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Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue.

Deadline for contributions to the Spring (March) issue is midnight on Friday 31st January

From the editor

Merry Christmas to everyone across the Parish. In this issue we have a mix of seasonal and of course local articles from a growing number of contributors. Thank you to everyone who helps make News & Views happen. I'm looking forward to the Christmas period across the Parish. Does it get any better than in such an idyllic rural setting? And on top of that, here's to the New Year, when I hope News & Views will involve more and more of the Parish. God bless one and all.

Will

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Would you like to help?

Thanks to those who have stepped forward to help with News & Views, not least with the advertising that was mentioned in the last issue. For the New Year it would be great to have more reporters. There's an editorial plan emerging for new types of articles but of course we're all ears to ideas you may have as well. So if you are an accomplished scribe with a passion for a popular topic, just email the editor. We'll consider all ideas carefully.

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With love from Clare

CLARE, OUR RECTOR, GIVES HER CHRISTMAS MESSAGE AND TALKS ABOUT WHAT SHE'S LEARNED DURING HER RECENT ILLNESS

As winter blusters towards us I find myself drawn to all things cosy and safe. I want to wear my fluffiest jumpers and my warmest socks. I find myself craving open fires and warm baths. This year Will and I have bought an electric blanket - it's bliss.

This search for cosiness has been intensified for me this year. I have had a long period of illness which has been very difficult this early in my ministry in the Parish. Through my recuperation I have realised three things. I need a safe place to call my own. I need safe people around me. I need to be able to ask for what I need. These are all elements in the search for cosiness and comfort.

We all need these things. Around this time of year we are all drawn towards the



safe, the familiar. Christmas is a very cosy thing for many. Throughout the Parish we have many traditional Carol services and Christmas events. In the last couple of years things have had to be a little different as we have come together as a single Parish of three churches. I believe that this is a wonderful thing. However, change can feel a little threatening.

The story of Christmas is far from cosy. God who made the universe came to earth in human form. God chose to experience life as part of humanity, the highs and the lows. God did this so we could know God through the person of Jesus. It's not a cosy tale, but it is one that will bring us life in all its fullness. This is way better news than my electric blanket.

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Churchwardens' Report

Peter Bennett, Tony Brimelow, Bill Bruford, Clive Ward

As ever it's been a busy quarter in the Parish. We held the Parish fete on Heritage Open Day in September in the Ewhurst Rectory garden and churchyard and launched the new zipwire. The event was blessed with good weather and was attended by a record number of people from all over the Parish and beyond, and raised over £1,000. It was followed soon after by the Harvest Lunch in the Wilson Room which was also attended by Denis Ackroyd, our Rector prior to David Minns. The lunch raised over £600 towards roof restoration at Ewhurst.

By the time this is published, the work to repair St Peter & St Paul's chancel roof and stonework should be complete (report on page 38). It will have finished on time and on budget, even allowing for some additional stonework repair to be conducted next spring. Thanks to everyone who contributed, but we need to raise an additional £60,000 as there is now some uncertainty that we will receive the anticipated VAT refund.

Two major things have taken place at Holy Trinity in Forest Green. After more than 120 years the window frames have been refurbished and the glass has been thoroughly cleaned inside and out, all adding to the charm of this idyllic chapel. May we take this opportunity to thank all who kindly donated to the *Friends of* *Holy Trinity* who funded these refurbishment works.

On a much more modern note, thanks to the great efforts of Fiona Sparkes and team, the new 'Messy Church' was launched in September with an outdoor barbeque and great kids' activity. Over 45 children and adults attended and had a great time. Generally, 'Messy Church' will occur at Holy Trinity every second Sunday at 5pm. Do look out for the notices and reminders in the weekly news sheet. It is an event for all the family, and you will always be warmly welcomed.

At St John The Baptist, Okewood, the congregation is eagerly anticipating 2020. Why? Because it is the 800th anniversary of the church. Read Barry Thompson's article on page 16 to get a flavour of its rich history. Plans are afoot for a year of festivity and celebration. Bishop Jo is booked in for a blessing.

Last, but not least, can the Churchwardens extend a heartfelt thank you to all the service leaders who are keeping the show on the road in Clare's absence. We are indebted to you. (Rev'd Rosemary Mason has even started doing a spot of bell ringing). Clare is recovering well, and we will keep you updated on the plans for her return.







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A Fabulous Somebody

GEORGINA RUSHWORTH CONTINUES IN OUR MIDST WITH AN INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD VAN'T RIET FROM EWHURST

ichard, TV Director, BAFTA award-winner and musician enjoyed a conventional childhood. Born 1966 in a suburb of Melbourne

Richard was playing drums and had an interest in the theatre when in 1984 he secured his first job in the mailroom at the ABC (Australia's BBC), a year later getting

Australia, it was when starting his senior education as a boarder at **Geelong Grammar** School 'Australia's Eton' that life became a little extraordinary.

