ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR Parish News



SEPTEMBER 2024

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SEPTEMBER

1st Coldharbour Village Band at Leith Hill Place 2-4

2nd Parish Office Coldharbour 3rd/5th Peaslake Players auditions

4th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am 5th Shere Cinema, *The Taste of Things*, 7.30pm

5th WI 2.30pm Wotton Village Hall

6th CH Coffee Morning, JV Hall, 10.30 – 11.30am

6-15th Heritage events

16th Parish Office Coldharbour

7th Organ Recital, noon, St Martin's Dorking 8th W Horsley gardens open 10-4pm NGS 10th Brockham Choral rehearsals start 7.30pm 11th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 - 11am

14th Ride and Stride for Churches

15th Shere Cinema, *Next Goal Wins*, 7.30pm 18th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am

19th Ocean Film Festival GLive 7.30pm

21st Singing workshop Brockham Choral 10-4 25th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 - 11am

OCTOBER

3rd SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am 4th CH Coffee Morning, JV Hall, 10.30 – 11.30am

4th Coldharbour Barn Dance 6.30pm 8/10th Peaslake Players auditions

9th Coffee morning for Macmillan SJ's

14-20th Echoes exhibition - K Pearson at Denbies 20th Coverwood lake open - Nat Garden Scheme

25th DGA exhibition Denbies

Reflections from the Rectory

September always feels like the beginning of the year for me – new term, new



initiatives, and the start of a season where we look to what's coming up in the Autumn; a change of gear as we look forward to Harvest, Remembrance, All Souls and Christmas!

This year I have really embraced our fallow month of August and have enjoyed the slower pace of Summer with a retreat in Dorset, and short trips to Cornwall and Cambridge. I have found a spaciousness and ease in which to inhabit my role and my challenge is to take this quality of mind into the coming

busy months!

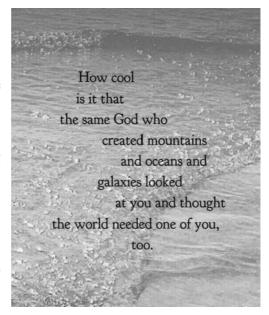
Our lives are governed by the seasons, perhaps not in the way they once were, but we still have personal seasons of intense busyness with young families, work, rest and play, with times of great joy, sadness and change.

Whatever season you find yourself in, know that you do not walk it alone. We have a loving Father who, as the quote reminds us, 'created mountains and oceans and galaxies, looked at you and thought the world needed one of you too'.

You are loved and valued beyond measure whatever season you find yourself in.

With love

Rev'd Kia



Some Highlights from the Summer

There was a Tempest in Coldharbour! Suzy Puckett was there



Every year we look forward to the exceptional Shakespeare event held on the Coldharbour cricket pitch, with pies and picnics. Many villagers congregated from early evening, popping wine bottles and chattering merrily - a delightful sight! This year we enjoyed a fabulous interpretation of "The Tempest". The Festival Players are an all-male ensemble cast - a nod to Shakespeare's time. This means that the portrayal of female characters and romantic relationships are very complex and it was a testament to the actors' skill interpreting the incredible nuances within the text, that it all seemed completely believable. I had brought along my illustrated children's version of abridged Shakespeare to help my children follow the play, but Simon Lea had thought to print out plot synopsis and character lists for the rest of the audience and we gratefully followed along with the aid of these.

Ripples of laughter could be heard throughout the audience whenever the drunk servants were onstage and gasps of awe when the majestic Juno goddesses (large puppets) were conjured up. The actor playing Ariel was dashing, elegant and skilful and I couldn't help but feel that Shakespeare would have been impressed by, and proud of, the sympathetically authentic performance given by the whole cast but particularly by Ariel, who inhabited a magical and ethereal persona. It was a joyous evening in good company, brought to us by the talented Festival Players. In the words of Miranda: "Oh Brave new world that has such people in it".

Thanks go to Sue Smith for organising this event.

The DGA spent the day at St James' in June



On a very hot day in June (we did have some!), about 20 members from Dorking Group of Artists (DGA) came and spent a lovely morning drawing



village green, some in the cool of St James' while others painted in the warm sunshine. Thanks to Kia and Sally for their help and permission to use the church. If you would like to know more about us, please visit www.dga. org.uk. Our front cover

features one of their paintings. The DGA are holding an Exhibition at Denbies in October Dates: Friday 25th October, Saturday 26th October 10.00 – 17.00 Sunday 27th October 10.00 - 16.00

Exhibiting members, many of whom are professionals, will be displaying over 200 pieces of exciting new and original art, all for sale at affordable prices. There will be a 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. Jacky Cowdrey Exhibitions Secretary

The Summer Solstice was celebrated with Yoga and Singing **Bowls in Coldharbour**

Where better to celebrate the Summer Solstice but in the midst of Nature, on the Coldharbour Cricket Pitch! Amanda Hanlin had very kindly offered a free village yoga session to celebrate the solstice.

