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Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue.  
**Copy deadline for the Winter (December) issue is midnight Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

# From the editor

First of all a big shout out to Phil Henry who edited News & Views for several years. Phil did a great job making this magazine a real success in Ewhurst. This issue is dedicated to him.

It's a big job to take on and I hope I can do it justice. Looking ahead, my hope is to work with everyone from Ewhurst, Okewood and Forest Green to bring the local colour and local services to your front door four times a year. Please get in touch with any ideas.

Will

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# Would you like to help?

As John Donne said, "No man is an island" and putting together a quarterly magazine is quite a task. I need help with several things. The most pressing thing is for someone to manage our wonderful advertisers, so a bit of accountancy and billing experience would be most welcome. Then there's the design of the mag itself which I'd like some help with. It's fun to work together for the community. So, if that's you, call me. Cheers. Will.



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# Shiny, happy, little people

BY GILLIAN NEAL

At Rainbow's End Pre-school we had a very busy summer term. We enjoyed a trip on the coach to Secretts Pick-Your-Own, the children were delighted to pick punnets full of juicy strawberries and enjoyed a picnic with their friends before most of them (and a few of the adults) enjoyed a snooze on the way home.

We have also had our yearly sports day along the theme of "Come travel with us" where the children had to complete a series of activities to gain a stamp on their boarding pass. When the pass was full the children could earn their medal. We also had a running race, obstacle race and the ever-favourite parents' race.

Another highlight has been the weekly forest school which the school-leaving

children have enjoyed in the Rectory woodland. The children love spending time in the woods, listening to the bird song, hunting for mini-beasts and most of all making and lighting a fire to toast marshmallows. We have also enjoyed our regular trips to The Old Rectory where children have been singing or doing craft with the residents. They enjoyed a teddy bears picnic and had a small-animal farm visit them there too.



Hunting for mini-beasts at forest school

As we say goodbye to 17 children, we look forward to preparing our new school-leavers for their final year. We will also welcome many new children and families and will hold some getting to know you events so that new families can meet each other as well as doing some fund-raising activities for some important work to the flooring in our garden.

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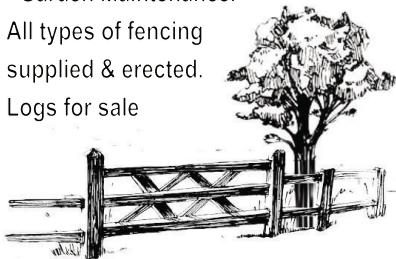
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# Churchwardens' Report

Clive Ward, Tony Brimelow, Bill Bruford, Peter Bennett  
Churchwardens, Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood & Forest Green

Much progress has been made in the ongoing work of unifying the new Parish, not least by the communications team led by Will Shepherd. We now have a smart new logo, website, and - no less - a refurbished zip-wire in the Rectory which will doubtless be open for business shortly. Watch this space! Thanks to all who made this happen.

Next up, Big Day Out and Ewhurst Rocks! Having threatened badly at the outset, the weather at Hurtwood Park Polo Club was eventually merciful, but not before the occasional gazebo had flapped its way into the history books. St Peter and St Paul was well represented on stage with no less than four Fabulous Nobodies being church members. The success of the day was a testament to the skill and stamina of the entire fundraising team, chief among whom this year was Martin Lockwood. It was a fitting end to Martin's many years of labour on behalf of St Peter and St Paul for which all church members would wish to thank him. The considerable sum of £7,000 was raised for Parish-wide building restoration.

With our beautiful Ewhurst church taking on the demeanour of a small Notre Dame, wrapped in cellophane and scaffolded inside and out, the churchwardens can report the works are on schedule, weather benign and all is going to plan. Repairs to the stained glass windows at Forest Green and the

re-decoration of The Ark room at Okewood are also in hand. Remarkably none of these works impact upon our service schedule – our three churches in the Parish remain open as normal.

Our many sub-committees - Buildings, Music and Worship, Children and Youth, Communications, Fundraising and Pastoral - go about their business with an air of calm that tends to obscure the substantial amount of work they undertake. The churchwardens would like to thank and encourage all those church members and non-members who volunteer their services. Indeed this last group, sprinkled liberally through the Church Cleaners, Flower Guild and Bell Ringers' Guilds, sometimes miss out on the Parish's proclamations of thanks in-church, so we would like to remedy that here and now.

Coming up fast are, among a myriad of other things: the Heritage Weekend and the Rectory Fete featuring the new zip wire, Harvest Festival, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday, all interspersed with a variety of Harvest Meals, Winter Warmers and Women's Breakfast. Thanks to all those who make these events happen: further detail via the Pew Sheet or [www.eofgparish.org.uk](http://www.eofgparish.org.uk). Come and join us!

We're all hoping and praying for Clare to return to full health as soon as possible.

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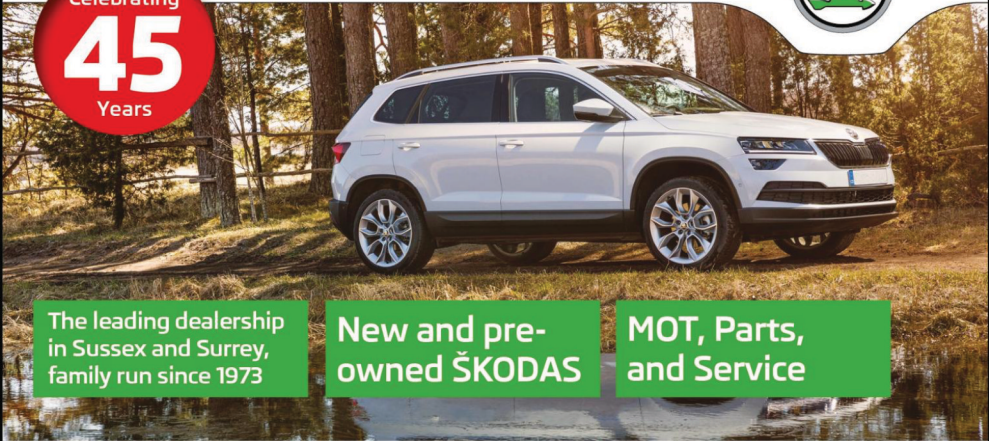
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# The playlist of a 10-year-old

BELLA STRANGE FROM EWHURST TELLS US WHAT SHE'S LISTENING TO AND WHY

## No Louane

I love this song because when I first heard it I was in a restaurant in France.



It was playing on loop and so I shazamed it and I found it! It reminds me of my holiday.



her brother Finneas O'Connell and I really like the lyrics. And her voice is great!

## I'll Be There For You

*The Rembrandts*

I love this song because it's the f.r.i.e.n.d.s theme tune and it's a song about a friend who's always there for you which is nice and kind for everyone.



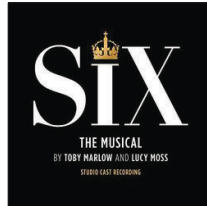
## Piano Man Billy Joel

I think everyone in the world should love it. I found this song by trying to look up the man who sang Uptown Girl and the top result was "Billy Joel. Piano man"



## Ex-Wives Six (the Musical)

I love this song as it's about all Henry's wives and I love Tudor things! I have not actually seen the musical Six but I love the soundtrack!