The school



his first break when asked if he'd like to be involved 'in something called Live Aid'. During the course of the fundraising weekend, Richard (he says by virtue of the fact he was there) was promoted from

advocated an outdoor education, and aged 14 Richard spent a

year in the bush at the Timbertop campus, where 12 years earlier Prince Charles had studied (later describing it as 'hell' but admitting he 'loved it all').

The students hiked and skied and were responsible for tasks like chopping firewood and keeping the boiler lit. As a rite of passage at the end of the year, they completed a 5-day hike, returning to scrub clean their accommodation, before finally running a marathon.

Assistant Floor Manager to Floor Manager and ended up in front of camera being interviewed by the show's celebrity host.

He established The Fabulous Nobody's Theatre Co (a name he would return to) in 1990 and for 10 years produced and directed musicals and plays.

In 2000, Richard now an established director, was offered the opportunity to work freelance on The Weakest Link, and left ABC with a golden handshake. Having recently reunited with Catherine,

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JANE HARRY REPORTS FROM THE PARISH FUNDRAISING TEAM

T hanks to the hard work of Michelle Matthews, her family and the many helpers from the whole Parish, the Parish Fete was an excellent day for all. The sun

shone and the BBQ, teddy bear picnics and Wilson Room teas gave everyone the energy to enjoy all the many stalls and activities, including zipping down the new zipwire, visits to the Bell Tower or just enjoying themselves.



The Parish Fete was the best-attended ever and raised over ± 1000 for buildings restoration.

Parish Christmas Cards are already on sale at all three churches, with all the profit going to support the churches, so please buy some packs if you have not

already done so. After Christmas, look out for the Parish Easter cards, which will be available in March.

Plans are already underway for next year's fundraising events which we hope will continue

The Fete also gave us the chance to welcome the wider Parish community, as well adding much needed funds towards the maintenance of our Parish churches. bring the Parish and its community closer together. Thank you in advance for your support, none of these things can happen without it.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2020
Easter Market at the Parrot Forest Green*
Golf Day
Local Talent Musical Eve
Walk of Parish Churches
Italian Evening at Ewhurst Village Hall

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BELINDA KERRY INTRODUCES KINDRED SPIRITS. A MINISTRY IN THE PARISH FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN

group of women from the churches in the previous Parish of Ockley, Okewood Hill and Forest Green got together about six years ago to form a Women's Ministry team. Our idea

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was to bring outreach, fellowship and ministry from our churches into the community by setting up a weekly café in the Ockley Cricket Pavilion and organising women's breakfast meetings with speakers four or five times a year.

The Pavilion Café is

open every Wednesday

morning from 9 to 12 (except for a break at Christmas) serving teas, coffee, a selection of home-made cakes and savouries, with bacon butties on the last Wednesday of the month. It is very well attended by regulars and newcomers, a social meeting place for friends,

Belinda Kerry and Iris Spruce at The Pavilion Café

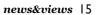
local and national.

Women's Breakfasts

are also held in Ockley Cricket Pavilion on the third Saturday in January, May, July and October from 8.45am. We provide a friendly and safe atmosphere for all. There's a variety of speakers from Christian charities, local

churches, those with personal testimonies and those with inspirational messages. Breakfasts are always delicious with a variety of both hot and cold options. In Spring we team up with the Men's Ministry. With over 100 guests we meet at the larger venue of Oakwood Village

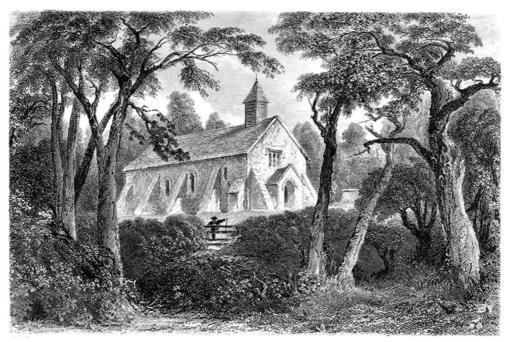
More on Kindred Spirits? Contact belinda.kerry@gmail.com | 01306 627 386 Parish Breakfast dates are on page 60. Pop them in your diary!





A gem in a perfect setting

BARRY THOMSON GIVES US THE FIRST INSTALMENT IN THIS THREE-PART STORY ON THE HISTORY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, OKEWOOD.



The church of St John The Baptist, Okewood is nestled in idyllic woodland just past Gatton Manor and off Standon Lane as you head east towards Ockley, (RH5 5QT)

kewood Church, justifiably described as "a gem in a perfect setting" by Rev Oscar Stanway, vicar of the church between 1938 and 1945, in his booklet *The Story of Okewood Church*.

The church was built in the early years of the thirteenth century. In those times, it was described as a "Chapel of Ease" for those Parishioners who could not reach Wotton Church – one can only imagine how difficult it would have been to travel the old highways and byways in the winter months on the Wealden clay which we have in this area.

The original founder of the chapel is not

known but the earliest record is dated 1290 and states that Sir Walter de Fancourt presented a priest to the chapel.

