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From the Editor

Well, we are half-way through another year and Summer is upon us. To keep this magazine interesting, we will always need the help of our readers. Everyone has a bit of a life story, be it a life experience or whatever you could share with the wider community. We all have something. We will always give anything a fair hearing. Always remember this is a Church/Faith led magazine.

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'Pop-up' Easter service at Forest Green

LIBBY DAGHORN REPORTS ON AN IMPROMPTU SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Although we had a Maundy Thursday service at Forest Green for the first time in years, there was no official service planned for Easter Sunday. So to fill this

space, Maureen Farley (with permission from Roy Woodhams) put together 30 minutes of hymns, readings and prayers for us to celebrate Easter in our own church.

The church was full of flowers and there were Easter eggs for all those who attended. So a perfect start to Easter Sunday!



Forest Church said goodbye to Clare

REV CLARE'S GREAT INITIATIVE

One of the big successes during the period the Reverend Clare Shepherd was with us was the advent of Forest Church. She, with the very able assistance of Baptist Minister Ben Scadden, started this new form of open-air church that attracted both young and old to the monthly outdoor church experience. Whilst Forest Church continues on a monthly basis, at and in the



woodland around the Ark Sunday School building adjacent to St John the Baptist church in Okewood woods, we will fondly remember how Rev Clare readily embraced this form of church study and worship.

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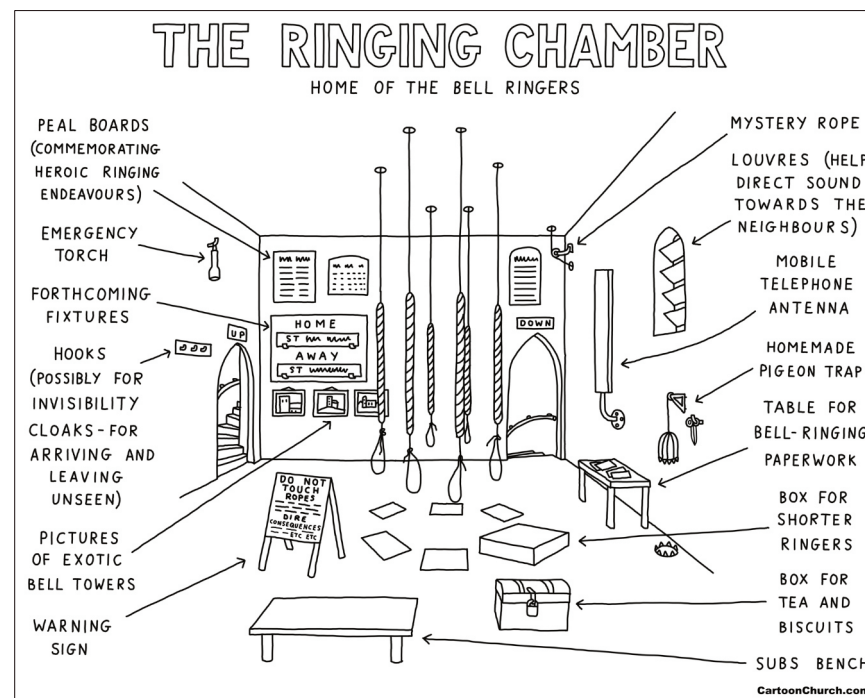
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SUNDAY	9 am	11 am	4 pm	6 pm
FIRST	KEWOOD Holy Communion	EWHRST Morning Worship	MESSY CHURCH Walliswood Village Hall	
SECOND	EWHRST Book of Common Prayer	KEWOOD Morning Worship		EWHRST Evening Worship
THIRD	KEWOOD Morning Worship	EWHRST Holy Communion	FOREST CHURCH Okewood Church <small>See calendar: Times change with seasons.</small>	
FOURTH	EWHRST Book of Common Prayer	KEWOOD Morning Worship		FOREST GREEN Evening Worship
FIFTH	JOINT SERVICE AT 11 am For church venue check eofgparish.org.uk/calendar			

PLEASE NOTE THAT SERVICE TIMES OFTEN CHANGE FOR SEASONAL FESTIVALS. ALWAYS CHECK THE ONLINE CALENDAR

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A new name board for Okewood Church

At last Okewood church has a splendid new name board, thanks to local resident Richard Mlinaric who constructed the new frame and sign with oak grown in his woodland in Horsham Road.

The design incorporates the parish logo designed by Will Shepherd and both this and the church name have been engraved on the



board by a local sign company based in Rudgwick.

A rector's name will be added once a new incumbent has been appointed.

The new sign was organised by The Friends of Okewood Church and, if you would like to support

our work, please contact Barry Thomson at barryjthomson1@gmail.com.

A Warm Space

MARIAN COPUS REPORTS ON A NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

High heating bills meant we decided to serve the community with a lunchtime Warm Space on Fridays from January to March. We wanted to provide a cosy place for people to meet and share a free meal. When we opened at Ewhurst Baptist church we were unsure if it would be any help to folks in the village and surrounding area. It was a leap of faith particularly as church heating costs were rising more than homes – and those were bad enough! We had no funds, apart from those given by church members and friends.

carrot and coriander, and mushroom. We got more adventurous as time progressed. We received donations on most weeks, including vegetables and stock cubes, bread and rolls, Danish pastries and little pizzas. People's generosity enabled us to sometimes

make chips and bread pudding too! But we had emergency tins of soup, just in case.

We thank God for providing the funds to help with heating costs and donated food. And a big thank you to all who have been part of the Warm Space in whatever capacity.



On our first day our six-strong team from the Parish and Baptist churches were unsure how many folks would come. But people did and we grew, ending up with a brilliant weekly group of 8–18 to share a meal together. We have made great relationships with so many! Our homemade soups included leek and potato, lentil and ham, chicken,

For now the Warm Space has become a monthly, rather than weekly, Lunch Club, meeting on the third Friday at the same time of 12:00–2pm. We will consider reopening the Warm Space for next winter. More details will appear on our church websites, Facebook pages and groups, and there will be posters around the village.



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GARIBALDI AND THE BRITISH**
with Christopher Garibaldi

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Our School

AMANDA ELSDON-DEW REPORTS FROM OUR LOVELY VILLAGE SCHOOL

‘It takes a village to raise a child,’ so goes the African proverb, and it seems to me that that well describes Ewhurst School. I am writing this on a busy day for me. I have helped with both the Breakfast Club and Explorers, the after-school club. Jon Rapley, who went to the school himself, lets me in every morning and sometimes there is time to chat but often just to observe – yesterday I only saw his feet, dangling from the ceiling where he was removing a bit of metal piping, or was it some heating ducting? This afternoon he was back again, a magnet for curious children, with a pneumatic drill, making a hole in the swimming pool enclosure for some new fencing. Swimming starts after half term. How many village schools can boast their own pool?

Then we had a lost cardigan to locate – eventually found by its six-year-old owner: ‘Silly me, it was on my peg after all!’ Plus the sweetest story at tea, ‘My sister got stuck in a revolving door’, aka revolving, I realised after a bit. A mother came in straight from the gym, training for a charity run. This mother is herself a teacher. How does she fit everything in? Indeed, how do most of the parents manage? Some of them drop off their children at 7.45 am, looking immaculate (both parents and children), bags packed, Forest School kit usually remembered, reading usually done, leave them with the school all day and then collect them after a whole day’s work.