## My Strange Addiction

*Billie Eilish*

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# Iron Man

NEWS & VIEWS TALKS WITH JAMES DAVIES FROM FOREST GREEN FORGE

**N&V: So, how did you get here?**

**JD:** It all goes back to when I was a kid. I saw this picture - I think I've still got it somewhere - of an old forge with a horse outside and it suddenly grabbed me: 'That's exactly what I want to do'. I didn't want to be a farrier though, but I knew I wanted to work with metal. After an apprenticeship, a job making control panels for Harrier jets and then five years of college, I landed a place at Richard Quinnells. He runs probably the biggest and best-known forge in the country down at Rowhurst in Leatherhead. Then in 1986 I came to Forest Green forge for a job and the owner said he was retiring and would I like to buy it. So I did. Sold my house, ploughed everything into it. It was important for me to have my own forge.

**N&V: What was it like starting out on your own?**

**JD:** Well, you learn a lot. You're without a teacher. I started off with ornamental lighting. On the side I was doing a bit of sculpture. Then a chap from Redhill called Percy joined me and taught me how to do more commercial work like gates and railings - still ornamental - but obviously much more

saleable. You see, it's all about endless learning. I'm still mastering certain techniques 20 years on.

**N&V: What's your dream commission?**

**JD:** Definitely animal sculpture. I've done cats, dogs, owls, eagles and many more but the thing I want to do most is a sculpture of a deer. But it would be a huge cost. I think I might just have to do one as a labour of love and either sell it or use it to get a commission. And then there's the fear. I get incredibly fearful when taking on a new animal. Metal just doesn't want to be moulded into an elegant, balanced, organic form such as an animal's face and body. It's so complex to get it right and be happy with it.



View James' fantastic work at:  
[forestgreenforge.co.uk](http://forestgreenforge.co.uk)

**N&V: What's the piece**

**that you're most proud of?**

**JD:** After my cat sculptures and birds, I'd probably say chandeliers and then anything with leaf work. I love leaf work. And also wall sculptures, especially abstract ones. But the most popular things I do are fire baskets, gates and weather vanes. Oh, and of course, I must mention that I did the ironwork for the Ewhurst sign opposite the Bulls Head.

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# Big fun, big fundraising

JANE HARRY REPORTS FROM THE PARISH FUNDRAISING TEAM

Despite the poor weather during the day, some 600 people attended the Big Day Out and Ewhurst Rocks. And we managed to raise just over £7,000 towards the Ewhurst Roof Restoration Fund, plus work on The Ark, Okewood and the Wilson Room, Ewhurst.

The two events need a lot of support from the community to succeed. This involves selling raffle tickets, donating raffle prizes, helping nearer the time and on the day, plus local organisations giving sponsorship or raffle prizes - everyone gave amazing support. Our thanks to the Fundraising Team who made it happen.

We especially remember Phil Henry who worked with us until his untimely death. He kept our finances in order and followed up paperwork. Martin Lockwood who oversaw the evening event, timetables and Waverley

Council requirements, has stepped down from the team. We thank him for his fundraising over many years, both for Ewhurst and the new Parish.

Ready for 2020, the Fundraising Team has begun looking at new ways to raise funds,

including child-friendly events. Our traditional events such as the Easter Market will continue. The next main Parish fundraising event is the Rectory Fete at Ewhurst on Sat 21 September.

It is also Heritage Open Day and all our Parish churches will be open,

including the bell tower at St Peter & St Paul.



The Fabulous Nobodies (singer Stephen Root pictured) closed out the Big Day Out and Ewhurst Rocks, helping to raise over £7,000

**Gift Day News** - in June we raised just over £2,000. Being outside the Ewhurst shop gave us the chance to talk to people about our church, the new Parish and everything we do within the church and village.

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# *China revival*

BELINDA KERRY FROM OKEWOOD REPORTS ON THE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

If you want to know where Christianity is burgeoning, look east to China. Communism is giving way to a spiritual transformation. The numbers speak for themselves. Since 1949 (and by 1953 all Christian missionaries had been expelled) the number of Christians has risen from one million to 60 million, almost the total population of the United Kingdom.

How did this all happen? Well, this was partly the topic of our Women's Breakfast talk by Celia and David Newbery who had responded to a call to

teach in China. It is still very difficult to be overtly Christian in China. Much of the revolution is underground. But David and Celia told how they found many opportunities to share their faith.

**Next Women's Breakfast** | 8.45am | Saturday 12th October | Ockley Cricket Pavilion | Virginia Smith talks about being a Hospital Chaplain

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# The collapse of the tower

JANET BALCHIN CONCLUDES A THREE-PART HISTORY OF EWHURST CHURCH

In September 1836 alarming cracks appeared in the walls of the Ewhurst church. The rector, Charles Augustus Steuart, was away visiting his wife's family in Norfolk. On his return he

engaged an architect, Robert Ebbels, to report on the condition of the building. In November, Mr Ebbels presented a restoration plan and Mr Loe, a stonemason from

Guildford, was commissioned for a sum of £573.13s. Steuart also instructed Ebbels to make alterations to the rectory at around the same time.

Work progressed through the summer of 1837, but in June disaster struck. Mr Steuart later recorded in his grant application to the Incorporated Church Building Society "...the tower and spire then fell and carried away the roofs of

the N. Transept & Chancel and a great part of the Walls."

The Bishop, Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry all agreed that the accident was

not the fault of the architect and Mr Ebbels was employed again to survey the church and make further plans. The estimate for the additional work came to £472, but it was reported that Mr Loe would do it for £300.



The church of St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst before the collapse of the tower in 1837

The stone was given by Edward Bray of Shere and was dug from the quarry on Pitch Hill. As rector, Mr Steuart was personally responsible for the repair of the chancel, but the rest of the church was in the hands of the Parish. To help with the costs, Mr Steuart applied for a grant from the Incorporated Church Building Society who awarded funds for the increase of accommodation



(seating). The paperwork shows that successful applications even then were as much about ‘ticking the right boxes’ as they are today. In answer to how the accommodation would increase, the reply was: *“By rebuilding such part of the church as has fallen to wit the Tower Spire and West [sic - should be north] Transept, by rearrangement of pews increasing their numbers and that of free sittings with complete repairs and prevention of damp”*.

It was customary for certain pews to be reserved for particular families. The important ones usually had the best seats, leaving only a few ‘free sittings’ for ordinary folk, and The Church Building Society was keen to promote the availability of ‘free sittings’. The alterations of 1838 increased the accommodation to 306 with 146 free sittings. In 1839 two new bells were hung in the newly rebuilt tower, bringing the total to six.

### **The alterations of 1879**

In 1838 the south door had been bricked up and the west door became the main

entrance, then in 1879 the south door was reopened and the west door closed. The organ was then placed in front of the west door. The font was moved to the north side of the nave with a new pedestal given by Walter Webb of Malquoits. Walter Webb also paid for installation of ‘Grundy’s heating apparatus’. Thomas Lyon Thurlow of Baynards gave a font cover and also the carved oak tablets and communion rails.

The oak benches in the chancel were given by General Brown and General Clarke and the pulpit and reading desk were restored by the Rev. & Mrs. Henry Robinson. At the same time, the old gallery in the west end was removed. It was noted that 40 sittings would be lost by the removal of the gallery, but that the reseating would provide an additional 20 and all sittings were to be declared free.

In 1897 the bells were repaired for Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee.

