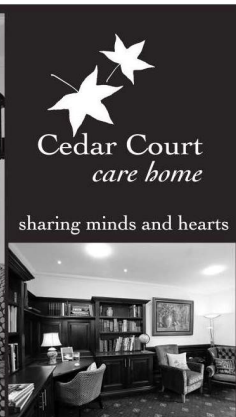


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***From the Editor .....***

Welcome to the Autumn edition of **nEWs and viEWs magazine**. The weather is already beginning to feel cooler as I put this Autumn edition together. I am always surprised at how much goes on in our village, so we can certainly find plenty to fill our time as the nights draw in.

I am always happy to receive articles and information to publish in **nEWs and viEWs**, so if you have any items of interest please either send them to me at [p.henry@metrics-consulting.com](mailto:p.henry@metrics-consulting.com) or give me a call on 01483 275380. Any comments you may have on the magazine would also be much appreciated.

We hope you will support all of our local advertisers. If you wish to place an advertisement in the Autumn edition please contact Val Henry at [val.dixon.henry@btinternet.com](mailto:val.dixon.henry@btinternet.com) or on 01483 275380 by early November.

*Best wishes .. Phil Henry*

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## THE PARISH SURVEY and YOU!



Our work on the Ewhurst & Ellens Green Neighbourhood Plan has reached a really important stage - the Parish Survey.

It's a vital step in the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) process. Collecting information, views and ideas about the future of this parish from you, the residents, will help create a Neighbourhood Plan that is supported by the whole community.

Without community involvement and support - from a survey that reaches all adult residents who respond in significant numbers - our plan won't meet planning law requirements of being community-led and evidence-based. This would rob our parish of an equal voice in planning decisions alongside Waverley Borough Council.

Go to the NP pages of the Ewhurst website [www.ewhurst.org](http://www.ewhurst.org) for more information on Neighbourhood Plans and why it's important we have one for this parish.

### **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR SURVEY!**

**You can choose whether to respond via the paper version or online, but please complete only ONE survey form per person.**

#### **On paper....**

Two copies of the Parish Survey should have been delivered to every home in the parish by now. We hope that everyone 18 years and over will complete one and return it in its envelope to one of the locations listed below.

If you have a spare survey please check if any of your neighbours need an extra one. Additional copies of the survey and envelopes are also available at the survey returns locations.

#### ***Returns locations for completed paper surveys:***

Hazelbank Stores or  
The Bulls Head Pub or  
in the case of Ellens Green - Elm Garth, Furzen Lane.

#### **Online ....**

There's an online version of the Parish Survey on the Ewhurst Parish website [www.ewhurst.org](http://www.ewhurst.org). Click on the NP July/ Aug update link on the home page.

#### **Looking ahead**

Clearly, it's important that we inform you of the survey findings. As well as posting them on the Ewhurst website, we will make sure that those of you

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without internet access are informed in other ways - through local magazines, notices and public meetings.

There may be further surveys at a later stage, particularly around the topic of housing and development. As a separate exercise, the Business Working Party, led by Paddy Geoghegan, is conducting a survey of opinions from businesses in the parish.

Towards the end of the Neighbourhood Plan process everyone will have the opportunity to see and comment on a Draft Plan. And eventually, the final version will have to pass the test of a parish-wide referendum.

But that goal is still some way off! In the meantime, the working groups are marshalling statistical evidence obtained by the Central Support Group to build a detailed picture of the parish as it is now.

Together with your responses to the Parish Survey we'll soon be in a position to think about how the future for this parish might look. A future that will build on your views and needs.

*Tim Bloomfield*

**Chair – Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

### **EwCare**

Ewcare is a good neighbour scheme which provides support to people in the Ewhurst and Ellens Green community.

So don't forget! You can contact EwCare on 01483 277606 between 10.00 am and noon, Monday to Friday. Please give us as much notice as possible of your request so that we can find a volunteer to help you.

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## ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH



A glance through my diary tells me that summer is far from being 'the quiet season' in church life. I'm sure someone once told me that nothing ever happened in church during July and August because everyone is away on holiday. Maybe I dreamed that – because here in Ewhurst it seems we pack a lot into our Summer season.

Laura and I had an early holiday and came back at the end of June having already missed our Gift Day and Summer Songs of Praise in the grounds of the Old Rectory, always a favourite occasion.

There followed: Baptisms and barbecues, pet services and picnics, weddings and Women's Fellowship summer lunch, the start of our new Homegroup, cream teas on the Rectory lawn, the Big Day Out (very successful! Thank you!), Ewhurst Infant School End-of-Year service, joint service with the Baptist church, The Archdeacon's triennial inspection, more barbecues, our usual varied mix of Sunday services and of course Holiday Club!

The church is very much alive and active across the parish, both in visible ways and in quiet service behind the scenes too.

Summer lends itself to social events - and don't we in Ewhurst make the most of that!

Holiday Club for the children is one of the year's highlights and this year was one of our most successful as we took a very strong theme (under the sea) and with a wide range of helpers, turned the Infant School Hall into a watery world for over 40 children for 4 sessions at the start of August.

You'll maybe be aware that I share a sense of humour with 6 year olds and know many of the children who attend Holiday Club from either our 20/20 puppet services or from taking assemblies in the school. So for me Holiday Club is all good news.

We had some 20 excellent volunteers to look after the children which



gave us a safe setting and great atmosphere in which the children could let their imaginations and energy run riot. We made scuba breathing apparatus from lemonade bottles, created colourful crabs and Puffer fish, played games outdoors and indoors, deciphered mysterious fishy codes, sang songs, told rubbish jokes and had a fantastic maze like tunnel to take us to and from our deep sea home.

We also heard the story of the search for the mythical, mysterious Mer-Dog, and had a real Mer-Dog (that looked a lot like Scruffy!).

Alongside all of this we heard the stories of three Bible Characters (who all looked a lot like Tim Seller!)

I well remember as a child, going dutifully to Church Parade every month as a Wolf Cub, but more exciting was the week during the summer holidays that the Big Top tent came to our Norfolk village.

Back then we took part in games, singing and competitions led by a Christian Mission society (I've no idea who they were but 'thank you!') I remember winning a Bible puzzle book in one competition. I had no idea of any of the answers but was delighted to win it! Summer holidays meant the tented mission – one of the most exciting weeks of the year.

That sense of the Christian faith being put over in a way that is exciting and fun for children has stayed with me all my life and informed much of my ministry.