Amanda told us the-story of Dawn and Dusk who meet to kiss at the summer solstice. We ended with a calming and relaxing session of Tibetan singing bowls, by Sue Skerritt, which resonated with the nature and beauty that surrounded us

We all sauntered home in a relaxed manner, as the sun set, and the midges were reasonably well behaved throughout! We would all like to thank Amanda for her brilliant idea of celebrating this time of renewal, abundance, love and the expansion of our own inner nature. Amanda holds yoga classes in Coldharbour.

Hilary Jupe

The Abinger Book Club's summer meeting



We had our traditional summer meeting in Jayne Farrance's garden and discussed 'The Rose Code' by Kate Quinn. As always this is a special occasion (Jayne held her nerve after rain in the morning!) and this was no exception. We were all seated round a table with flowers, a top hat and china teacups from which we drank homemade wine and homemade biscuits.

The Rose Code follows the careers and post-war lives of three young women, Osla, Beth and Mab, who had worked at Bletchley Park during the Second World War. The story traces the work they did against the

background of key events as well as their personal relationships. Osla is the girlfriend of Prince Philip and in the postwar chapters Osla loses her boyfriend to Princess Elizabeth, and chapter headings note how many days to the Royal wedding. Beth sees evidence of a traitor and is trapped in a lunatic asylum. Her friends rescue her and the traitor is caught. Everyone enjoyed the book and commented on the strongly drawn characters.

Pat O'Brien

ABINGER COMMON & WOTTON W.I.

Our July meeting was held in the cosier environment of the Holmbury Parish Room as our usual venue was in use for a Polling Station. The speaker was a local man, Tim Austin, and he gave us the inside story of his journalist career, and his 35 years working on The Times - many of those as Night Editor. He took us through a series of Editors, their characteristics, their work ethic, and their likability, or not!

In the earlier years at Gray's Inn Road, union stewards (there were three print



unions) regularly halted production with new demands. In 1979 Rupert Murdoch bought the paper and this eventually led to what was known as 'the Wapping Revolution' in 1986. The unions were against any new technology that threatened jobs. Murdoch set up a new high tech. plant in Wapping. He led people to believe this was for a new paper, but he actually moved The Times production, together with that of his other three titles, into the new plant. This meant

the end of 6,000 jobs at Gray's Inn Road and effectively the end of the print unions' power. But the unions did not give in quietly. There were picket lines. Staff went to work in armoured buses and met a barrage of insults and threats, and there were some horrible reprisals affecting families. Tim Austin was offered protection by the then village bobby in case his home was targeted. There was a year of mass picketing before final surrender. With the return of calm, came the return of respect for journalistic values, such as accuracy, clarity and good English.

Tim Austin spoke of his work as Night Editor, working with 40 sub-editors and often doing a 60-hour week. He told us about the big stories he covered, such as the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Yeltsin coup. Of Rupert Murdoch, he said: 'One did not always support his views, but he saved The Times and was a good newspaper man'. When Tim Austin retired, he wrote a couple of books - one of them "The Times Guide to English style and Usage", sold well. He also edited the Shere and Peaslake parish magazine for 17 years. It was a most interesting talk, after which we balanced an excellent tea on our laps, prepared by Sandra Barfoot, Claire Hill and Alison Gravett.

The Summer lunch later in July was a great success with 37 guests who enjoyed the summer weather and delicious food (made by members) at the Wotton Village Hall.

Our next meeting will be back at the Wotton Hall on **Thursday**, **5th September** 2.30 p.m. with a talk on the Surrey/Sussex Air Ambulance Service.

Pat O'Brien

WHATS ON THIS SEPTEMBER?

Coldharbour Coffee Morning – 6th September



Please join us on Friday 6th September from 10.30 to 11.30am in the John Venus Hall. Lots of cake and chat to be enjoyed. Everyone is welcome and proceeds go to the upkeep of the village hall.

Sjs café and repair café at SJ's in Abinger every Wednesday 9-11 am

Do come along. We are usually on the sofas inside but here's the group enjoying the sunshine back in July. Come for croissants, tea, coffee and chat every Wednesday. Don't forget you can bring your mending and minor



alterations too! It's all free and any donations go towards running the Repair Café.

The 9th October will be a special coffee morning in aid of Macmillan (see later).

