to sell the Lady of the Manor some more of his fake paintings but Dorothy has found him out and threatened to expose him if he did not pay her! The glamorous posh girlfriend of the art dealer, Elizabeth, played by Grace Murrell, appeared very upper class but was in fact as common as muck and in on the art con with Pierre.

Miss Maple, (yes, this is a spoof after all) just happened to be quietly witnessing it all and analysing all the characters, was played very convincingly by Tracey Hardy. With the Lady of the Manor murdered (surprise, surprise) along came Constable Thompkins, played by Gary Herring, and Inspector Pratt, played by Andrew Mayne. Inspector Pratt was my favourite character, with a hilarious script giving all his words and phrases jumbled up, Malapropisms and more! My favourite was, 'Don't trifle with me, or your legs will go to jelly!'

In true form it turned out that nobody was who they seemed to be and all had a motive to kill Mildred, but I am not going to reveal who the murderer was, and congratulate director Alan Hardy on putting on such a good show!

Jill Golding

UPDATE ON QRMW

Firstly I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy New Year and hope that you all had a peaceful and happy Christmas.

At the beginning of December we had our annual Christmas at the Woodland event to which many local residents came with their families to help us raise funds for our veterans. The stalls were full of cakes, pastries,

sweets, toys and games for the children. There was a grand Christmas raffle, bottle tombola and Christmas tombola for the adults to spend their money plus hot dogs and drinks for everyone. The children completed a treasure hunt followed by a visit to Father Christmas in his Grotto. It was a very successful day enjoyed by all.

So as we go into 2026 the first fund-raising event at the Woodland will be the Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on Sunday 29th March the first day when the daylight will be longer. More details of this event will be notified in the coming weeks. The next event after that at the Woodland will be our Annual Anniversary of the opening of the Woodland and Commemoration Service which will take place on Saturday 6th June when families will be honouring a number of veterans who are no longer with us by planting a young tree. At the event we will also be celebrating 'D' Day and 60 years of the Queen's Regiment with some 1940s' singers. This event is open to everyone so do put it in your diaries and look out for more details in due course.

The Woodland itself is looking great thanks to the number of volunteers we had during the Autumn who cleared the pathways of leaves and picked up fallen branches to keep us all safe as we walk around.

It won't be long before we shall soon see the first signs of new life when the spring bulbs start to pop up. Lots to look forward to when the dark days of January and February are behind us. In the meantime, I hope you all keep safe and warm and don't forget if you fancy a walk on one of our crisp bright days during those months the Woodland is always open and if I am there the kettle will be on!

I look forward to seeing you.

Paul Cooling, Chairman



VOLUNTEER GRANT FINDER NEEDED

To help Support Our Village Facilities & Community Spirit

We're looking for a friendly, organised volunteer to help our village apply for local council and community grants.

Our village has a wonderful community spirit, and we want to keep our much-loved facilities—such as the cricket pavilion and Village Hall thriving and up to date.

These are places where people come together, connect, and feel supported.

To keep them running well, we need help sourcing funding.

We need someone who can

- look for suitable council or community grants
- Help with online applications
- Navigate the grant process
- Communicate clearly with the village's small committees

You do not need specialist experience—just good organisational skills, a bit of computer confidence, and an interest in helping the community.

We will provide

- Clear information on what each grant is needed for
- Support and guidance from local committee members
- A warm, appreciative community to work with
- The chance to make a real difference to village life

Our local facilities play a vital role in village life.

They host:

- Village lunches
- Coffee mornings and the village café
- Dementia-friendly singalongs
- Community groups, events, and celebrations

With your help securing funding, we can keep these spaces modern, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

Interested? Want to know more?

Please contact:

Alan Hardy

amh@amhi.co.uk 01306 628059

HALL FOR HIRE



OAKWOOD HILL VILLAGE HALL

The Oakwood Hill Village Hall is the perfect venue for hosting your next special event, please see all information below.



Facilities:

- Full Kitchen
- Parking
- Fully Accessible
- WIFI
- Staging
- Acoustic Padding
- Sound System
- Tables and Chairs

www.oakwoodhillvillagehall.org

bookings@oakwoodhillvillagehall.org

Scan here to find out more..