The Christian faith is not about rules and regulations but about a lively and loving relationship with God brought about by Jesus Christ. If any sense of that loving God comes though during our Holiday Club, if any child goes home with a sense that church can be relevant, that the bible has something wise and interesting to say, or that God loves them – as I did as a child myself, then Holiday Club – though exhausting and time consuming to put on – is worth every single second of the effort.

Summer is definitely a long way from being the quiet season in the life of Ewhurst Church; and I wouldn't have it any other way. I do need a bit of a lie down after Holiday Club though! Meanwhile I hope you will enjoy the pictures on pages 32 and 33.

Best wishes .. David

## GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD



There was much relief when Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> dawned bright and sunny. The Big Day Out proved to be a great success from all points of view, as many of you will remember. Early on that afternoon, I was looking around the broad acres of the Polo Ground and enjoying the lovely setting. In the distance I saw a pair of buzzards soaring over the adjacent woodland, then a pair of red kites appeared. Buzzards have been resident in our area for some years, but it is only this year that I have seen kites regularly including once near the High Street in Cranleigh. It is a great pleasure seeing these and other birds flying in our countryside and my interest extends to many other animals – especially insects, reptiles and mammals. The animal kingdom has such variety in appearance and habits with each species having its own role in their environment. My professional life was taken up with learning about the natural world and especially the animals. It generated an enduring, lifelong fascination.

Some reports that appeared in newspapers within a week or so of the Big Day Out provided a completely opposite approach to the natural world. The news story concerned a person who paid a large amount of money to kill a lion, a very special lion. This became a notorious incident, but was not an isolated case because there is high demand among big game hunters who want to shoot large mammals, especially lions, tigers and leopards. Parts of the resulting carcasses might be kept as trophies to be displayed, but one success is rarely sufficient for such hunters and it leads to a desire to find other victims. Little thought is given to the effect on populations, and the rarer the animal the greater the desire to hunt. There is a depressing catalogue of animal species that humans have killed to extinction of which the Dodo and Passenger Pigeon are the most familiar examples. However, there are many others such as the Quagga (a relative of the zebra), the Tasmanian Tiger and the Great Auk. The Eastern Moa lived in south island New Zealand and was finished off by the first western visitors in about 1500.

I, for one, cannot understand why anyone would want to kill an animal just for the pleasure of it. There is much more to be gained by watching

and studying, but of course this requires different skills especially time and patience. Animals have always been a source of food, for other animals as well as for us. It is killing for fun that I think is so wrong. Some tell us that the money hunters pay for their trophies pays for the maintenance the environments in which they live. A major problem with this is that hunters always want to bag the largest and best animals (the leaders of packs or prides). Animal groups are be very severely affected is they lose their leader suddenly. There must be better ways to conserve environments than by allowing killing for pleasure.

These are personal opinions; does the Bible give any guidance to how we should approach the natural world? In the story of the creation, we read that God created all living creatures and created man to rule over them. These verses, and especially Genesis 1:28, are read to mean that we are God's representatives on earth and stewards of His creation. As such we are not to exploit or waste them, but respect and care for them. The responsibility was reinforced in the story of the flood, when God gave Noah the job of saving the animals as well as his family. A big fish had a crucial part to play in directing Jonah toward Nineveh where God needed him to work. It is true that the Old Testament has many references to burnt offerings and sacrifices of animals to God, but these were parts of festivals and feasts and most of the offerings were eaten. Jesus used animals, particularly sheep, in a positive way. In John chapter 10, Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who cares for his sheep, who goes out and looks for lost sheep and wants us all to be included in his sheep fold. He also pointed out that the birds of the air do not work, "yet your heavenly Father feeds them" (Matthew 6:26).

It is clear to me that Christians are required to respect the natural world we have been given and to use it for our benefit. It must be used to the benefit of everyone, not selfishly or exploiting it unnecessarily. This is exactly what we celebrate at Harvest when we give thanks to God for his unending generosity. In addition there is a great deal of interest and wonder to be had if we look and study animals and plants and learn about the wonders of God's creation.

*Tim Seller*

***Saint Peter & Saint Paul, Ewhurst  
Harvest Festival Service***

**Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

***Do join us for our Harvest Festival with children from  
Ewhurst CofE Infants School  
and their thoughts and songs on Harvest,  
and stay for a Barbecue Harvest Lunch in the church  
grounds and in the Wilson Room***

**Our Harvest Collection** is going once again to **British Humanitarian Aid** for the Ukraine.

As before, the Aid will be taken out to the Ukraine in lorries where it will be distributed in schools and orphanages in a part of the world which experiences great deprivation with over 80% unemployment.

Each year we collect a variety of goodies to make a small difference in the lives of children of all ages.

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Your gifts will arrive in time for Christmas.

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You could also bring your gifts along to our Harvest Festival service at 10.30am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We would love to see you there as we celebrate 'all good gifts around us' – with which we are richly blessed in Ewhurst.

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### **Calling All Quiz-goers!**

After nearly ten years at the helm, Geoff Harry has retired as quiz master for the annual charity church quiz. Our warm thanks go to him and to Jane for all they have done to make this a very popular and entertaining event in the village calendar, with tickets selling out fast and competition on the night fierce.

Now we need a new inquisitor. Whoever takes on the role would have freedom to decide the format of the evening and could also choose one of the two charities it supports. The job could easily be shared. If you are interested and would like to know more do please get in touch with one of the people below. We would be delighted to hear from you.

So far this year the group has arranged five events including the Grand Magic Evening which raised over eleven hundred pounds to be shared between local charities. Thank you to every one who has given support.

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Youngsters and those new to singing are enrolled into the Royal Schools of Church Music **Voice for Life Scheme**. This is a world-wide standard which develops and protects the voice for life. Through an Awards system the young songster learns good vocal technique with plenty of opportunity to put into practice the teaching methods - the scheme is good for all, whatever age/ability. Music is a God-given gift, *a gift for the church in our time*, and we do live in an age of great communication where differing forms of interpretation abound and no more so than 21<sup>st</sup> century church music. As a church musician, I am anxious that we should not shy away from live music-making - there are so many opportunities. Music making, particularly in the context of a choral unit, is very much a team sport. It is fun, intellectual, and really quite different from anything else!

In the up-coming months we have a whole raft of choral opportunities. Come along, taste and see...

Want to know more? Then ....