The staff have been working hard at clearing the Jubilee Garden and preparing the little

vegetable patch for planting. Many of them came in over two weekends. I love helping with Explorers when that is in use. There is always fun to be had with the ‘mud kitchen’ and digging for dinosaur bones or just running around but I nearly always find budding naturalists too, hunting for insects or peering into the safely fenced off pond area. This year the budding gardeners will be hard at work too. Sunflowers and runner beans should soon be soaring upwards.

Usually the children come running into the Breakfast Club, often forgetting to say goodbye at the door, then remembering as their parents run past the windows of the hall, hurrying off to work. I observe all the ‘value added’ that we provide at our school every day. I watch with amazement how interested the children are in everything they do and how readily they discuss things they have been learning, just tossing phonics into the conversation if we are

reading a book: ‘That is a split digraph.’ ‘Of course,’ I think to myself, impressed. Sometimes I have to manage some relationship issues between the children. I tried hard one morning to get two children to listen to each other’s point of view after a spectacular fall out, a bit ponderously. ‘You mean, “Don’t push each other’s buttons,”’ said one of them. I and the children laughed and peace returned. They regularly outwit me. ‘Say, “cheese” four times.’ I did. ‘What do cows drink?’ I fell for it, to their delight. These children are too switched on to be fooled by an easy advertisers’ trick.

To finish with another splendid quote, Aristotle first said, ‘Show me the child at seven and I will show you the man.’ The Jesuits took that very seriously too. Ewhurst School goes up to seven so I reckon that we are all playing quite a key part in building a healthy, resilient and teachable generation.



Prayers for Taiwan

CLARE HARDING REFLECTS ON THE 'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

It amazes, and dismays, me how little I know about many other countries around the world. Taiwan was the country chosen for this year's World Day of Prayer and so it really was a welcome opportunity to find out more about this nation. Taiwan has been internationally isolated for decades. Only 13 of the 93 UN member states and Vatican City recognise Taiwan as a sovereign country due to China's claiming it is their sovereign territory.

A World Day of Prayer Service has a long history, beginning in the USA in 1920 and pioneered by women's groups from different denominations wanting to pray together for unity. Today women's groups are still responsible for deciding the content of these services, to bring their country's needs to a global community. Probably unsurprisingly, the women of Taiwan asked us to pray especially for those who face suffering and injustice. It was special knowing, from dawn in Western Samoa and Tonga in the Pacific Ocean, there was a 38 hour wave of prayer going across the world, and we, at Okewood Church, were joined in this sea of worship.

After the service, bubble tea was served along with pineapple cakes, both delicious Taiwanese specialities. Bubble tea was a

novelty for many, who probably hadn't been to one of the many dedicated cafes springing up due to the bubble tea phenomenon, but even for the fans. - Who knew Taiwan was the source? Not me.

But fun trivia apart, this service was about many important things and at its heart it honoured the good people of Taiwan and supported their right to be heard. Their circumstances today perhaps mirror the time of early Christians, living in an

occupied territory as a threatened minority, but holding true to their beliefs.

Special thanks to Julia Stearnes who has organised and supported this annual service for well over 10 years, and to Val Henry for playing the music so beautifully, and to Helen Brimelow for her inspired set up and arranging the stunning orchids. These beautiful flowers were very kindly loaned to us by Notcutts,

and we were very grateful to have so many exotic flowers filling our church, as they surely do in many Taiwanese places of worship.

Please do come along next year if you can as I promise you'll discover something interesting you didn't know and it's always worthwhile coming together to support others.



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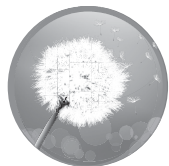
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Stepping up to Preach

BARRY THOMSON EXPLAINS WHY HE JOINED THE 'OCCASIONAL PREACHERS' COURSE RUN BY GUILDFORD DIOCESE

For many of us the Bible is a difficult and often confusing read, especially the traditional King James version and earlier translations. Most people of a certain age grew up with a 'Sunday School' knowledge of the Old Testament stories and New Testament Gospels and the letters of St Paul to the early Church, but today's generation are, I have found, less conversant with scripture. Fortunately, there are now many modern translations of the Bible which make God's word more accessible.

In my own journey of faith, the sermons I listened to in church were very influential in helping me understand the Bible where we find God's plan for humankind and the rescue mission fulfilled by Jesus Christ. I remember well the expository teaching of Rev Colin Tickner and Rev Nigel Knights-Johnson on Sundays at Okewood church and the latter encouraged me to consider going on the 'occasional preachers' course run by the Diocese of Guildford. The course consisted of 8 evening sessions of a couple of hours, and I was accompanied by Gill Christie who is now training for lay ministry. There were 19 people of all ages on the course.

The Bible is not really a book but more a library. It covers a period of over 4,000 years and contains a wide range of literary forms and language as well as prose including prophesy, poetry, allegory, hyperbole, metaphors and apocalyptic writing. It can take some 'unpacking'!



To summarise a few 'nuggets' I learned during the course:-

- First and foremost a sermon needs to be prepared with the audience it will be preached to in mind.
- Bible verses will usually be the topic of a sermon - it's essential to explain the context.

- The message of the sermon should be clear – a balance between too little and too much detail.
- The message of the sermon should be in a modern and understandable form.
- A sermon which tells a story can often be more memorable for the listeners.
- When preaching, be yourself and don't go on for too long!

At the end of the course, we each had to give a sermon of not more than 6 minutes to our fellow students – 6 minutes may feel like a long time to the listeners but it is surprising how difficult it can be to cover all the issues contained in the Bible passage which is the subject of the sermon.

I learned so much from my research in the various available Bible commentaries in preparing to preach for the occasional talks I have given at Okewood church since I completed the course in 2018.

Anyone interested in undertaking this course should go to the Diocese of Guildford website – www.cofeguildford.org.uk

What is Church?

BEN SCADDEN GIVES US FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Hello everyone. I hope that by the time you read this the warmer weather will have finally arrived!

In this article, I want to reflect briefly on the nature and value of local church. It often seems few people are interested in church today. However, reflecting on the recent times of crisis, many people have been supporting not only themselves and their families, but also their neighbours.

A friend recently suggested that much religion is weird and pointless. They are not interested in church. However, they also told me that they like nothing more than being able to help someone in need. That is something we can all relate to and is, in fact, central to how church is defined. We in church often forget this and need reminding of our central purpose: to love

God and, through that journey, be inspired in our love for one another. That is church. It is immeasurably valuable, and we've seen this kind of love-in-action throughout the country during recent difficult times.

When people are drawn to care for and love one another they connect with the true meaning of life.

Certainly, church people can learn much from others' loving behaviour. I wonder whether those who would say they do not believe, might also have learnt something of God as they've been moved to love and care for their neighbours?

There's an ancient hymn that suggests: 'Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est'. That's a little food for thought as we (hopefully) enjoy the warmer weather and longer summer days.

Blessings to everyone.



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BELLA MATTHEWS GIVES HER TEENAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

So, as all of you know, it was the King's Coronation on Saturday, and most of you celebrated it over the weekend, in all kinds of ways - putting bunting up with King Charles III's face on it or with the Union Jack and flags. Some of us might have even gone to London to see the King and Queen Consort drive past in their magnificent carriage. Weren't the horses beautiful? Did



you know that they used a different carriage for the King and Queen to get to Westminster Abbey because the gold state coach is very heavy and puts a huge strain on the eight horses needed to pull it?

