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WELCOME

Schools are going back and I do hope the holidays haven't felt too short. We have struggled to find room for all the articles in this issue, which is a nice problem to have. This area seems to be bucking the national trend in many ways, not least that we have lots of good news to share.

The Okewood Summer Show gets a great write up, deservedly so with record numbers. A review of Ockley Drama Society's brilliant June production of 'Sherlock's Excellent Adventure' has finally made it into print. Walliswood went hippie with its own version of Woodstock, the 60s defining music festival. Clearly tremendous teamwork and just plain hard work went into Walliswoodstock. There is a great article about all that. Ewhurst Village School isn't going to close; it is going to grow and become a primary school, hopefully. Details inside. The local churches have a new area dean who loves what he sees of them, and has great optimism for their future.

That is just a taste of the articles and of course there are the normal advertisements and details of 'what's on' for the next few months. A big thank you to everyone who contributed.

Amanda Elsdon-Dew



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11TH ANNIVERSARY AND COMMEMORATION SERVICE AT QRMW

Following a week of wet and cold weather at the beginning of June we were blessed with a dry day and some welcome sunshine on Sunday 8th June when we held our 11th Anniversary and Commemoration Service at the Memorial Woodland. Attended by approximately 150 veterans, families and friends. The loved ones of four veterans were honoured during the Commemoration Service at which our local Reverend Virginia Smith and Deacon James Snyder took time out of their very busy day to join in our prayers and celebration of life. We are extremely grateful to both of them for their special contributions to this annual service.

One of our patrons Lt Col Michael Rowney re-dedicated those who are remembered at the woodland for their service during Operation Banner. A beautiful bench was donated to the woodland by veteran Blue Cooper in memory of his beloved wife Maureen.

It was an emotional day but also a celebration of life with so many happy memories and stories told by the veterans who had served together. The Reigate Corps of Drums and Band turned out in full force and the voice of Harry Nicol resounded throughout the Woodland.

Mike and Donna (Capel Military Vehicle Show organisers) went out of their way to bring a Stalwart military vehicle and Austin Land Rover for display in our car park, much to the delight of many!



My thanks go to the new Leith Hill School who allowed our visitors to park there. Plus huge thanks to my trustees and all helpers who manned the stalls and provided a great BBQ, the proceeds of which raised £1800 for our veterans in need. This would not be possible of course without the support from all who attended.

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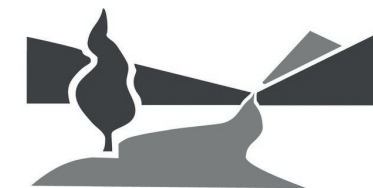
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taken place in our Memorial Woodland at the beginning of June for 11 years now and will continue for many years to come. Plus I would love to see more and more of our friends from the villages attend.



Next year's event will take place on Saturday 6th June 2026 with D Day as the theme and a celebration for 60 years since Surrey's Queen's Regiment was formed. So if you know any standard bearers, cadets and veterans who could attend please let them know that we would love them to join us.

Lots going on at the Woodland before then of course to which you are all invited:

11th November 2025 Remembrance Service

6th December 2025 Family Christmas at the Woodland

29th March 2026 Easter Egg Hunt

We are open 24/7 so please come and enjoy the wildlife and peace at the Woodland any time you wish. If we are there, the visitors centre is also open and the kettle on.

*Paul Cooling, Chairman, The Quick Response Memorial Woodland
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EWHURST SCHOOL CONSULTATION:

CHANGE FROM INFANT TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Surrey County Council has initiated a consultation on the proposed extension of our school's age range, with the aim for us to become Ewhurst C of E Primary School from 1st September 2026.

This proposal is a significant development for our school and community. If agreed, it would mean that Ewhurst Church of England Infant School would incrementally grow to include all year groups from Reception to Year 6 by September 2029. This would provide a continuous primary education for our pupils, meaning that children currently in Year 1 would be able to transition directly into Year 3 at our school, removing the need to apply for a junior school place elsewhere.

Many local authorities, including Surrey, are experiencing a fall in pupil numbers. This proposal is part of a wider effort to ensure the sustainability of schools like ours, particularly those serving smaller rural communities, while maintaining high-quality education.

The consultation document provides full details on how this proposal would work, including:

- **Incremental Growth:** The school would grow year on year, with the first cohort transitioning from Year 2 to Year 3 in September 2026.
- **Capacity and Admissions:** Our capacity would increase slightly from 90 children to 105 children, and there would be a separate process to reduce our Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 30 to 15 for new Reception intakes from September 2027 onwards. This would lead to 4 classes in total, likely with some mixed-year group teaching (e.g., Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and 6) to ensure we adhere to infant class size legislation.
- **Staffing:** As we grow, there would be a need to employ additional teaching staff and support staff.
- **School Buildings:** Our existing fourth classroom, currently used for wrap-around care, would likely become a junior classroom with minor internal refurbishment. Some remodelling of toilet facilities and outdoor space would also be required.
- **Benefits for Children:** Children would have continuity of education within a familiar and nurturing environment.

This is a public consultation, and local views are incredibly important to Surrey County Council in helping them to understand the impact of this proposal on our children, families, staff, and the wider community.

The consultation period runs from 1st July to 26th September 2025. You can read the full consultation document online by visiting www.surreysays.co.uk and respond to it by clicking on the link provided to the survey, which takes about five minutes, or the school office can provide a form, which can be sent to :

Ewhurst CE Infant Proposal, Education Place Planning, Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill, Reigate, RH2 8EF.