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EWHURST HISTORY SOCIETY - Our autumn programme begins on Tuesday 17th September. Nigel Balchin talks on the 1939 Register which reveals many surprising and interesting people in Ewhurst at the beginning of WW2. It will feature the first public showing in 80 years of a home movie of evacuees arriving at Ewhurst school. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Ewhurst Baptist Church at 8.00pm unless otherwise indicated. Annual membership is only £7.00. Non-members are always welcome (£2.00). We also organise outings and social events. For more information visit or contact Janet Balchin on 01483 277342, janet.balchin@googlemail.com

# Harmony from Hackney

CAT STRANGE FROM EWHURST TELLS US ABOUT HER PASSION FOR BRINGING CHORAL MUSIC INTO CHILDREN'S LIVES

This summer Bella (my daughter) and I returned to St Paul's West Hackney for a week-long choral course culminating in evensong at St Paul's Cathedral. I was working as part of the team of musical assistants and Bella was one of the 46 young singers attending.

Some of my closest and longest-lasting friendships stem from my involvement in summer choral courses when I was a teenager. One of these friends co-founded the Hackney Choral course and asked me to get



involved. Many choral courses exist but they come at a hefty cost. The Hackney Choral course was set up to provide the same experience but at a fraction of the cost to families. It's £3 per day to attend and full bursaries are available too. It's supported by the music outreach programme at St Paul's Cathedral.

The children attending the course come from a variety of different backgrounds but they all receive the opportunity to learn from professional musicians. They learnt and

performed 12 pieces at an informal concert at St Paul's West Hackney and an evensong at St Paul's Cathedral.

The course provides a safe, inclusive and fun environment in which all are welcome, and friends are made. It uses music to promote confidence and self-esteem and teaches choral repertoire whilst introducing sight reading, ensemble singing and harmony.

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\*Surrey Hills Singers also have a children's choir (Mondays, St Cuthbert's Cranleigh, 6-7yrs 3.30-4.15pm, 8+yrs 4.15-5.30pm, starting 9<sup>th</sup> September) and an auditioned Chamber Choir (Wednesdays, 7.30pm United Reformed Church Cranleigh, starting 11<sup>th</sup> September)

# Let's make sure Oksana enjoys the harvest.

## Harvest Collection for British Humanitarian Aid.

The Parish will be collecting items to distribute to schools and orphanages in Ukraine. Please donate new underwear, toiletries, hats, gloves, socks, school stationery, toys and sweets. Pack gifts into personalised shoeboxes labelled for a boy or a girl with their age or into the large boxes (available at the back of St Peter & St Paul) from early September. **Gifts can be taken to Harvest Festival, Sunday 6th October 10.30am.**



## HARVEST LUNCH

12.30pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, The Wilson Room

Tickets £10 Adult | £5 Children

Ann Barrett Leonard 01483 277 075 | Ro Stewart 01483 272 814



## *Sunday is the day I 'fill the tank'*

ROBIN STRIDE BRINGS US THE WISDOM OF A CENTENARIAN

Possibly the oldest-ever person to join a Baptist church in England has been welcomed in at Ewhurst.

Irene Rutt, who moved to the village with her family over three years ago, will soon be in her 100<sup>th</sup> year. She says 'age is just a number' as she continues in her lifelong attendance at church. The Ewhurst

fellowship welcomed the former nurse as a member in July. Northumberland-born Irene, who has three daughters, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, said: 'I've always been to church. Sunday is the one day you can really think. I am lucky to have somewhere to 'fill the tank' again! That's why I come.'





# Seasonal Services at Ewhurst Church

## **HARVEST**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am**

A time to thank God for all he provides. And an opportunity to support our fundraising lunch afterwards.

## **LIGHTING THE WAY**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm**

This is an alternative to Hallow'een. Children make lanterns followed by a bonfire, quiet fireworks and hot dogs in the churchyard

## **ALL SAINTS DAY**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10.30am**

An All Age family-friendly celebration of the Saints. Junior Choir will be there as well as members of the SNAK Youth Group.

## **ALL SOULS**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 4.30pm**

A special service to remember loved ones who have died. Candles are lit in remembrance and readings and music reflect this theme. A Book of Remembrance will be at the back of the church at the end of October for you to enter the name of your loved one.

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**10.45am** Meet at the war memorial for the Act of Remembrance

**11am** Remembrance Service in the church

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> November 11am**

Meet at the War Memorial to observe the two minutes' silence.

## **ADVENT CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> December 6.30pm**

Your first chance to get carolling for the Christmas season.

## **CHRISTINGLE**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm**

All the wonder of candles in oranges with sweets and fruit. A lovely family atmosphere.

### **Church Christmas cards**

These will be on sale in the Wilson Room from mid October. There are four new designs to choose from. Each design is sold in packs of ten for £4.

Okewood & Forest Green services are listed on p41  
For more information visit [www.eofgparish.org.uk](http://www.eofgparish.org.uk)



Michelle presents at the CAP taster session. The September course is for anyone on a budget.

# Money too tight to mention?

MICHELLE MATTHEWS IS STARTING A COURSE ON HOW TO MANAGE MONEY BETTER

Michelle Matthews is a brilliant accountant who is the Treasurer for our Parish. And it's been on her heart to use her skills with money to help others. When Michelle discovered Christians Against Poverty (CAP) she heard God's call again and knew she had to do it.

CAP is a Christian charitable company in the United Kingdom founded in Bradford, West Yorkshire by John Kirkby in 1996. It is a national organisation specialising in debt counselling for people in financial difficulty, including those in need of bankruptcy or insolvency. One of its patrons is none other than Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The course Michelle is trained to run is not just for people struggling with debt. It is for anyone who wants to manage their money better. Michelle will take

you through lots of tips and techniques on how to run your monthly budget and look for places you can save money. Anyone can benefit from these basic financial planning skills.



CAP isn't just for those in debt. It's for all wanting to manage money better.

The course is very simple to follow and in just three weeks you will feel a lot more confident about controlling your money.

Here's what a couple of people you may have heard of say about CAP:

*"CAP is fantastic.*

*I came across its work a few years ago and what they have done is staggering."* - Prince Charles

*"CAP are serious, highly professional, deeply committed and, above all, they will treat you as a human being of infinite value."* - Justin Welby

Michelle starts the CAP course in The Wilson Room on Mon 9 Sep at 7.30pm

# Things are really happening now!

## THE EWHURST ROOF RESTORATION TEAM REPORT

The chancel roof is off and the timbers can be examined. We were worried about the leaking roof causing serious damage but despite some of the timbers being over 500 years old, damage is minimal. The stonemasons have been closely examining and repairing the stonework around the bell tower and east gable of the Chancel. More damage has been found on the gable than expected, the most serious being the stones

supporting the cross on the gable end.

Once the timbers are repaired, the roofers can start replacing the waterproof membrane, the slates and the Horsham slabs that make the final outer layer of the roof. The Horsham slabs are difficult to get but luckily only about 70 percent need replacing and the “new” ones are all recycled from other buildings, so the “new” roof will have a

uniform look once finished. External work will continue over the summer, including putting in new guttering.

The next stage will be inside the chancel to replace the ceiling. We will monitor carefully the use of the chancel for

services and the organ, as we do not want to risk dust damage to it. By the December News and Views, we will have more information on any impact on Christmas services but whatever the case, we will continue our worship in this

lovely church. The weekly news sheet will have updates.

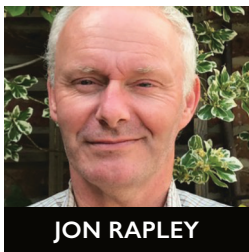
Thank you for all the support that people giving to the fundraising events to meet the repairs deficit. This is much appreciated along with continued donations through the “Save a Slab” campaign.



**Timbers on the south side of the Chancel roof**  
Images reveal that timbers have been “recycled” from another part of the church or another.