I bet some of you are wondering what I did to celebrate the King's Coronation. (Probably not.) I started to get excited for the King's Coronation when my mum asked me to put up our brand-new bunting in our front garden. On the actual day of the Coronation I went to help my dad in the morning with the animals and say 'HAPPY CORONATION DAY'. Then after

we all watched it on the TV, my dad and I went to do bellringing at our local church with the rest of the Ewhurst bellringers and the Ewhurst Young Ringers. (We rang at 3pm! You might have heard us!!) Then on Sunday, because the celebrations carried on right through to Monday, unfortunately I had to work, but I only worked till

noon, because then I had to get dressed for a street party on Coneyhurst Lane, where all kinds of people were invited, even little four-legged furry friends. Unfortunately, that was the end of my Celebration for the King, because I had to get ready for an exam on Tuesday, but I did see lots of people around the village still celebrating with fireworks, BBQs and parties.

Oh, and I almost forgot, on Saturday night we went to see The Fabulous Nobodies, who were AMAZING!! Finally, I just want to say, 'I hope everyone enjoyed the Coronation!' and 'GOD SAVE THE KING!!'

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From the Churchwardens

RETIRING CHURCHWARDEN CLIVE WARD GIVES AN UPDATE AND AN EYE OPENER

As you must be aware, the parish has a vacancy for the post of Rector and is working with the diocese to assess options. At the recent Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting, there was a change of churchwardens. Clive Ward and David Steel stood down after four years of service and they received the grateful thanks of the PCC for their service. They were replaced by Tom Murphy and Martin Lockwood, who join Liz Tingley. The three of them will lead the parish during the vacancy.

The PCC worked on a Church Development Plan last year to set our priorities:

1. To be welcoming and inclusive to everybody as we seek to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ.
2. To reduce the average age of our congregations and encourage the attendance of young families.
3. To gain a Bronze Eco Church award.
4. For the cost of all parish mission and ministry to be funded by regular giving.

The youth team are changing priorities, stopping Messy Church and channelling the resources into having family services to encourage families and younger people into the church.

The church resources are now managed with sustainability and the environment in mind.

However, costs have risen significantly since Covid and the main challenge facing us is to increase the level of regular giving to a level that can sustain a full time resident Rector. David Steel has addressed this in another article. The economics in round figures are that the cost to run the parish has risen some 50% to around £150,000 a year with a full time Rector but our regular giving and fund raising has remained constant at about £100,000. The new wardens will be running a campaign to raise awareness of this and the outcome of that will determine what course of action is taken.

Our services are continuing as normal, led by the Rev Rosemary Shepherd in Ewhurst and the Rev John Marsh at Okewood. They are assisted by our lay readers, John White, Amber Wood and Sarah Murphy, with others stepping in to help lead services. Thanks are due to this valiant team for their additional work in keeping the parish functioning.

Please come and join us on a Sunday, you will be most welcome.

Clive Ward, on behalf of the old and new wardens.

Update on the Bull's Head

JOSH ROOT INTERVIEWED STUART, PHIL AND KINDALL

Originally, Will Shepherd interviewed Stuart (the owner) in the renovation stages of the Bull's Head Inn, where they discussed their ambitions and introduced the concept of Phil and Kindall (now the managing duo). That was around 18 months ago now and since opening on the 12th of July last year, the team have learnt a great deal. I was told that last year around 550 pubs closed their doors for good, so how hard is it to not only kick start but run a British staple - the pub?

Firstly, what brought you both to the Bull's Head? P: I was an engineer, I had been since I left school. Myself and Kindall had a house in Nottinghamshire from which we ran a B&B but at the time I was still visiting different places, working for large companies such as Amazon, Rolls Royce and Coca Cola. Kindall and I met in the bar he had owned and run for nearly 9 years in the US. Stuart and I have known each other since 1987, he knew of our experience running B&Bs, bars and catering businesses so we were invited to run the pub. His background is in Software Engineering, selling his last company in February 2020 and using the funds to revamp the Bull's Head Inn.



Pulling a pint

How has it been adjusting to the lifestyle? P: I found this was a huge change for us because, although I had

worked in hospitality previously, it was part time. I now work very different hours (6 days a week, 12 hours a day, sometimes longer than that). Sometimes I would be doing 3 months away, 4 days home, 10 days away and so on, meaning I didn't have a schedule to stick to. The only break we get now is the day we are closed (Monday) which is our cleaning up the house,

laundry and life admin day! We usually get home between 11 and midnight but you can't go to bed despite being exhausted, you have to have a period of time to eat, watch a bit of TV and relax.

Kindall, how does the pub here differ from your experiences in the US?

K: Well you have shandies here and I didn't know what the heck a shandy was! If someone in the US said to put lemonade in your beer, you'd be in disgust, but over here it is known as a lager top. The demographic is quite a contrast, it is a more affluent, mature area. In the US the British accent is magic, over here the American accent is not quite that but still sparks interest. Phil is a lot younger than myself so he has taken the reins to steer the pub but I do still help out in that sense.



Has this been a sharp learning curve?

P: It hasn't been too bad, we have both worked in the sector previously. I know, thanks to previous experience, that some people are lovely, some not so much - even in the greengrocers I worked in when I was twelve. You just have to be available, positive and talk about something you won't disagree on, certainly not politics, to every customer.

Tell me about the past year since opening?

P: It started off very well due to the large build up of interest into the pub but I don't feel we gave Ewhurst quite what they were looking for, the hardest part being that we didn't really know what that was. So as the time has gone by, we have modified our menu and what we do in the evenings. The British are not very good at telling you the truth; if they don't like their dinner, they won't tell you that but are more than happy to go onto Tripadvisor and tell the world. It is a difficult thing, you have to be very careful as most don't want to make a fuss, but we do try to encourage feedback.

So what would you say has been your biggest challenge?

P: I think getting the menu as accessible to as many people as possible as well as encouraging people to come and just have a drink. A lot of people see us as a dining pub. Maybe due to the layout, or the atmosphere. So we have tried to come up with ideas on how people can come in and feel at ease, have a drink, a chat, sit in the snug with the

fire and feel at home. It is hard to cater for such a mix of people and finding that balance between sit-down dining and hours spent laughing over pints isn't easy. We love the grandeur of this building, the modern, 'gastro-pubby' look and feel, but many people's perception of a pub is a thatched, old building from the 16th century



Playing a tune

in which you bang your head on each beam. Something we sort of aren't. However, once you fill the pub with people, the room changes and the atmosphere is lifted significantly.

S: One of the challenges we had was the people advising us on pub and bar layouts didn't quite get what the market wanted. The layout as you see today will have and has had a number of adaptations to make it

more 'pub like'. If you have a party, invite many friends and two people show up, it isn't what you were hoping for. However, if the house is full of people laughing and joking it creates a dynamic. A pub is an empty room without people in it.

So what would you do differently?

S: We made a number of mistakes when opening. We didn't understand the capacity of the kitchen, food at times was taking far too long, causing an understandable level of disappointment. A relatively small number of people suffered but they fed back into the community which formed the modus operandi of the pub. The other major challenge was that several key members of our team went down with Covid and were unable to manage a brand new team of

young, relatively inexperienced people. Being represented based on that is unfortunate and difficult to change.