RIDE AND STRIDE on Saturday 14 September 2024

The Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (SCPT) is thrilled to announce the annual Ride & Stride event. We invite you to get together for a day of activity and camaraderie, to raise funds for the preservation of Surrey's treasured church buildings. The SCPT has money available for building conservation and repair grants, which can be up to £3,000 per church. To be eligible to receive grant funding, each church community must take part in the Ride & Stride event. And it's not just cycling or walking - it can be a coffee morning or tea party you organise to raise funds. By participating and raising money, churches can unlock significant funding for essential repairs and conservation

efforts. It is a 'no brainer' for churches, modern and old, too. Even a few pounds raised opens up potential grant funding for the church. But no Ride and Stride participation equals no grant funding from the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust. So! ... how to get involved?

Enjoy a scenic bike ride or walk-through Surrey's beautiful countryside, visiting historic churches along the way. Routes and maps are available on our website.

Or host an event: Organise a coffee morning, tea party, or any other fundraising activity. The event can be any date you choose up to the end of September.

Email: scptrichardmorris@gmail.com

www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/ride-stride/



MUSIC AND ART

Coldharbour Village Band will be performing at Leith Hill Place on 1st September 2-4pm

There are musical events on many weekends at Leith Hill Place in September. These start with the Coldharbour Band in the Terrace room at 2pm. The events are free though normal admission to Leith Hill Place applies. For more info. Tel 01306 711 685 <a href="mailto:emailt

'Echoes' - Local artists Karen Pearson, Reiko Evans and Victoria Phillips will be exhibiting at Denbies 14th – 20th October 10-5pm

Go to www.karenpearsonart.com to find out more.



Organ recital at St Martin's Church, noon, 7th Sept

A lunchtime organ recital at St Martin's church, given by Mike Overend. The music will be celebrating the Heritage Weekend theme of routes, journeys, and connections. Entry is free but donations to the William Cole Music Trust will be most welcome.

As Dorking Halls is now closed until December concert plans are uncertain. Keep an eye on the Dorking Halls and other websites for up-to-date news and progress.

Ian Codd

Brockham Choral Society are rehearsing 'The Music Makers'

The Society start their preparations for Elgar's 'Music Makers' on Tuesday

September 10th 7.30 – 9.30pm at St John's School, Goodwyns Road, Dorking RH4 2LR for a performance on Saturday 7th December.

Guest singers of all vocal parts are welcome to a **Singing Workshop on Saturday 21**st **September** at the above venue. Registration from 9.30am £15 including scores and refreshments. Please bring your own lunch.

To book a place email brockhamcstickets@gmail.com

More information www.brockhamchoral.org



The Play's the Thing! Peaslake Players are holding auditions.



The next Peaslake production is 'The One Acts Plays' on November 14th, 15th and 16th. Auditions take place at 8pm in the Peaslake village hall.

GRASS - written by Tinx Newton, directed by Tricia Monk. Grass appears to be a regular family drama, but as the play unfolds some interesting, and often opposing, threads are revealed. All served with a good dollop of farce and plenty of

quick repartee. *Grass* is very much a home-grown production and has its world premiere in - Peaslake!

Auditions: Tuesday Sept 3rd Thursday Sept 5th. There are male and female roles for various ages and all have plenty of lines (see website for details)

QUAKE - written by Anthony Booth, directed by Sarah Trotman. *Quake* tells the story of five women isolated by an earthquake in South America. They find shelter but a further quake adds more fear, relationships are brought into question and tensions rise.

Auditions: Tuesday Oct 8th and Thursday Oct 10th. There are five female roles. Character breakdown and audition pieces are on the website www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk If you are interested in non-acting roles (sound, lighting, stage management, costumes, props etc.) please email us via the website. Jill Golding at: jill.golding@me.com

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 6-15TH SEPTEMBER

This community led festival of history and culture involves thousands of local volunteers and organisations. For detailed information on events in Surrey go to www.heritageopendays.org.uk



Dorking Museum is offering two free guided walks: the Dorking Historic Pub Walk, **Saturday** 7th **September**, **6pm**, and the Betchworth Castle tour, with exclusive access to the castle enclosure, **Sunday** 8th **September**, **2pm**; and four South Street Cave tours on **Saturday** 14th **September** at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Details and pre-booking on the Heritage Open Days website. Numbers are restricted and these are likely to sell out quickly.

The Museum's family activity for Heritage Open Days is a Model-Making Extravaganza: From Wings & Wheels to Rails & Sails. Celebrate Dorking's transport history by creating your uniaue own cardboard models. Visit the Museum to see these wonderful models in all their glory and discover the stories behind them. Get top model-making tips and pick up your FREE model kit to complete at home. You can't buy them in the shops! A free activity,



materials provided, children must be accompanied.