Check out the church web-site or telephone me, Val Henry, on 01483 275380 or email [val.dixon.henry@btinternet.com](mailto:val.dixon.henry@btinternet.com)

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Our autumn term finds us revelling in *Baroque Splendour*. The season opens with our October concert at Charterhouse Chapel, Godalming, on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 pm and combines two works by the great masters of the Baroque era, Handel and JS Bach, with the world premiere of a new setting of *Stabat Mater* by Ian Schofield, the Hampshire composer known for his attractive and accessible choral writing. Schofield's work is scored for Soprano solo, chorus and strings and brings a beguiling mixture of musical beauty and drama to the traditional text. The prize-winning young violinist, Alessandro Ruisi is the soloist in *Bach's E Major Concerto* and that's followed by Handel's showpiece, *Dixit Dominus*, which reveals the technique and flair that the composer acquired during his studies in Italy before establishing residence in London. See more details at [www.guildfordchoral.org.uk](http://www.guildfordchoral.org.uk).

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### St. Peter & Paul, Ewhurst



### TODDLER GROUP

#### ***New Autumn term begins - Friday 11th September***

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We are here every Friday in term time  
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# Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ewhurst



## Treasure Seekers Club

A club for children which takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month. Children can be dropped off at the Wilson Room for a 10:30 start. Activities include art, craft, music and games and children of all ages are welcome – though under 3's need to be accompanied by an adult. The session ends at approximately 11:45 when parents are welcome to join us for refreshments.

There is no charge for the sessions. All new *Treasure Seekers* members receive a welcome pack and their very own *Treasure Chest!*

So, come along and join! For more information contact Kathryn Pyper on 277460 or at [pypers@btinternet.com](mailto:pypers@btinternet.com)

### ..... **FROM THE PARISH CHURCH REGISTERS**

#### **Baptisms:**

21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sebastian Potashnick
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Imogen de Vos van Steenwijk
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Poppy Eleanor Lightoller Arthur Otto Scott Violet Mae Scott
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Lily Rapley
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Charlie Stanislaw High
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Logan Austin Nicholson

#### **Weddings:**

20 <sup>th</sup> June	Michael Higgins & Hollie Gains
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Richard Harriss & Nicola Kevern

#### **Renewal of Marriage Vows:**

8 <sup>th</sup> August	Adam & Natasha Cox
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# Lighting the Way



## A Service of Light for Children

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	6.30 pm	Festival Harvest Praise
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4.30 pm	Lighting the Way followed by Fireworks
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	6.30 pm	All Souls' Service
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.50 am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Service in church
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30 am	All-age Advent Service

**PATTERN OF CHURCH SERVICES**

WEEK	8.00 am	9.00 am — 10.30 am		6.30 pm
1		9.00 am 10.30 am	BCP Communion 20:20	BCP Choral Evensong
2	BCP Communion	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Common Worship (Treasure Seekers)	
3	BCP Communion	9.15 am 10.30 am	Breakfast Service CW Morning Prayer	Evening Worship
4	BCP Communion	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Common Worship (Treasure Seekers)	
5	BCP Communion	10.30 am	Morning Prayer (Treasure Seekers)	

*N.B. Check service details by looking in the weekly church news sheet or on the church website*

**ALL SOULS' SERVICE**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 6.30pm**

*This is a special service to remember loved one who have died.*

During the service, candles are lit in memory of those people as their names are read out. The choir is at this service and there is music and readings to reflect the theme of remembering loved ones.

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Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Outing to Newbridge Nursery

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

A talk by the Rector, Revd. David Minns

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

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Over time, St Peter and St Paul's has benefited from legacies given by both church-goers and friends.

Leaving a legacy to the church in your Will means that you are helping future generations in the village to continue to have our beautiful church in their midst for weddings, christenings and funerals, as well as somewhere quiet and peaceful to reflect when they need to.

Your legacy can also ensure that the community life of the church within the village can be there whenever it is needed to support and guide people through life's journey.

**Note** - If you have already made your Will, you can add a bequest to the church by using a codicil.

### ***Bereavement Group Coffee Mornings***

Although Rev. Tricia Hislop is no longer attached to the Parish Church she is going to continue to help with the Bereavement Group. If you would like help and support following a recent bereavement please telephone either Julia on 01483 271419 or Tricia on 01483 274359. You do not have to be a Church-attender to come to this group.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

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## **Ewhurst Baptist Church**

I want to take this opportunity to bring to your attention some changes and additions we are making to our programme this coming Autumn.

The first is with regards to our KIKS Club. Established over three years ago with the acronym “KIKS” which came from its fuller but more unwieldy title - Keep Interested, Keep Socialising, the Club is an attempt to provide a venue for people to meet and enjoy one another’s company whilst playing various games; card games, Scrabble, even snakes and ladders. We provide the venue and refreshments at no charge, just giving an opportunity on a couple of afternoons in the month for people who otherwise might spend much time on their own to come out and socialise. Although our personal needs for social interaction vary it is a widely attested fact that social interaction is beneficial for our mental and emotional health and well being.

Starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> October, we are going to be trialling a once per month film club. With the installation of a new wide screen TV and hearing loop system in our church hall we hope to be able to offer a variety of films suited to all tastes on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoon of the month. The films will be of about 90 minutes duration which will allow us an interval for refreshments.

As with all our activities there is no charge, we facilitate such events as an expression of Christian care for our neighbours. You would be welcome to come and join us yourself but could I also ask that you might bring this to the attention of your neighbours, particularly those who might benefit from being able to come out and socialise on the occasional winter afternoon.

Help with transport is available and you will find more details on the specific KIKS advert which follows in this magazine.

The second item I would like to bring to your attention is of a more specifically Christian nature, namely that from early October we will be running our Christianity Explored Course again this year.

The course has eight sessions, normally run over eight weeks and is an opportunity for people to explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open and



questioning environment. It is suitable to those who really don't know what Christianity is all about but also for those whose faith has grown rather dusty over the years and who would like to revisit the heart of the Gospel. The course will run on one afternoon and / or one evening during the week, the final timing being determined to best fit those who wish to attend.

If you would like more details please do contact me, Simon Bodington either by email at: [minister@ewhurstbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@ewhurstbaptistchurch.org.uk), or phone on 01483 495426.

If you have access to the internet you can also find more details of the course at [www.christianityexplored.org](http://www.christianityexplored.org)

Finally just to remind you of our web site **[www.ewhurstbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.ewhurstbaptistchurch.org.uk)** which we endeavour to keep up to-date regarding our regular and one-off events at the church, ranging from our Sunday services to our mid-week Toddler Group.

We are keen as a church to stay in touch with the community of which we are part and to that end if you have any observations or comments you wish to share then please do get in touch.

Wishing you a good Autumn.

