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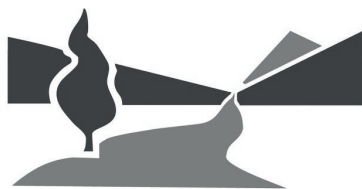
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WELCOME

As always there are some great articles in here and I do recommend the report from the Ockley Parish Council, which very neatly explains what these upcoming local elections are about. I certainly was a bit confused.

There is also a great article about The Cricketers Arms, which I now know is known as The Crick to its regulars. Clearly time to visit. . .

And a splendid review for the Christmas panto, The Sleeping Beauty, by the regional rep for the National Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Plus details and encouragements to go along to cricket, the Okewood Summer Show, plays, hearty walks, music, talks, the annual teddy bears' picnic and much more. Dive in.

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.

THE OCKLEY CUP – CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF TELEVISION

It will soon be that time of year again when our four villages come together for the much-loved Okewood, Ockley & Forest Green Summer Fair & Flower Show! The Ockley Cup is a special class which invites groups of friends, families, clubs, and even our local pubs, to join forces and create a joint exhibit. This year's theme is '100 Years of Television', marking a remarkable anniversary that's sure to spark plenty of nostalgia and creativity.

The Ockley Cup was originally presented by the Ockley WI, and remains a popular competition category at the Show. Whether you're a seasoned exhibitor or just fancy joining in the fun, there's always room for new faces and fresh ideas. This is a craft project in any medium. Maximum size 100cm (39") in any direction. Entry fee – FREE!!

Looking back, the Ockley Cup in 1979 was awarded for a heartfelt display: 'a welcome home for a new mum' – complete with homemade

cakes, a posy of flowers, and a lovingly crafted baby garment. It's moments like these that remind us of the warmth and generosity that make our villages so special.

Save the Date! The show will be held on 8th August this year, so there's plenty of time to get together with your group and plan a stunning exhibit. Gather your friends, let your imagination run wild, and help make this year's fair one to remember!

For further information about the show go to

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Iris and Michael

WALLISWOOD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Spring has properly arrived, the clocks have gone forwards, and we are enthusiastically looking forwards to socialising with our friends over the longer evenings to come. The quiz on 21 March was an excellent evening's entertainment. A special thank you to our question-master Michael Miles and to everyone who attended or helped out during the evening.

Walliswoodstock

Many of you will have been looking out for news of Walliswoodstock 2026 - we wanted to let you know that the committee have taken the decision not to hold Walliswoodstock this year. We know this is sure to disappoint many of you and, after holding the event for 10 years, we did not take the decision lightly. However, with some building works at the hall over the summer and fewer attendees last year than we had hoped for, it was the most sensible course of action. We fully intend to bring Walliswoodstock back in 2027 in a modified form.

However, we do hope to hold some smaller events over the summer - please do look out for these on our Facebook page.

Building Update

We have been successful in obtaining grants from Your Fund Surrey. Plans for this year include

updating the internal toilets

removing the electricity pole from the north side of the hall, and running the electricity underground instead, (May)

creating toilets and a shower on the north side of the building primarily for use by DofE campers (later in the Summer/Autumn)

Ongoing bookings

Bookings at the hall continue with numerous parties, events, exercise classes and as a base for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. For the benefit of our neighbours, we have instigated some fallow weekends during the most popular months for DofE.

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Walliswood Village Hall Committee



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'THE SLEEPING BEAUTY'

For the first time last year Ockley Dramatic Society joined the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA). NODA is the UK's leading amateur theatre membership organisation and aims to connect and support amateur theatre and theatre groups across the UK, providing a range of valuable services, expertise and resources, including advice, insurance and scripts.

We invited our NODA Regional Representative, Graham Botterill, to attend our most recent Ockley Dramatic Society production, 'The Sleeping Beauty', and he very kindly submitted the following review of the show:



Group:	Ockley Dramatic Society
Show:	The Sleeping Beauty
Venue:	Ockley Village Hall
Date:	7 th February 2026
Artistic Director:	Martin Pratt
Musical Director:	Mark Chapman
Choreographer:	Susy Puckett
Technical & Asst. Director:	Alan Hardy

Ockley has a lovely village hall; the atmosphere buzzing and a friendly welcome from Alan & Martin and Sheila, a familiar face from DDOS.

Sound and Lighting were the responsibility of Alan Hardy; and they were in safe hands. Lighting was appropriate and Sound was exceptionally efficient. Effects were comic and well-timed, music was of good volume (didn't drown the singers) and the radio mics worked perfectly. So much of this is rarely the norm.

There was a basic set and simple props and furniture. Stage moves were competent, apart from one inspired piece of dithering, where someone came on with some thingamajig, looked around wildly and then went off with it.

The costumes were colourful and attractive and, in some cases, quite magnificent. Props were handled smoothly; and these included the miniature Princess Aurora.