Alternatively, here is the QR code that leads directly to the consultation and survey:



Please ensure all responses are received by 5pm on Friday 26th Sept. 2025.

Additionally, Surrey County Council will be holding two public meetings on Tuesday 9th September 2025, with one at 2pm and one at 7pm for families and the local community to discuss the proposals and provide feedback. We strongly encourage as many people to attend as possible.

Tim Cheesman, Headteacher Ewhurst CofE Infant School

HEARTFELT THANKS FROM A DEACON

To those who have prayed over the years,

To those who listened to the early prayers and sermons,

To those who supported the idea of a home-grown cleric,

To those who caught the vision and the dream,

To those who wrote references and were quizzed,

To those who heard tales of essays and portfolios,

To those who gave a beautiful green stole,

To those who did battle with limited parking at the cathedral on a bright Sunday morning,

To those who baked and prepared the party food and decorated tables,

To those who set up and cleared up the parish lunch on 29th June,

To those who joined in the celebration of my ordination,

To the Living God who created us all, loves us all and is delighted to bless us all

I offer my heartfelt thanks.

Rev. Gill Christie

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SHERLOCK'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

Well done Ockley Dramatic Society for their version of 'Sherlock's Excellent Adventure', which played over three fun nights in June, with occasional pantomime-esque audience participation.

This lighthearted spoof was introduced by Gary Swindle playing Sherlock's friend and companion, Dr John Watson, who told the story in flashback.

Martyn Peters played a suitably enigmatic Sherlock, disdainful of being paraded as some sort of amusement for the hoi-polloi, and then promptly gave a demonstration of his deductive prowess as he accurately deduced Dr Watson's afternoon of activity from observation alone.

It wasn't long before Katy Peters' Mrs Hudson, the housekeeper, ushered in a distraught and vulnerable Lucy Matravers, a damsel most certainly in need of help, convincingly played by Vee Hardy, whereupon the tale began to unfold. Mrs Hudson stole this scene after Holmes asked that a brandy be poured to settle Miss Matravers' nerves. An improbably huge glass of liquor was criticised by Holmes for being too generous; Mrs Hudson slyly reduced the offering in stages, to the audiences' amusement, before ending up in a state of inebriation.

The script had us chuckling along with literary references such as a study in brown (it was another colour) and *The 39 Steps*, enumerated to us by Gary Herring, the train guard as he listed an increasingly improbable list of 39 stops that the railway company's express train serviced to the remotest and most rural parts of Hampshire.

Staging was excellent, with a projector backdrop illuminating all the scenes, including a countryside visage as the train hurtled ever westwards, although it was most effective in the dimmest of scenes - the graveyard at night.

Tracey Hardy played well an entirely unconvincing 'identical twin sister' to Mrs Hudson - 'Mrs Hudsonsister' - who flirtatiously rubbed up Mr Holmes in all the wrong ways.

Enter Professor James Moriarty, longtime nemesis to Holmes, the villain of the plot played by Annie Walker - an experienced villainous actor if ever there was one. Many duals (of the mind) followed as the two adversaries battled for supremacy, one determined to put down Miss Matravers, the other determined to uphold her honour. Holmes needed little encouragement to correct an immoral situation, although the now smitten Dr Watson was on hand to support poor dear Miss Lucy.

A well-stocked bar made for a most pleasant interval before resuming play: this time to the Music Hall, as Colin Selig (interrupting his retirement by making his stage debut), amusingly channelled his inner Leonard Sachs as Master of Ceremonies par excellence. A softly spoken Wendy Freeman, as the illusionist Mee Noh Lai, completed the line up, with some visual chicanery.

Kidnappings, midnight trysts and clever reasoning finally saw Holmes resolve Matravers' dilemmas and skilfully bring down Moriarty, illustrated with his 'magic lantern slides'.

Classical references continued to the end - as Nero allegedly fiddled while Rome burned, so did Holmes fiddle, or take a break from fiddling, as the gramophone still played, confirming a long-held suspicion from his housemates that the sweet violin sounds issuing from his study, were in fact always a recording.

Stephen Dallyn and Martyn Peters brought this script to life. Both experienced actors, this was their debut directorial experience. Tight staging, good pacing, an imaginative set with great technical input from the team, they made this look all so easy. In fact, you could say, they made it look elementary really.

Allison Connelly

WALKING GROUP

Thursday 11th September

Meet at the Village Way Car park, Cranleigh, GU6 8AF at 10am for a moderately level 6.5 walk across Knowle Park to join the Wey south path, then along the Downs Link as far as Whitley Farm, returning via Rowly Farm and another section of the Downs Link.

Lunch will be at the Three Horseshoes for those that wish to stay.

Thursday 25th September

Meet at the Wotton Hatch at 10am for a moderately strenuous 4.7 mile walk to Broadmoor returning via Friday Street, the mill pond and past Wotton House.

Thursday 9th October

Meet at The Owl, Kingsfold at 10am for a fairly easy 5.2 mile walk over Tickfold to Wattlehurst and Bonnets Farm, crossing to Ridge Farm and Nunnery Farm then back via Green Lane and Blackfriars.

Thursday 23rd October

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We will be holding a large clinic on Saturday 4th October, starting at 8:00am and running throughout the morning.

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Leith Hill Practice

BEHIND THE SCENES AT WALLISWOODSTOCK 2025

The weather couldn't have been kinder. It was a perfect evening with family and friends for a few hours of easy listening jazz and a picnic followed by a few hours of dancing along under the stars to dance classics, old and new. Walliswoodstock 2025 was a fabulous evening enjoyed, I think, by all who were there.