God Bless

**Simon Bodington**

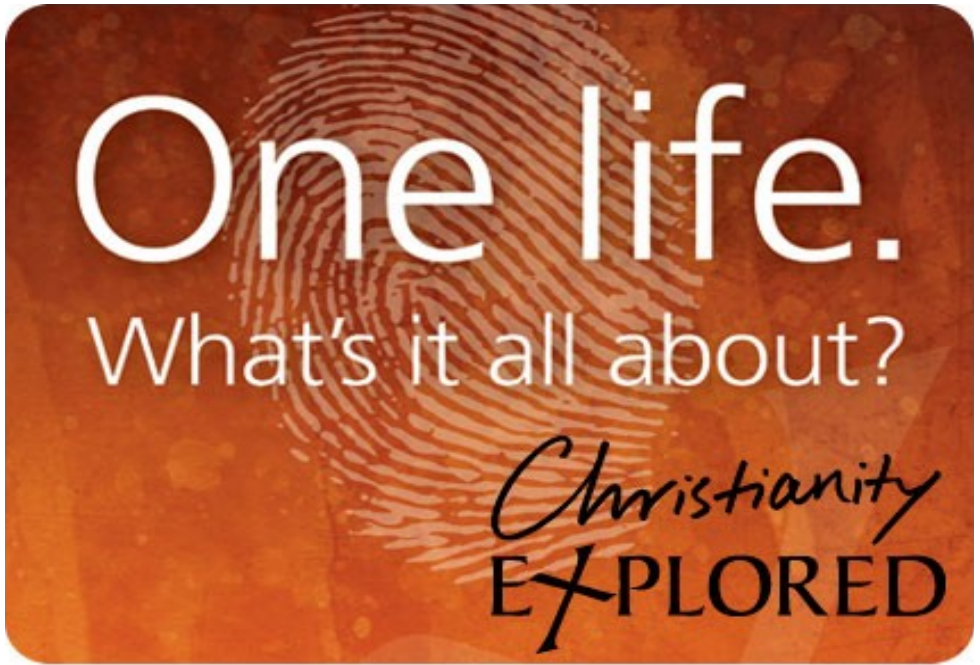
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**Ewhurst Baptist Church** will be running the Christianity Explored course for eight weeks from early October. The course is an opportunity for people to explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open and questioning environment. In a world where many no longer know the central message of Christian faith the CE course provides an opportunity to become better informed, determining for ourselves the relevance of Jesus' teaching. The course will run on one afternoon and one evening during the week, the final timing being determined to best fit those who wish to attend. If you would like more details, or to book a place do please contact me, Simon Bodington by email at [minister@ewhurstbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@ewhurstbaptistchurch.org.uk), or phone on 01483 495426.

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A variety of activities are available at each session.

For more information please contact: Jackie Bodington  
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	May	Jun	Jul
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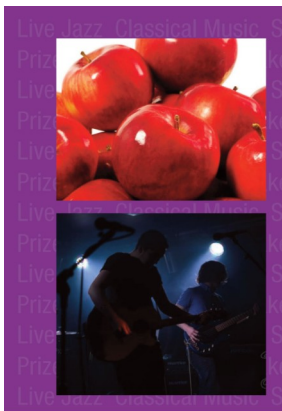
## **EWHURST MONDAY CLUB**

The Ewhurst Monday Club is a social club for Senior Citizens. We meet on the third Monday of the month at the Glebe Centre, Ewhurst, at 2.15pm from April to October and at 2.00pm in the winter months.

We have a presentation or a talk or a Member's Meeting with a nice tea. In November we go to the Bulls Head for lunch and a film. Our full Programme is on the notice board at the Glebe Centre.

Visitors are welcome and pay £1 for their tea.

If you would like further information, please contact Jean Dodd: 01483 278184.



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## 2015 Big Day & Big Night Out

### It's a record!

This year's Ewhurst Big Day Out and Big Night Out at Hurtwood Park Polo Club produced a record surplus of £12,000 for our Parish Church - over £4,000 more than in 2013.

This fantastic result could not have been achieved without the generosity of local businesses in sponsorship and prize draw donations, and the enormous contribution from Kenney and Jayne Jones who donated the use of the Polo Club ground and venue for the event.



We were also blessed with wonderful summer weather - perfect for enjoying the many daytime rides, activities and entertainments. Visitors could once again be taken to the event in Norman Hamshere's vintage bus and this proved to be very popular. Our thanks to Peter Davies and Richard Haverson for doing the driving.

A highlight of the day were the Model Planes from the Surrey Radio Control Club. They amazed us with their acrobatic displays for most of the afternoon and we were able to look at the models close up. We appreciated them all coming along.



Another highlight was Showdown Theatre Arts' performance in the afternoon with around 60 youngsters giving the crowd some really professional dance and musical treats.

Thanks to all who entertained us so well!

The 30-plus Classic Cars and Vintage Tractors on display were another interesting attraction, as was the Hurtwood Polo Club match later in the day providing, another exciting spectacle for our visitors. We are grateful to all concerned for their support.

The Big Night Out started with some great local singers, including Emma Kennedy, the Surrey Fringe Barber Shop Chorus, Glebelands in Harmony with Surrey Hills Singing School, and more from Showdown Theatre Arts.



We were then treated to a rousing headline act performance by Kenney Jones and the Jones Gang.

The huge audience swayed and sang along with old favourites from the Small Faces and lots of other vintage rock, and the whole atmosphere was like one big party!

Our thanks to the compare for the night, Richard van't Reit.

All this good fortune meant that record numbers of people from Ewhurst and further afield flocked to both the day and night events to produce the best surplus so far for this biennial fundraising event.

Organising the Ewhurst Big Day and Night Out is a major task for the Ewhurst Parish Church fundraising group led by Jane Harry.

Planning for each event begins two years in advance as soon as the last one is over. Booking daytime rides, activities, stalls and displays - as well as the Big Night Out's musical entertainment - begins in earnest a year ahead. All this, while the fundraising group members are also working on smaller fundraising events for the same year.

As the Big Day and Night Out date nears, the publicity machine gets under way and the fundraising group nervously monitors the weather forecast .....

Plans are already underway for the 2017 Big Day and Night Out with the date set for Saturday 15 July!



The Cranleigh Branch of Traidcraft has asked if anyone in our church would be happy to organise a sales table for Traidcraft items.

This would need to be set up once a month in the Wilson Room.

To find out more, please contact Jane:

01483 275047 or [geoff@ewhurstgreen.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:geoff@ewhurstgreen.fsnet.co.uk)

# News from Ewhurst Parish Council



The Parish Council would like your ideas for celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The celebrations will be over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Please let us know how you would like to celebrate with the community.