Allison Connelly's locally produced script and Martin Pratt's direction were very inclusive...nearly the whole village seemed to be onboard. Different characters, such as Fairies East & West (Wendy Freeman & Jessie Sparkes) and Ebenezer & Elijah (Sheila Gray & Gary Herring) kept the audience informed and moved the story forward. Everyone seemed very confident

with their lines. The Prompt had an easy night.

Susy Puckett's dancers were cute and enthusiastic; and they made good use of a small performance area.

Chloe Wellman, as Silly Billy, worked tirelessly to wind up the audience and keep the story on track. She was well supported by her partner Simple Simon, played by Eliza Bennett.

Martyn Peters was excellent as Nursie...comically camp and very predatory; and full to the brim with double-entendres. Chris Moss made a fine Lord Chamberlain; he was so languid, cynical and superior.

King Thedric, effete and lisping, was an excellent comic creation by Gary Swindle. His loving wife, Queen Marguerite, was beautifully played by the elegant, lascivious and crystal-clear Vee Hardy. What's a Boulder Roller ? Is this some sort of euphemism ?

Fairy North (Annie Walker) was strident and powerful, a strong personification of evil; and was assisted by some monks with dirty habits. Her opposite number was Zara Morley as a confident Fairy South, the force for good. She rattled out her poetry in fine style.

The character of Princess Aurora was very original. Grace Murrell played her as the teenager from hell; and her sidekick, Lady Gabriella (Phia Scott), was more of the same. They were great fun...but could slow their speeches down a little.

Mark Chapman was not only the Musical Director, but also the pantomime Financial Advisor, sporting an extraordinary range of business-speak cliches. Leo Watkins gave beautifully clear announcements as the Herald; and very nearly kept time with his trumpet.

Charlie Sparkes showed great stage presence, first as the French Cook and then as D'Artagnan, equerry to the enthusiastic and geeky Prince Percival (Thomas Newcombe). Percy's progress in the Mission Impossible was great fun and he displayed a fine singing voice.

Fiona Hobdell and Linda Peters completed the chorus of this enjoyable pantomime.

Thank you Martin, your cast and your crew for an enjoyable evening.

Graham Botterill

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THE GARDEN IN MAY AND JUNE



As I write this in early April, we are in the midst of a glorious few days of blue skies and sunshine and everyone seems brighter for it. And whilst we are still getting the odd frost in the early morning, this doesn't seem to be doing too much damage to the magnolias, flowering cherries and the wide array of flowers that make us feel that spring has most definitely sprung. At the moment, I have early and mid spring beauties sharing the limelight in my garden - primroses, daffodils, muscari (grape hyacinths), hyacinths, tulips, anemones, pulsatilla and Persian fritillaries; as well as the beautifully scented blooms of skimmia and mahonia; the striking canary yellow of forsythia stems; and the delicate and bright pinks of camellias. Without wanting to sound like a stuck record, I would

encourage as much bulb planting as you can muster in the autumn/winter as it brings such joy at this time of year.

May is considered the last month of Spring for us in the Northern hemisphere yet the promise of summer days is tantalising close. There are plenty of late Spring treasures we should still be enjoying in early May including late flowering tulips, rhododendrons and azaleas and the heavenly scented viburnum burkwoodii. By mid to late May, many of our gardens in the South East will be bursting with a wide variety of 'summer' perennial plants and flowers including lupins & delphiniums, Sweet William (dianthus), early flowering clematis and roses, geum, nepeta, astrantia, geraniums and peonies, to name but a few.

By June, the promise becomes a reality and summer arrives. There are always jobs to do but we must take time to enjoy the fruits of our labour. Invite friends and family to eat, drink and be merry in the spaces we've created; find a sunny spot to read a good book; have a snooze in a deckchair whilst listening to the radio; or simply sit with our faces in the sun, feeling proud of all we've achieved so far.

Seeds By May, we should have said goodbye to morning frosts and we can start to move seedlings (and other tender plants) outside if we haven't dared yet. A spell in a cold frame is often a good idea to help them harden off/acclimatise. You can now begin to direct sow a much wider range of flower and vegetable seeds into the ground.

Regular ‘little and often’ weeding of beds and borders should have been started as soon as weeds start appearing, as you don’t want them to flower and set seed or run amok in your garden. So keep at it in May and June and edge your borders to stop tendrils of grass gaining ground amongst your plants.

Prepare for growth by staking and tying in tall-stemmed perennials. You can use bamboo or ‘foraged’ sticks but it can be worth investing in metal supports that will never need replacing. Trim and tidy up spreading plants that have finished flowering such as allysum, arabis and aubretia. Trim them back quite hard and fresh new growth will appear. Tie in vigorous climbers such as clematis and rambling roses as they grow.

Water regularly, especially pots. Use collected water from a water butt, or a well if you have one, and only use tap water as a last resort.

Plant main-crop potatoes if you haven’t already and early potatoes will need earthing up. Continue successional sowing of beetroot, cabbage, carrots, salad onions, lettuce, peas, broad beans and radishes. Get tomato plants going in grow-bags in the greenhouse from the beginning of May, and by the beginning of June, you can plant them outside.