In your opinion, what makes the Bull's Head unique?

P: It has to be our friendliness. People are made to feel welcome the second they walk through the door. Something many places don't have. We tell our staff to smile, look customers in the eye, make them happy, make them feel welcome.

S: For me, one of the unique selling points of any pub is the fact you are inherently a significant local employer. We employ over 20 people and, for many, this is their first job, be that in the front of house, kitchen, or hotel. Allowing young people to understand responsibility, serving, communicating with others, dealing with money, orders - a great opportunity to mature into confident individuals.

K: The only original touch from the old building is the floor under the main door running into the snug and the bar. It wasn't in that spot, in fact at the other side of the building but was taken up - piece by piece - by Stewart's partner, scraping the bitumen off every individual block that had been there since 1908. Hundreds and hundreds of wooden pieces were then relayed and polished forming the wooden floor.

Tell me about the rooms

S: The original pub had 5 lettings, the top floor was staff rooms/accommodation. So we stripped the first and second floor back completely - partly due to the structural issues with the building (thanks to the builders in the mid 1960s). We spent a lot of time and money using fireproof, modern materials to partition each of the rooms, soundproofing, and bringing them up to

building regulations. Creating five fantastic rooms all ensuite on the first floor, each king size with walk-in showers and two suites on the second (all self-contained).

P: The rooms have become very successful, we are fully booked or almost full most weekends. The brilliant thing is they are filled with friends and family of local residents who don't have the space for guests. One of the things the surrounding area doesn't have is good quality accommodation, despite the strong demand.

We've talked about your journey so far but what are your plans for the future?

P: We're just about to launch onto JustEat but we need to sort the delivery, cost, packaging and the logistics that that brings, but it should allow us to diversify the pub further. We are facilitating wine tastings, cocktail mixology and other evenings like vinyl, steak and burger nights. We've had live music in the past and will continue to keep that going and are using the Balloon Room for parties. There we can set up the projector to facilitate the veterinary group conference once a month. This room is used for craft evenings, folk groups and functions too. The cafe aspect is not something we have incorporated just yet but, as we grow and our staffing team grows, we will be able to facilitate that too. We are hoping to have an apprentice who will manage breakfasts for the hotel guests and then eventually public breakfasts Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sunday afternoon BBQs, a bike rack outside; as much as we can afford to do, we will. We are totally committed to Ewhurst, we have thoroughly enjoyed our journey so far, there are no views or intentions to sell on the pub.

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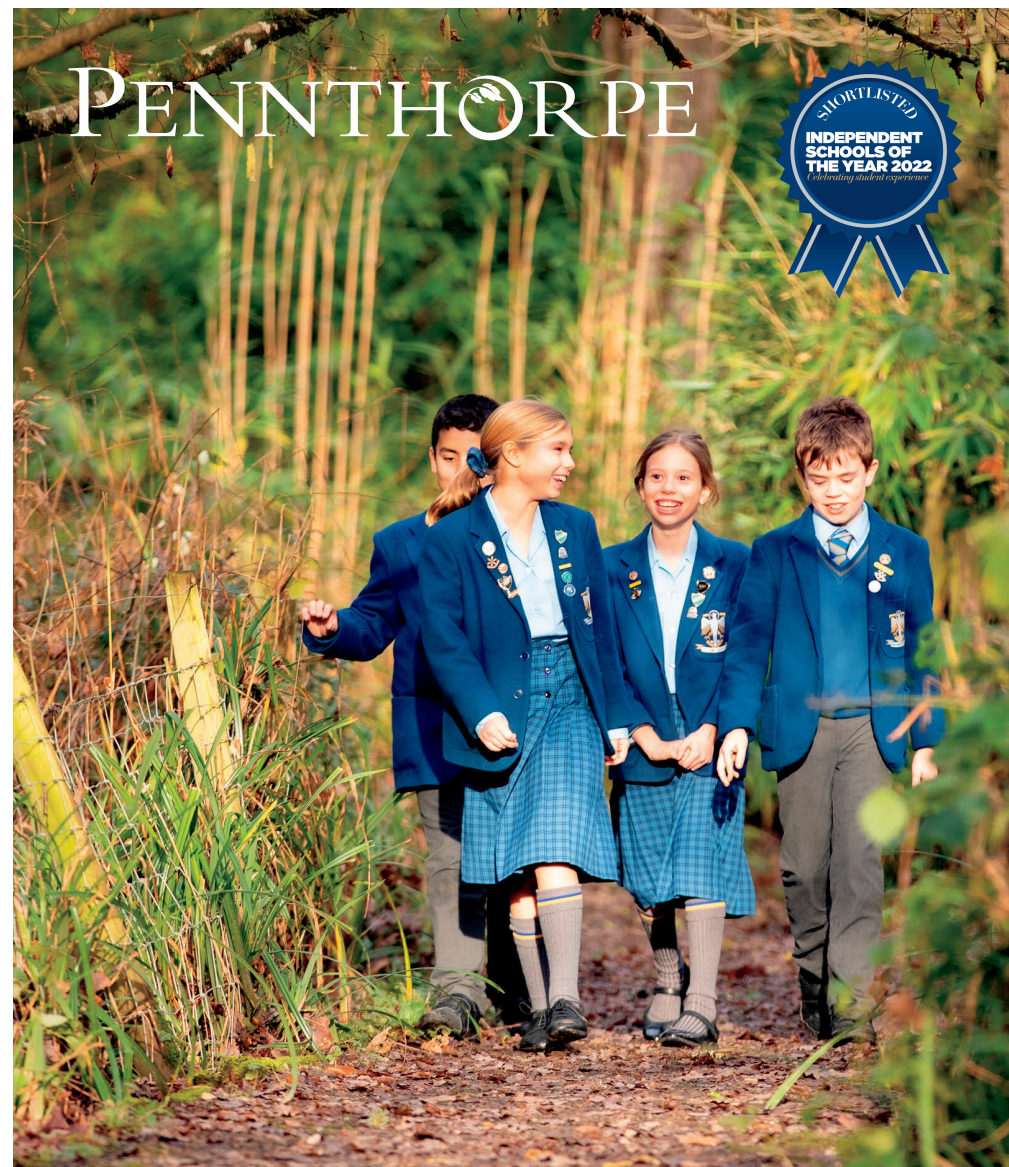
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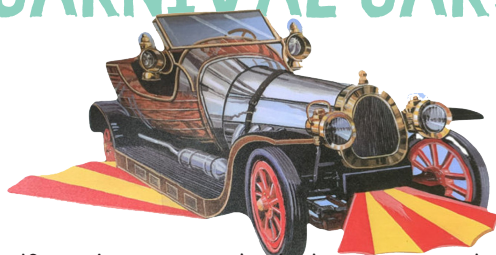
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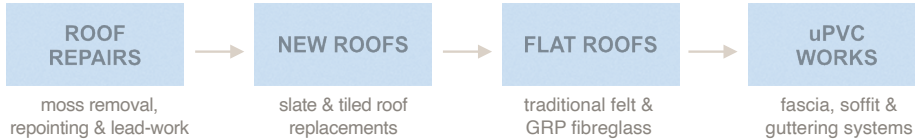
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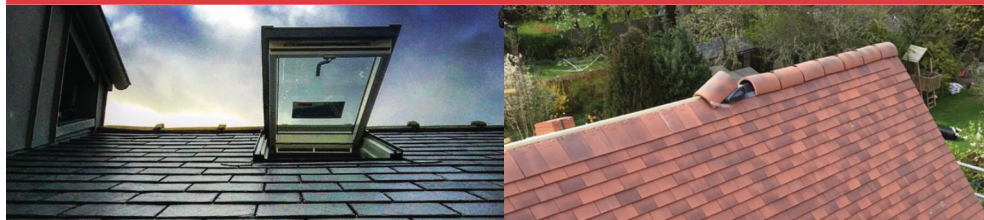
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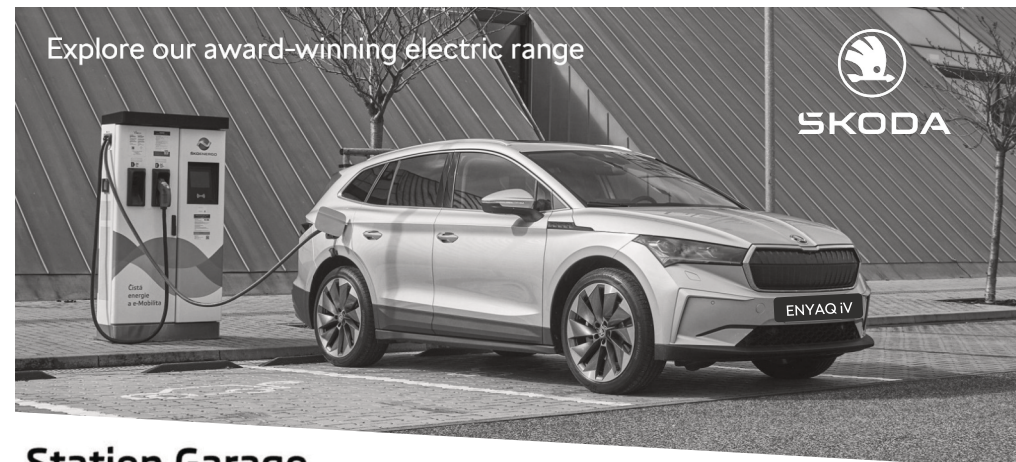
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AMANDA ELSDON-DEW WENT TO VISIT IN APRIL.