**To SAVE A SLAB and support further roof repair call Clive Ward on 07769 349 525 or visit [www.ewhurstchurchrestoration.com](http://www.ewhurstchurchrestoration.com)**





JON RAPLEY

# **“Anything mechanised, we built it, fixed it or blew it up”**

Whether you're new to the village or have lived here a while, you're likely to have crossed paths with Jon Rapley. Unassuming, intelligent and with a generous helping of acerbic wit, Jon has a gift for engaging with a wide range of people.

Born in 1968, Jon's schooling took him through the village school, Cranleigh Middle School (Cranleigh Primary) and on to Glebelands, where one Master helped instil in him a passion for building and fixing mechanical items.

As a teenager Jon and his friends would cycle to a car dump long since filled in, next to The Windmill pub, drag bits of engine out and fix them back in Jon's workshop. When he wasn't buying workshop equipment from the proceeds of the lawnmowers he fixed and sold, he spent his free time racing them around the countryside.

Jon was accepted onto an engineering course at Godalming College, but this was short lived when his Master realised

Jon's workshop was better appointed than the one on-site and when Jon could already recite the recommended text.

Two weeks later he was offered his first job at a Cranleigh engineering firm for a starting salary of £45/week. Quickly revealing his aptitude for metal and machinery, he fast-tracked his four-year

apprenticeship in 18 months. Then after two years on the shop floor, Jon met his first wife and his daughter Karen was

born. Juggling his new responsibilities, Jon left the firm and entered a period of changing employment coinciding with the decline of the engineering sector.

Later, finding himself single again, Jon enlisted with the Queen's Regiment as an infantryman but soon transferred to the Royal Engineers where "anything that was mechanised - we built it, fixed it or blew it up". His military career saw many overseas deployments including Iraq, where in spite of the danger faced, he modestly mentions his medal "for turning up".

*(Continues on page 61)*

**IN OUR MIDST**  
BY GEORGINA RUSHWORTH  
EWHURST

# The kids are alright

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR PASSES AT EWHURST INFANTS - JANE DYER REPORTS

As the Summer Term draws to a close, we have today sent 25 Cherry class children on to the next stage of their educational journey.

A strong partnership between school and parents helps each child develop into a confident independent learner. All of our Christian values - friendship, honesty, respect and perseverance - are lived out daily in our community. Above all is the core value of love which shines through our children as we saw in the Leavers' Service.

There have been many highlights over the year. We welcomed the new Rector Clare Shepherd to Ewhurst, and despite her current health (we send all our best wishes for a full recovery) we have continued to strengthen the bonds with our Parish church. A worship team has been created and their first assembly

was on the natural world, focussing on the importance of trees, without which we could not live.

Our emphasis on the well-being of children was highlighted this year, particularly as we gained our Gold Award from Surrey Healthy Schools.

As an Active School, we promote

physical activity;

ParkRun has

become very

popular amongst

Ewhurst pupils,

present and past;

swimming in our

own pool is very

special and it's

great to see so

many happy faces



The kids loved their Sports Morning on July 5<sup>th</sup>.  
As an Active School, we promote physical activity.

using it. Our Feeling Good Week provided many opportunities to try new things with great enjoyment. Pets are very important to everyone's well-being which was actively demonstrated at the pet service kindly led by Rev. Rosemary Mason.

Full article: [www.ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk/news-and-events/newsletters](http://www.ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk/news-and-events/newsletters)



At our Art Exhibition on July 15th the theme was Space, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing. The children were thrilled to see the results of their hard work displayed with such professionalism. The total amount raised was £450, with another £102 raised on the raffle.

# Moving on up

WE TALK TO JOSHUA ROOT ABOUT CHANGING SCHOOLS

**N&V: So, how are you feeling about moving from primary to secondary school?**

**JR:** I'm feeling a bit sad because I've enjoyed my time at Cranleigh Primary and done so much there, but also excited for the new things that await me at Secondary school.

**N&V: What was your last day like?**

**JR:** The last few weeks had been really busy with a residential trip to CYE (Christian Youth Enterprises) in Bosham, then practising for our leavers play. The last day came up really quickly and was emotional but fun because we all had our shirts signed!

**N&V: What did you love about Cranleigh Primary?**

**JR:** I really liked having the opportunity to form a band and get involved in giving the music room a new lease of life. I love maths and grew to also like English! I had some great teachers - my form teacher was really supportive, fun and inspirational. The new head teacher Mrs Leadbetter-

Simms joined halfway through Year 6 and encouraged lots of different clubs and experiences for the children at the school.

Anyone joining the school in September should look forward to the kind and caring atmosphere as well as the great teachers and the other children they will meet!

**N&V: What did you think about your taster days at Glebelands?**

**JR:** I had two taster days at Glebelands. At first I was nervous to go to such a big school but soon got excited because of the staff, prefects and older children helping us to



Some of the excitement that awaits Josh at Glebelands

feel welcome. The lunch in the school canteen was amazing, and we learnt how to pay with a fingerprint so that we won't need any money! I am looking forward to learning more about new subjects and meeting up with friends who I went to Ewhurst Infant School with but who went to Park Mead. There is going to be a lot more homework, but I think I'm going to have lots of great learning opportunities and cool school trips.

If any of your children or grandchildren in the Parish have a story, let us know.





Josh holds up his leavers' shirt, signed by classmates, family and friends alike on his last day at Cranleigh Primary

# WHAT'S ON

Who knew so much was happening in our Parish?  
Here's a fulsome but by no means exhaustive listing  
of what's on in the Autumn Quarter. Enjoy!

## SEPTEMBER

Wed 4	Café Mornings   10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club Baby & Toddler Group   10 - 11.45 Ewhurst Baptist Church
Thu 5	Yoga   7.30pm   EYSC (Ewhurst)
Fri 6	Pilates   9.30am   Forest Green VH Bridge Club   The Glebe Centre 7pm start   Contact: 01483 272 890
Mon 9	<b>CAP: Manage Your Money</b>   Wilson Room   7.30pm   eofgparish@gmail.com Pilates   7pm   Ewhurst Village Hall
Wed 11	Café Mornings   10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club Baby & Toddler Group   10 - 11.45am Ewhurst Baptist Church
Thu 12	Yoga   7.30pm   EYSC (Ewhurst)
Fri 13	Pilates   9.30am   Forest Green VH Bridge Club   The Glebe Centre 7pm start   Contact: 01483 272 890
Mon 16	<b>CAP: Manage Your Money</b>   Wilson Room   7.30pm   eofgparish@gmail.com Pilates   7pm   Ewhurst Village Hall
Tue 17	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am   Forest Green Village Hall History Society   Ewhurst 1939 8pm   Ewhurst Baptist Church Contact Janet: 01483 277 342
Wed 18	Café Mornings   10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club Baby & Toddler Group   10 - 11.45am Ewhurst Baptist Church
Thu 19	Yoga   7.30pm   EYSC (Ewhurst)
Fri 20	Pilates   9.30am   Forest Green VH Bridge Club   The Glebe Centre 7pm start   Contact: 01483 272 890 <b>Bingo Night</b>   Oakwood Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm   £10 a head Contact Jill: 01306 628 329
Sat 21	<b>Heritage Day</b>   All Day All Parish Churches Open <b>Heritage Walk</b>   9am - 1pm Ewhurst Village Car Park <b>Rectory Fete</b>   12 noon - 4pm St Peter & St Paul Churchyard
Mon 23	<b>CAP: Manage Your Money</b>   Wilson Room   7.30pm   eofgparish@gmail.com Pilates   7pm   Ewhurst Village Hall