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

1st September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

8th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Second Sunday Service (Iona with communion)

Refreshments after the service

15th September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

6.00pm Congregational Evensong

22nd **September The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity** 10.00am Parish Communion (Common Worship)

Refreshments after the service

6.00pm Julian meeting at St. James' Abinger

Half of an hour of stillness with God

29th September The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Benefice Service at St. John's Wotton

From the Registers Coldharbour

11th July Ashes Peter Lane

Parish Office at Coldharbour will take place on:

Monday 2nd and 16th September from 10am - 11am in the JV Hall. Do pop in to say hello to Kia and Sally with any questions, or just for a coffee and a chat!



A reminder - To sign up to our newsletter and/or to book tickets for future films please go to the website: www.sherevillagecinema.com). You can only buy tickets on line now, for those unable to access the internet, we will reserve a minimum of 10 tickets for sale on the door.

All tickets, except where indicated, cost £5/adult and £3.50/child.

As always, we are legally unable to sell alcohol (except for special events) but we run a shared bar with donations of wine etc. from our patrons. So, you can enjoy a 'free' drink and the lovely friendly atmosphere - but we encourage you to sometimes bring along a bottle of wine to keep the bar going (just leave it on the table at the front). We supply the glasses and the bar staff!

NB - We are still investigating the optimal settings for our sound system.

Extra Helpers and Trainee Projectionists needed:

<u>Helpers</u> - If you would like to come along and help to set up for a film, usually at 6.3 opm, and put the chairs etc away after, we would love to have you on the Team! You get sent the schedule regularly and to say which dates you can do. Ideally, we need a maximum of 4 helpers in addition to committee members and projectionists.

If you would like to be a Helper, please contact Jill Golding on: jill.golding@me.com

<u>Projectionists</u> will get plenty of mentoring and training and we always like to have two present for a film showing so they can support each other. If you are interested in becoming a Projectionist, please contact John Wells at: jkwel@me.com

In September we will be showing the following films:

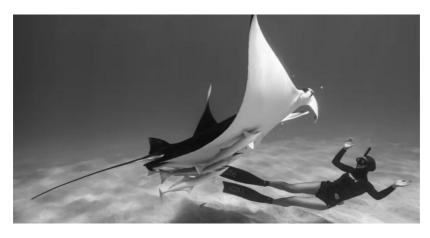
Thursday 5th September – The Taste of Things – is a French film written and directed by Tran Anh Hung, who received the Cannes Best Director Award for this in 2023. The film is set in the 1880s, in the country home of Dodin (Bernoit Magimel), a famous gourmet, who is wealthy enough to do nothing all day but think about and eat top-quality food! (It is partly based on the legendary real-life gastronome Jean Brillat-Savarin.) Dodin is in love with his cook of 20 years, Eugenie (Juliette Binoche). Every so often he asks her to marry him, but every time she declines. The film is a great celebration of food with the first 20 minutes or so being a real feast for the eyes with minimal dialogue, as a sumptuous meal is prepared in intricate detail – and we salivate in our seats! Juliette Binoche and Benoit Magimel shine in their respective roles as a

beautiful cook and her long admiring gourmet lover. The recommendation is to eat before you watch the film as it will engage your taste buds! A sensuous period drama 'about pleasure: how to give it, how to receive it and how love can be communicated through the deep passions you might have.' Classification PG-12 (Running time is 2 hours 16 minutes). Start time is: 7.30.12A

Sunday 15th September– **Next Goal Wins** – An inspiring comedy based on the true story of the American Samoa football team, who in 2001, achieved 'hideous immortality', by losing 31-0 to Australia! Ten years of hurt followed with no appreciable improvement, and then the team hired a foreign coach with his own issues: the troubled and hot-tempered Dutch-American Thomas Rongen (played by Michael Fassbender) whose unofficial brief was to salvage American Samoan honour with a single goal. The story follows in the fumbling footsteps of the likes of *Cool Runnings* and *Eddie The Eagle*. A funny, feel-good film, which will move you with its heart-warming message. Classification 12 A (Running time is 1 hour 33 minutes). Start time is: **7.30**

Thursday Oct 3rd Anatomy of a Fall 7.30pm

G Live 19th September Ocean Film Festival World



The Ocean Film Festival is plunging into Guildford, bringing a night of thrilling adventure to G Live. Featuring paddle boarding among icebergs, extreme shark photography and more. This selection of short films combines breathtaking marine life and wild seafaring voyages in a cinematic celebration of our oceans.7.30pm £16.50-£18.50 cert 12A. For dates and tickets, visit www.oceanfilmfestival.co.uk.