In late May/early June, fill pots and hanging baskets with annuals such as petunia, impatiens, trailing lobelia and begonia, to name but a few.

Propagate by taking softwood cuttings from shrubs such as philadelphus, ribes and sambucus. Divide, replant and water clump-forming spring-flowering perennials such as doronicums, pulmonarias and primulas.

Prune Clematis montana and early-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering such as forsythia, kerria japonica and spiraea arguta (‘straight-after-flowering’ is not a bad rule to follow on shrubs in general). Lightly trim formal evergreen hedging such as box, ideally with hand shears.

And, finally, we hope **Saturday August 8th**, is firmly in your diaries as the date for the **Ockley, Okewood & Forest Green Summer Fair**. This year’s schedule will have been delivered through doors by now and is also available from various outlets. So do look at the categories and enter your best produce to be judged by RHS judges. You can get all the information you need at <https://okewoodhillflowershow.co.uk> and don’t forget you will be able to enter and pay for your entries on line.

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Sunday 2nd August The Barbados day from 11am free entry and car park, enjoy the delights of the Caribbean.

To be confirmed June/July live music bbq.

Sat 12th September The Paul Hebbard memorial trophy 🏆 game against a South African eleven, hope that has lifted the winter gloom.

The club would love to see you all this season like everything, we need everybody's support to continue our forward progress. Thank you.

John Woods

NEW ITEMS FOR YOUR RECYCLING BIN

Great news – your bins just got better! From 31 March 2026 you will be able to put more into your mixed recycling bin. Wherever you live in Surrey, foil, aerosol cans, squeeze metal and plastic tubes, cartons and non-black plastic plant pots will be able to go in your mixed recycling bin. Just follow these simple steps and then add to your bin:

Scrunch clean foil into a ball no smaller than a tennis ball.

Clean foil trays.

Empty aerosol cans.

Empty squeeze metal and plastic tubes, such as toothpaste and tomato puree tubes.

Clean non-black plastic plant pots.

Empty, rinse and, if possible, remove lids of Tetra Pak cartons such as juice and soup cartons.

By recycling, you're helping to reduce waste, increase recycling rates and protect our environment. And don't forget, Surrey's recycling rate is the joint second highest of comparable areas in England!

The new items are being added as part of the national Simpler Recycling changes, which aim to make recycling more consistent across the country.

If you want to know which bin to put virtually any item you can think of in, use the Surrey Recycles search tool. Just enter your postcode then an item and the tool tells you what to do with it.

UPDATE ON QRMW

Welcome to Spring and all of the activity going on at our Memorial Woodland. The birds making homes, the trees coming into bud, the woodland anenomes covering the woodland floor like a carpet of snow and the many ferns waking up after winter. Such a lovely time of year.

We are now looking forward to our Open Day and Commemoration Service which is taking place at the woodland on Saturday 6th June. We have three local clergy joining in the Commemoration Service when the families of five Veterans will be honouring their loved ones. So we would be delighted if many local residents will join us too. It is of course also the Anniversary of D Day and this will be celebrated with a fantastic set of appropriate songs by a guy with an amazing voice. So many people to thank for their help to make this day special and enjoyable including the Headmaster from Leith Hill School who has offered to ferry people who will park their cars in the school grounds to and from the woodland. So please come bring some cash and enjoy the BBQ, the grand raffle, bottle tombola and other stalls. We have a licensed bar for the day and much more. Please arrive by 12.30 for our Chairman's welcome and prepare for a really enjoyable and welcoming afternoon of remembrance. All monies raised go to assist our Veterans in need.

I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Paul Cooling, Chairman

The Quick Response Memorial Woodland Registered Charity No: 1174651

VILLAGE LUNCHES

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📅 **Wednesday 20th May**

🕒 Doors open at **6:10 pm**, Speakers **6.30 pm**

🕒 Evening to finish by **8:30 pm**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Come to The Cricks



Alan and Sebastian at the Cricketers bar

The Cricketers Arms (The Cricks to many people) has been a village pub since it was built in the 16th century and has served Ockley continuously to the present day. Alan Stanley the landlord says, 'If the walls could talk, we would have lots of interesting stories.' Many people still remember Oliver Reed's outrageous exploits in the pub. But it is more than the village pub, it is a village hub. It is the one place where you can meet people, share a drink or have a meal together any day of the week.

Because of its role in village society, we should all cherish it and support it. Village pubs like The Cricketers have to make a living in the face of

numerous familiar economic constraints. So, our patronage ensures that it thrives and continues to offer attractions beyond just food and drink.

Every Thursday there is a quiz evening which you can enjoy, just by turning up. There are regular themed dinner evenings such as authentic Italian food or a Thai banquet. In the summer there are hog roasts which you can enjoy in the attractive garden. One thing you can be sure of is Fish and Chips on Fridays which you can eat in or take away. All of their events appear on their website and other social media. The Cricketers can come to you too. They have a mobile bar too, which they can bring and run at any event.