Tue 24	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am   Forest Green Village Hall
Wed 25	Café Mornings   10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
Thu 26	Yoga   7.30pm EYSC (Ewhurst)
Fri 27	Pilates   9.30am   Forest Green VH Bridge Club   The Glebe Centre 7pm start   Contact: 01483 272 890
Sat 28	<b>90s/00s Disco</b>   8 till late   Ewhurst Club
Mon 30	Pilates   7pm   Ewhurst Village Hall

## OCTOBER

Tue 1	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am   Forest Green Village Hall
Wed 2	Café Mornings   10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
Thu 3	Yoga   7.30pm EYSC (Ewhurst)
Fri 4	Pilates   9.30am   Forest Green VH Bridge Club   The Glebe Centre 7pm start   Contact: 01483 272 890
Sun 6	<b>Harvest Festivals</b> 10.30am   St Peter & Paul, Ewhurst 10.30am   St John the Baptist, Okewood 6.00pm   Holy Trinity Forest Green
Mon 7	Pilates   7pm   Ewhurst Village Hall
Tue 8	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am   Forest Green Village Hall
Wed 9	Café Mornings   10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
Thu 10	Yoga   7.30pm   EYSC (Ewhurst)
Fri 11	Pilates   9.30am   Forest Green VH Bridge Club   The Glebe Centre 7pm start   Contact: 01483 272 890 <b>Charity Quiz Night</b>   7.15pm Walliswood Village Hall Contact Val: 01306 627248
Sat 12	<b>Women's Breakfast</b>   8.45am Ockley Cricket Pavilion Contact Belinda: 01306 627386 <b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b> 10 - Noon   The Glebe Centre
Mon 14	Pilates   7pm   Ewhurst Village Hall
Tue 15	Forest Green Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am   Forest Green Village Hall History Soc   My Lady The King's Mother 8pm   Ewhurst Baptist Church

Wed 16	Café Mornings   10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
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Fri 18	Bridge Club   The Glebe Centre 7pm start   Contact: 01483 272 890 <b>Bingo Night</b>   Oakwood Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm   £10 a head Contact Jill: 01306 628 329 <b>Charity Race Night</b>   8pm Ewhurst Club
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Thu 24	Yoga   7.30pm   EYSC (Ewhurst)
Fri 25	<b>Lighting the Way Family Service</b> 4.30pm   St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst
Sat 26	<b>Open House @ The Rectory</b> Ewhurst GU6 7PX   3pm till 5pm
Sun 27	<b>Clocks Go Back</b>   2am
Mon 28	Pilates   7pm   Ewhurst Village Hall
Wed 30	Café Mornings   10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
Thu 31	<b>Charity Bridge Tea</b>   1.30 for 2pm   £40 Ewhurst Youth Sports Centre, GU6 7RB Contact: Bruce 01483 277 863

## NOVEMBER

Sat 2	Men's Breakfast   8.30am Oakwood Village Hall
Mon 4	Pilates   7pm   Ewhurst Village Hall
Tue 5	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am   Forest Green Village Hall
Wed 6	Café Mornings   10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
Thu 7	<b>Winter Warmer Lunch</b>   12.30pm Wilson Room, Ewhurst Church Yoga   7.30pm   EYSC (Ewhurst)
Fri 8	Pilates   9.30am   Forest Green VH Bridge Club   The Glebe Centre 7pm start   Contact: 01483 272 890
Sun 10	<b>Remembrance Sunday   Ewhurst</b> 10.45am Act of Rem, War Memorial 11.15am Rem. Service, Church 10.30 Rem. Service, <b>Okewood</b> 6.30pm Rem. Service, <b>Forest Green</b>

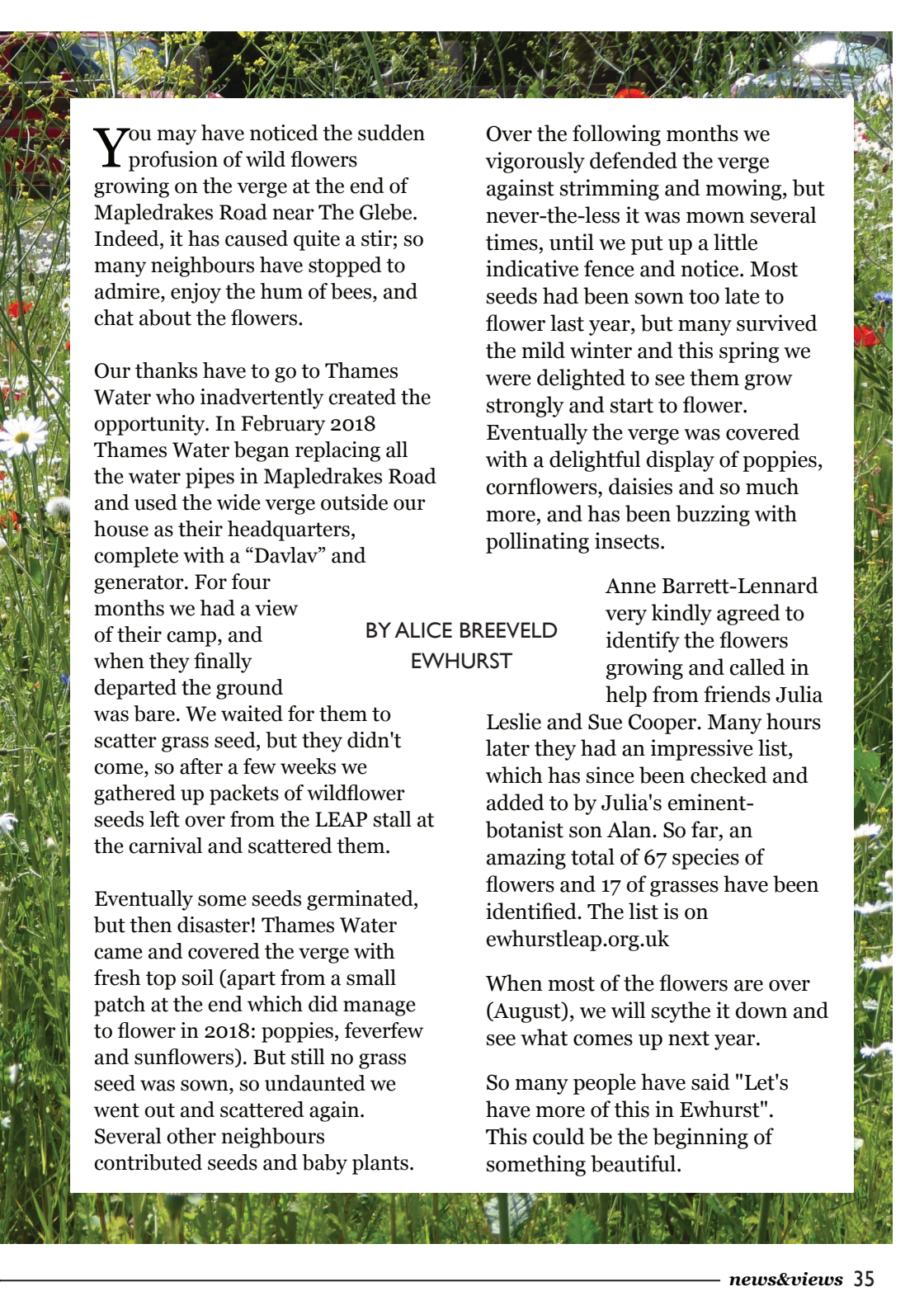
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Sat 23	Live Music   8pm Ewhurst Village Club <b>Charity Night</b>   7 for 7.30pm   £20 St John The Baptist Church, RH5 5QT (TBC check eofgparish.org.uk) <b>Murder In Play</b>   7pm for 7.45pm Ewhurst Village Hall   £11
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Fri 29	Pilates   9.30am   Forest Green VH Bridge Club   The Glebe Centre 7pm start   Contact: 01483 272 890
Sat 30	<b>Christmas Wreath Workshop</b>   10am - 12 noon & 3pm till 5pm   Ewhurst Church Room   Book places via: jhogansmith@live.co.uk





*Born to  
be wild*





You may have noticed the sudden profusion of wild flowers growing on the verge at the end of Mapledrakes Road near The Glebe. Indeed, it has caused quite a stir; so many neighbours have stopped to admire, enjoy the hum of bees, and chat about the flowers.