Tour Manager Rosie Fuller | rosie@snowlinemedia.com | 07453 202321

CAN YOU HELP?

AGE Mole Valley

Do you have 1-2 hours free a week? Would you like to make a difference to someone's life? Yes? Then Age Concern Mole Valley has the perfect opportunity for you. We are looking for volunteers to join our befriending Service across Mole Valley.



For more details please contact our Volunteer coordinator Diana Webb on 07821 649683/01036 899104 or email diana@ageconcernmolevalley.org.ukWe have a waiting list of lonely and isolated older people who need a visit from a Volunteer Befriender to improve their lives, so please volunteer if you can. Sonia Hubbard

NEED A LIFT?



The Good Neighbours Scheme for Abinger Hammer, Abinger Common and surroundings

Over 60 volunteers are available for helping to collect and deliver prescriptions, take patients to and from the surgery and help with lifts to the RSCH, Cranleigh hospital and other medical services. Please spread the word to friends and neighbours who may benefit from the Good neighbour's Scheme. If you or anyone you know, needs help please contact

Jo Kelly on 01483 205446 or 07900302794,

Helen Esplen on 01483 209522 or 07771537150.

THE CONNECT BUS From 2nd September the Connect Bus will collect from Evelyn Cottages to go to Shere Surgery among other places. Buses run mon-Fri 8am-6pm. Book ahead. www.surreyconnect.org.uk

WASP Community Bus is open to all.

Call 07802 460069 no later than the day before you wish to travel to check availability.

Scheduled bus services run from Abinger Hammer to Cranleigh Sainsburys at 9.25 every second and forth Friday in the month. Always check.



We are pleased to report that 2022/23 saw a recovery in the finances leading to a small surplus after the years of loss triggered by the Covid epidemic. The shopping runs offered by the Wasp Bus continue to be appreciated by the regular passengers, with some small additions to the numbers. The major factor in the improved finances has been the continued recovery in the runs for local societies and schools. This increase in the services that we provide to the local community has offset the loss of the donations by the local parishes, which helped to sustain us through the Covid years but have probably been squeezed by the financial constraints on the public sector.

Many thanks are due to all the drivers and particularly to Chris and Rachael Dews, who look after all the scheduling and maintenance of the bus, and to our treasurer Alan Halder. We would like to thank the Gomshall Club for continuing to allow us to park the bus in a secure environment, which works well for our operational requirements.

VOLUNTEERS. We are always pleased to see new volunteers, both to drive, but also to join the committee in keeping the operation going behind the scenes. Do feel free to contact us through **waspbusinfo@gmail.com or 07802 460069**Robin Gates, Chairman

LOCAL NEWS

THE PLOUGH AND SHOP IN COLDHARBOUR



In June one evening I walked up the steps to the bar and immediately noticed something new — and also welcome. Gone were the horrid plastic flowers on every table. What had happened? I asked. What emerged was a major story. John and Anna Turner, the couple who have owned the business that runs the pub and shop since 2021, had left and the business was

in administration. The staff had not been paid for weeks - nor had suppliers of goods and services and the owner of the Plough and shop buildings, Mark Eshelby, had not been paid. But Enes Uner, appointed as manager by the Turners in 2022, was continuing to run the pub and shop under his own company name.

Enes had to convince Mark Eshelby that he could make good, continue to employ the staff, win back trust, make the business a success again and ensure he, the owner, would be paid. Support came from staff, many villagers who knew some of the story, and the local Shoot.

It was Mark's late father, Richard Eshelby, then owner of the Shoot, who had bought the Plough when it was sold by the Abreharts in 2016. He said when he was asked why he had bought the Plough: "A gentleman needs somewhere to have breakfast before a day's shoot". But Richard died shortly after his purchase, leaving the Plough in the ownership of his family.

Enes Uner succeeded in persuading Mark to agree a new contract and so our pub and shop, are saved. Enes, now has plans to resume brewing on the site, and is planning events and menus for the coming months. He and his partner Özgün, own the business jointly. The shop is also fully functional and will continue under the manager Jan Huson. Not everything is back to normal, nor are all problems fully sorted, but we all wish them well.

A former regular Coldharbour reporter, the late and greatly missed Mary Collis, often wrote this phrase in relation to the things here that we all have and love. "Remember, use them or lose them!

G Mytton

Michaela Allam – local cheesemaker

Michaela Allam is a local cheesemaker who produces the Norbury Blue and Dirty Vicar cheeses on sale at the shops in Coldharbour and Abinger. Her creamery or dairy (the French have a far better word – fromagerie) is in Ockley sharing a building with Village Greens.