One of the earliest legends tells the story of Edward de la Hale who endowed the chapel with lands to the value of £200 in 1431, over £200,000 in today's terms, whose son was saved miraculously in the face of a wild boar whilst hunting in the surrounding woodland and whose brass is set under the chancel floor under a glass cover.

Electricity only came to the church in 1963 and some of the most elderly residents still remember the use of large bellows to pump air into the organ before it was electrified in 1964.

During the middle ages the very existence of Okewood Chapel was in doubt and action by local yeomen demonstrated how important this church is to the people of our villages.

Shortly after King Edward VI came to the throne in 1547 an Act of Parliament was passed which dissolved the Colleges, Chantries, Free Chapels and the like, the object being to put an end to what were considered to be "superstitious practices". Mistakenly, Okewood Chapel was thought to be a Chantry Chapel, that is to say a chapel for the saying of Masses for the repose of someone's soul, and without any further enquiry the whole property was seized by the Crown.

The property was sold in the following year to Sir Henry Polstede of Chilworth, which included the chapel and chapel house (which one assumes must be "Pollingfold" or Chapel Cottage) in which there lived "some honest priest to serve the said cure" - a gentleman by the wonderful name of Sir Hamlett Slynge.

In return for the loss of his church, house and lands the unfortunate Slynge was granted a pension of 5 marks per year (3 pounds, 6 shillings and 8 pence) for his lifetime.

For some years thereafter the chapel remained unused – there are grounds for believing that the destruction of the building was contemplated but fortunately it was spared.

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BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE MANY WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES ON PAGES 23 & 41





In 2020 the congregation of St John The Baptist, Okewood will be celebrating the 800th anniversary of the founding of our little 'Church in the Woods'.We are marking the occasion in a variety of ways next year, and we would be very pleased if all folk who live in the Parish (and those outside) would come and visit us at some point.Watch out for more news about what's happening next year!



Grumpy feels better

AFTER A LONG HARD LOOK AT HIM- OR HER-SELF, OUR GRUMPO HAS SEEN THE LIGHT AND HAD A CHANGE OF HEART ABOUT MOANING.

o I feel better after voicing my "grumps" in the last edition? There were a number of people who guessed my identity and agreed with me. Likewise, there were one or two who did not like what I wrote.

So I decided to be a bit more positive this time. What's been happening in our local scene over the past few months? Well, actually quite a bit even though the summer festivities had finished by the time of the last edition.

In early September schoolchildren returned for another year. It has been interesting for me to see the change in Ewhurst School after the end of last term. The average age of the children is almost one year younger than in July. The children in their first term at "proper" school seem so young – and the children in the other two classes have grown both in size and confidence. The children often know more than you realise. I have also learnt that from my youngest grandchild – aged 4. Children also imitate their parents and grandparents. Yesterday I was told in a stern voice to take my shoes off as soon as I entered the house - and this was in my own home.

I managed to take some time off in September. But I was back in time for the September Parish Fete in the churchyard which was blessed with glorious sunshine. I met with a number of people who are not regular church attenders. For me that's one of the joys of an event like that – the church is there for everyone. The fete was quickly followed by our Harvest Festival celebrations when we give thanks for all that we have – and present our gifts to those in Ukraine who are in need.

There – I have managed to be positive. No grumps. I have not even mentioned the "B-word" and I'm now sitting in a peacefully quiet house having had an exhausting week with our youngest grandchild who has been staying with us. Time for some liquid refreshment.

Exhausted of Ewhurst

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Mole Valley - check out the walking calendar here: molevalley.gov.uk/walkforhealth

Cranleigh U3A

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Bella beds down for the night in the doorway of St Peter & St Paul Church, Ewhurst

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Christmas Services in Ewhurst

St Peter & St Paul

CHRISTINGLE

4pm Sunday 8th December

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9 LESSONS AND CAROLS 6.30pm Sunday 22 Dec

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4pm Tuesday 24 Dec

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MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

11.15pm Tuesday 24 Dec

More commonly known as Midnight Mass, this is the first opportunity to celebrate Emmanuel, "God with us", on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am Wednesday 25 December

Don your best Christmas jumper, bring in a gift from your Christmas stocking. Come and enjoy the family fun at an informal yet worshipful Christmas service.

The Baptist Church

The year has fast flown by, it seems, again with many differing experiences from sad to happy. The one thing that stands out to us is that we have a faithful God who does not let us down whatever our circumstances. Let's worship him this Christmas.

ADVENT SERVICES IN DECEMBER Every Sunday, 10.30am

Love, joy, peace and hope ring through the weeks of Advent. You are very welcome at our Sunday Advent services.

CAROL SINGING IN THE STREETS 7pm, Thursday 12 December

Meet at the Ewhurst Baptist Church. First stop Bulls Head Green. Second stop at The Glebe (No. 51). Back to church for finale.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

6.30pm Sunday 15 December Join us for tea at 5.15pm, then sing!