VILLAGE CHARITIES

Abinger Consolidated Charities
For the benefit of residents in the Ancient Parish of Abinger (inc. Abinger Common, Hammer, Forest Green, Walliswood and Okewood Hill). If you or someone you know is struggling financially, don't hesitate to ask us for help.

Contact Kim Clark in confidence:
kimclark50@gmail.com

Amber

Provides a temporary safe home and support to homeless unemployed young people in crisis (Reg. Charity Number 1051388).

louise.cheung@amberweb.org
or 01306 627924

Gambia Horse & Donkey Trust

We provide veterinary support for mainly equines, but also other animals who require our help. We also run a primary health care clinic for the local people.

www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk
(Registered Charity No. 1096814)

Ockley United Charities

Gives financial assistance to parishioners who find themselves in financial hardship and it also provides an annual gift to parishioners who are of restricted means. Please get in touch if you are suffering financial hardship.

Gill Christie

gill@c21mediagroup.com or

Dick Thomas

dickthomas1000@btinternet.com

Okewood, Forest Green and Ockley Aid in Sickness Fund
Provides financial assistance to people with medical needs due to illness, injury or disability (Registered Charity No. 204846).

Contact Jane Waugh the welfare officer for the trust at 07814 287926
JaneWaugh@btinternet.com

John Ede Trust

Based in Capel, the trust was created by Robert John Ede in 1991. The primary aim of the Trust is give financial assistance to those with learning disabilities, their families and organisations in the local area but also extend this support to the county of Surrey.

www.johnedetrust.org
or Keith Posner 888990

Stella's School Scheme

Sponsoring the education for children in need in The Gambia from nursery to University

www.sssgambia.co.uk
(Registered Charity No. 1130256)

Tapestry Day Club

A not-for-profit enterprise to help beat loneliness and support those living with dementia, giving their carers a break. TDC provides a social day out in a small group, including transport and a home-cooked lunch in a private home.

www.tapestrydayclub.co.uk
(Registered Charity No. 1209048).

The Quick Response Memorial Woodland

A peaceful place located in Pasturewood Road, Holmbury St Mary, where ex-servicemen, their families and friends come to meet, walk, sit, reflect and talk with like-minded individuals.

www.qrmw.org

(Registered Charity No. 1174651)

VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Beare Green Young Farmers

Colin Smith 01273 494528

Capel Camera Club

Meets at the Capel Village Memorial Hall most Wednesdays between September and April.

See www.capelcameraclub.org.uk or ring Dick Thomas on 01306 627569.

Capel Cricket Club

thony.birch@bennettchristmas.com

Capel Tennis Club

lynettevonkaufmann@gmail.com

Forest Green Cricket Club

We play friendly matches every Sunday between the beginning of May through to the end of September, mainly on our home ground. New players are always welcome!

We also host a social member's bar in our pavilion every Friday evening throughout the summer.

For more information please contact our chair Malcolm Clayton on 01306 621 225.

Girlguiding

Rainbows:

capel.rainbows@btinternet.com

Brownies

: capelbrownies@gmail.com

Guides: capelguides@outlook.com

Ockley Cricket Club

Ockley Cricket Club was founded in 1852 and regular matches have been played on The Green since, although there is evidence that games were played even before that.

Most of our games are Surrey Downs League matches.

Contact Loll Figg on 01306 712408
Jason Edgecombe 07918 784446

Oakwood Hill Club (opposite The Punchbowl)

The club runs competitive and friendly cricket, stoolball, snooker and darts teams in local leagues. We are always looking for new players and social members.

The pavilion has been completely renovated with carpeting, kitchen,

bar and a large outside seating area. It is available to rent for functions and parties for around 30 inside.

Please contact Dave Bishop on 01306 627524 for further info.

The Ockley Society

The Ockley Society is a group of enthusiastic, villagers whose aim is to develop, support and encourage a healthy village community spirit.

Please see the Ockley Society Facebook page for further details and contact information. We are always interested in hearing from anyone who has time or resources to contribute to any of events each year.

We currently host two quizzes (March & October), The Cricket Sevens (September), The Ockley Bonfire, Firework and Torch Parade (November) and Carols on the Green (December), plus one or two extra events per year.