Our thanks have to go to Thames Water who inadvertently created the opportunity. In February 2018 Thames Water began replacing all the water pipes in Mapledrakes Road and used the wide verge outside our house as their headquarters, complete with a “Davlav” and generator. For four months we had a view of their camp, and when they finally departed the ground was bare. We waited for them to scatter grass seed, but they didn't come, so after a few weeks we gathered up packets of wildflower seeds left over from the LEAP stall at the carnival and scattered them.

Eventually some seeds germinated, but then disaster! Thames Water came and covered the verge with fresh top soil (apart from a small patch at the end which did manage to flower in 2018: poppies, feverfew and sunflowers). But still no grass seed was sown, so undaunted we went out and scattered again. Several other neighbours contributed seeds and baby plants.

Over the following months we vigorously defended the verge against strimming and mowing, but never-the-less it was mown several times, until we put up a little indicative fence and notice. Most seeds had been sown too late to flower last year, but many survived the mild winter and this spring we were delighted to see them grow strongly and start to flower. Eventually the verge was covered with a delightful display of poppies, cornflowers, daisies and so much more, and has been buzzing with pollinating insects.

BY ALICE BREEVELD  
EWHURST

Anne Barrett-Lennard very kindly agreed to identify the flowers growing and called in help from friends Julia

Leslie and Sue Cooper. Many hours later they had an impressive list, which has since been checked and added to by Julia's eminent-botanist son Alan. So far, an amazing total of 67 species of flowers and 17 of grasses have been identified. The list is on [ewhurstleap.org.uk](http://ewhurstleap.org.uk)

When most of the flowers are over (August), we will scythe it down and see what comes up next year.

So many people have said "Let's have more of this in Ewhurst". This could be the beginning of something beautiful.

# All Aboard for Holiday Club

39 children, 17 adults, 3 young helpers and an ark bursting full of animals set off with Noah on this year's Parish holiday club.

During three morning sessions, children made lifelike (thankfully not life size!) animal skittles, colourful (but hopefully not too effective) rainmakers and sailing boats.





They learnt the story of Noah and his ark, how the world was made in seven days, Adam and Eve's temptation dilemma and God's top ten rules.

Each day the children had to walk the plank through the (friendly) shark infested waters, watched the gripping drama of Noah's Ark, heard bible stories from the puppet team, showed endless energy in outdoor games, were

refreshed by snacks, gave thanks to God in a daily circle of prayer and delivered some awesome singing with a few jokes thrown in! How did they fit so much into 3 hours!

Holiday Club finished with a fabulous showcase to parents and family on the Wednesday evening. *(Cont'd page 55).*

SARAH SMITH REPORTS ON THE FUN AND FAITH AT HOLIDAY CLUB 2019





It's  
about  
to get  
very

**Messy**<sup>®</sup>



**F**un Family Worship at Forest Green is being relaunched as Messy Church, starting Sunday 8th September at 5pm, Holy Trinity Church. Messy Church is an established style of church that is informal and appeals to those who just wouldn't see themselves at a traditional service.

The first Messy Church began in 2004 when a group at St Wilfrid's in Cowplain near Portsmouth were frustrated because, as a church, they were hardly reaching any children with God's story. They felt they had lovely buildings and facilities but weren't using them enough. There was a lot of sympathy towards church in general but the church wasn't offering anything that really gripped the imagination of local families.

They decided very early on to try to do something for all ages together, partly out of a belief that we grow best as a church when we walk the journey with as many different people as possible, and partly from a desire to help families to grow together in their walk of faith, and not see Christianity as something you grow out of when you're 11 years old.



Messy Church is about connecting with God through creativity, celebration & hospitality.

So what exactly is Messy Church? Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It's primarily for people who wouldn't come to a traditional church service. Messy Church meets at a time that suits people who don't already belong to church. It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal or snacks together. All elements are for, and should include, people of all ages, adults and children.

Overall, Messy Church is fun. It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and is as valuable and worthy of investment as any other

congregation. It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.

**Check out Messy Church at Holy Trinity, Forest Green, starting with a BBQ at our first one on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 5pm. Come on down!**

**Messy Church starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays 5pm at Forest Green from 8<sup>th</sup> September**

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# Kindness is contagious

SARA HURLEY SHARES WHAT SHE LEARNED DOING “40 ACTS” IN LENT

People generally aren't used to kindness from strangers. And I fully admit that I can get wrapped up in my own small world, failing to pay much attention to anyone else. So with Lent on the horizon, this Spring I set myself the challenge of 40 Acts of Kindness. It encourages people to make generosity and kindness a habit.

My personal goal was to be kinder, particularly to strangers, in my daily life. Being truly kind challenges notions of personal space and trust of your fellow man. It tests your moral courage and ability to step outside your comfort zone. This was no easy undertaking.

I offered kindness in the most fleeting of moments. A smile and a thank you to a shop assistant who offered to pack my bags; an appreciative word to a road sweeper for his attention to detail (someone I passed by each day, you know their face but you rarely know their story). As a result, I now know more about the people that make my daily life more comfortable.

Some days, an act amounted to no more than complimenting a stranger: ensuring a waiter was commended to his manager, or personally acknowledging a colleague's contribution in a meeting. Other days, my “40 acts” mindset

would mean giving up my train or bus seat to someone looking particularly tired. Or I'd let a car into the traffic queue ahead of me with a smile and a wave. I discovered that it is far better to forgive than feel road rage. One particularly poignant day, I took time to listen to someone unravel a personal crisis, laying out their issues as we walked and talked along Embankment. She found the space to reflect on possible solutions.



I learned that even the smallest actions can have an impact. When generosity comes from the heart an act of kindness has a ripple effect. As my 40 days progressed it certainly seemed that each one of my actions was returned with others around me acting a little kinder, giving more of themselves.

As I reflected on my 40 Acts, I realised that the tempo of modern life had eroded my innate tendency for kindness. I had been missing out on the joy in contributing to others' lives. I have experienced first-hand the contagious effect of kindness. It costs nothing, but means everything. It touches others and will transform you. The better we become, the more we can make a difference in the world.



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**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month between 2pm – 4pm.

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**Anything else?** We will also include a fun session with games, quizzes and drama to discover more about God.

**Who do I contact?** Pippa or Andy by leaving a message on the Church Office phone – 01483 267878 and they will get back to you.