I visited her making cheese. I cannot explain the whole process of cheese making in this short piece, but it obviously involves a lot of hard and often quite





physical lifting, straining, pouring and stacking work. Most cheese is made in large factories where most of the effort is machine driven. But local and relatively small scale cheese making thrives and often offers far more in the way of taste, tradition, good craft input and interest.

When we think of cheese we tend to think of Italy, Switzerland, Netherlands and France. But Britain produces a lot of distinctive cheeses. President de Gaulle once said, rather despairingly, "how can you govern a country in which there are 246 different kinds of

cheese?" But the British Cheese Board [sic!] once claimed that Britain had 700 or so distinct local varieties.

A brief summary of cheese making and why it started in the first place. Cheese is a way of preserving milk as food over long periods of time. Soft cheese and butter last longer than the milk they are made from, but only by a few weeks. Harder cheese can last years. Cheese is made by separating curds from whey and then treated with bacteria and fungi, all of which in different times and ways, give flavour, texture and longevity to the product.

Cheese making began thousands of years ago, probably by accident. The intestines of animals were often used to hold and store food and it is very likely that a stomach skin which contained rennet was used to store some milk – rennet is a digestive enzyme and that caused the separation of the curds and the whey. And the first cheese thus made itself!

Michaela's cheeses are on sale at many local outlets, including Village Greens, Kingfisher Farm Shop and the Shop at the Plough. Two types of cheese are currently on offer, Norbury Blue and Dirty Vicar. Both are entirely made by hand – mainly those of Michaela herself. She uses local unpasteurised milk.

Her cheeses use an amusing strap line from the Monty Python film, *Life of Brian* on the labels. "Blessed are the Cheesemakers". (People cannot hear what Jesus is saying, and they argue about it - "the peacemakers" becomes "the cheesemakers" and when someone asks, "what's so special about cheesemakers", the answer comes: "It's not to be taken literally but refers to any manufacturers of dairy products". Blessed be this cheesemaker in our

midst! Michaela began with husband Neil and while he is still involved, he now majors in another food production line – local venison. I think that deserves a separate story in due course. As well as the outlets referred to already, both sell at the monthly farmers' market at Village Greens in Ockley on Coles Lane at RH5 5LS on the first Sunday of every month from 1000 to 1400.

G Mytton

Repairs to the Millennium Path in Coldharbour by the National **Trust**

Readers may have noticed that what we sometimes refer to as "The Millennium Path" in Coldharbour, or "The Board Walk" that goes between the northern end of the Memorial Ground, just by the swings and reaches the southern side of Roffeys, has been closed because the boards have rotted and need replacing. The path was created at the turn of the millennium by the National Trust and was funded in large part by a donation from Gatwick Airport. The NT is now hoping to have it all repaired and is presently seeking funds for this.

Why was it created? It was to link both ends of the village for walkers so that they would not have to walk on the road. And the first person to ask for it was Debbie Chapman when she had two children to take through the village -Ryan and Claire. Then Anna was born in 2000 when the path opened, so she then had three to take along it. The path could therefore also be called the Chapman Children's Path! All three are of course now very grown up!

G Mytton

Update on Belmont School



Surrey Live has reported Belmont has been bought Cavendish Education. It was on the market for a guide price of £7million.

Their Chief Executive Cavendish said 'We are absolutely delighted to have acquired this fantastic school site and can't wait to share our plans with everyone.

Our family of schools is dedicated to

celebrating and nurturing neurodiverse students who think and learn differently.' Cavendish owns 16 schools across London Hampshire, Kent, Berkshire Gloucestershire, Cambridgeshire and the east Midlands.

CHILDREN

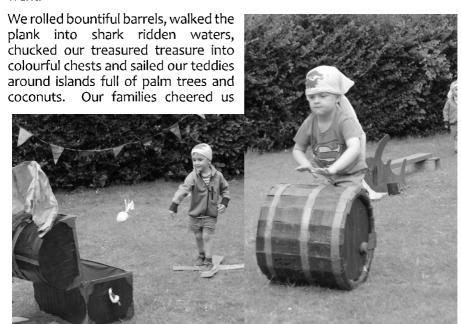
The Summer holidays are over and September means its back-to-school. Here are some reminders of the activities back in the 'sunny'! days of last term.

Abinger Common Nursery

Imagine the scene.....a dark and stormy Tuesday morning as we set sail across the swashbuckling Surrey Hills to the awaiting pirate parents hoping to win some treasure



at Sports Day. Adorned with our handmade bandanas and singing as we went.



ahoy as the blue, green, red and yellow teams went head-to-head to win medals of gold. It was a wonderful morning as the rain held off until picnic o'clock when we promptly headed inside to refuel!