Bus stop developments: Since our last report we have had a further public meeting and several other meetings with Arriva and many Surrey County Council officials plus Alan Young. The main thrusts of our efforts are to slightly enlarge the existing southbound Glebe bus stop in the hope of making it suitable for a rest stop; to ensure free access for all buses around Bull's Head Green so that they do not have to reverse over the mini roundabout, and to look at speed reduction measures throughout the village. We are sad to report that the officials (other than Alan Young) are mostly interested in maintaining the status quo rather than suggesting viable solutions to our problems – which is very frustrating and also extends the time taken to get any decisions – especially in the holiday season. However, although we can't promise anything, we remain committed to somehow satisfying the residents of the Glebe so that they can be dropped off the bus without having to climb the hill by the school, and that this should be achieved before the winter months set in at the very latest.

Residents of the Glebe had expressed concern at the degree of dog fouling in the neighbourhood. The Parish Council provided a dog pooh-bag dispenser to Waverley Borough Council and this has now been installed. The dog bag dispenser is being monitored and filled by a nearby resident, with bags provided by the Parish Council. We would like to thank that resident for his community spirit!

The lack of rain this year during the allotments' growing season has meant hard work for the tenants. To ease their burden the Parish Council has responded to a request for a second water tap to be positioned by those allotments furthest from the current tap. Our thanks to all tenants for keeping their plots so neat and tidy – they are a credit to the village.

Waverley Borough Council will be replacing the old broken bench at the junction of Plough Lane and Horsham Lane with a new one. They have set the wheels in motion and we understand that the new bench is being made and should be on site shortly. This fits in nicely with the refurbishment of the footpath running along the Common to the Cricket Ground which we hope is satisfactory to all users.

The Parish Council would like remind all residents that we allocate money from a small grants fund made available for individual enterprises for the benefit of the

community within the Parish of Ewhurst. There is an application form on the website or otherwise please contact the Clerk on 01483 267646 if you have an interest in this.

A reminder that there is now an AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR situated in the Village Stores in Ewhurst. Let the Clerk know if you are interested in familiarisation classes for the AED and if we have sufficient interest we will run another class.

Please do e-mail [clerk.epc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk.epc@btinternet.com) or telephone on 01483 267646 if you have any queries for the Parish Council. If you would like to receive the Parish Council e-Bulletin then please let the Clerk have your e-mail address. The Parish Council's e-Bulletin is a brief newsletter on current events and urgent matters which is sent out as often as needed. For copies of Minutes of Parish Council Meetings please see the website [www.ewhurst.org](http://www.ewhurst.org).

*Jane Bromley - Parish Clerk*

## **EWHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

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Our Autumn Show will be held on 12th September in the Village Hall. Open to the public at 2.30pm with presentation of awards, raffle and auction of some of the show produce at 4.15pm. We look forward to receiving your entries - help if necessary is available from the Show Secretary, Hilary 01483 276713. The entries include vegetables and fruit, flowers and pot plants, floral art, photography, home fare and various classes for the children. Check it all on the website.

The Sydney Scott Memorial Talk follows on Wednesday 23rd September, Ewhurst Village Hall. Fergus Garrett, head gardener of Great Dixter, will be giving a talk on "Succession planting in the mixed border". Pay wine bar will be open at 7pm. Talk commences at 8pm with raffle. Tickets £5.00 members, £10.00 visitors available from Anne 271812 or email [dyball@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk](mailto:dyball@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk).

13th October we have a talk with slides "Garden Photography" by Mark Saunders. Glebe Centre 8.00pm, with refreshments/raffle.

24th November we hold our AGM followed by a talk with slides "Tales from the potting shed" by Jean Griffin. Glebe Centre 7.30pm, with refreshments/raffle.

Visitors welcome.



We are a non-profit making community pre-school in the heart of Ewhurst Village providing early years education for 2 to 4 year olds.

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## **Waverley Presents ‘West Surrey’s War 1914-18’**

On 12 September Waverley residents are invited to step back in time 100 years and experience what life was like in the towns and villages of West Surrey during WW1.

This unique community event, co-hosted by Waverley Borough Council and Godalming Town Council, will see the Burys Field transformed with exciting displays, exhibitions and performances in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

At the event, which will be officially opened by the Mayor of Waverley, Cllr Mike Band, guests can take part in a range of activities including Union Jack making, a poppy trail, and period dress up. There will also be an exhibition of artists’ prints, and a special film screening of ‘One Shot’ by HYPE young curators group.

Three major exhibitions featuring village archives from Badshot Lea, Blackheath and Thursley will reveal the incredible stories of local men who served in the Great War. As well as adding your own stories to Surrey Heritage’s collection, you can search for your relatives in Godalming’s Roll of Honour.

Cllr Nicholas Holder, Heritage Champion at Waverley Borough Council, who has been instrumental in delivering the project said: “This is a very special event and will be the first of its kind in Waverley. Everybody is welcome to come along for free and enjoy the exhibits. On the day children can experience a real life WW1 bunker, laundry day and first aid tent, whilst any old WW1 documents or artefacts you have can be recorded and examined by professional historians.”

Cllr Julia Potts, Portfolio Holder for Culture at Waverley Borough Council, said: “Thanks to the support of many local organisations, this promises to be an interactive and educational event for all the family. It is a wonderful way for the community to come together and commemorate WW1 in Surrey during its centenary.”

After a live performance by Charterhouse School and the Surrey Army Cadets, guests are invited to the Heroes Band Concert at the Bandstand on the Phillips Memorial Grounds at 5pm.

The event will be held between 1.30pm - 5pm on Saturday 12 September. On Sunday 13 September exhibitions and displays only will be available to view from 12pm - 3pm.

For more information visit [www.waverley.gov.uk/ww1](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/ww1) or call Waverley’s Community Arts Officer Charlotte Hall on 01483 523390.

## Ewhurst Evening WI

In September Ewhurst Evening WI will be celebrating its 40th Birthday and the 100th Anniversary of all WIs with a special supper and some games. We hope members will dress in red, bring photographs of themselves when young so others can guess 'Who's Who' and generally have some fun with in house entertainment.

October will find us hearing about Ghosts of Surrey from Rupert Matthews and discussing ideas for an outing to Elstree Studios for an episode of "Pointless" as well as planning our Christmas Party. We hold our Annual Meeting in November and remind ourselves of all we have done in the year while also voting in our new Committee for 2016.

If you are new to Ewhurst or just want to improve your social life and make some new friends then why not come along to one of our meetings. They take place on the second Thursday of each month at Ewhurst Village Hall at 8pm. We aim to make our meetings enjoyable and informative with a wide range of speakers, and also leave time to chat to other members. Ladies also enjoy various outings and monthly lunches.