Contact the Chairman Alan Hardy for further information at theoockleysociety@outlook.com

Ockley Dramatic Society

We are a friendly group, we don't take ourselves too seriously but we do undertake our productions seriously. Now entering our 77th year, we have undergone a revival these past few years, attracting more than 20 regular acting members and 20 children dancers. We put on a large-scale pantomime each New Year and recently restarted our summer productions, which consist of two one-act plays with a supper provided.

We utilise many skills, not just on stage, carpenters, artists, technical, musicians, props, coffee makers, cake bakers, wardrobe, publicity, finance to name but a few roles. If interested, please do call our Chairman for a friendly chat, Stephen Dallyn, 01306 712111.

Walking Group

For more details please contact Sue on 627168 or by email to srsjdixon@btinternet.com

Wheelchair for Loan

Do you or anyone you know need a wheelchair for a short time?

If you do I have one available . Please give me a call on 07512 973661

(Wheelchair donated by the family of Doreen Scott.)

Michael

VILLAGE HALLS TO HIRE

Need space for an event? Why not hire one of the village halls?

FOREST GREEN

Forest Green Village Hall is a carpeted, cosy hall. Suitable for family events, children's parties, group meetings, fitness classes, rehearsal room, functions, etc. Wheelchair friendly with outside space and parking facilities.

Charges from £8.00 per hour.

For booking enquiries please contact Gaye Collis on 01306 621298 or gaye@forestgreenvillage.co.uk.

OAKWOOD HILL

Discover the hidden gem of Okewood Hill, the Oakwood Hill Village Hall!

Nestled on the picturesque recreation ground, next to the cricket club. This spacious hall can accommodate up to 100 people, making it the perfect venue for your next event. The hall boasts an array of amenities, including parking, a well-equipped kitchen, a sound system, seating, and Wi-Fi access. Accessibility is a top priority, with designated disabled parking bays, a convenient ramp, and accessible toilets. The hall's open-plan layout offers a stunning view of the cricket ground from its paved terrace.

Whether you're planning a community gathering, celebration, class or meeting, Oakwood Hill Village Hall is the ideal choice. For bookings and inquiries, contact 07754 525827, email bookings@oakwoodhillvillagehall.org website www.oakwoodhillvillagehall.org or find us on Facebook: facebook.com/OakwoodHillVillageHall

OCKLEY

Ockley Village Hall is the perfect venue for parties, wedding receptions, rehearsal room, fitness classes, meetings and much more. We have a purpose-built kitchen with a large electric range cooker. It is equipped to cater for more than 100 people and has a serving hatch. The building is wheel chair friendly. There is parking for more than 50 cars with designated disabled spaces. For further information please contact Bea Milne on 07553 266934 email ocklevillagehall@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

The Cricket Pavilion is also available for hire at competitive rates.

Contact John 07791 520003 or jthorse99@gmail.com

WALLISWOOD

Why not hire this light and airy refurbished hall fitted with (free to users) fibre optic Wi-Fi. The hall is double glazed throughout and has full gas central heating. It has a fully fitted kitchen and the main hall can seat 80 people at tables, more if a buffet. The hall is ideal for holding parties, family gatherings and business meetings/training sessions and much more. Bi-fold doors open onto an attractive large secure playing field, ideal for children's birthday parties etc. Hire charges from £10.00 per hr.

For further information contact : walliswoodvillagehall@gmail.com or visit our website: www.walliswoodvillagehall.org

CHURCH CONTACTS

St. Margaret's Ockley
Rev. Liz Richardson 01306 711260
www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk

St. John the Baptist Okewood & Holy Trinity Forest Green
web: www.okfg.org email: admin@okfg.org Tel: 07856 684477
Parish office hours; Weds, Thurs, Fri 9.30-1pm
Parish office located in St John the Baptist church, Church Lane, Okewood Hill RH5 5QT

THE ARK

The Ark is a hall set in the beautiful, tranquil surroundings of St John the Baptist Okewood, available to hire at weekends or school holidays.



- competitive hourly rates
- new extended car park
- venue holds up to 50
- easy access by car
- disabled access inc. toilet
- fully equipped kitchen

For bookings please email Liz Coleman: admin@okfg.org

HISTORIC CHURCHES

We have magnificent churches in our villages. 'Friends' charities have been set up to fund the upkeep of these historic buildings.