This time of year, our school leavers are treated to a trip to say goodbye and they headed off to Little Street for an afternoon of exclusive play. If you've not been before it's an absolute must visit! A mini supermarket, pizza restaurant, vets, police station, beauty salon, building site, fire engine, post

office and a singing and dressing up stage await you. What's not to love? (Coffee for the grown-ups too!). We then graduated in style – singing a song to our parents and teachers – not a dry eye in the house!

There was another farewell as we said goodbye to Emma our committee chairman for the past 5 years. She was a superb asset with her educational background and endless enthusiasm – she went above and beyond, and we can't thank her enough for her time. But here goes – THANKYOU!!!!!!!!!!!

If you have a child looking to start nursery, please don't hesitate to get in touch —we still have a few spaces available, and the government have now introduced 15 hours of free childcare for working parents of 2-year-olds. Please call 07842 978823 or email abingercommonnursery@gmail.com. We can't wait to show you around!

Kate Fairbrass



Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School

The Abinger Fair



Over 40 children from the school opened the fair by parading resplendently in their costumes. Lola (May Queen) and her attendant, Abby, had the honour of being transported by pony and carriage. After Lola was crowned, the maypole dancers performed magnificently – producing a plait that was

admired by all and said to be the 'best ever seen'! Congratulations to all the children and thank you to the staff who also looked wonderful in their costumes

Year 2 Bees and Butterflies Class

Bees and Butterflies spent an enjoyable day out at Brooklands Museum. They saw different vehicles spanning across the century. Highlights were seeing Concorde and going aboard the Sultan of Oman's luxury plane (the very last plane ever to land at Brooklands! A fabulous day was had by all! Many thanks to all our helpers and the staff at the museum!

Year 5 Owls & Otters Class

Year 5 had a really lovely time at their residential at Forest Green Mill. They had a lovely firepit session to end the first day with marshmallows and hot chocolate! On the second day they took part in a low ropes course as well as some den building. The low ropes were quite the challenge as not every part of the course had actual ropes to help you get across, instead you had to rely on the balance of your teammates to get across!"

Year 6 Owls & Otters Class

The Year 6 children came together with other schools from the area to attend



the annual Primary Schools Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral.

There were lots of reflective activities around the cathedral, processing of our standard, singing and our special honour of providing the reader! Well done Maddie, you did a fantastic job!

Laura Belgrave Administrator

GARDENS

Robin's Gardening Tips for September



September, season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, well at least hopefully, if the deer and slugs have not decimated your crops! It is also the time when we are bombarded with bulb catalogues. It's fun to try something different each year but do remember to plant any bulbs ordered as soon as they arrive so they do not dry out.

The golden rule when planting bulbs is three times their depth. If you garden on heavy clay it's good idea to put some gravel under bulbs at the same time. Established crowded perennials can be split now and replanted into still warm soil, discarding very old centre growth. Cuttings taken from fuchsias, hydrangeas, geraniums and even petunias will readily root now and if protected from severe weather will provide healthy plants for next year.

Overwintering cabbages and other brassicas will need protection, especially from hungry pigeons, but do make sure any netting is taut so they cannot bounce on it to get at the greens.

Do check holly bushes if you have them in the garden and want berries for Christmas decorations, they may need covering early on.

Remember to check fruit trees often and pick when fruit is ready, or the jays may beat you to it!

Robin



For keen gardeners the National Garden Scheme offers the opportunity of looking around other people's gardens in aid of charity - and a few gardens are open this Autumn. You can download

their magazine on https://ngs.org.uk/app/uploads

West Horsley Place is open on Sunday 8^{th} September, 10-4. £10 adults and children free. This is the 15^{th} century manor house where they filmed Ghosts—and less importantly back in the 16^{th} century Henry VIII visited and Sir Walter Raleigh's family lived there!

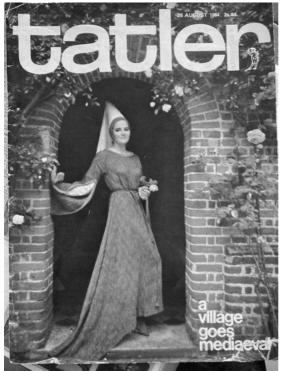
In October - Albury Park is open on $6^{\rm th}$ October and Coverwood Lakes on Sunday $20^{\rm th}$ October.

Kim Clark is collecting memories of the Abinger Fair.