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They have a lot of poultry, like thousands of birds: hens, meat and laying flocks; geese, also meat and laying; plus ducks, delightful large white quacking ducks, slurping up water from puddles. This was a great day to visit because it was their first day of freedom after a winter of confinement in large polytunnels due to the government's rules to try to stop the continuing spread of Avian flu.

I was particularly interested in the hens, who I had often seen from the road, and Amy took me there first, striding across several fields of lush spring, and squelchy grass. What I thought were alpacas were actually llamas, watching us rather lazily; they are retired from a farm where they had been used for breeding and are meant to keep foxes at bay. A tractor was towing one of the large polytunnels to a new spot, leaving behind a big brown rectangle of sodden straw and

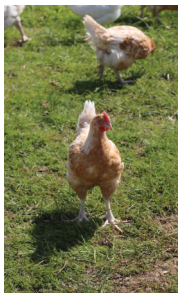


Llamas on watch!

chicken poo. That, apparently, is the system. They just keep moving the polytunnels around, exactly as we used to with our four-bird 'eglu', ideally often enough for the birds to enjoy lots of fresh grass as their floor but the ground is currently too wet for that to last long, she explained, especially as the birds had been confined since the autumn. Now at last they were out in the fresh air, keeping close to their polytunnels, just beginning to scuff at the ground.

Remembering our challenges with hens, I asked Amy how they managed with our main scourges, foxes and rats. They aren't a major problem, I was told. Wow! I was intrigued. She said that they do have occasional fox raids, and foxes live in the nearby woods but because people are so much around, with all the toing and froing of people looking after the birds, plus walkers on the footpath alongside the field, the foxes seem to find easier pickings elsewhere. Apparently buzzards are more of a challenge. They rarely have rats, I guess because they move the housing so often and maybe because the housing is in the middle of a field rather than near a nice rat-friendly hedgerow.

After the hens, we returned to the main body of the farm and a small orchard (they got a grant recently to plant apple trees), where ewes and lambs that still needed a bit of TLC were pastured. Two geese had a bit of



Happy hens

hiss from a barn as we passed – 'pets' – and then on to the main lambing barn, now fairly empty since there were just four ewes to lamb and about the same number having a bit of recovery time in the warm and dry. Amy pointed to a tent in the corner of the barn. 'That is where my husband sleeps until all have lambed.'

Next came a very noisy barn, full of extremely large and extremely loud cackling geese, who I was told were 'in lay' and so sadly couldn't go out. In a month they would have stopped laying. I had thought they were like hens and lay all year round but I discovered that geese have a distinct season for laying and don't like to be moved during it. Behind us were two rotund brown bulls, who didn't have rings in their noses and shared a barn, very calmly. One of them came over for a nose rub. Amy said that they have to stay in all winter because they weigh so much that they destroy the ground when it is wet. They did look pretty huge. I asked if they always get on so well and she said that they do now but in the early days they had a big fight and the older and bigger one won, which established whatever is the bull equivalent of a pecking order.

It really is a heart warming set-up to visit. I often buy eggs and meat from their shop which are very good value and include rare but delicious meats such as hogget – from teenage sheep because they keep some of their animals longer than the normal traditional lamb. The farm is small by traditional standards and the heavy clay soil not easy to make productive but they, with great humour, hard work and creativity, have found ways to make full use of it with only a minimum use of artificial chemicals. 'Do you have to buy in a lot of food for the winter and during last summer's drought?' I asked. 'My husband says that the cost of animal feed has

increased by 40% in the last year,' said Amy, 'but we keep a few fields spare to make hay and the cows and bulls live on that all winter and we don't keep too many grazing animals for the capacity of our fields.' She and I discussed red mite, which had been a huge problem for us when we had a wooden ark for our hens. We had cured that with Diatomaceous earth, which is a powder ground from the dried shells of primitive creatures that lived millions of years ago but still have properties that dry out the bodies of the dreaded red mite. She knew that well. They use it all the time, including as a powder for their bulls' coats to keep the lice at bay. I mentioned a bit of my newly found knowledge from Clarkson's Farm. She chuckled. 'We don't use A.I. Our rams and bulls run with their girls for a few months and that way we have a 100% fertility rate.' I enjoyed learning that.

Farmers have to diversify nowadays and their campsite is a success and profitable. She also took me into a portacabin with visible pride. 'This is my husband's project,' 'this' being the apple-pressing and cider-making plant. I was very impressed by all the machinery and the range of products but couldn't help wondering if it had been very expensive to establish. I learnt that they had got an initial grant from the EU but also another from the government post Brexit. 'That is good to hear,' I said. 'Brexit hasn't been all bad.' 'Really not,' she said. 'The grants are available, you just have to prove that you will use them well.' Well, I reckon Etherley Farm uses them totally brilliantly.

Amy asked me to mention that they are always keen to hear from local people who may be looking for work and have skills that they think would suit: to work at weekends in the Produce Shop or part time on the farm or butchering. Ph. 01306 621500

Okewood Nursery

AMANDA ELSDON-DEW WENT TO VISIT AND FOUND HER 'INNER CHILD' AS WELL AS LEARNING A LOT ABOUT NURSERY EDUCATION.