I always understood that organising and pulling off an event like Walliswoodstock took an enormous amount of effort from a dedicated number of people but until I found myself on the committee to organise it I didn't think about the detail. This year's team was entirely new and there was a time when it looked like Walliswoodstock would not happen. However, a few intrepid extra volunteers came forward and suddenly it was on.

Planning starts in September the year before. Musicians, good ones, get booked up well in advance. So do sound and lighting systems and sound engineers. Meeting musicians and negotiating costs and availability takes up several evenings and many emails. The nice part is listening to loads of



music along the way. In early 2025 the team met up (at the pub, of course) and divided up tasks. Luckily, the team this year, although entirely new to the task, inherited the previous team's spreadsheet, all 200 rows of it, so we had a plan to lean on. It turned out a few of us knew about putting on events, so that was helpful too.

The next big task, after booking the music, was deciding a theme and advertising the event. The team decided to return to the original roots of the event, Woodstock!, the original American 60s hippie festival. And so our hippie theme was launched.

Walliswoodstock is not a fundraiser, but we do need to cover the costs of the musicians and the logistics, so getting the word out was important. We designed a banner, posters, and hand delivered hundreds of flyers. We were kindly supported by WOOF too – thanks! It was important to the team that the event remained local. So we did not advertise on the ticketing websites out there or push the advertising beyond local outlets, which makes strong local support essential.

We believed we needed to be paperless (the environment and all that) and thought we could rely on the ubiquity of smartphones. One of the new team turned out to be something of a ticketing genius, and designed a very efficient, bespoke system that kept the event local but allowed us to automate most of the process.

Next were the logistics. Oh my, the list was long and to be frank not very exciting. Portalooos, security and fencing, paramedics, licences, PAT checks, fire service, policies in their hundreds from lost child to risk assessment. Field gazebos, external steps, electricity supply, tables and chairs, food and drink for the musicians, bunting (so much bunting) and one enormous flat truck lorry. The spreadsheet loomed large in all our lives.

Set-up started on the Thursday before the event with the arrival of the loos (life could not be more glamorous). Then, early Friday morning the truck, our stage, arrived. Big shout out to CFS Cranleigh who loaned us the truck for free. We did a last check on the spreadsheet. Invariably there was something that hadn't happened. This time, we were dashing about looking for spare pallets.

Saturday morning was another early start, beginning with the creation of the stairs down from the lorry. The sound and lighting guys arrived at 3pm closely followed by all the musicians, approximately fifteen people in total. All needed to park in the tiny car park, be fed and watered. The gates opened at 6pm and all our wonderful punters streamed through. All were offered a glow stick or three and a peace sign necklace to set the scene for our hippie theme.

The Steve King Jazz Quintet kicked off with their first set of easy listening favourites. People set up their picnics and headed to the bar, provided by the Scarlett Arms. The kids (and a few oldies too) got glittered up at the Festival Glitter tent. Conversations were had and catch ups were delighted in. During the set break the team's current Chair presented Valerie Miles with a gift of appreciation. Valerie has recently resigned from the committee after 18 years of service.

The quintet finished up their second set and our party band Air2Air bounced onto stage. They had everyone up on the dance floor within minutes. Prizes were given out for the best dancing and the best theme dressing up. Glow sticks were everywhere and the self-expression on the dance floor was charming and wonderful and liberating.

Sunday was a less early start as the team, somewhat groggy, congregated to clear away, clear up and clean up and dismantle and return borrowed items. Monday saw the departure of the truck and eventually the portalooos too. And all was done.



The Village Hall's AGM is in the Autumn. Look out for the banner and come and chat to the current team and tell us what you think the village hall should support next year. Maybe even join us. You'd be very welcome. See you then.



NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

Steeple Keeping

Bell ringing can take you to many different places, learning new skills along the way, not always those you would expect. Learning to ring is free to all, including the use of the equipment and the teaching and practice time. The equipment includes the ropes which are used to ring the bells but also the bells themselves, the clappers,

wheels, headstocks, stays and other essential items found in the bell chamber. These require regular checks but are more or less maintenance free. The pulleys, ropes and wooden parts need checking for wear and all nuts and bolts need checking for tightness especially in hot weather when they may loosen up considerably.

The stays act as a stop to hold the bells when they are rung up so that they may be left standing upside down, resting on the stay. It is also a safety mechanism designed to break to save the bell if overpulled. These are made of ash and take some knocks so need to be checked for damage as a fragile stay may break unexpectedly and cause injury to the ringer at the end of the rope. At the time of writing the stay on the 5th bell has been removed and cut down to replace the 2nd which has a split in it. A new stay has been fashioned for the 5th adjusting its dimensions to alter the standing position. Time will tell if there is any noticeable benefit.

We undertake these checks to help keep the bells ringing and safe to use, and as a service to the church as the owner of the bells but we are not experts. In the past we have had work carried out by professional bell hangers but this is not cost effective for general maintenance. Our local ringing association runs an annual Steeple Keeping course. It is being held at Ockley this year for the first time because there is a good space alongside the bells to stand and watch. This will hopefully give us some assurance as well as some hands on experience under expert guidance for the students.

Bellringing is an art which has developed and passed from generation to generation in Britain for over three hundred years. It is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge of wits and skill which gives great satisfaction when it goes right. If you would like to find out more, please come along. Practice nights are 7.45pm to 9pm at St. Margaret's, Ockley, every Wednesday except the first in the month which is at Capel.