Friends of St. Margaret's
Gordon Lee-Steere: 627112 gel-s@jayeestate.co.uk
www.friendsofstmargarets.org.uk

Friends of Okewood Church
Barry Thomson: 621234 barryjthomson1@gmail.com
www.friendsofokewoodchurch.org

Friends of Holy Trinity
Matthew Sparkes: matthew.sparkes@linklaters.com

ST. MARGARET'S, OCKLEY – CHURCH SERVICES

Everyone is very welcome to attend the services at St Margaret's Church, Ockley.

The services for January and February are as follows:

January

- 4th 9.30am Matins
 11th 9.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
 18th no service at Ockley, (10.30am Parish Communion at St. John's, Chapel)
 25th 9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

February

- 1st 9.30am Matins
 8th 9.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
 15th 9.30am Parish Communion
 22nd 9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Should anyone have any queries, please do call Gill Christie on 01306 711917 or email curate@capelandockleychurch.org.uk

ROSIE SNOWBELLE AND THE MAGIC SLEIGH

On a snowy London night, under the glow of the twinkling lamp posts and the chimes of Big Ben, a SNOWGIRL, named Rosie Snowbelle, came to life with the help of the magical red Christmas Roses.

Together with her wise friend Snowy Owl and their Merry Band of Snowmen, Rosie set off on a heartwarming adventure aboard Father Christmas's sleigh and gathered Winter flowers for children around the world.

To read how the Christmas Roses helped Rosie and how the art work from Village Children sent thank you notes to Rosie, along with the surprise painting given as a thank you to Father Christmas: Email the author, Dianne Sunda for a complimentary copy of Dianne's 2025 Christmas and Happy New Year book: ddscript2006@aol.com

If you haven't already received a complimentary copy of my Christmas Story, email me and a copy will be forwarded to you.



The Parish of Okewood and Forest Green Monthly Service Schedule

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
OKEWOOD	10.30am All Age service	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	
FOREST GREEN		9am Morning Service		6pm Evening Worship	10.30am Joint Holy Comm.

Who's who...

Priest in Charge – Revd Dr Peter Nevins vicar@stjnh.org.uk

Ordained Local Minister – Revd John Marsh

Curate – Sarah Murphy curate@okfg.org

Churchwardens – Tom Murphy & David Steel churchwarden@okfg.org

Parish Administrator – Elizabeth Coleman admin@okfg.org

www.okfg.org



Thursday January 8th 2026 at 10.45 our speaker will be
Bertie Pierce on The Dancing Faun

Bertie Pierce is a member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star. He has performed all over the world in...as he puts it... weird and wonderful places!

(followed by our New Year Party)

February 5th, Raymond Warburton will be speaking on

Matisse and his Travels to the Sun (1869-1954)

Raymond Warburton became an Arts Society lecturer in 2017 after a life-long love of art. He studied social sciences at university which led to a career in health & social care with art being a recreational passion. That changed in 2011 on becoming a guide at Tate Britain & Tate Modern. After further studies at the Open University and Buckingham & gaining an MA in the History of Art he became an Arts Society lecturer.

Visitors are welcome but please contact Anna Trenter our Asst. Membership Sec. on 07909 852988.

Donation appreciated; guideline £8. Free coffee and tea from 10am.



28th January 2026 at 2.00 pm: JOHN CONSTABLE: CHOCOLATE BOX PAINTER OR MAVERICK ARTIST? With Alan Read

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of the quintessential English landscapist John Constable. Enormously popular and endlessly reproduced, his paintings today are familiar - perhaps over familiar. But his modern reputation masks a radical, experimental artist who pushed the boundaries of art of his time just as much as his near-contemporary (and far more successful) rival Turner. This lecture will examine Constable's career and propose five reasons why he should be considered revolutionary and Britain's greatest landscape painter. Time to reassess an artist who sold more tea towels than he did canvases in his lifetime.