I felt as if I had walked into an enchanted hut in a woodland glade when I went to visit this vibrant nursery school in Walliswood yesterday. There are waist-high windows all round which look out at the back onto bright new green leaves and the walls are painted a soft country green to match. I recalled someone telling me that it is good that God made foliage and grass to be green because that is the most restful colour. My first impression was of dappled light and busy, happy children everywhere. The space is divided into compartments, each dedicated to a different activity. Things have clearly moved on a long way from the old playgroup days of a dressing-up area, a kitchen area, a colouring area, a construction area and not much else. This was just such an incredibly creative set up.

As I was taken outside to Gus's house' (a customised garden hut) by Rupert, the director and co-owner along with his wife Emma, for my interview, my sense of an enchanted place increased and, as we talked, I began to learn what incredible vision and technical skill, and plain hard work, lies behind it all for Emma, Rupert and the whole team.

When did you start? December 2019.

What is your age range? One to five (for home schoolers).

What percentage of the children are local? A high percentage, all from surrounding villages.



You are off the beaten track. Are you fully subscribed? yes, thankfully.

With such small children, how do you manage their sleeps? Each child has individual needs, and so we keep as closely to home routines as possible. We have a special 'sleep room'.

So you involve the parents a lot? We have a working together in partnership ethos. It's extremely important to us that parents are as comfortable with us as the children are, open channels of communication are vital. Our 'show rounds' are very important in gauging how we will suit each other as we are looking after their most precious belongings.

Do you run all year round? Only term time, but we do run holiday clubs if needed for our parents and older children. It's lovely as we see our Okewood leavers year after year.

Do you aim to teach the children the beginnings of reading, writing and sums? In a word 'no'. This may sound odd but reception teachers need children that are happy, confident, emotionally resilient, able to put on shoes, coats and perform self-care such as toileting. Children need to be happy to ask new adults in a new environment for help, they need to be able to sit still for longer periods (which is hard work!) And line up. Reading, writing and maths come after all this in terms of priority for us and reception teachers alike. That said, we follow the EYFS (early years foundation stages) framework, and maths, literacy and mark-making (early writing) feeds into every single thing we do.

What about their social skills? I recalled how upset one of our children had been at his nursery school when for the first time in his life another child said, 'I don't like you'. This is a tricky time for them to navigate. All these big feelings are happening for them and they have to learn how to process them – we are here for support and to really delve into how, why and what they are feeling, as and when they are old enough. The children know we are here for comfort and guidance, and we have the most wonderful team of genuine caring practitioners we could ask for; we are extremely lucky to have such a passionate team.

That was the end of my formal interview and I was delighted when Rupert took me on a tour of the intriguing areas I had just glimpsed as we walked past earlier. First, he showed me Mudbucks, which proved to be a very upmarket sort of mud kitchen, complete with log burner to 'cook' on, microwave, sink, barbecue, with painted realistic-looking coals, real cooking pans and, of course, a price list and counter, just like Starbucks. Then there was the fort, rescued from Ockley School, an outdoor musical centre, a sailing dinghy moored to a 'jetty', a fairground sort of a game, adapted for small children, with cups and balls attached by bungee cord, a giant sandpit and then, which took my breath away, a real woodworking stall. Rupert was clearly hugely proud of this, and showed me small but real hammers, boxes of nails, endless lengths of wood. 'You don't let them hammer, do you?' He showed me a piece of wood with pre-drilled holes. The children put the nails in, remove their hands, and hammer.

We went round, past the stable, with a large stuffed pony contentedly tied up, to the main outside play area, now full of children. I was

interested to see that although some drove cars, far more were using the climbing wall, about as high as my waist, with sloping ledges for little feet. No! One child was walking along the top. I waited for Rupert to get ready to catch him but he didn't and the child remained perfectly steady. He explained patiently to me that this way the children gain real confidence and actually don't get hurt. Supervised risk taking is actively encouraged.

We still hadn't finished the tour. I was shown round the side of the building, to the wildlife area. It looked fascinating. There was a tree house (with guard rails), a large see-through box full of earth and a plant so that the children could see worms and root development. The tree house was built into a magnificent holly tree with the tops of its twisting roots exposed and behind it was a wide window out into meadowland beyond and fluttering butterflies. Above were nest boxes, with even a cable from a camera inside one of them, leading into the main building. Apparently, the children could view nestlings last year. Wow!

It really was time to go but I could have stayed for ever, played for ever to be honest. I turned to Rupert and said, 'you just love all this creating, don't you?' His eyes shone. 'yes!' he said, and then instantly told me about new ideas he and his team have. They plan to put child-height port holes in the sides of the main building so that the children can see their parents coming and going and also just for fun. 'Did you notice the round child's-head-shaped window in the entrance gate?' he asked. 'Gosh, you think like a child!' I said. His eyes absolutely sparkled at that. 'Of course.' As I left, he said goodbye to me just outside the entrance gate and, as if on cue, first one little child's head appeared in the window, then two!!

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Are we pulling our weight and paying our way?

AN EXTRACT FROM DAVID STEEL'S TALK AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ON 14TH MAY

The first reading this morning was from Acts 17. Paul, on his travels, was in Athens. If you look at the verses before our reading, Paul was 'greatly distressed' to see that the city was full of idols. Athens was not just a highly populated city; it was also a spiritually crowded city. There was a saying in those days that, 'in Athens, there are more gods than men'. Imagine a city with temples, shrines and votive niches on every corner and in nearly every wall. The Greeks had temples to their pantheon of 12 gods. But they also had hero cults, mystery religions, practised veneration of ancestors, and even worshipped the Agnostos Theos, or the 'unknown god'. Apparently the inhabitants of Athens were very religious and had many idols that they worshipped. The commentaries talk about Paul's state of being 'greatly distressed'. They say that the word 'distressed' is translated in the Greek as 'paroxysm', meaning 'sudden violent emotion'. Paul was filled with a combination of anger and grief at seeing people who were:

- spiritually lost
- blinded by Satan
- trapped in a pagan culture
- worshipping idols
- even worshipping an 'unknown god'.

This caused Paul to be in a state of emotional upheaval. 'Completely gutted' in today's vocabulary.

What are idols today? Well – here's a definition: 'any person or thing that consumes your thoughts, words, time,

energy or money, other than God, is an idol'.

There are loads of them to choose from:-

- Money
- Cars
- Houses
- Celebrities
- Good food
- Holidays
- What we wear
- How we look
- Our gardens
- Our status in society
- Motorhomes
- Or even wives and husbands!

Do you worship idols? The definition of an idol I quoted to you has a final comment which might, possibly, make you feel better. It says this: 'Some of you may say that as long as you don't want something "more than God" then the love of earthly possessions is okay.' For those of us who don't worship any idols, I genuinely commend you and resolve to follow your example. You don't need to hear any more from me this morning because you are on the right path. For the rest of us – stay awake! We need to listen to the words of our next song this morning which are, "this is my desire, to honour you, Lord, with all my heart. I worship you – All I have within me, I give you praise. All that I adore is in You."