If any of these topics interest you, or you would like to find out more about our popular WI, then just come along and pay us a visit. If you would like any further information then please contact Elisabeth Fischbach on 276904.



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# Pre-School News

Currently on our summer break we are all looking back on what was certainly a busy year with fond memories.

We said goodbye to nineteen school leavers with a fish and chip lunch and party, leavers' service at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church with Scruffy the dog and filling shoe boxes with treasures from their time at Rainbow's. The children are certainly ready for their next step having visited their new schools as well as a Teddy Bear's Picnic with apple class at Ewhurst Infant School.

Another highlight from the summer term was our annual coach trip. This year we went on two coaches to Box Hill. We were blessed with wonderful weather to enjoy the natural play trail and sensory activities put on by the National Trust staff at Box Hill.



We have to mention our sports day which took place in June. This year the theme was 'medieval' and races required children to joust, tackle obstacles and throw sponges at dragons. Parents, siblings and staff members all took part in our favourite event of the year.

We had dads and granddads visit us for the morning to celebrate Father's Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing them around and getting them involved in their favourite activities

We return for the Autumn term on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 and will be welcoming ten new families. Please do give us a ring or send us an email if you would like to come and look round for children starting September 2016. We would also love to hear from anyone in the village who might be interested in joining our committee.

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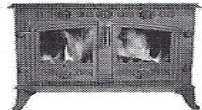
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## ***News from Ewhurst CE Infant School***

The traditional Leavers' Service in our parish church rounded off the academic year with the pupils sharing a wealth of memories of their three years at the school along with anticipation of the future. Twenty five pupils are moving to eight different schools and they can be confident and proud of their achievements that will hold them in good stead for the future. We thank the families who are leaving the school for all the support they have given their children and the unstinting help they have provided the school; going on school trips, helping organise PTA events, hearing children read, helping with swimming, undertaking first aid and pool safety training. Without a high level of parental (and grandparent) support some activities would not have been possible. It is also at this time that the strong relationship between the school and the church is heightened as we join together in celebrating these inspiring pupils.

Again this summer we have been very fortunate to have sunny weather which has meant that the swimming pool has been very well used. It has been wonderful to see the considerable progress so many children have made with their swimming skills. We greatly appreciate the continuing generosity of the parish council and Hazelbank stores for donations, which is vital to maintain this essential opportunity for future generations attending the school.

The Summer Fair organised by the PTA was a truly fantastic event with a highly successful 'pirates and mermaids' theme which raised approximately £3,000 a magnificent sum, which is being spent supporting developments in the new national curriculum. Our oldest children were extremely proficient with traditional Maypole dancing this year and confidently demonstrated 'the plait' routine to their families. The younger children also performed 'the barber's pole' and 'the spider web' Maypole dances with enthusiasm.

The old 'Miller Hut' is due to be replaced in the next academic year. This area will provide teaching space for a range of activities. This facility has been unavailable for pupils for a number of years due to health and safety concerns with the building. The governing body are required to raise a considerable sum of money to support the project, so please do look out for any event or contact the school office should you wish to learn more about the project.

Now, we look forward to September when we welcome 31 new children across the school. The next year promises to be full of activity that will develop each child's independence, enjoyment of learning, develop his or her personal, social and emotional capacity through our school values of love, friendship, respect, honesty and perseverance in a Christian community.

School tour dates are organised for the Autumn Term for prospective parents. Admission information is available on [www.ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk) or at the school office. Please contact the school office (01483 277291) for further details and to book a tour.

Mrs Jane Dyer  
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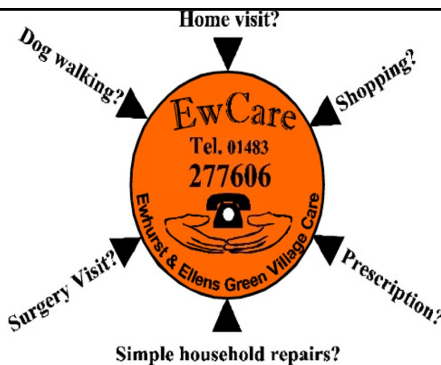
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## In Our Midst ~ Victoria Helstrip B.E.M. Our Lady Out of Africa

The moment you enter Victoria's delightful living room in her cottage on The Green you are aware of her love of family and travel. Pictures and artefacts are all around, elephants from Burma and beautifully dressed puppets from India rub shoulders with recent photos of her grandchildren and the family crest of her Yorkshire ancestors. "My life has been so hectic" she says - "where to begin?"



When Victoria was very young, her Mother took her from England to begin a new life in Kenya with the man who was to become her step-father. He ran a mixed farm near the Western town of Eldoret, in the rift valley region famous for its cattle and arable farmland. Her vivid memories are quite special - landing on Lake Victoria in a flying boat, waking up to find a bush baby at the foot of her bed and keeping chameleons and other exotic creatures as pets. She learnt to ride and accepted the big game animals as normal. Didn't everyone see giraffes, elephants and zebras all the time, everywhere? This lovely life was tempered however when, still very young, she was sent to boarding school in Eldoret and later back to Yorkshire to attend prep school followed by senior school at Queen Margaret's near York. She stayed with relatives and as the two to three day journey back home was not possible, she did not see her mother again for five years.

At seventeen she describes herself as a bit of a rebel and rather than choose a university course and wanting to branch out on her own, she returned to Kenya. With her love of writing, she obtained work writing for "*The Nation*", a national Kenyan newspaper. At first there were "*Girl to Girl*" articles written for her own age group and then articles about running a home (at seventeen?!), translated into Swahili for the local readership. Unfortunately all this had to end when the country began to seek independence and the family were advised to return to England, which they did.

Victoria decided to return to her studies and found various jobs around London. She remembers with a smile, working in a bookshop at the time when *Lady Chatterley's Lover* was released for publication and their stock of the book was sold out in a day. She had joined a drama group, a passion which has stayed with her to this day, and on one occasion, during a rehearsal of the Christopher Fry play, *The Boy with a Cart*, the cast were stunned to hear that Fry himself was in the audience. Pride and panic in

equal measure! Her enthusiasm and lasting love of drama is clear to see and it was here that she met her future husband, Anthony, an electronic engineer, who was helping in the theatre with the lighting. Once married she followed him as he moved around the country with his job, first to Norfolk then Nottingham, Birmingham and back to Southwell near Nottingham. In Nottingham, large numbers of people were newly arrived from overseas, and Victoria was appointed to the Commonwealth Citizens Consultative Committee, formed to look after their welfare. But it was in Birmingham, working at Halfords where she most enjoyed her work. Responsible for the training of the apprentices all over the country, she worked under two of the directors whose offices were so far apart on the shop floor, that she was given a pair of roller skates to cover the distance between them. It was an exciting, vibrant community and when the time came to move back to Nottingham she was very sorry to leave.