SPECIAL INTEREST MORNING: Saturday 14th February 2026: with John Snelson, 10.00-12.30

(1st lecture) PUCCINI FROM OPERA TO POPULAR - 10.00 am

(2nd lecture) MUCH MORE THAN GATHERING LILACS - THE REAL GENIUS OF IVOR NOVELLO - 11.30 am

Open to non-members with tickets @ £20

The name of Puccini is instantly recognizable, even to those who don't know his name or anything about opera. This talk traces how Puccini's music has spread from the opera house into global culture. The technology of record and film has played a part - from Enrico Caruso to Deanna Durbin to James Bond - as too have game shows and advertising.

75th Anniversary year - Ivor Novello's career was extraordinary by any measure: composer, playwright, film idol, stage star. With examples from his songs, scripts and films, this lecture goes to the heart of Novello as an instinctive and innovating force in film and on stage in his day.

Dr John Snelson will use the Art Centre's piano to entertain us with the music of both Puccini and Ivor Novello.

Wednesday 25th February 2026: OUR LORD IN THE ATTIC with Mariska Beekenkamp-Wladimiroff

Catholic worship was officially outlawed in the Dutch Republic since 1581, it was not legally enforced and many continued their practice in 'hidden' churches such as in this museum in the heart of Amsterdam called 'Our Lord in the Attic'. This talk will introduce you to a unique museum as a starting point to discuss the position of the Catholics during the 'Golden Age of the Netherlands', famous Catholic artists like Vermeer and Frans Hals, religious freedom, and so-called Dutch tolerance and liberalism.

Meetings are held at Cranleigh Arts Centre. Guests and non-members are welcome to join us at a talk but must contact the Membership Secretary in advance to confirm a seat. No commitment, but a donation is appreciated.

Please contact enidjonestasc@gmail.com

or see our website: www.theartsocietycranleigh.org.uk

Registered Charity no. 1142228



CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

Into the New Year

The Choir thanks all those that supported an enjoyable and successful Christmas concert, and also those who made contributions to the charity collections.

Capel Choral's first big event of the New Year will be another ever-popular Quiz evening on Saturday 7th February. It will be held in Capel's Memorial Hall, from 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. The price of £15 per person, or £90 for a table of 6, includes a home-cooked two-course supper and a raffle (bring your own drinks and glasses). To book, contact Rosemary Goddard, details at the bottom.

The Choir will be re-starting rehearsals on Monday 5th January when it will be concentrating on music for the Leith Hill Music Festival on Friday 10th April. The music for the Festival concert in Dorking Halls is Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs and Cecilia McDowall's da Vinci Requiem. The Choir will also be learning three smaller pieces of its own choice with which it will compete in the Competitions on its Festival day.

This is an ideal time to have a go at choral singing yourself - singing in a choir gives a sense of community with fellow singers and has proven health benefits.

Rehearsals start at 7.30pm on Monday evenings and take place in Capel's Memorial Hall.

For details of the choir and for concert tickets, contact Rosemary Goddard:

rosemary.goddard25@gmail.com, or telephone 01306 711259.

Website: **www.capelchoralsociety.com**

Capel Choral Society Registered Charity No. 1094126

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Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