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30am, Wednesday 25 December

Celebrate Jesus' birth with us. Followed by a Village Christmas Lunch from 11.45am.

Okewood & Forest Green services are listed on p41



Catch the carols



WHETHER TO JOIN IN, OR SIT BACK AND LISTEN, RIGHT HERE IS WHERE YOU CAN FIND WHERE CAROLS ARE BEING SUNG NEARBY IN THE LEAD-UP TO CHRISTMAS

CAROLS IN PUBS

Bull's Head, Ewhurst 8pm Thu 19 Dec **The Parrot, Forest Green** 6.30pm Thu 19 Dec (Leith Hill Timeline Choir) **The Parrot** 6.30pm, Mon 23 Dec

CAROLS IN THE STREETS

Ewhurst Baptist Church 7pm Thu 12 December, meet at the church Carols on the Green 6.30pm Fri 20 Dec, Forest Green The Walliswood Wassail 7pm Sat 21 Dec, opposite the Scarlett Arms

CAROLS IN CHURCHES

Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm Sun 11 Dec, Ewhurst Baptist Church 9 Lessons & Carols 5pm Sun 15 Dec, Holy Trinity, Forest Green & 6.30pm Sun 22 Dec, St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst Crib Services Tue 24 Dec 4pm St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst 5pm St John The Baptist, Okewood

CAROLS CONCERTS Surrey Hills Singers

Family Christmas Concert 2pm Sun 8 Dec, Cranleigh Village Hall, featuring performers from age 5-65 from all four choirs. £12 Adults and £3 for u16s **Candlelit Concert** 8pm Sun 8 Dec, St Nicolas Church, Bury Street, Guildford Tickets: www.surreyhills-choirs.co.uk , 07513 523933

Cranleigh Choral Society Schubert Mass in G & Bach Cantata "Wachet Auf" 7.30pm Sat 14 Dec, C'leigh Vlg Hall, 01483 274455 secretary@cranleighchoralsociety.org.uk

Oxford Singers

Carols for Clandon 7.30pm Tue 17 Dec, Holy Trinity, Guildford, book at nationaltrust.org.uk/events

Rock Choir & Cathedral Singers Carols for Age UK 11am Thu 19th December, Guildford Cathedral, **Free**, Enquiries 01483 503414.

Ashtead Choral Society Classic Carols 10am Sun 8 Dec Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, £2 07379 427666 boxoffice@ashteadchoralsociety.org.uk

Guildford Choral Festive Family Carols Sat 21 Dec G-Live Guildford, £17 to £27 ticketing@glive.co.uk, 01483 369350



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Amazing Grace

GRACE THOMAS TELLS US ABOUT HER PASSION FOR FASHION AND HER LATEST VENTURE INTO DESIGNING CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

F rom a very young age I've always been interested in designing and making: from textiles and clothing to up-cycling furniture and creating bespoke oneoff pieces. Being a daughter of a family building company I've grown up around designing and planning which given me great organisational skills.

Having lived in Ewhurst all my life and having only attended local schools, I then made the decision at sixteen to study at Chichester College. I was fortunate to be given a place on their renowned Fashion course and was one of twelve students selected to work closely with industry professionals.

When I get time around my five jobs, I volunteer at Hurtwood School's wardrobe department, which I am thoroughly enjoying. Consequently, I am looking to specialise in Theatre Design in the future which includes Costume, Set and Prop, to develop my skill base further. Three years ago I decided to set up my own business, specialising in bespoke children's clothing. I design and create a collection each season for children 3 months to 8 years. This summer my studio was extended which has enabled me to take my passion to the next level and I have built up a client base stretching as far as Germany.

I will also be holding a variety of stalls at Christmas Markets across Surrey. Find the event listings on my Facebook page or email me to find out more.

DISCOVER MORE AND GET IN TOUCH WITH GRACE

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grace.t.clothing@gmail.com https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/GT ChildrensClothing https://m.facebook.com/GT.Childre ns.Clothing Grace in her new studio where she has founded GT Children's Clothing, creating collections every season for children from 3 months to 8 years olds. Bespoke commissions are also welcome. Just give Grace a call.

An alpaca adventure

NEWS & VIEWS TALKS TO TONY AND HILARY MONKCOM FROM WALLISWOOD ABOUT THEIR INCREDIBLE JOURNEY INTO BREEDING ALPACAS

So when did this all start?

HM: Our alpaca story began when we got married and moved to Okewood ten years ago from Kingston. Our house is quite unusual as it sits in the

middle of the land we have. And we soon learned that you can't leave fields untouched. They need management. Otherwise nature will move in.

TM: Yes, we took advice and very quickly learned that if we wanted to keep our amazing wild flower meadows, we would have to somehow get the fields grazed, which would not

only keep the grass down but get the seedbed trampled in.

HM: So we started exploring options like having sheep, but local farmers advised against this for a variety of reasons.