It has a private room where you can hold meetings or enjoy a darts evening. There is no charge for this beyond the price of your drinks. And drinks are important. It offers a wide range of wines and spirits as well as beers and popular lagers, all of which they keep in excellent condition, and which the trained bar staff pour perfectly. Their motto is 'The best pint for miles, by miles'.

Alan Stanley took on The Cricketers as its landlord in August 2022. He said then that he intended 'to make it better than it has ever been.' The efforts that he and his staff have made since then have resulted in a friendly, welcoming pub with a lot going on. When asked what The Cricketers USP (Unique Selling Point) was, Alan asked for time to think about it. He is modest, but many would say that he is the USP personified. His warm welcome and ready smile are guaranteed to disarm even the grumpiest of customers.

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WALKING GROUP

Thursday 14th May	The Royal Oak, Holmbury St Mary	10am
Thursday 28th May	The Bull, Ewhurst	10am
Thursday 11th June	The Red Lion, Slinfold	10am
Thursday 25th June	The Queens Head, Barnes Green	10am

Thursday 14th May

Meet at The Royal Oak, Holmbury St Mary at 10am for a moderate 4.8 mile walk through Pasture Wood to Abinger Common, then across to Raikes Hollow and returning via Hurt Wood.

Thursday 28th May

Meet at The Bull, Ewhurst at 10am for a fairly strenuous 4.7 mile walk across Sayers Croft to Lemans Farm then up past Cranleigh Golf Club to Winterfold House, returning via Wykehurst and Conehurst Farms.

Thursday 11th June

Meet at The Red Lion, Slinfold at 10am for a fairly easy 4.6 mile walk past the church and out to Lyons Road and on to the Downs Link before heading back up to Ashlands Farm and Rapkyns then along the Literary Trail to Hill House and back to the start.

Thursday 25th June

Meet at The Queens Head, Barnes Green at 10am for a fairly easy 4.8 mile walk along the Literary Trail then across to Locketts and Shiprods, through Bishops Wood to Upper Woodhouse Pond and back via the Faulding Estate.

Please ring Sue on 01306 627168 if coming so she can reserve a place for you for a well deserved lunch in the pub afterwards.

VILLAGE EVENTS MAY 2026

 **4th Monday 10.00am - Teddy Bear Picnic**
Ockley Green - See p8 for details

 **4th Monday 6.00pm - Pilates with Sarah Reeves**
Forest Green Village Hall - **NOTE change of location** - Every Monday (during term-time)

 **5th Tuesday 9.15, 10.30am & 6pm - Pilates with Sarah Reeves**
Forest Green Village Hall - **NOTE change of location** - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

 **5th Tuesday 1.30pm–2.30pm - Seniors Exercise Class**
Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Every Tuesday

 **5th Tuesday 2.00pm–3.00pm - RMPT Exercise Class**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

 **6th Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café**
Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p32 for details

 **7th Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group**
Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday

 **7th Thursday 7.10pm–8.10pm - RMPT Exercise Class**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Thursday (during term-time)

 **9th Saturday 10.30am–3.00pm - Forest Green Plant Sale**
At the back of the Parrot

 **10th Sunday 10am–12pm - Café on the Green**
Forest Green Village Hall

 **13th Wednesday 7.45–9.00pm - Bell ringing practice**
St. Margaret's Ockley - Every Wednesday except 1st in month

 **14th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
The Royal Oak, Holmbury St Mary - See p26 for details

 **16th Saturday 10.00am - Breakfast together with guest speaker**
Okewood Hill Village Hall - See p22 for details

 **18th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches**
Ockley Village Hall - See p20 for details

 **28th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
The Bull, Ewhurst - See p26 for details

 **Church services p50-51**

MAY 2026

VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Teddy Bear Picnic Pilates with Sarah Reeves	5 Pilates with Sarah Reeves RMPT Exercise Class Seniors Exercise Class	6 Pavilion Café	7 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	8	9 Forest Green Plant Sale
10 Café on the Green	11 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Village Lunches	12 Pilates with Sarah Reeves RMPT Exercise Class Seniors Exercise Class	13 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice	14 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class Walking Group	15	16 Breakfast together with guest speaker
17	18 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Village Lunches	19 Pilates with Sarah Reeves RMPT Exercise Class Seniors Exercise Class	20 Pavilion Café	21 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	22	23
24	25	26 RMPT Exercise Class Seniors Exercise Class	27 Pavilion Café	28 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class Walking Group	29	

JUNE 2026

VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pilates with Sarah Reeves	2 Pilates with Sarah Reeves RMPT Exercise Class Seniors Exercise Class	3 Pavilion Café	4 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	5	6 QRMW Anniversary
7	8 Pilates with Sarah Reeves	9 Pilates with Sarah Reeves RMPT Exercise Class Seniors Exercise Class	10 Pavilion Café	11 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class Walking Group	12	13
14	15 Pilates with Sarah Reeves	16 Pilates with Sarah Reeves RMPT Exercise Class Seniors Exercise Class	17 Pavilion Café	18 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	19	20
21	22 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Village Lunches	23 Pilates with Sarah Reeves RMPT Exercise Class Seniors Exercise Class	24 Pavilion Café	25 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class Walking Group	26	27
28	29 Pilates with Sarah Reeves	30 Pilates with Sarah Reeves RMPT Exercise Class Seniors Exercise Class				