After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the disciples got together and pooled ALL their resources. They didn't have a luxurious lifestyle by any means but they gave ➔

away money to help the poor and to build the church. Numbers grew widely across the known world. Let's look at today's church and, in particular, our own churches in this parish. Our numbers are static. As a parish our income - that's giving from you and me - has enabled us to have survived over the last 3 years, including this year. We have managed to just about pay our upkeep, but we have survived as a result of a generous legacy. After this year we will have used up that legacy. Next year we will have a £50,000 deficit.

The average giving per person on the electoral role in this parish is just less than £7 per week. We are one of the lowest average weekly giving parishes in the diocese yet we live in one of the wealthiest areas. The highest average weekly giving parish in the diocese comes from one of the poorest areas in the diocese. In order to fund a full-time rector and pay our bills we need to more

than double our current average giving per person. Some of us cannot do that but some of us can do much more.

I really do not like talking about money, but there are times when it is necessary to do so. I believe this IS the right time. There is so much more than money, such as talents, time, perseverance, prayer and, most importantly, a strong and close relationship with God. But without enough money we cannot fulfil God's mission for us. We are not pulling our weight and we are not paying our way. Why is that? Are we focussed on our personal idols rather than on God's mission and our plans to serve him, as did the disciples, pooling their resources to fund God's ministry? If we see God as our only idol, and worship Him above all else, we would be able to fund God's mission for us, to reach out to those who have not yet come to know Him. That is our mission.



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Not sure about traditional church?

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Love homemade cakes?

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Messy Church is for all ages. It is about having fun, being creative (making trees and people you can eat, marshmallow catapults, giants out of cardboard boxes, loo roll first aid – to name a few) whilst exploring the Bible and finding out more about God, in many different ways. Messy Church is family together, just 'being' and enjoying each other's company. You can make a mess with your children or, as you enjoy and relax with that much coveted cuppa, watch them make a mess knowing you don't have to clear it up!

Life can be messy and so can church. God knows all about mess. He is in the mess with us.

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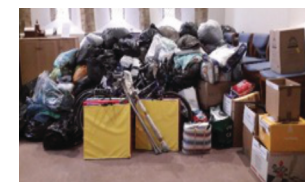
SPRING COLLECTION FOR BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID TO UKRAINE

EOFG CHARITIES GROUP - REPORT BY JANE HARRY



As usual with the problems in Ukraine, Phil our link at BHA, had contacted the people in Chernobyl to find out what they really needed. As expected, clothes, bedding and shoes were high on the list due to houses being damaged and homeless people coming from outside the area. The community is now mainly women, children and elderly people so adult and baby nappies were high on the list as well as mobility devices and sweets to cheer up everyone – especially the children. New things requested reflect the circumstances people are living under. One was candles, matches and torches due to the constant electricity loss from Russian bombing. The other was bicycles, as petrol is in short supply and bikes are less visible than cars during raids. As you can see – you all, as a community, met the challenge!

There were hundreds of bags, six huge boxes of nappies etc, the sweets filled a very large box, and we filled two big boxes of candles etc. The five bicycles were very much appreciated by Phil as well as the mobility aids and some very useful non-electric tools. Thanks are also needed for the intrepid "loaders". Armed only with two wheelbarrows and muscle power, they shifted the mountain of donations into the van. Luckily, it all just fitted!



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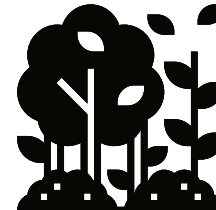
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Believe it or not, Bible Study can change your life!

CLARE HARDING SUGGESTS A NEW BOOK CLUB

What is it about the Bible that makes it so compelling? It is the bestseller of all time, from the beginning of time (well from printing press time), the most studied, and, surely, most quoted book of all time. But how many of us realise how impacted we are by it and also how little we know about its contents and influence on our lives?

This often controversial and divisive book, to the point of death!, also contains the most unifying and uplifting prose known to man. Phrases such as:

'for everything there is a season,' and 'the truth will set you free,' are part of our everyday language, offering us comfort, understanding and connection to each other and something greater than ourselves.

We aspire to be guided in our moral lives looking to the parables of:

The Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son showing us the importance of 'loving our neighbour,' and how forgiveness and mercy come when we finally admit our wrongdoings and 'return home'.

Then think of where some of history's most influential and admired orators drew their inspiration from:-

'I have a dream that one day every valley

shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.'

Martin Luther King Jr




There is a depth and richness, a beauty of prose and poetry, a timeless wisdom within the Bible and yet it can be a challenge, even source of conflict, too, to read and discuss its contents. But given its influence and even

familiarity shouldn't we do this and, importantly, would you like to?

'The Lord is My Shepherd' is psalm 23 from The Book of Psalms and is probably one of the best known writings from the Bible. But do many of us know who it was written by, or why? If anyone would like to get together, not for a tutorial or lecture, but for something more like a book club to talk about some of the most famous, but extraordinarily least known, writings in the world, then do get in touch. We could begin with psalm 23. Bibles and cake will be provided. All faiths and none welcome.

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Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June 2pm – 6pm

The Ewhurst Secret Gardens Tour has been running for 24 years and over this time we have raised more than £70,000 mainly for the benefit of young people in Ewhurst.

This year we have a varied selection of gardens mainly located in the centre of the village, most of which are truly 'Secret' as they cannot be seen from the road.

There are several new gardens which we know you will enjoy visiting, and some which we have featured before and have always proved hugely popular, including the Village School garden. There will be lots of colourful flowers and shrubs and some of the gardens include productive vegetable plots. The hardworking owners will be only too happy to welcome you and have a chat.

We have two tea venues where you can relax over a refreshing hot or cold drink and enjoy a slice of delicious homemade cake. In addition we have our usual amazing plant stall with a wonderful variety of herbaceous plants, vegetables and herbs. Maps displayed in the village will show you which gardens are open. Proceeds are shared between the village school and village charities benefitting the youth of the village.

The cost is £7 which covers both days (OAPs £6) with £1 discount if purchased in advance, accompanied under 14s free. Tickets are available from Hazelbank Country Stores in the village or at any of the gardens on the day.



More from the Editor



I do hope you all enjoy getting your parish magazine, News & Views. It was a few years ago that Will Shepherd took on the role of Editor and after about a year or so he asked me to take on the job of selling the advertising for the magazine. I soon realised that as it was distributed throughout the parish 'free of charge' it was essential that, for it to be an affordable success, we must get sufficient income from the sale of advertising. It is delivered to just over 1,500 households by a wonderful band of volunteer deliverers, to whom we are all very grateful.

Now that Will has moved on, it has fallen to me to get a team together to maintain the high standard he set. I thought therefore it would be a good idea to introduce the team to you all. So here goes:-

Amanda Elsdon-Dew – Roving Reporter and Copy Editor

Ozzie Hunter – Artwork and Layout Design

Joshua Root – Roving Reporter and Journalist

Barry Thomson – Roving Reporter and Journalist

Robin Stride – Roving Reporter and Journalist

This team always puts in a tremendous amount of time, thought and work to maintain the high standards that have been set for us and I am sure you appreciate this.

Needless to say, we would always appreciate more help, as we do need at least one or two more people to join the team. Are you a willing volunteer? If so, please drop me a line at peterbennett@mimail.co.uk

Everyone has a story in them as we all have plenty to say verbally and just need to bring out these life stories into printed word form.