**Next dates:** 20 & 27 Sep | 4 & 11 Oct | 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov | 6 Dec Christmas Party

### Roots: for 12 to 16 year olds

**When:** 6.30 – 7.30pm Sundays

**How much?** Free.

**What goes on?** Table tennis, table football, snooker, soft ball games, followed by toast and muffins.

**Anything else?** Time to chat over a series of 'hot topics' relevant to teenagers and an opportunity to sing worship songs.

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**Next dates:** 7 Sep Beach Party | 6 & 20 Oct | 9 & 24 (Bonfire Party) Nov | 8 Dec Christmas Party

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# Bee friendly

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As we all know, bees of all species play a huge role in our environment, from crucial pollination to providing us with the amber nectar we spread on our toast in the morning. Here are five 'bee loving plants' that are well worth considering in your garden.

**Crocus** are vital in January and February as bumble bees and honey bees start to forage in the middle of the warmer days, and the early pollen is great to help the bees build the colony.

**Cotoneaster** is really useful to bees as it flowers after the spring fruit blossom has finished and before the brambles come out. The small flowers produce good nectar and are frequently visited.

**Lavender** is a must for bees. Not only will you find it attracts all species of bee, it gives you that fantastic scent throughout your garden. And lavender

'fills a gap' in mid-summer when spring flowering has finished and late summer flowers are yet to come.

**Borage** is adored by bees and is often found wild. It's a great plant to leave to seed around your veg patch as it does no real damage, nor is it hard to remove.

However, it attracts the bees to your precious veg and bumble bees are vital for runner bean production.

**Sedums** are highly frequented by bees, especially when the sun is beating down on them. They flower late in the year, so are crucial as many other 'bee loving plants' have come and gone.

Generally, it is so called 'single blossoms' which produce nectar that are useful to bees, rather than the more exotic 'doubles' which are more showy, but often less attractive to our honey-making friends.



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# *Parish Grumps*

IT'S JUST GOT TOO MUCH FOR ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS.  
LET'S HEAR HIM OR HER OUT... IN LOVE.

One of the free local magazines has regular contributions by a reader who calls himself "Grumpy Old Man". This is, of course, extremely non-PC and perhaps he should use the pseudonym "Negatively-minded Mature Person" but somehow Grumpy Old Man conveys his sentiments much more accurately. Anyhow, this particular G.O.M. feels that it is about time Ewhurst (not forgetting Okewood and Forest Green) has its own outlet for complaints and observations so here are the first things to get off my chest:

Why is it that it takes several months and at least five attempts to fix (unsuccessfully at the time of writing) a water leak on the corner of The Street and Cranleigh Road? Indeed, at one stage a leak one side of the road had been fixed only for water to appear on the other side. I wonder who is paying for this gross inefficiency?

Whilst on the subject of roads, I am not anti-cyclist but I do find it strange that with all the money spent on constructing a cycle and walking path between Ewhurst and part of the way into

Cranleigh, it is rare to see a cyclist (particularly those wearing lycra) actually use the path created for their convenience and safety. Riding two abreast whilst peddling hard uphill and causing a traffic build-up behind when there is a perfectly good cycle path does not exactly endear them to motorists.

My third and last grump concerns out-of-date signs. It seems that the warning "Slow 20 mph loose chippings" seems to apply for months after work has been completed. I can only imagine that the contractor deems it necessary to warn motorists of the poor quality of the new surface or is he just protecting himself against insurance claims?

I feel much better having put some of my thoughts onto paper. If you have any grumps, please send them to the Parish Office at [eofgparish@gmail.com](mailto:eofgparish@gmail.com). In case you had not realised it, the editor and publisher bear no responsibility for the contents of this article!

Exasperated of Ewhurst

**News & Views offers Matthew 5:43-47 as comfort to our loveable grumpster.**

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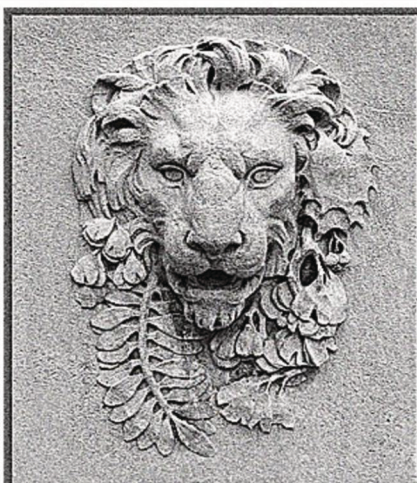
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# *Horticulturally yours*

JENNY ELMS FROM EWHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GIVES US  
AN AUTUMN PREVIEW OF ITS ACTIVITIES

**W**e will be holding our Autumn Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th September. It's open to the public from 2.30pm and refreshments will be served. The presentation of awards will be at 4.15pm followed by a raffle and auction of produce.

There are quite a few categories: Vegetables and Fruit, Flowers & Pot Plants, Floral Art, Photography, and Home Fare. There are also children's classes: *Pre-School*, *Something I Made In The Holidays*; *8yrs and under*, *Any Model* (may include Lego); *16 yrs and under*, *A Vegetarian Pizza* or *Best Art or Craft*. Please have a go, help is always at hand. All details are at [www.ewhurstshortsoc.org.uk](http://www.ewhurstshortsoc.org.uk) or phone Alina 01483 490190.

Next up, at 8pm on Tuesday 8th October at The Glebe Centre, is a talk with slides: "Beth Chatto and Me" by Steve Austin. Steve is an enthusiastic speaker who

enjoys sharing his extensive knowledge. Having achieved a Diploma in horticulture he took a 4-month placement at the Beth Chatto Gardens.

We will be holding our AGM at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th November at The Glebe Centre. This will be followed by a talk with slides: "Designing a Winter Border" by Tracy Bull. Tracy is an experienced horticulturist living in the Surrey Hills. Having volunteered at Wisley, she retrained at Merrist Wood, gained a certificate in horticulture and began the Surrey Hills Gardening School. She now runs courses on a range of topics, specialises in creative garden design and planting, publishes articles on gardening and volunteers with the National Trust and the Parks Department of Waverley Borough Council. Both meetings will feature refreshments and raffle. Visitors welcome, £2.00.

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# The '200 mile per week' midwife

BY LIONEL JOSEPH, FOREST GREEN

The popularity of "Call The Midwife" is understandable. Post-war midwifery was the source of much drama. The writers have plenty of source material.

But Joyce's 'lectures' were usually all in the interest of mothers and their children. Sadly, some babies were lost because GPs wouldn't heed her advice.

My wife, Joyce, was one of those midwives: a young District Midwife in Surbiton. She covered 25 square miles on her bicycle, notching up anything from 150 to 200 miles a week. She visited mothers twice daily for the first three days after birth and fortnightly thereafter. And she faithfully ignored the 1835 law relating to "furious riding". No policeman ever dared stop her when she was in a hurry.

One local GP complained about Joyce: "That little fair-haired nurse! She sat in my surgery and gave me such a lecture."



Joyce Joseph: a 'furious' cyclist?

Joyce's service was acknowledged when she received a Gold Medal for Midwifery. She never used it in job applications and wore it only once on instruction when attending a Royal Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's in 1945. "I am me: a nurse" was the simple phrase she used to describe herself. Some mothers accused Joyce of being hard, especially when a baby died. But

she left her tears for her bike ride home. So, even if she could have been accused of "furious riding" there was nothing hard about my Joyce.

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The children displayed their completed crafts, revealed a beautiful rainbow and showed parents what singing really should sound like. Finally, all were awarded with the traditional Holiday



**Drama featured every day and we watched Noah's story unfold. Everyone joined in.**

Club certificate. Many, many thanks to Michelle Matthews and her Holiday Club team and a huge thanks to the children for making it so much fun. Everyone is looking forward to next year's adventure!