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FINANCING THE CHURCH

I threatened an article on historical financing of the church/parish/benefice in an earlier issue of WOOF! My interest was piqued by the reference to Queen Anne's Bounty as regards Oakwood Chapel.

The tradition in the Bible is for a tithe of one tenth of income to be paid to finance the work of the Church. In 787 two papal envoys visited England and two councils approved a canon that decreed all men should strive to give tithes from everything they possessed and support themselves and give alms from the remaining nine parts. There is, however, no evidence that tithes were enforced by civil law until the middle of the tenth century.

In 1288 Pope Nicholas IV granted King Edward the right to ten per cent of the income of the clergy for six years to fund an army to join the Crusades. The Pope ordered a survey of all ecclesiastical income to aid the King in collecting this revenue. The survey for the Province of Canterbury (which then included Ockley) was completed in 1291 and formed the basis of all ecclesiastical taxation until the reign of Henry VIII. The survey recorded the income of Ockley as 13 marks.

In 1534 Henry VIII was declared as head of the Church of England and one of his first actions was to commission a survey of Church finances, primarily to determine what was paid by the clergy to the Papal exchequer through taxes known as 'first fruits and tenths' which consisted of the entire income of the incumbent in his first year and one tenth thereafter. The results were recorded in The King's Book, which shows Ockley parish's income as 16 pounds, 5 shillings and two and a half pence. One tenth of this was now paid to the Crown rather than to the Pope by an Act of 1534.

Queen Mary repealed the act but Elizabeth I re-enacted it and Queen Anne relinquished the Crown's rights to these taxes and diverted them to Queen Anne's Bounty [in 1704]. But the amount collected was the amount determined in 1535 with no allowance for inflation. Queen Anne's Bounty was a scheme to supplement the stipends of clergy in poorer parishes and only amounted to £15,000-£16,000 from this source in 1920. The Bounty was not paid to the incumbent but used to buy land for the parish and the incumbent benefited from the rent or profit from farming the land. The parish could benefit from the fund by lot or if parishioners augmented the Bounty. Hence the donations to Oakwood in 1723 and 1725 with parishioners augmentation.

Meanwhile the main income of a parish came from the tithe (one tenth share) of all the production from the parish, mostly in the form of agricultural produce. Many parishes had tithe barns to store the share of the produce. The Tithe Act of 1846 allowed the tithe to be converted to an annual cash sum paid to the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty. To determine the sum, the details of who owned all land were made (Tithes Maps) a very useful source of landownership at that date. The Tithe Redemption Act of 1936 converted the tithes into a holding of 3% government stock with Queen Anne's Bounty owning the stock and the tithe being paid to the government. In 1976 the payments were cancelled (after a doubled payment that year) as the cost of

administration exceeded the income!

Meanwhile parishes had received gifts, many in memory of people who had died for prayers to be said in their memory. Many parishes bought land, and the incumbents became farmers or rented out the land (as recorded for Oakwood in the previous article). Ockley glebe land was said to run about a mile in length along the east side of Stane Street on what is now part of Puttocks Farm. The parsonage house is thought to have been by Puttocks Pond, it was described as a mean building.

Ockley was well endowed with the rector quite wealthy; the rector of Ockley from 1784, Thomas Woodroffe, built a new rectory, which is now Stane House on the east of Stane Street, a fine Queen Anne house with a farmyard to the north. But after the repeal of the Corn Laws In 1846, agriculture suffered a severe recession which drastically decreased the income of the parish and the rector. My family bought most of the Glebe land. In 1872, Rev Du Sautoy built St John's church on the village green at his own expense, as St Margaret's was too far from the village. In the early 1900s the then rector, Rev Martin, sold Stane House and the remaining glebe land and built a new rectory next to the village hall.

The advowson, the right to appoint the rector, belonged to the Lord of the Manor until 1711 when Edward Bax, a quaker, bought the Lordship of the Manor. In 1724 the advowson was sold for £1,000 to Clare College Cambridge who could then appoint their graduates as rector. The right of appointing rectors has now been assumed by the Bishop of the Diocese in conjunction with the parish.

The Endowments and Glebe Measure of 1976 transferred the remaining assets of the benefice to the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF), to be managed by the Church Commissioners, and the diocese paid the rector a stipend and owned all the parish assets, including the rectory. Initially the Church Commissioners (who had taken over from the Queen Anne's Bounty governors) paid the stipends, but after heavy losses the responsibility was transferred to the Archbishops' Council in 1999. I remember we had a Church Commissioner to stay about that time and Rev Roy McAllen preached a sermon on the incompetence of the Commissioners losing so much money. My friend agreed with Roy and had voted against the scheme which made the losses. The parish (now Capel and Ockley) pays Guildford diocese an annual parish share of over £80,000, which is financed together with the costs of running the parish by voluntary donations.