TM: But then I got talking to one of my patients* and he had a herd of alpacas up in Oxfordshire. Hilary wasn't too keen at first but I persuaded her to take a look.

Hilary with a few of the herd.

HM: Yes, it was an interesting trip but it made us realise we had to give this some serious thought. It was another two years before we went for it.

TM: I guess I stayed enthusiastic for that couple of years because and it's both our goals really - we wanted to "make sense of the land"; to find a passion that

connected us to the beautiful countryside where we had decided to settle.

How did you get from "just grazing" to breeding?

TM: After much soul searching and research, we made contact with **—**

*Tony is a Harley Street consultant physiotherapist and acupuncturist, and specialist in integrated functional medicine.

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A delighted Mr and Mrs Deppe walk Pinnacle Crackerjack (left) and Pinnacle Gladstone (right) back to their field after a wedding service at Okewood church where the alpacas brought in the couple's rings.

one of the UK's top Alpaca stud farms and arranged a visit.

HM: As a result of that, we attended the the 2013 Alpaca Classic, a programme of seminars and international speakers, finishing with an alpaca auction.

TM: We learned a huge amount and sat through the auction under strict instructions not to buy anything. But we had a chance to put into practice all that we had already learned about discerning good alpaca stock.

HM: So we got the bug big time. We were now thinking we're not getting any younger, and were certain we wanted to do something totally different.

When did your first herd arrive? TM: We eventually took delivery of our eight precious - and very pregnant -

The phenomenal fleece

Alpacas have been bred over 7,000 years for their fleece. It is used for wool or is spun as yarn for weaving. It is incredibly fine and likened to cashmere. In Peru it's know as the fiber of the gods. Alpaca fibre is natural, hollow and breathable, so it's warm in winter, cool in summer. Amazingly, it is naturally fire retardant. And there's no lanolin, so no scouring or stripping is required in its processing, hence very environmentally friendly. Alpacas on 22 December 2013, the day before a huge storm wiped out power for three days. We had to install gates on our open Sussex Barn to get the herd in the dry. But once in, they loved it, rolling in the freshly prepared barley straw. We spent the next few days and weeks getting to know them until, eventually, they came running to our call and would happily eat out of our hands.

HM: The girls we'd chosen have impeccable pedigrees and were mated to outstanding, proven stud males. This galvanised an alpaca breeding programme at the highest level. The girls' excellent confirmation (body shape) and consistently fine, dense and uniform fleece, together with exemplary genetics, provided the perfect platform for success.

Did you come across any adversity early on?

TM: The very first birthing season! We had a premature cria (newborn alpaca) born very early on St George's Day. He was hypothermic and lacking the strength to suckle.

HM: So we picked him up and took him up to the barn. His mother was unsure whether to follow at first. But it was incredible because her fellow females gathered round her, encouraged her, and walked with her up to the barn. **TM:** He weighed jut 4.5 kilos. Normal weight would be 7-8 kilos. He couldn't stand for 48 hours. Without suckling he couldn't get the vital immunity from his mother's milk. So we had to step in and get him a plasma transfer.

HM: But he pulled through and he is today a champion male with an awardwinning fleece. His official name is Pinnacle Incan Prince but because of his birthday we know him as George .

How are things going now, a few years on?

HM: Our herd is now 56-strong with stud males, breeding females and a selection of younger animals. We're developing products from our fleece stocks including pillows, duvets, woven and knitted items. Enquiries are also mounting about our unique Alpaca Wedding Packages. Plus, very soon, we're launching Alpaca Experiences where visitors can meet and mingle with our herd.

TM: And we're much more tuned in to the rhythms of the yearly calendar which features shows, shearing, mating and birthing. It's incredibly full on, but we love it and are very excited about the future.

If you'd like to meet Tony and Hilary's Pinnacle Alpacas and learn about these amazing animals, book an experience by calling them on 07957 689 002 or make enquires via facebook.com/pg/pinnaclealpacas or pinnaclealpacas.co.uk

WHAT'S ON

DECEMBER

Sun 1	Advent Carol Service 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst
Mon 2	Pilates 7pm Ewhurst Village Hall
	Art & Crafts Society <i>Landscape demo</i> 7.30pm Walliswood Village Hall.
Tue 3	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am Forest Green VH
Wed 4	Café Mornings 10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
	Baby & Toddler Group 10 - 11.45am Ewhurst Baptist Church
Thu 5	WeCare Christmas Party 10am The Glebe Centre, Ewhurst
	Yoga 7.30pm EYSC (Ewhurst)
Fri 6	Pilates 9.30am Forest Green VH
	Baby & Toddler Group 10 am Wilson Room, Ewhurst Church
	Bridge Club The Glebe Centre 7pm start Contact: 01483 272 890
Sat 7	Festive Quiz 8pm Ewhurst Club
Sun 8	Christingle 4pm St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst
Mon 9	Pilates 7pm Ewhurst Village Hall
Tue 10	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am Forest Green VH
	Young At Heart 2.30pm Oakwood VH
	History Society Talk 8pm Ewhurst Baptist Church Contact: 01483 277 342
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Thu 12	Yoga 7.30pm EYSC (Ewhurst)
	Quiz Night 7.30pm Scarlett Arms, Walliswood
	Carols in Ewhurst 7pm B'ptist Church
Fri 13	Pilates 9.30am Forest Green VH
	Baby & Toddler Group 10 am Wilson Room, Ewhurst Church
	Bridge Club The Glebe Centre 7pm start Contact: 01483 272 890
Sat 14	Christmas Is A-Coming 7.00pm The Glebe Centre Ewhurst
Sun 15	Christmas Bingo 7.30pm Ewhurst Club
	Carols By Candlelight 6.30pm Baptist Church, Ewhurst