VILLAGE EVENTS JUNE 2026



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

Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Every Tuesday in month



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 p32 for details



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

Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday



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

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



6th Saturday 12.30pm - QRMW Anniversary

Quick Response Memorial Woodland - See p11 for details



11th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

The Red Lion, Slinfold - See p26 for details



15th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches

Ockley Village Hall - See p20 for details



25th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

The Queens Head, Barnes Green - See p26 for details



Church services p50-51

Pub events

Last Friday of every month: 8.00pm, live music at The Cricketers

Every Wednesday evening: 6.00-7.00pm Ockley Cricket Club bar open to all at Pavilion

First Thursday of every month: 8.00pm, the Punchbowl Quiz

First Sat of every month: 9.30am-12.00pm walk from The Parrot, Forest Green

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to Create a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Ockley

Can we 'lean in' to new housing developments? Can we create an NDP specifically for our village, which will ensure good design principles and be cost effective?

A gap of four years has opened up since any more work was done on our last NDP, and the regulatory landscape is shifting around us. It's probably safe to say that there is a general consensus against any new development in the village, at least the Parish Council operates on that assumption. But with Labour now in government, the politics surrounding the need for additional housing means that pressure comes not at a local level but from central government, and every historic small village in the home counties is confronted with the same threat. The point of us as a community adopting our own NDP would be to act as a 'backstop' to make sure that any development that is forced on us faces as many constraints as our village can reasonably inflict on it so that it enhances, rather than detracts from, the quality of Ockley's public space. It is very definitely not the intention to simply add additional planning hoops for residents wanting to improve their own properties; this is hoped to effectively protect us from 'chancer' developers with attractive looking but poorly thought-out plans.

There is a financial incentive: the adoption of our own NDP potentially unlocks a growth of the parish's share of CIL receipts from 15% to 25%, which we as a parish can decide how to allocate for village improvements. Part of the NDP's remit is to obtain ideas for how this future CIL funding might be allocated locally.

Remind me what the Ockley NDP is again...

At its core an NDP is an additional layer of planning policy supplemental to its umbrella district Local Plan - in our case the recently adopted Mole Valley Local Plan (the MVLP). The Local Plan is the document that describes amongst other things what regulations developments must comply with in order to obtain planning approval. The NDP has powers to interpret various policies in the Local Plan so they're more relevant at a granular level within a given neighbourhood's context (Ockley parish in our case).

Statutorily the NDP needs the democratic approval of the wider Ockley community. And this is really the point of this article - that it needs to be a group made up of local volunteers that drafts the NDP document, otherwise known as a 'steering group', who will then organise a referendum where the village's approval will be sought for the plan's ratification and adoption as formal policy.

Thanks to the work of previous participants we have accrued a lot of the core documents already from previous NDPs, and I would like to thank Dick Thomas and all those who participated to build up the core documents we

have to date. It would be a great waste if those documents had been done in vain, as those can still make up the evidence base for the final NDP. To date we've done two sets of online surveys to poll the local community, and the steering group will need to assess what further needs to be done.

This NDP has been going on a long time - why is it still not ready!?

The parallel process of housing allocation site selection going on at a district level prior to the Local Plan's adoption in 2021-22 within the village added its own unique stresses and strains within the group. That was completed which took some of the urgency out of it. But I think we have to acknowledge that the primary reasons were over-ambition, lack of an umbrella Local Plan and any particular urgency to complete it. Also we're a small village and all of us are conflicted to some degree by being either pro or anti-development, especially that involving our zone of interest within the village. There aren't supposed to be conflicts of interest within an NDP... But let he or she who is without a strongly felt interest cast the first stone.

How we'll do the new one and why we'd like your involvement.

We gave a presentation in the village hall back in March 2022 where we'd announced that we'd completed a survey and would go away and complete a first draft... the SG can decide how it wants to proceed but maybe it can just continue with that first draft?

James Garside, who was involved before as our sole paid collaborator, independent external RTPI qualified consultant, and 'referee' would continue to not only advise, but also play a much more active role in drafting the actual NDP, thereby relinquishing that burden from individual village members.

Site allocation for housing would not form part of the plan, nor is there any parallel such process going on at district level. We're not addressing the 'where' so much as the 'what'.

I'm personally keen on building on work we've done to ensure new development fits visually and is at a scale that enhances the parish context. This falls under the heading of the Built Environment, and might include design and heritage policies. You may share that interest, but the NDP is also an opportunity to address other needs of the village, namely:

- Natural Environment: the conservation and enhancement of our natural environment, specifically relating to our local landscape, biodiversity, and mitigation of flood risk
- Community facilities (i.e. supporting new or protecting existing facilities)
- Employment, specifically regarding the support for new opportunities or the safeguarding of existing businesses
- Transport and Parking: ie setting parking standards etc etc

Statutorily the NDP needs the democratic approval of the parish. James can't just go off and write an NDP - he needs the ideas, guidance and

endorsement of the wider community. There has to be a village steering group to advise him on it, as there will have to be a village referendum on whether or not to adopt it.