The responsibility of maintaining the chancel of churches had been the Rector's, while that of the rest of the church was the parishioners', which had historically been met by the setting of a church rate levied on property not liable to maintain the chancel. This was difficult to collect and indeed became voluntary in 1868. Certain properties had a 'church repair liability', and this could be unwittingly acquired when property was purchased, but the Land Registration Act of 2002 required the parochial church council to register all properties involved. Ockley has none. But presumably Ockley Rectory retains the chancel repair liability

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📅 **1st Monday 6.15pm - Pilates in the Pavilion**

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

📅 **2nd Tuesday 9.15 & 10.30am, 6.15 & 7.30pm - Pilates in the Pavilion**

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

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

Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Also 3rd & 4th 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 7.10pm–8.10pm - Ockley Course Cricket Sevens**

Ockley Green - See p38 for details

📅 **11th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**

Village Way Car park, Cranleigh - See p17 for details

📅 **15th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches**

Ockley Village Hall - See p46 for details

📅 **20th Saturday 10.00am - Afternoon Tea & Cake**

Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden - See p14 for details

📅 **25th Thursday 4.00–6.00pm - Walking Group**

The Punchbowl, Okewood Hill - See p17 for details

📅 **26th Friday 9.00am - Macmillan Fund Raising Coffee Morning**

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - See p57 for details

📅 **27th Saturday 12.00pm - Ockley Food Fair**

Village Greens Farm Shop - See p41 for details

📅 **27th Saturday 7.00pm - Walliswood Quiz Night**

Walliswood Village Hall - See p342for details

SEPTEMBER 2025

VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pilates in the Pavilion	2 Pilates in the Pavilion Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	3 Pavilion Café	4 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	5	6
7 Course Cricket Sevens	8 Pilates in the Pavilion	9 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class	10 Pavilion Café	11 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class Walking Group	12	13
14	15 Pilates in the Pavilion Village Lunches	16 Pilates in the Pavilion Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	17 Pavilion Café	18 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	19	20
21	22 Pilates in the Pavilion	23 Pilates in the Pavilion Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	24 Pavilion Café	25 Toddler Group Walking Group	26	27 Macmillan Fund Raising Coffee Morning
28	29 Pilates in the Pavilion	30 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class				

OCTOBER 2025

VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pavilion Café	2 Toddler Group	3	4 Ockley Society Autumn Quiz
5	6 Pilates in the Pavilion	7 Pilates in the Pavilion Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	8 Pavilion Café	9 Toddler Group Walking Group	10	11
12 How to make a pantomime	13 Pilates in the Pavilion	14 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class	15 Pavilion Café	16 Toddler Group	17	18
19	20 Pilates in the Pavilion Village Lunches	21 Pilates in the Pavilion Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	22 Pavilion Café	23 Toddler Group Walking Group	24	25
26	27	28 Seniors Exercise Class	29 Pavilion Café	30 Toddler Group	31	

VILLAGE EVENTS OCTOBER 2025

📅 **1st Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café**

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p24 for details

📅 **2nd Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group**

Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p9 for details

📅 **2nd Thursday 7.10pm–8.10pm - RMPT Exercise Class**

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

📅 **4th Saturday 7.00pm - Ockley Society Autumn Quiz**

Ockley Village Hall - See p15 for details

📅 **7th Tuesday 1.30pm–2.30pm - Seniors Exercise Class**

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

📅 **7th Tuesday 2.00pm–3.00pm - RMPT Exercise Class**

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

📅 **9th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**

The Owl, Kingsfold - See p17 for details

📅 **12th Sunday 10.30am–5.30pm - How to make a pantomime**

Ockley Village Hall - See p28 for details

📅 **20th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches**

Ockley Village Hall - See p46 for details

📅 **23rd Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**

Inn on The Green, Ockley - See p17 for details

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📅 **8th Saturday 5.00pm - Ockley Society Bonfire & Fireworks**

Ockley Green - See p45 for details



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INTERVIEW WITH THE REV DR PETER NEVINS, DORKING AREA DEAN

We had a treat the other day because Peter Nevins, the area dean for Dorking and recently appointed priest-in-charge for the new parish of Okewood and Forest Green, came to lunch with me and Mark, my husband, and graciously allowed me to interview him.

First. What is an area dean? They provide oversight and shelter for those [clergy and church leaders] already doing a phenomenal job.

Will you be taking services in our area, in Okewood, Forest Green and Ockley churches in particular?

From time to time. I will be taking the service at Forest Green on 31st August, for example. But I am vicar of St John's North Holmwood and will most often be there and can't be at all churches at the same time on a Sunday. I like to be out and about in the parishes throughout the week, so more visible out of church than in church.

Do you mind if people approach you when you are out and about? Not at all, please do. I think it is very important that people can see their parish priest in their neighbourhood, an embodied officer of the church, for the same reason as church buildings matter.

What do you think about churches in a rural area? Ah, I recently did a doctorate on a study of rural churches in this deanery.

You clearly have an American accent. What brought you here? I had trained for church ministry in America while my wife and I and four small children were living with my in laws and we wanted to work for an overseas church, applying all over the world, travelling quite a bit to interviews, getting several offers of jobs, and settling on Christ Church, Virginia Water, where I was first employed as the Head of Youth. We liked the church, liked the country, indeed I intend to stay here until I die, and thought it would be a good place to bring up our children. This was my first experience of the Anglican Church and I went on to train at St Mellitus College in London for the Anglican priesthood.

And then to Dorking? I became a curate at St Paul's Dorking, where I was for three years, and six years ago moved to St John's, North Holmwood, as vicar, whose parish includes part of Dorking. Two years ago I was also made area dean of Dorking.

What about your family? Our oldest is now working in Westcott having finished at university. The second one is heading back to Chicago, to study at college there, the third is applying to universities and the youngest is about to go to Reigate College. We also have a foster son of fifteen who



goes to Woodlands School in Leatherhead. And a puppy, a German Shepherd crossed with a Belgian Malinois. My wife works in schools, helping with special educational needs, and I am governor of the Priory School, where three of our children went.

What are your family's favourite games? Scrabble, Boggle - and Monopoly if we are feeling strong.