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 Winter Quarter. Enjoy!

Sun 15	9 Lessons & Carols 5pm Holy Trinity, Forest Green
Mon 16	Pilates 7pm Ewhurst Village Hall
Tue 17	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am Forest Green VH
Wed 18	Café Mornings 10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
	Baby & Toddler Group 10 - 11.45am Ewhurst Baptist Church
Thu 19	WI 2.30pm Forest Green Village Hall
	Yoga 7.30pm EYSC (Ewhurst)
	WeCare Dementia Group 10am-noon, Glebe Centre, Ewhurst Carols at Bull's Head 8pm Ewhurst Carols at The Parrot 6.30pm F'st Green
Fri 20	Pilates 9.30am Forest Green VH
	Baby & Toddler Group 10 am Wilson Room, Ewhurst Church
	Carols on the Green 6.30pm Forest Green
	Bridge Club The Glebe Centre 7pm start Contact: 01483 272 890
	Bingo Night Oakwood Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm £10 a head Contact Jill: 01306 628 329
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JANUARY

Wed 1	A Happy New Year to one and all
Thu 2	Yoga 7.30pm EYSC (Ewhurst)
	WeCare Dementia Group 10am-noon, Glebe Centre, Ewhurst
Fri 3	Bridge Club The Glebe Centre 7pm start Contact: 01483 272 890
Sat 4	Café Mornings 10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
Sun 5	Yoga 7.30pm EYSC (Ewhurst) Scarlett Arms Quiz 7.30 for 8pm
Mon 6	Pilates 7pm Ewhurst Village Hall Parish Quiz Night 7 for 7.30pm Bulls Head, Ewhurst
Tue 7	Beginning of School Term Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am Forest Green VH
Wed 8	Café Mornings 10.30 - 12 noon Glebe Centre & Ockley Cricket Club
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Sat 18	Pilates 7pm Ewhurst Village Hall
	Ladies' Parish Breakfast 8.45am Ockley Cricket Pavilion

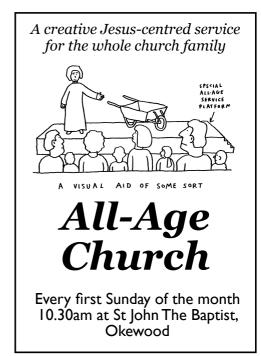
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	Bingo Night Oakwood Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm £10 a head Contact Jill: 01306 628 329
Sat 25	Live Music 8.30pm Ewhurst Club
Sun 26	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am Forest Green Village Hall
Mon 27	Pilates 7pm Ewhurst Village Hall
Tue 28	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am Forest Green VH
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	Art & Crafts Society <i>Landscape demo</i> 7.30pm Walliswood Village Hall.
Tue 4	Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15am Forest Green VH
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	Bridge Club The Glebe Centre 7pm start Contact: 01483 272 890
Sat 15	Men's Parish Breakfast 8.30am Oakwood Village Hall
	Live Music 8.30pm Ewhurst Club
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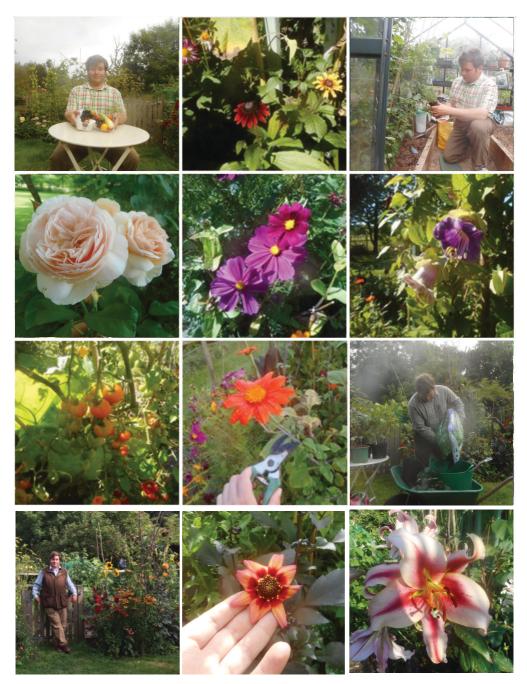


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Gardening is my salvation.