Have you got any photos or memories you can share? Do write and tell us at abingerpn@gmail.com or Kimclark50@gmail.com

Here's a memory that Cherry Clarke shared of how she appeared on the front of Tatler in 1963.

Cherry was engaged to be married to Robert Clarke of Abinger Manor in 1963.



She embraced tradition and for the Fair that June she was dressed very elegantly in a long red dress and flowing train (old curtains) topped off by wimple. She caught the attention of a photographer (later identified as Dick Swavne) and was photographed in the doorway of Abinger Manor.

Unbeknownst to her, the photographer was quite famous, having photographed Twiggy for Taler, and he used this shot as a cover for Tatler the following Summer with an article inside entitled "a village goes medieval".

'Miss Cherry Wardby is

wearing her 14th century gown on the rose hung porch of the house she will soon enter as a bride'

Cherry only discovered that she was in Tatler when her father, who had come to the UK from Africa for her wedding, was handed the magazine in the waiting room at the dentist's! Cherry, who now lives at Abinger Manor Cottage, went on to be Chair of the Fair Committee and has attended the Fair every year since then.

Christine Padgham offers a Library of Jigsaw Puzzles

Well. the evenings are beginning to draw in. You might like to have a break from the or phone screen and try out these puzzles. They are not huge like a normal 1,000-



piece jigsaw that often has endless blue sky or green grass and needs a massive board. These are about 12 inches in diameter. They fit on a tray so you can put a cushion on your knees with the tray on top.



They are made of wood and connect by unusual, shaped joints. Some puzzles have smaller pieces,

others larger. Each has pieces shaped like animals, butterflies, fish, birds etc. Here is a sample of the pieces with the shaped pieces on the right. And here is the finished result.

I have over 20 now, yes, I am hooked on them! They take 5 or 6 hours to complete, some are easier, others need more thought. This jungle scene



is a bit larger and took a while longer to complete but it is one of my favourites. A good way for a family (older children) to work together. If anyone wants to borrow a puzzle I am happy to use my collection as a puzzle library. If you would like to borrow a puzzle, then contact me at christinepadgham@btinternet.com

SAVE THE DATE



Coldharbour Village Barn Dance

Friday October 4th 6.30-10pm

A fun filled night of country dancing, live music with a ceilidh band/caller and great company. On Friday October 4th 6.30 – 10pm

A village mail will be sent out in September with the ticket prices.

Contact Amanda Hanlin for further amandahanlin@aol.com



Please join us at St James' Abinger on 9th October 9-12 noon

Bring cakes and crafts

to sell and share

and enjoy a relaxed

morning of light refreshments

Please bring your family friends and neighbours!

UPDATE FROM SHERE SURGERY

With an unusually dry and hot August, I hope you have managed to stay cool and enjoy the lovely weather with friends and family. Many choose to go away during these summer months and the surgery has been no different, with staff refreshed for a busy Autumn that lies ahead!

The autumn vaccination programme will start with the regular Flu and Covid vaccinations from the 3rd October and with the aim to give both, to those who qualify, at the same time. We encourage you to book in only here at the surgery to avoid any waste. Covid has certainly not disappeared as seen with rising numbers of cases over the summer months and so it is well worth taking up the offer.

This year will also see the introduction of the RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) vaccination. This is a common winter virus causing Bronchiolitis in young children but also significant respiratory symptoms in adults, which can lead to hospital admission This will be available at the surgery to all those over the age of 75, and pregnant women via maternity services, from 1st September.

You may have seen news in the media regarding GP collective action. Historically, GP practices have worked above and beyond their contracts to keep up with demand, while also being instructed to offer extra services by NHS England. Despite warning the Government that they're being forced to do more with less and reaching breaking point, GPs have been repeatedly ignored for many years and not given the funding they need. Of the entire NHS budget, general practices get only 6% of guaranteed funding yet GP surgeries perform 90% of consultations. With requests for extra funding continuing to fall on deaf ears a ballot was taken which voted overwhelmingly to take collective action to address this issue and to prevent General practice from collapsing all together.

This means that GP Surgeries can choose from a list of 10 actions to implement which may include: refusing to share patient data unless it's in the best interests of a patient; referring patients directly to specialist care rather than following longer and more complex NHS processes; switching off NHS software which tries to cut prescribing costs. However, practices will still be open and seeing patients but at times may redirect to other local services instead.

At Shere Surgery, we will be discussing if and what actions will be taken and communicate this to you as soon as possible. We want to be clear that the problem is that there are not enough doctors to manage the amount of appointment requests and we need more funding to buy in more doctor time, alongside reducing the bureaucratic burden.

Dr Marcus McEwen

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A reminder of the joys of driving during the Summer!