Back to church. Why do so few people go, do you think, and what might persuade them? People now recognise a freedom from the old tyranny of religion, all that wearing of Sunday best and not talking in church, severe rules, and are now more willing to re-engage with the Christian faith. Nationwide more people, particularly men under thirty, are asking questions and joining churches.

People nowadays have far more materially than ever before, far more choice, far more access to knowledge and yet there is a mental health epidemic. Could this be because atheism and materialism have failed to deliver? It used to be the case that people saw church as either a crutch for the weak or they had been baptised as children and went to church sometimes and felt that was OK. Now young adults are recognising the limits of their knowledge and that scientific inquiry is not sufficient and, freed from the old religious guilt stuff, are often willing to choose church and the Christian faith because of its claim to truth, its offer of a spiritual encounter and that it is a way of rediscovering their humanity.

Is it not also that people are just too busy, especially on Sunday? They are busy, more so than ever, but it is a matter of priorities. Even busy people make time for the things they think are important. As people are experiencing how secular naturalism and atheism aren't able to deliver on their most significant concerns, people are beginning to include Church into their busy schedules.

I had lots more questions I would like to have asked, especially on the subject of those whose health issues don't leave them with freedom to choose very much, but time had run out and from a brief discussion over lunch about Peter and his family's experience of local schools, and Surrey Council's poor provision for special needs, I realised that this is dear to his heart. I also had had an unplanned meeting with one of his North Holmwood parishioners, busy with a wheelbarrow, when I turned up for my original appointment for this interview at the church. No Peter! He had (very unusually, the parishioner assured me) forgotten, but this turned out to be a blessing in disguise because I got to talk to the parishioner, who was hugely enthusiastic about Peter's effect on the church, and its immediate neighbourhood, describing him as a 'real servant' and incredibly energetic. Peter instantly answered his mobile phone, apologised profusely, and accepted my invitation to lunch.

Amanda Elsdon-Dew

FLOWER SHOW AUGUST 9TH 2025



The Okewood, Ockley & Forest Green Flower Show is a celebration of everything in the countryside which is valued and worth preserving. Walking round the showground there was hardly a single individual buried in their cell phone. So at this point I would like to go back in the history of the show to 125 years ago when most of the world was a very different place, although in our villages here I believe we have managed to preserve all that is best.

In 1893 William Calvert opened the first show which included Capel and Newdigate in the title, our dear neighbours. The weather was excellent as it was on Saturday. On a personal note, in 1893 the foreign butter entry was considered far superior to the English offering which was judged nauseous and offensive. I take issue with that. As a child in Radnorshire, we used to make our own butter (and eat our own sheep). It was excellent and nowadays I always buy local farmhouse butter from the wonderful farm shop in Coles Lane. By the time of the 100th show, Mr Calvert, grandson of William Calvert, was awarding the trophies and the family still live at Ockley Court.

To return to today, those enjoying the show spanned the young and elderly in equal numbers, a real family affair. There were all the usual stalls and attractions. The static steam engines were unique as were a few of the classic cars. The falcons, even a vulture, were particularly interesting. The fun dog show was very well attended as usual. Carly Turner's Shih Tzu won first prize in his breed at Crufts. At Okewood dog show he didn't even make it into the final! (Obviously an omission.) All the stalls, food outlets and attractions are just too numerous to mention, not forgetting the wonderful jazz band and other varied musical offerings. The main pavilion of RHS-judged produce was absolutely beautiful and the amount of work put in by the judges and organisers is truly enormous. A card is made out with the name of every different entry and the exhibitor's name for every item. It must take hours, literally.

There was a really great atmosphere and I believe everybody went home reminded of why we live in this green and pleasant land.

On Sunday a service was held in the main judging marquee combining many of our local churches, and an excellent band of local very accomplished musicians provided the music. I personally think the Lord is looking after us on these special days and will continue to do so. Regarding more earthly matters, our heartfelt thanks go out to the organisers and all their helpers without whom there would be no show. We also thank the local advertisers in the yellow booklet and all the very generous residents who have contributed of their time and money. God bless you all.




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Living in or around Ockley? This tournament is just for you! Teams consist of 7 players, with only one regular cricket player allowed, ensuring a level playing field. While the normal rules of cricket apply, including a traditional bowling action, underarm bowling is embraced to make it more accessible. 'No-balls' won't slow down the game, and batters gracefully retire after scoring 21 runs. Plus, it's important to us that everyone feels welcome – teams must include players of both sexes. Whether you're batting or bowling, there's a chance for everyone to shine.

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CAGNE are hosting the first airspace events enabling everyone to ask questions about airspace above homes that are currently overflowed and those that could be impacted by Gatwick Airport seeking growth with or without a new runway via the government's airspace change plans.

Wednesday 24th September at 7.30pm for airspace to the west (including west south and north) of Gatwick Airport – arrivals and departures. Book here -

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/airspace-above-your-home-explained-and-what-airspace-change-may-offer-tickets-1561273855129

Monday 6th October at 7.30pm will be the meeting for the east airspace (including south and north) of Gatwick Airport – arrivals and departures.

Book here -

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-about-gatwick-airspace-what-airspace-change-may-offer-tickets-1561310344269

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UPDATE FROM WIENERBERGER EWHURST BRICK AND TILEWORKS COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The recent community liaison committee (CLC) held on 26th June 2025 was attended by representatives from Surrey County Council, Abinger Parish Council, Ewhurst & Ellens Green Parish Council, Okewood Hill Residents Association and company representatives from Wienerberger.