What sort of things do you think are missing/deficient in Ockley that the areas above might redress ? Perhaps you're fearful of future development and its effect on Ockley? Maybe you don't like PVCu windows and redbrick development ? Perhaps you believe PVCu windows are great because they're practical, cost effective and keep you warm and the need for affordable housing locally should override any such concerns ? Got any ideas for how Ockley's provision for schools, healthcare, might be improved or for its natural environment? Then join the new Ockley planning group now to have your say on future development within Ockley. Email clerk@ockleypc.co.uk

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A meeting of Ockley Parish Council was held on Monday 2 March 2026.

Members of the public were present at the meeting together with Mole Valley District Councillor Chris Budleigh.

Ockley Neighbourhood Development Plan v2.0

Meetings have been held with the appointed consultant. Milestones identified that need to be met by the Steering Group. Further consultations with parishioners to be arranged.

The 'wish lists' for funding submitted from various organisations would be given consideration once the NDP was completed.

If you would be interested in taking the NDP through to completion then please contact OPC. Your input would be valued.

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Tree work on The Green

The agreed work has now been completed.

Audit of Accounts 2025-26

Internal audits have been carried out during the year. The Annual Governance and Accountability Forms will be completed, agreed and signed at the May meeting then will be submitted to the External Auditor. All information regarding the accounts will be put on the village notice board and on the parish council website. Please note dates that notices have to be kept on display.

Elections

On Thursday 7 May 2026, electors in Mole Valley will get the opportunity to vote for who they want to represent them on the new East Surrey Council.

Local authorities in Surrey are being reorganised into two Unitary Authorities: one for East Surrey and one for West Surrey. Mole Valley District Council will become part of the new East Surrey Council.

East Surrey Council will have 72 councillors and ward boundaries will be based on the recently updated county division boundaries. Electors will be able to vote for two councillors in their ward.

Existing district and county councillors will continue to represent their residents until 31 March 2027. East Surrey Council will start as a 'Shadow Authority', working in the background with existing councils to ensure a smooth transition of services before it legally takes over on 1 April 2027.

For more information on local government reorganisation and shadow authorities, please visit the Future Surrey website <https://www.surreylgrhub.gov.uk/>

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The following article has been lifted from a Facebook post by a fellow bellringing group but we thought it deserved a wider audience. Although ostensibly about a church in Hampshire we hope you too will find it amusing.

IN PRAISE OF CAMPANOLOGISTS By Rev'd Dr Tim Keen – Vicar

One or two of our Facebook followers have asked us to educate the general public on the benefits and pleasures of Bellringing (known by those who like to pretend they studied Latin as 'campanology').

Let us begin by addressing the most persistent complaint about bellringers, usually voiced by parishioners with children who live within earshot of the church. 'Why,' they ask, 'do the bells always, always, bang on for two hours on a Thursday evening? Have you ever tried to get a toddler to sleep with eight half-ton lumps of resonant metal clanging away outside the window? And another thing,' they often emote, 'why is their ringing so awful on Thursdays?'

That's always a very useful question. It opens up a line of defence which I've often employed. I let the enquirer understand that Thursday night is practice night – and bellringing takes years to do really well. As to the timing of their practice, and the volume in their child's bedroom, I try to tactfully ascertain the approximate date that the said enquirer moved into their dwelling. It doesn't really matter what their answer is, though. My reply is always the same: 'Well, what did you expect when you acquired a house next to a medieval church with a dirty great tower full of bells on it, specifically designed to make a noise?'

On the matter of volume, I have been educated by Mrs Clapperton, the tower captain [what a perfect name for a bellringer: ed] and have learned that bells are not 'loud'. They are 'well struck'. Any suggestion to the contrary is evidence that one has not yet cultivated a sufficiently robust Anglican inner ear. The fact that the entire nave vibrates like a passing freight train is neither here nor there. 'They were louder in 1897,' bellringers will say darkly, as if this settles the matter.

Complaints by bellringers are, however, even more plentiful and much more passionately held. Foremost among them is the curious tendency of clergy (I'm told, frequently) to alter service times without consulting the tower – often with the vague optimism that everyone else will simply 'adapt'. A bellringer regards a last-minute liturgical adjustment as a personal affront, on a par with moving someone's organ pipes or re-ordering the hymn numbers in pencil. Bells, you see, are rung according to an intricate web of tradition, practice nights, peal boards, quarter peals, half peals, and things called 'touches', which sound reassuring but are not. None of this may be disturbed lightly – or indeed at all.

There is also the perennial grievance that 'nobody appreciates how difficult it is'. Bellringing is widely assumed by outsiders to involve pulling a rope at roughly the right moment and hoping for the best. In fact, it is a highly technical exercise involving rhythm, mathematics, memory, teamwork, and

a degree of physical bravery. A bell can weigh more than a small car, and it is controlled entirely by trust, timing, and a strip of rope that looks as though it was last replaced during the reign of Queen Victoria – and possibly nicked from the rigging of HMS Victory.