**A fantastic hour of outdoor games was provided by Rupert Thorne from Okewood Nursery. A chance for the kids to get active and the helpers to have a very inactive coffee break!**

**Check out more of Jan Jessons' fantastic photos on our website: [eoffgparish.org.uk](http://eoffgparish.org.uk)**

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St Paul's West Hackney is a pretty special church. The welcome from their Rector, Niall Weir, gives you an idea about the environment they create. It's too long to reproduce in full but here is an extract from the final passage "We welcome those who find the whole idea of God a bit odd, who've been damaged by religion, were force-fed religion as children and those who've wound up here by mistake...we welcome those who prefer to travel rather than to arrive... God – however you perceive him, her or it – welcomes you and we at St Paul's will try our level best to do the same"



**Bella Strange with her commemorative performance programme and choir photo.**

Bella was lucky to have some of her fellow choir members from St Peter & St Paul Ewhurst attend the evensong in St Paul's Cathedral.

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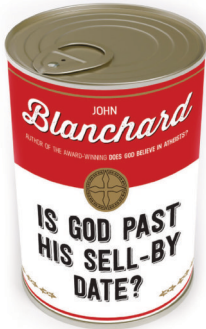
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**N&V: What's so special about metal?**

**JD:** Glass breaks. Wood rots. Metal will be here in a thousand years. Anything built to last or built to push mankind forward uses metal. Stevenson's Rocket. Brunel's Bridges. Space travel. Other materials just can't take you there. Metal is mighty. It's been a key part of human progress. The latest Rolls Royce engine that goes into the A300 airbus is incredible. You can just touch the two metre metal blades and they'd spin because they are so perfectly balanced. And to get that balance they first grow the metal in a laboratory so there are no impurities, and then they use a tuning fork to ensure each blade emits the same frequency - that's how they measure precision. Metal is simply phenomenal.

## Church Service Times

### Ewhurst | St Peter & St Paul

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** 9am BCP\* Communion, 10.30am Family Service, 6.30pm Choral Evensong | **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** 8am BCP Communion, 10.30 Holy Communion CW\*\* | **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** 8am BCP Communion, 10.30 Morning Worship CW, 6.30pm Evening Praise | **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 8am BCP Communion, 10.30 Holy Communion CW | **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 8am BCP Communion, 10.30 Morning Worship CW

*Treasure Seekers Sunday School 10.30am happens on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*

### Okewood | St John The Baptist

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** 10.30am Family Service | **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** 10.30 Morning Worship CW | **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** 10.30 Holy Communion CW | **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 10.30 Morning Worship CW | **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 10.30 Morning Worship CW

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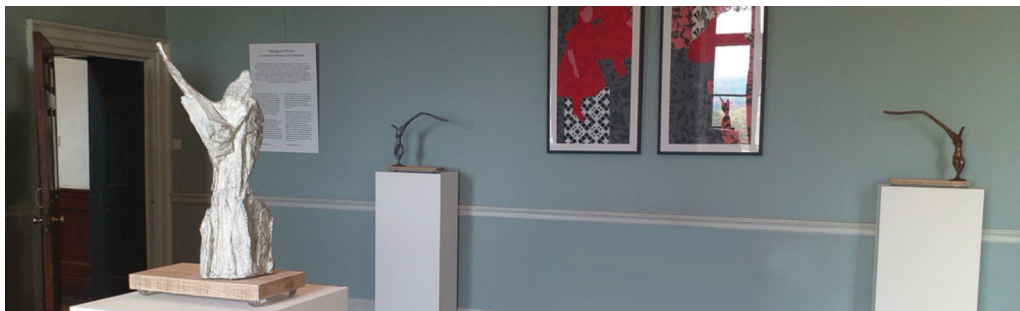
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays:** 5pm, Messy Church

*\*Book of Common Prayer \*\*Common Worship*

# Weaver the sculptor

PIPPA WEAVER WRITES ABOUT  
HER RECENT RESIDENCY AT LEITH HILL PLACE.



"Minding the Women" is an exhibition celebrating Caroline Wedgwood. As artist in residence, I researched and responded to this indomitable character of Leith Hill Place and produced a series of sculptures for display within the house throughout May & June 2019.

Caroline Wedgwood was wife to Josiah Wedgwood, sister to Charles Darwin and grandmother to Ralph Vaughan Williams. Reading her letters reveals a gentle and genteel woman who was family and community focused. She was educated and knowledgeable on subjects

such as botany and politics. She was vehemently anti-slavery and pro-education, setting up and running a local school. She is thought to be the person responsible for the stunning Rhododendron Wood adjacent to the house. Caroline gave birth to four daughters after a late marriage. She lost her first child in infancy and she suffered great sadness as a result.



Pippa (right) chats to a guest at her Private View, 30<sup>th</sup> June, at Leith Hill.

This exhibition, part of my residency with the National Trust, is a response to Caroline Wedgwood's life, an indomitable character of Leith Hill Place.

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## Editor's note

Two sections from previous News & Views that have info regarding Parish and Ewhurst Baptist Church details and the 'Useful Info' section can be now found on our website [eofgparish.org.uk](http://eofgparish.org.uk)

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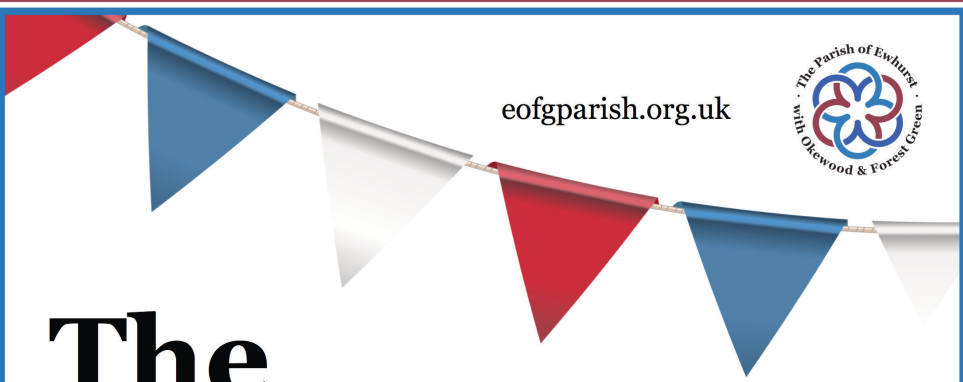
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Officially demobbed in 1991, Jon took employment with a security company and was involved in a number of assignments which for reasons of security, he is unable to elucidate, finally coming home to Ewhurst in 1995.

After a short break Jon took on care-taking duties at the village school, then the role of Grounds Department Manager at Sayers Croft where he met his wife Sam. Finding himself in two jobs, he decided to take a six-year break from the school. Jon and Sam joined St John's Ambulance as Community Responders and although they are no longer active members, they are often called on by neighbours for help in emergency situations.

In 2015 Jon set out to run his own grounds business and within just one month had booked a full diary of clients on the strength of his reputation alone.

These days Jon is kept busy with his young family, Lily who starts at the village school this term and 16-month Austin, managing his business and his care-taking duties. When asked what his vision of the future might be, he answers "retirement!"

Jon and the team are always looking for helpers with the upkeep of the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst. If you have a couple of hours spare on a Wednesday morning, do get in touch via [eofgparish@gmail.com](mailto:eofgparish@gmail.com)

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