Service	433	522	522	522	433	50	50	50
Horsham Carfax	-	-	-	-	-	-	13:10	13:20
Broadbridge Heath, Tesco	-	-	-	-	-	-	13:17P	-
Ockley, Cricketers Close	09:25	09:25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl	09:28	09:28	-	-	-	-	-	13:43
Walliswood, Oakfields	09:30	09:30	-	-	12:49	13:09	13:35	13:45
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl	-	-	-	-	12:51	13:11	-	-
Mayes Green	09:32	09:32	-	-	-	-	-	1347R
Ewhurst Green	-	-	-	-	-	-	1340R	-
Ewhurst, Bull's Head	-	-	-	-	-	-	1343R	-
Forest Green, The Parrot	09:34	09:34	-	-	-	-	1349R	1349R
Ockley, Cricketers Close	-	-	-	-	12:54	13:14	-	-
Ockley, Inn on the Green	09:40	09:40	-	-	12:55	13:15	13:55	13:55
Ockley, Kings Arms Court	09:41	09:41	-	-	12:56	13:16	13:56	13:56
Capel, The Street	-	0945R	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coldharbour, Broom Hall Farm	09:44	N	-	-	12:59	13:19	13:59	13:59
Coldharbour, Plough	09:47	-	-	-	13:02	13:22	14:02	14:02
Dorking High St, White Horse (Stop N)	10:00	10:15	12:20	12:20	13:15	13:35	14:15R	14:15R
Dorking Station	-	-	12:25	12:25	-	-	-	-
Brockham Green, Church	10:07	-	12:32	12:32	-	-	1422R	-
Strood Green, Tynedale Road	10:09	-	12:34	12:34	-	-	1424R	-
Gadbrook Crossroads	10:11	-	12:36	12:36	-	-	-	-
Dawes Green, Seven Stars	10:14	-	12:39	12:39	-	-	-	-
Leigh, The Plough	10:15	-	12:40	12:40	-	-	-	-
Shellwood Cross	-	-	12:44	12:44	-	-	-	-
Parkgate	-	-	12:47	12:47	-	-	-	-
Cudworth Park, The Poplars	-	-	-	1252R	-	-	-	-
Newdigate Bus Shelter	-	-	12:50	13:02	-	-	-	-
Leigh, Nalderswood, Dean Oak Lane	10:18	-	x	-	-	-	-	-
Irons Bottom	10:21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sidlow	10:23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodhatch, Angel	10:26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reigate, Morrisons	1030E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redhill, Queensway	1040E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Service	433	522	522	522	433	50	50	50
Redhill, Queensway	-	-	-	-	1140E	-	Redhill,	-
Reigate, Morrisons	-	-	-	-	1150E	-	Reigate,	-
Woodhatch, Angel	-	-	-	-	11:54	-	Woodhatch,	-
Sidlow	-	-	-	-	11:57	-	Sidlow	-
Irons Bottom	-	-	-	-	11:59	-	Irons Bottom	-
Leigh,	-	-	-	-	12:02	-	Leigh,	-
Cudworth Park,	-	09:40	-	-	-	-	Cudworth Park,	-
Newdigate Bus Shelter	09:50	09:50	-	-	-	-	Newdigate Bus	09:50
Parkgate	09:53	09:53	-	-	-	-	Parkgate	09:53
Shellwood Cross	09:56	09:56	-	-	-	-	Shellwood	09:56
Leigh, The Plough	10:00	10:00	-	-	12:05	-	Leigh, The	10:00
Dawes Green,	10:01	10:01	-	-	12:06	-	Dawes Green,	10:01
Gadbrook Crossroads	10:04	10:04	-	-	12:09	-	Gadbrook	10:04
Strood Green,	10:06	10:06	-	-	12:11	-	Strood Green,	10:06
Brockham Green,	10:08	10:08	-	-	12:13	-	Brockham	10:08
Dorking Station	1013R	1013R	-	-	-	-	Dorking Station	1013R
Dorking High St,	10:15	10:15	10:15	10:15	12:20	12:20	Dorking High	10:15
Dorking South Street (Stop P)	-	-	10:16	10:16	12:21	-	Dorking South	-
Coldharbour, Plough	-	-	10:27	10:27	12:32	-	Coldharbour,	-
Coldharbour,	-	-	10:30	10:30	12:35	-	Coldharbour,	-
Capel, The Street	-	-	-	-	-	1254P	Capel, The	-
Ockley,	-	-	10:33	10:33	12:38	12:58	Ockley,	-
Ockley,	-	-	10:35	10:35	1239R	1259R	Ockley,	-
Forest Green,	-	-	10:41	10:41	1245R	1305R	Forest Green,	-
Ewhurst Bulls Head	-	-	10:47	-	-	-	Ewhurst Bulls	-
Ewhurst Green	-	-	10:50	-	-	-	Ewhurst Green	-
Mayes Green	-	-	-	10:43	1247R	1307R	Mayes Green	-
Walliswood,	-	-	10:55	10:45	12:49	13:09	Walliswood,	-
Okewood Hill,	-	-	-	10:47	-	-	Okewood Hill,	-
Broadbridge Heath,	-	-	1114R	-	-	-	Broadbridge	-
Horsham Bus Station	-	-	11:20	11:10	-	-	Horsham Bus	-

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09.55	Gomshall
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