Then there is the tower itself. Bellringers inhabit a parallel universe above the nave, accessible by spiral staircases designed to discourage the faint-hearted and the arthritic. They will cheerfully tolerate draughts, dust, bats (allegedly), and mysterious buckets of indeterminate purpose, but draw the line at anyone storing Christmas decorations in their space, alongside their fridge, their teapot, and their bottle of emergency port, with some dusty glasses.

And yet – complaints aside – what a gift they are. Bellringers are among the most faithful, if least visible, servants of the church. They turn up early, practise in all weathers, and mark the great moments of parish life with sound rather than spectacle. They ring for joy and for grief, for weddings and funerals, for feast days and Remembrance, for reasons known only to themselves (such as the anniversary of the sinking of a ship they once sailed in to the Falklands). Occasionally, they ring for no apparent reason at all except that it is Thursday – and Thursday is ringing night (an important fact which toddlers have yet to fully appreciate).

They ask very little in return. A working clock. A roof that mostly keeps the rain out. A vicar who remembers to tell them what the Christmas services schedule will be, without having to be asked. And perhaps the courtesy of not scheduling a baptism rehearsal directly underneath them while they are attempting something fiendishly complicated in seven.

So, the next time you hear the bells and wonder why they have started 'now', or why they sound 'like that', spare a thought for the campanologists in the tower. They are not trying to disrupt worship, nor be an annoyance to the village. They are, in their own rope-burned, stopwatch-timed, fiercely traditional way, doing exactly the same thing as the rest of us: offering their skill, their time, and occasionally sacrificing their hearing, to the glory of God and the life of the parish.

And if you ever wish to thank them in person, do act swiftly. Most of them will be gone by the opening chords of the first hymn.

Revd Dr Tim Keen, Vicar

Disclaimer: St Faithful's, Havnot may not in fact be a real place, and may, or may not, have any connection to the actual, real parish of St Faith's Havant, in Hampshire.

If you are interested in finding out what it is really all about come along and join us for a session. Practice nights at St Margaret's Ockley have moved back to Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9pm and we also practice at St Peter's Newdigate on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9pm. For more details call Sue on 01306 627168 or email [**ockleybellringers@btinternet.com**](mailto:ockleybellringers@btinternet.com)

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Contact: Rosemary Goddard
Email: rosemary.goddard25@gmail.com
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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 07544 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 ockleyvillagehall@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

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- competitive hourly rates
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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@jayeseestate.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 May and June are as follows:

May

- 3rd 9.30am Matins
- 10th 9.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 17th no service at Ockley (10.30am Parish communion at St. John's Chapel)
- 24th 9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 29th 9.30am Parish Communion (Common worship)

June

- 7th 9.30am Matins
- 14th 9.30am Parish Communion (Common Worship)
- 21st no service at Ockley (10.30am Parish communion at St. John's Chapel)
- 28th **10.30am** Parish Communion (Common worship)

Please note the time of the service on 28th June – this will be the first Holy Communion which Rev Gill Christie will preside at.

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



**EWHURST BOWLING
CLUB**

Affiliated to: BC, SCBA, W.S.B.A. & SCWBA

If you would like to try your hand at bowling, Ewhurst Bowling Club is the place for you. We are having an Open Day on Saturday 16th May from 10:30am to 4:00pm so please come along between these times. We also invite you to our Bowls for Beginners Practice 19th and 28th May and 2nd and 9th June 2:00 to 4:00pm.

If you would like to try bowls before these dates please do ring Roger Newman on 01403 753140

Flat soled shoes are required, all other equipment is provided.

If you have recently moved to the area and you have some bowling experience, you will be made most welcome, please contact Roger to find out more about our Club. You can also visit our web site www.ewhurstbowls.co.uk for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you to our friendly club.



at the Rudgwick Village Hall

on **Thursday May 14th** our speaker will be **Jonathan Foyle** on
Canterbury Cathedral: Through Three Lives

Foyle has written many scholarly papers and additionally contributed articles for a number of newspapers and popular magazines. He is perhaps best known as a communicator on history. He has taught and lectured in Britain and around the world and has appeared and presented a number of television broadcasts. Since 2002, he has presented films for Channel 4, the BBC, the History Channel, ITN, Lion and Discovery Channels. In 2009 he presented a series on Henry VIII as art patron. In 2010 he presented a television series Climbing Great Buildings.

On **Thursday June 4th** our speaker will be **Gavin Plumley** on
John Singer Sargent (1856-1925)

The Times named Gavin Plumley a 'leading cultural historian'.

Known for his work on Central European art and music - through his live lectures at museums, galleries and festivals, in articles for newspapers and magazines, and on radio, TV and film.