In 1970 they had to move back to London but now with daughter Audrie, they did not want to live in the city. The Surrey countryside and Ewhurst beckoned and they eventually found Oak Cottage in Mapledrakes Road, moving later to Wykehurst Lane. With Audrie at the village school, Victoria met other young families of the village and long-lasting friendships were formed. A small group of these friends formed the "Ewhurst commune" and kept pigs, goats and chickens and produce was grown to keep themselves self-sufficient all year. Ewhurst's answer to the Good Life, she says. In 1973 she was part of the first committee of the re-formed Ewhurst Players and was also chair of the school PTA. Both groups used the church hall, then in a poor state of repair and they eventually persuaded the Parish Council to purchase it from the diocese to become the village hall.

Returning to work led to a job with the USPG charity in London, work which has taken her worldwide for the last thirty plus years. Using her early African experience, she was asked to write for the Society's magazine about its overseas education projects. There were projects all around the world but it was to India that she loved to go and to meet the people first hand. After several years, she won a Churchill Fellowship which enabled her to take six months in India to report on the effectiveness of the Society's policy of sponsoring of individual local children. It was as a direct result of her report, *The Reality of Sponsoring a Child in the Indian Sub-Continent*, that this policy was dropped in favour of a more general approach to sponsor the whole school in a community. Indeed it is still quoted by researchers today, being a fundamental work in this field. In 2001, Victoria took part in a magnificent service at St Paul's Cathedral to mark the 300th anniversary of the USPG.

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Soon after this she spoke to world delegates at the Lambeth Conference, her talk entitled "One Nation", and a lecture tour of the Eastern States of America followed as part of the American SPG 300 year anniversary celebrations. After enjoying some teaching at a Summer school in China, Victoria gained a qualification to teach English as a Foreign Language. She has since spent ten years teaching in Myanmar (Burma) and back in China and is now looking at doing some work in Thailand too. At home we know that she is a popular speaker when she is invited to share her overseas experiences with local groups.

As if this were not enough, most of us know Victoria best for her work as a Parish Councillor and indeed it was for this commitment to her community for twenty two years that a number of people in the village successfully put her name forward for the British Empire Medal in the 2014 New Years Honours list. It all started in 1993 and she is quick to say that since that time she has worked with three wonderful chairmen. In 2009, she led the group which won Surrey Village of the Year, an award given for "a well-balanced, pro-active, caring community which has made the best of local opportunities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all residents". After the win, the parish clerk was quoted - "Victoria had been instrumental in Ewhurst's success due to her "ability to rally people around and make marvellous speeches"". No-one says "No" to Victoria. However, of all her projects, she is most proud of the work done most recently to create the children's playground as it is now. I had a very good group of young Mums who worked hard to raise the money she says. As one of the trustees of the Sayers Croft Centre, in her brief personal statement, she describes herself as "grandmother and traveller". Well, there seems to be quite a lot in between!

*Geoff Harry*

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## News from Ewhurst Players

Our display board in the Village Hall is rapidly filling up as we have just received another Accolade of Excellence from NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) for our 2014 production of "The Happiest Days of your Life" which we staged last November. A representative from NODA attends all of the productions in their region and awards are currently given in both Drama and Opera. A new category of Panto has also been introduced this year. Following our May production of "Entertaining Angels" the NODA representative wrote in his report "The play was a huge challenge for Ewhurst Players and they met the challenge head on.....what a show it was, I salute you for providing a superb performance".

So the pressure is on to maintain our reputation and we hope that our choice of play for November will be welcomed by our audiences.

2015 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Agatha Christie so it is fitting that our production will be one of her plays -"The Hollow". It is set in 1951 and is a typical "whodunit". The action takes place at "The Hollow", the home of Sir Henry and Lady Angkatell, where an unhappy game of past and present romantic liaisons explodes into murder one weekend. Nearly everyone amongst the occupants, guests and visitors has a motive and most have the opportunity. Enter Inspector Colquhoun and Sergeant Penny to solve the crime!

The play will run from Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> and we hope that you will be able to join us for an evening of murder, mystery, romance and a few laughs, and enjoy guessing "whodunit".

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## LOCAL HISTORY CORNER, by Janet Balchin

### The Women's Institute

September 2015 marks the centenary of the WI as a national organisation and is also the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ewhurst Evening WI.

The WI was originally founded in Canada in 1897. The movement spread to Britain during the First World War, when the Agricultural Organisation Society (AOS) urged country women to get involved in growing and preserving food. The first institute to open was Llanfair PG, on Anglesey, North Wales on September 16th 1915. In 1916 AOS set up a Women's Institute sub-committee to oversee the work and Lady Denman was appointed Chairman. By 1917, 137 WIs had been formed and the first county federation was formed in Sussex. Then, in 1917, the National Federation of Women's Institutes was formed, again with Lady Denman as Chairman. By the end of 1918 there were 199 WIs and seven county federations. At the AGM the first resolution was passed urging local authorities to take advantage of the government scheme for state-aided housing. Resolutions on social issues are still a central part of the WI's mandate.

By the end of 1919, there were 1,405 WI's across the UK including one at Ewhurst. In its centenary year, 2015, the WI has 212,000 members in around 6,600 WI's.

Lady Denman served as President until 1946 and died in 1954. Her name lives on in Denman College, the WI's residential college in Oxfordshire, where thousands of women have enjoyed courses on a wide range of subjects. Ewhurst WI holds an annual draw for a bursary for a member to attend a course of their choice.

Ewhurst WI was formed in 1919 with Mrs Creswell as President. The annual subscription was 2 shillings and monthly meetings were held in the Church Hall with talks and demonstrations on homecrafts and citizenship, as well as competitions for cookery and crafts. In September 1920, a Miss Moberley gave a lecture on 'Citizenship and Universal Brotherhood'. In October there was a talk on 'Rabbit skins and their uses' and this was followed in November with a competition for the 'Best article made from a home-cured skin'. The WI supported many good causes with a monthly 'Golden Gift', such as sending primroses to Poplar Hospital in London and eggs and produce to local hospitals. In 1922, members embroidered the Institute Banner, which now hangs in the Village Hall. In 1924, Lewis Doulton, of Royal Doulton, who lived at Woolpits (now the Duke of Kent School), presented the WI with a tea set, and in 1938 his nephew Eric Hooper gave some more cups and saucers, which are still in regular use at meetings. In the Second World War the

Ewhurst WI was active in knitting comforts for the troops, and also baby clothes, and ran a Fruit Preserving Centre, for which they received an extra sugar ration.