FELIX CUTHBERT REVEALS HIS PASSION FOR HORTICULTURE AND INTRODUCES HIS IRRESISTIBLE FACEBOOK PAGE

Get me into it. But I just needed that certain something to ignite the flame of interest. It all occurred one Friday night in September 2012. I was just twenty one years of age. ➡



Above, a few photos from the hundreds that Felix has posted to Facebook of the gardening he's done throughout the year. Felix's favourites are: Flower, Dalias; Fruit, Grapes; Vegetable, Cucumbers; Herb, Mint. Those he would like to master in the future are: David Austin Roses, Pineapple and Parsnips,

I'd just watched Mastermind and then Gardener's World came on. I gave it the benefit of the doubt and five minutes turned into a quarter of an hour until I found myself watching the whole episode. What drew me in was the beauty of what I saw. And it was Monty Donn's passion, his charisma, that kept me glued to the screen.

It was only by 2015 that I had really got the hang of it. But it may interest readers to know that between the initial spark and getting into the swing of things, gardening offered me a chance for salvation.

On 13th February 2014 I was approached by my mother and father over tea and biscuits. It was then that they told me that I was diagnosed with Aspergers. After that conversation I went up to my room and didn't come out for the rest of the day. It was possibly the darkest day of my entire life.

But that's where gardening came in. It opened up a door of opportunity and helped me find an area where I was capable. It's through gardening that I've walked out of the darkness and into the light of day.

The beginning of my journey into horticulture was the planting of lavender

in a stone urn. Lavender is only supposed to last a few years or so before it goes hard and woody. But this one is seven years old. With the right love and care I want to get it to a decade, take cuttings, and start over again.

Since that first plant, I've been adding more and more. The garden has grown a lot and now I feel confident with dozens of varieties of flowers, fruit, vegetables and herbs.

As well as doing my own garden, I help out at The Grange in Bookham where people in my situation can come and do volunteer work. It actually was there that I got enthused to master parsnips.

I am most grateful that I came across Monty and Gardener's World. Today I watch it religiously, not only to improve my own skills, but with the hope that I can offer some advice to those around me. I might not be able to answer every question, but I like to help the best I can.

As for a winter tip for readers, it is perfectly safe for you to plant your tulip bulbs up in pots or containers, but I would resist placing them in the ground until after the first frost as this prevents the risk of a virus called "Tulip fire" or Botrytis!

Search "Felix's Gardening Page" in Facebook. Click 'like' to follow Felix throughout the year. You won't be disappointed.

Children are, indeed, the future

JANE HARRY GIVES US AN UPDATE ON THE CHURCH ROOF AT EWHURST, FEATURING A TIME CAPSULE AND A SLAB SIGNED BY EWHURST INFANTS



Cherry Class with their slab held by head teacher Jane Dyer, plus school staff and roofers Stuart and Steve

B y the time you read this the scaffolding outside the church will have been removed and you can see the repairs to the stonework and the new roof. Two of the roof slabs on the north side are very special. The bottom slab nearest the gable window has the signatures of all the children in Cherry class from Ewhurst C of E Infant School and the top one has the signatures of all the people who have worked on the project. We just hope that no-one sees them for another hundred years.

The inside of the chancel roof is being plastered ready for Christmas and we plan to have the internal scaffolding down and the church fully back to normal by the second week in December. It may mean our Christmas tree does not go up as early as usual but it will be there for most of the celebrations.

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If you have a heart for our wonderful church buildings in the Parish and wish to support them, call the Parish Office 01483 277 584 (9.30 to 12.30, Wed - Fri)

Small charity. Big heart. The Ewhurst Cha grants for educat to the residents of

The Ewhurst Charity is a fund providing grants for education and 'relief in need' to the residents of the Parish of Ewhurst.

Our grants have included:

- Financial help for those wanting to further their education
- Assisting students with overseas charity work
- Equipment for school, youth and church groups
- · Youth football & tennis coaching
- Financial help to reduce hardship and distress

Please get in touch:

All applications are given serious consideration.

Contact Angie Thomas 01483 271 194 | 07809 516 484 thomasmascalls@btinternet.com



2020 Calendar

EWHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIET

After a wonderfully successful 2019, we look forward to welcoming current and new members plus all visitors to our inspiring talks in 2020

Rhododendrons from the Himalayas to Chelsea

The Glebe Centre, Tuesday 4th February 8pm | Speaker: David Millais, Chairman of the RHS Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group | Members Free / Visitors £2

Painting with Plants - Sydney Scott Memorial Talk

The Glebe Centre, Date TBC | Speaker: Chris Beardshaw | Tickets available now: 01483 277591 tickets@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk | Members £10 / Visitors £12

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Christmas Services at Okewood & Forest Green

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For more information please contact one of the team on 01483 267878, or Marian Copus on 01483 267014

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WeCare. The clue is in the name

VICTORIA HELSTRIP INTRODUCES WECARE, A SUPPORT AND SOCIAL GROUP FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA,

Our Ewhurst group for people living with dementia is nearly two years old. We look back on the past year with pleasure and some confidence. It has been a learning curve for all of us: volunteers, carers and those with a mixture of memories and difficulties. number of special events. We celebrated our first anniversary with a party in the Glebe Centre. We also held two lovely garden parties, one in the Spring and one in the Summer, both held in the garden of the Franklin-Adams family.