The voluntary one-way system for HGVs continues to work reasonably well and compliance is monitored by staff at the brickworks in addition to receiving residents' reports. For the second period in a row there was a slight uptick in the number of lorries having not followed the proscribed route but this is from a low base and the brickworks have followed up with those drivers to ensure that there is no repeat failure.

As mentioned previously, in order to reduce its carbon emissions, the brickworks is seeking planning permission to install a solar farm in its field behind the factory. The proposed scheme is a 1.6 MW system comprising 4,000 solar panels which could supply around a quarter of the factory's electricity demand per year, and up to 80% of the electricity demand in the summer when generating at full capacity. The planning application has been submitted to Surrey County Council and can be viewed at:

https://planning.surreycc.gov.uk/Planning/Display/SCC_Ref_2024-0180#

The extremely popular annual National Trust Heritage Open Day is being held this year on 20th September. For those of you who have not been to the brickworks this is an excellent event and well worth attending. Last year around 150 people spent time exploring the various ecological initiatives, including the reptile garden, fossil finds and the plant & equipment itself. There is also the opportunity to make your own handmade tiles!

The potential plan to build a small number of houses on the disused Old Ewhurst Brickworks site, which is classified as 'previously developed land' and 4.2 acres in size, is moving forward. The brickworks reports that the promoters of the scheme are in discussions with Ewhurst Parish Council, and that councillors have indicated that they would like to see at least 30% of any houses built classified as affordable homes.

At the request of Wienerberger and the CLC members, the promoters of the scheme will present their plans at a community event on 21st August, between 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Ewhurst Village Hall. Please do go along and see what is proposed, it is an excellent opportunity for community members to understand the scheme and raise any concerns we may have with the plans.

Ewhurst brick and tileworks Community Liaison Committee (CLC) is a gathering of residents, councillors, council regulators and staff at Wienerberger. Members come together three times per year to discuss the interaction of the Ewhurst brick and tileworks operations with the local community. The discussions span a variety of issues and can include everything from supporting community groups and local events, to environmental monitoring and HGV traffic management in and around the factory. Members can recommend topics for the agenda according to their interests.

In between the CLC meetings, members are encouraged to share points of interest with their neighbours and the broader community through whichever channels are accessible to them. These conversations help residents understand more about Wienerberger's operations in their local area and in turn the feedback provided to Wienerberger helps the company to positively contribute to the local community and swiftly address any concerns if they arise.

The next CLC meeting will take place on 11th September at 5:30pm, at the factory's visitor centre. If you are interested in joining the Ewhurst brick and tileworks CLC please write to us at Ewhurst.Transport@wienerberger.com or call our reception team on 01306 623610.

THE OCKLEY SOCIETY BONFIRE & FIREWORKS "BIG NIGHT OUT" on SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER



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Raffle drawn at end. Event finishes: 7.30pm (approx)

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CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

Return to singing!

Capel Choral is coming to the end of its summer break, and will be recommencing rehearsals on the 8th September, under its Conductor Anna Tabor. The Choir will be starting by looking at music for the 2026 Leith Hill Music Festival; the main works for the concert next April are both by English composers – Ralph Vaughan Williams' Five mystical songs and a recent work by the popular Cecilia McDowall, her Da Vinci Requiem. During the autumn the Choir will also be preparing music for a Christmas concert.

This friendly choir will be very pleased to welcome new singers at its first rehearsals. Choral singing gives a great sense of community and has proven health benefits. There are no auditions, just come along and sing!

Capel Choral Society is meeting in Capel's Memorial Hall on Monday evenings at 7.30pm from the 8th September.

For details of the Choir, contact Rosemary Goddard:

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

Website: www.capelchoralsociety.com

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kimclark50@gmail.com

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www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk
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Ockley United Charities

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Gill Christie
gill@c21mediagroup.com or
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dickthomas1000@btinternet.com

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www.johnedetrust.org
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www.tapestrydayclub.co.uk
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www.qrmw.org

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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

Girlguiding

Rainbows:
capel.rainbows@btinternet.com

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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.

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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

HARVEST SUPPER – THE MURDER MYSTERY PLAY RETURNS AGAIN

Tickets for the Harvest Supper entertainment, which will once again be a murder mystery play, are available from 22nd September. ***Murder in the Library*** written by Janet Smith and directed by Sylvie Beckett will be performed in Ockley Village Hall on Friday 24th October and in Capel Memorial Hall on Saturday 25th October. The box office is Corinne Jay on 07718 346294. Tickets cost £17.50 for adults and £9 for children under 16.

Doors open at 7pm for curtain up at 7.30pm and a two-course supper will be served on both evenings. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Get your team together or join others on the night. Book your tickets so that you can come along and see people you know taking on roles, play a large part in the proceedings yourselves and have a go at guessing 'whodunnit'. Don't leave it too late and be disappointed!

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www.eofgparish.org.uk

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ST. MARGARET'S, OCKLEY – CHURCH SERVICES

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September

- 7th 9.30am Matins
- 14th 9.30am Holy Communion (Common worship)
- 21st 9.30am Parish Communion
- 28th 9.30am Harvest Festival Service – Morning Worship

October

- 5th 9.30am Matins
- 12th 9.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 19th no service at Ockley, (10.30 am Harvest Festival with school at St. John's, Capel)
- 26th 9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

At the Harvest Festival held in Ockley we welcome all donations of fresh/tinned/packeted food for distribution among local vulnerable people with any excess being donated to the local foodbank.

Should anyone have any queries, please do call Gill Christie 01306 711917 or email gill@c21mediagroup.com

Welcome to the Parish of Okewood and Forest Green!