His first book, A Home for all Seasons, was published in 2022. He is currently working on his second, A Gay Apocalypse: Queer Life and Culture in Vienna 1900, which will be published in 2027 by Constable

Free Coffee and Tea are always available from 10am

Visitors are welcome with donations at the door and a guideline of £8 in support of our charitable status. Please let our Membership Secretary ,Anna Trenter, know in advance on anna.trenter@fastnet.co.uk as seating is limited, also if you would like to learn more about the Society.

Wednesday 20TH MAY 2026 at 2.00 pm: 'THE ITALIAN JOB' - A CONTEMPORARY FIGURATIVE ARTIST IN CALABRIA with Richard Whincop

Richard tells the story of a major figurative art commission that he painted for the city of Cosenza, Southern Italy, where he stayed for two months in 2015, painting five pictures telling the story of the Normans in Southern Italy. He will describe the paintings executed, the process of designing and painting them, the historical background to the scenes, and the characters that featured. Richard will also talk about the other artists he worked with; the Calabrian way of doing things; and the difficulties - including the theft of a painting - that had to be overcome to complete the project.

Please contact enidjonestasc@gmail.com or see our website:
www.theartssocietycranleigh.org.uk Registered Charity no. 1142228

Murder Mystery returns to Capel and Ockley

*You are cordially invited to the Harvest Supper meal
and murder mystery play directed by Sylvie Beckett.
The venues and dates are:*

*Ockley Village Hall **Friday 18th September** with a two-course supper*

*Capel Memorial Hall **Saturday 19th September** with a two-course supper*

*Capel Memorial Hall **Sunday 20th September** in the afternoon when a
cream tea will be served*

*The play is set in the 1940s so please feel free to come in the dress of the
period*

*Please put the dates in your diaries and keep the evenings free so that
you can gather your teams together, or come and join others on the
night, to solve the mystery of the murder. Tickets will be on sale in
August and details of the box office will be available nearer the time.*



CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

Workshop

After a very enjoyable Leith Hill Music Festival last month, the next event on the Choir's calendar is an exciting Workshop, on Saturday 20th June.

The focus of this day will be on producing healthy, expressive singing, a plethora of choral takeaways to elevate your ensemble singing skills, and LOTS OF FUN! The well-known local conductor Amy Bebbington will be in charge and will introduce works by modern British composers. An ability to sight-read or follow the contours of musical notation will be helpful, but not essential.

The cost is £25, book with Rosemary Goddard, contact details below.

This friendly Choir will always welcome new singers - singing in a choir gives a sense of community with fellow singers and has proven health benefits. Informal Monday evening rehearsals start on the 11th May and take place from 7.30pm in Capel's Memorial Hall.

For details of the Choir, and for booking the Workshop, contact Rosemary Goddard:

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

Website: ***www.capelchoralsociety.com***

Capel Choral Society Registered Charity No. 1094126

Dorking Group of Artists Spring Exhibition 2026: Betchworth Village Hall, Station Rd, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7DF

Open to the public: Friday May 1st – Sunday May 3rd
10:00 – 17:00, Monday May 4th 10:00 – 16:00



The Dorking Group of Artists, probably the largest art group in Surrey and known for their artistic merit, return to Betchworth Village Hall for their ever popular Spring Exhibition. Explore the range of affordable, professional quality, original art covering a wide range of subjects and styles. Art is a perfect gift to delight someone special—or to indulge yourself. Entry is free. Why not make a day of it as there are plants, lunch, and cake to enjoy at Knights Garden Centre opposite?

For more information about our activities, exhibitions and how to join the DGA see www.dorkingartists.com, look at our Facebook page www.facebook.com/dga4art or get in touch at contact@dorkingartists.com

Angela Hall, Chair, Dorking Group of Artists

Bus Timetable Mole Valley Villager - 50, 433, 522

Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

Service	433	522	522	522	433	50	50	50
Horsham Carfax	-	-	-	-	-	-	13:10	13:20
Broadbridge Heath, Tesco	-	-	-	-	-	-	1317P	-
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	1415R	1415R
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, Queenswav	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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- Operates fast between Reigate and Redhill (no intermediate stops)
- F
- Fridays only
- MTh
- Mondays and Thursdays only
- N
- Via Newdigate
- P
- Picks up at request of passengers set down at this point on outbound journey
- R
- Served on request by passengers already on board
- Tu
- Tuesdays only
- TuW
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays only
- W
- Wednesdays only
- X
- Continues to Walliswood on Wednesdays



Serving Wotton, Abinger
and Shere Parishes

SCHEDULED RUNS

IMPORTANT: Ring 07802 460069 to confirm date & timing

1st & 3rd Tuesday each month to Tesco,
Broadbridge Heath

13.50	Holmbury St Mary
14.00	Forest Green
14.10	Walliswood
14.15	Okewood Hill

2nd and 4th Saturday each month to Cranleigh

09.45	Holmbury St Mary
09.50	Abinger Hammer
09.55	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake

Around 12.00 noon for the return

Thursday once a month to Godalming Sainsbury/Waitrose

09.50	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake
10.10	Shere

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9.50	Peaslake
10.00	Gomshall
10.10	Shere

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