Peter Bennett



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CLASSICAL MUSIC	6 JUNE	EVENT CINEMA	18 JUNE
Fellowship Holders of the Philharmonia Orchestra 1pm Free Entry Emily Harris (harp) Elliot Kempton (viola) Isabelle Harris (flute)		ROH: Il Trovatore 2pm £19.75 Passions run high as Manrico and the Count di Luna compete for the affections of Leonora	
LIVE MUSIC	9 JUNE	LIVE MUSIC	20 JUNE
Duo 8pm £16 Duo play in a style fusing flamenco, pop and classical. Together they have recorded five albums & two Eps		Open Mic Night 7.30pm Free Entry We invite you to our Open Mic Night. Free entry for both performers and audience. Bar open.	
THEATRE	16 JUNE	EVENT CINEMA	21 JUNE
An Evening With the Hurtwood Acting Company 7.30pm £10 Current students will be showcasing their talents		NT Live: Fleabag 7.30pm £18.50 Written & performed by Phoebe Waller-Bridge. The one woman show returns to the big screen	
FAMILY EVENTS	17 JUNE	LIVE MUSIC	23 JUNE
Kids' Craft – Jam Jar Lanterns 9.30am – 10.30am 10.30am – 11.30am £8 per session		Jazz Cheese & Wine – Hejira celebrating Joni Mitchell 7.30pm £25 inc Cheese & Wine. Balcony £21 inc wine only	
CLASSICAL MUSIC	17 JUNE	WORKSHOPS	24 JUNE
The Queens 6 7.45pm £25 inc Glass of Wine Members of the Queen's Six are part of the Lay Clerks of St George's Chapel		Sound Bath 11am £20 Experience the calming sounds of gongs for relaxation and wellbeing.	
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FILM	28 JUNE	LIVE MUSIC	8 JULY
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COMEDY	30 JUNE	FILM	12 JULY
Jo Brand 8pm £18 Jo takes to the road trying out new material with her special guest, Andy Robinson		Kelly's Heroes 7.30pm £10. Friend £9 Clint Eastwood stars. Kelly's Heroes is a 1970 World War II comedy-drama heist film	
LIVE MUSIC	1 JULY	POP UPS	15 JULY
Tristian Seume – Acoustic Guitarist 8pm £14 Acclaimed as one of the UK's leading steel-string guitarists		Jewellery Buying Event 9am – 5pm Free Entry Do you have any inherited or unwanted jewellery? You can discuss your options with Rowlandson's Jewellers	
FILM	5 JULY	LIVE MUSIC	18 JULY
The Fabelmans (PG 13) 7.30pm £10, Friends £9, Under 25 £7 Starring Bally Gill, David Bradley, Jennifer Saunders, Russell Tovey & Judi Dench		Open Mic Night 7.30pm Free Entry We invite you to our Open Mic Night. Free entry for both performers and audience. Bar open.	
FILM	6 JULY	THEATRE	25 JULY
Battle of Britain 7.30pm £10, Friend £9 Battle of Britain is a 1969 British war film directed by Guy Hamilton.		Love's Labour's Lost 7pm £19 Please note that this performance will be held outdoors in the St Nicolas Rectory Garden	
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JANE HARRY REPORTS

With summer on its way, it seems a long time since the wet and windy day of our Easter Market at the Parrot. Despite the weather, it was an excellent event, raising nearly £2,000 for our funds.

The classic bus was there as usual to transport people who wanted a different mode of transport!



*Our Going for a Song stall,
loaded as usual*

Our second AGM was well attended, and we were able to recap on what we had done and our future plans for Grant applications towards work on the south transept. At an updated cost of nearly £300,000 just for the building work, we have a challenge ahead. We also have to plan for a community project which, will include the wider community in any grant application, which will increase the overall costs to closer to £400,000.

(Copies of the AGM Reports are available on our website)

Our next village event will be taking part in Ewhurst Carnival. Our stall will be asking you to help us plant "Crocuses for the King" either in the churchyard or a location chosen by the Parish Council. With your donation, you will have the chance to win the prize for correctly guessing how many crocuses we will have by the end of the day.

After that we are into winter events with Village Christmas cards and our Taste of Spain Evening at the Village Hall on Saturday 25 November – but we are not wishing the cold weather on you yet!

As always, none of these things happen without our loyal supporters, we really appreciate all you do for the Friends. If you would like to become one of our registered supporters, please contact our secretary on 01483 268694 fspsecretary@gmail.com or visit our website www.friendsfewhurstchurch.com. You do not have to donate to become a "Friend" but you need to register with our secretary so we can legally contact you about all we do. We hope you will do both!



Things getting busy, especially round the chocolate stall

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What I do on my weekend

MATT WEAVER DOES SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Lots of people have unusual hobbies – some knit Christmas jumpers with frogs on, some keep dachshunds, some practise topiary. Me....?? I joust...

On a day-to-day basis, I am a fairly average bloke. I have an office job, and a family (wife, 2 kids, 1 retriever). But every so often I get a call (latterly a Whatsapp) – Sir Sam has to attend a wedding, or Sir Ashley has fallen off a ladder, or Sir Jasper has broken his pelvis can you joust this weekend? And usually, I can. I suppose I am a 'freelance' knight.

More recently, the jousting is at Hever Castle where the team is based, and where they have a permanent arena. Though over the years – and I've been doing this over 15 years - I have been as far afield as Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Cornwall and even Sweden. I've also - rather by chance as it was arranged through a team based in the Midlands - jousted up the road at the Abinger Common Fayre, and at Loxwood. A couple of weeks ago, we were in the Chilterns.

I don't own any equipment, or even a



make a point of bringing my own undergarments!) – if I'm lucky, there aren't too many holes or boots two sizes too large.

There are some jousting teams that are particular about their attire – they want to get the historically accurate clobber – the lances, the breastplates, the helms, the grieves all authentic 14th century. That's not us. Proper armour is heavy, and

really hard to move about in. I have worn it in the past and it's like wearing an old boiler. Our show involves jousting – of course – but then we might leap off the



horse for a foot-fight – followed straight away by leaping back on for more jousting or skills games. You can't keep up an energetic, hour-long show like that in full armour and we'd probably fall off whilst leaning over to spear the Saracens' heads (jousting game). So ours is {whispers} not entirely historically accurate. But, on the flip side, the show is entertaining.

When the topic of jousting comes up in conversation, there are usually several questions that everyone asks:

How did you start? I did a lot of pole vaulting in my youth and I also learned to ride horses. And I enjoy acting and performing. I often thought it would be fun to combine everything so I found a couple of jousting weekends to try it out, then persuaded one of the course leaders to teach me properly.

Is it dangerous? Let's say there is plenty of

potential for things to go wrong. But in an experienced team, with good equipment and horses, then the risks are minimised. I often acquire a few bruises, but I think I would pick up more injuries playing rugby. Though I did have a lucky escape once when a 3" splinter from a breaking lance pierced a shield I was using.

Is it hard? You need to be a good enough rider to control a horse whilst holding a lance and shield, and wearing a helm – the helm dulls the senses, and restricts your vision so much that all you can see of your horse are its ears. If you can do that, it's not too hard to learn the rest. The most challenging days are always those when I have a difficult horse. It is, of course, a huge amount of fun – it's a privilege to ride big Spanish horses, and very enjoyable to perform in front of large crowds (we can get several thousand at Hever Castle on good days) – and be a little bit silly. And, besides, I'm hopeless at knitting and hedge trimming.



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