Monthly Service Schedule (from Oct 2025)

	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.

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Parish Administrator – Elizabeth Coleman admin@okfg.org

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24th September at 2.00 pm:

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22nd October at 2.00 pm: FOOD FOR THOUGHT – Cindy Polemis

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THE ARTS SOCIETY RUDGWICK

The 1st lecture of the 2025/26 season is on Thursday October 2nd at 10.45am by Anna Warrilow on **The History & Highlights of the British Museum**. She has been a London Blue Badge Guide taking private clients on bespoke tours of London. Previously she worked in some of the main museums in London as well as for art dealers. As well as lecturing she teaches undergraduates at the American University in London..Free Coffee/tea available from 10am. Visitors are welcome with donations from £8 payable at the door, **Please let our Membership Secretary, Lyn Betts, know in advance due to restricted seating numbers on 01403 822649 or bettslyn@btinternet.com**

On October 7th our first trip is to Arundells in Salisbury...from 1985 the home of Sir Edward Heath, KG, MBE, Prime Minister. Places being reserved now with our visits secretary on 07803088752

We are now welcoming new members for the coming season!



Dorking Group of Artists October Exhibition 2025:

Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AA

Open to the public: Friday 10th October, Saturday 11th October 10:00 – 17:00, Sunday 12th October 10:00 – 16:00

The Dorking Group of Artists, one of the largest art groups in Surrey, is delighted to welcome you to our next exhibition which will be at Denbies Wine Estate in October in the Denbies Gallery and Suite. Exhibiting members, many professionals among them, will be displaying around 200 pieces of exciting new and original art, all for sale at affordable prices. The paintings should appeal to every taste, featuring different subjects and styles and covering a wide variety of media. There will be large selection of unframed paintings for sale too. Come and buy your early Christmas presents - original art makes a unique and thoughtful gift. Entrance to the exhibition is free and Denbies has a good café and restaurant, runs tours of the vineyard and has an excellent shop. So come and make a day of it! There is plenty of free parking.

Why not consider joining us? For more information about our activities, exhibitions and how to join see www.dga.org.uk follow us on Instagram [dorkinggroupartists](https://www.instagram.com/dorkinggroupartists) or get in touch at contact@dga.org.uk

Angela Hall, Chair, Dorking Group of Artists

Email: contact@dga.org.uk

Fund Raising Coffee Morning

Come Join Us For Coffee and Cake and help raise funds for the amazing Macmillan Nurses



JOIN US ON Friday 26th September FROM 9AM ONWARDS

At the Pavilion Cafe, The Green, Ockley, Surrey

Please contact Sonia on 07816 096118

If you fancy baking a cake or helping out

Well done 2024 raised over £800

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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	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	-

E 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

Twice/month on Thursdays to Sainsbury & Waitrose,
Godalming (ring to confirm dates)

09.40 Holmbury St Mary
09.50 Gomshall
10.00 Peaslake
10.10 Shere

2nd & 4th Monday of each month to the Library, SHERE

14.10 Holmbury St Mary
14.20 Peaslake
14.25 Gomshall

USEFUL CONTACTS

CHURCHES	Ockley	Rev Liz Richardson	01306 711260
	Forest Green & Okewood, Liz Coleman		01306 628156
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU	Cranleigh		0808 2787980
	Dorking		0808 2787930
CRICKET CLUBS	Forest Green	Malcolm Clayton	01306 621255
	Oakwood Hill	Dave Bishop	01306 627524
	Ockley	Loll	01306 712408
		Jason	07918 784446
DIAL A RIDE			0300 123 7749
GATWICK CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN		Peter Barclay	01293 862821
GATWICK NOISE COMPLAINTS			01293 311568
GP SURGERY	Capel		01306 711105
JAYES PARK ESTATE OFFICE			01306 621261
LOCAL VOLUNTEER DRIVERS		Simon Figg	01306 627094
MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL		Hazel Watson	01306 880120
		Helyn Clack	07817 745843
NURSERY SCHOOL (Walliswood)		Rupert Thorne	01306 627067
OCKLEY HOUSING ASSOC		Tom Chambre	07718 902345
OCKLEY SPEEDWATCH COORDINATOR		Maureen Newman	01306 627001
OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP		Gill Christie	01306 711917
OKWOOD, OCKLEY & F.G. FLOWER SHOW		Cheryl Barclay	01306 621140
OKWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION		Nick Standen	07787 573549
PARISH COUNCIL	Abinger	Beccy Anderson	07716 928430
	Ockley	Samantha Bell	07388 368213
SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST			01483 795440
TWO COUNTIES ART/CRAFT		Janet Mitchell	01483 627322
WALKING GROUP		Sue Dixon	01306 627168
WASP BUS			07802 460069
YOUNG AT HEART		Diana Cuthbert	01306 621326



HOW TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR

1. Switch on the defibrillator

- Remove or cut through clothing and wipe away sweat from the chest if necessary

2. Stick on the pads

- Attach the pads to the casualty's chest in the positions indicated on the pads

3. Follow the instructions

- Follow the voice and/or visual prompts given by the machine.



Local AED locations

- Beare Green Village Hall RH5 4RD
- Capel Village Hall RH5 5LB
- Forest Green Village Hall RH5 5RZ
- Ockley Cricket Pavilion RH5 5TR
- Plough Pub Coldharbour RH5 6HD
- Punchbowl Inn Okewood RH5 5PU
- Walliswood Village Hall RH5 5RJ

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