As the Institute met in the afternoon it was felt that an evening institute might be more popular with younger women and the Ewhurst Evening WI was formed in September 1975, with Marion Heathcote as its first President. Ewhurst Evening does not have a banner, but in keeping with the long tradition of WI embroidery, members made a beautiful tablecloth which is used on the President's table at every meeting.

A very interesting 'Scrap Book' has just come to light. This was compiled by a group of members in 1949 and is a 'History of Ewhurst', beautifully hand written and illustrated with drawings and photographs. When we were compiling the first Ewhurst History Society Book in 1995, we were told about the WI Scrap Book, but no one knew what had happened to it. It appears that a member had left the area and taken it with her. After her death her family sent it to Surrey Federation who returned it Ewhurst and it will be on display at our September meeting.

'Ewhurst Afternoon' closed a few years ago, but 'Ewhurst Evening' is still going strong and new members are always welcome. We have a full and varied programme of talks, demonstrations and outings, but, alas, no longer have competitions for home-cured rabbit skins.

## **Ewhurst History Society - Autumn Programme 2015**

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2015** - Judie English - The World War I Prisoner of War Camp at Felday, Holmbury St Mary

Judie will explain the background to PoW camps and the legal basis for putting prisoners to work, and then describe the camp at Felday.

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2015** - Janet Balchin - Sir Henry Doulton

The story of one of Ewhurst's most famous residents; his life, his company and Woolpits [now the Duke of Kent School], his home in Ewhurst.

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2015** - Judy Hill - Life Below Stairs

Social historian Judy Hill will tell us about what life was like for the servants in a Victorian household.

The Society meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Ewhurst Baptist Church at 8.00pm unless otherwise indicated. Non-members always welcome.

For more information please contact Janet Balchin on 01483 277342, email [janet.balchin@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.balchin@btinternet.com) or visit [www.ewhursthistory.com](http://www.ewhursthistory.com).

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The Stoolball season runs from April to July in which time we have to fit in all our outdoor training, friendly matches, cup matches and most importantly our league matches. The good weather has seen us through with only a few cancellations due to rain. This year was Ewhurst Stoolball Club's first season in the A league. We met teams that we had never played before including Alfold, Dorking, Holmbury St. Mary, North Holmwood, Oakwood Hill and Oxshott.

In summary (without boring you with all the scores), we didn't quite manage to keep our place, winning only two of our league matches. Several of our matches were closely contested however with a run difference of less than five.

We're all still smiling and confident that we shall be back in the A league before too long but in the meantime we will be particularly focusing on our batting.

Indoor training will start in January and we would love to see some new faces.

We're a friendly team with members ranging from 14 to 65. Stoolball is an exciting team sport, similar to Twenty20 cricket. Two teams compete to score the most runs. There are two wickets standing at shoulder height, about 14 metres apart. The bats are willow, with a round face and a long, sprung handle. The ball, small and hard, is bowled underarm towards one wicket.

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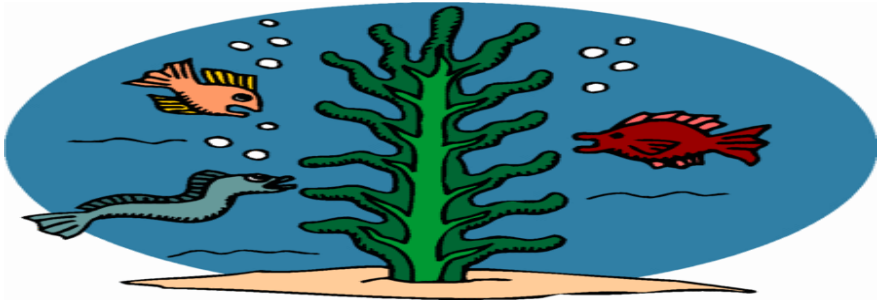
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The school comprises four choirs: a daytime ladies choir (SH Singers); a training choir for 6-7 year olds; Young Voices for children aged 8 upwards; and the national Adult Choir of the Year 2012, the Surrey Hills Chamber Choir. As well as being entirely separate, the choirs also unite, giving the opportunity for families to perform together. It is wonderful to see the excitement on the younger singers' faces when practising the joint songs: "I've been practising this with mummy" they call out and burst into song before the song is even taught to them!



All choirs sing many styles of songs and perform from memory. The adult choirs have a wider repertoire with songs from the shows, popular songs, spirituals, folk songs, early music, and "classical" music from all eras, whilst the children like to sing musicals, pop, gospel and songs from Disney films. Support is given through recordings and part files available by download. Musical Director, Debbie Walton, also instructs all her students in musicianship and vocal technique through the vocal warm-ups and repertoire.

If you love to sing, or would love to share a hobby with your child, then don't be a closet singer. Come and try the open rehearsals for the non-auditioned choirs throughout



September commencing on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. SH Singers rehearse Monday mornings 9.45-12 noon at Ewhurst Baptist Church; the Training Choir rehearses from 3.30-4.15pm and Young Voices from 4.15-5.30pm on Mondays at the Cranleigh C of E Primary School.

If you are an experienced singer and looking for a choir who enjoys singing to a high standard and participating in competitions, then contact Debbie regarding visiting a Chamber Choir rehearsal. The Chamber Choir will be entering the International Eisteddfod at Llangollen in July next year and are looking to fine tune their numbers to maximum capacity. They have already won classes at a number of UK festivals, were placed second in two classes at their last visit to the Llangollen Eisteddfod, and most successfully won the adult category of the national Choir of the Year in 2012. As well as all the usual qualities of a good chamber choir, the choir particularly encourages personal development of vocal technique and communication with the audience. The Chamber Choir rehearse on Wednesdays from 7.30-10.00pm at the Guildford United Reformed Church commencing on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

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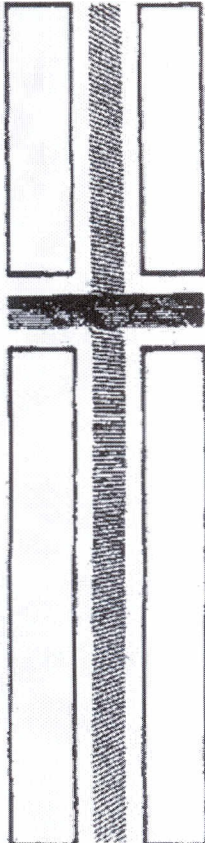
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