At our meetings in the Glebe Centre on the first and third Thursday of each month we enjoy a wide variety of activities. The morning starts with a combination of games and projects to be completed:



At the end of the summer, the WeCare group enjoyed an outing on the river Wey

drawing, constructing (and sometimes demolishing!) and, most importantly, the chance to share experiences and chat.

There is time for tea and coffee and a variety of delicious cakes before gentle physical activities, which are always popular. We also have a quiet time for poetry and short readings before we all have the opportunity to enjoy music and a singalong. Something for everyone. Over the year WeCare has enjoyed a The sun shone on both occasions, a wonderful tea was served and we were entertained by members of the Melody Memories, a Cranleigh singing group.

Towards the end of the summer we spent

a happy morning travelling along the river Wey on a narrow boat. We were accompanied by the Melody Memories group and we all joined in a selection of river Shanties accompanied by the Hillbillies, a group of young guitarists. The weather was perfect and a very enjoyable occasion finished with lunch at the Onslow Arms, Loxwood.

The WeCare Christmas Party, with refreshments and entertainment, is at the Glebe Centre on December 5th from 10.00 to 1.00pm. All welcome.

A few shots of the creativity and fun at "Shoots" youth group held at Ewhurst Baptist Church on Fridays in term time from 6.30pm



Roll that dough.

Jar Aquarium ... nice!



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"Shoots" scores

ANDY WICKENDEN REPORTS ON THE GREAT AND GROWING "SHOOTS" FRIDAY YOUTH GROUP AT EWHURST BAPTIST CHURCH

here's a real 'Friday Feeling' going on at Ewhurst Baptist Church from 6.30 to 7.45pm. After a long week at school, it's time to chill out, relax with friends and have some creative fun together. So far this term we have had four very different fun packed evenings:

CRAZY SCIENCE – everybody got stuck into real live science experiments and watched whacky Professor Rosemary electrifying a pickled gherkin and extinguishing a chip pan fire (all under controlled conditions of course)

CREATIVE MEGAMIX – great fun was had making mini aquariums, felt animal pin cushions, crazy foam painting, chocolate chip cookie baking and coloured salt decorative jars

PIZZA-MAKING – Pizza Express eat your heart out, everyone made their own pizza from scratch and takeaway boxes were duly decorated and filled.

YOUTH APPRENTICE – it was time for the teams to create a pop song,

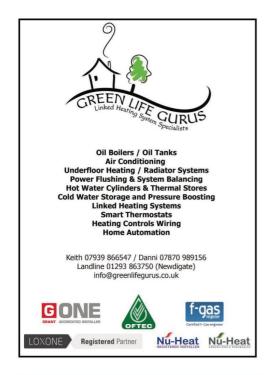
produce it, market it and sell it to the punters to impress Lord Jonathan Sugar.

After all the high energy follows a supposedly quieter time of reflection based upon a DVD series from the film Monsters Inc. There has been a chance to think about things such as friendship, loneliness, bullying and helping each other.

We have spent time reflecting on what the bible says on such matters and how that can influence and impact on our everyday lives.

Shoots meets Fridays in term time Our Christmas party is on December 6th. This will be a fantastic finale to a really fun-packed term. Invite your friends all you Year 5, 6s and 7s for plenty of sausages on sticks, hula hoops and party poppers!!

Come to the Shoots Christmas Party 6.30pm Friday 6th November and make a note that regular meetings begin from Friday January 10th 2020.



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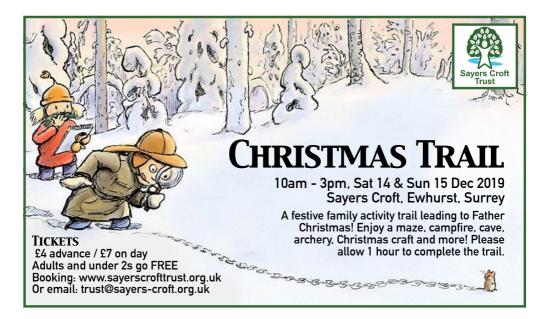
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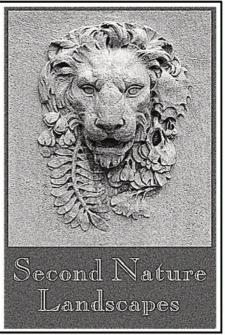
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Rainbow's reports

GILL NEAL TELLS US ABOUT THE INSPIRING TEACHING AND ACTIVITIES AT RAINBOW'S END PRE-SCHOOL THIS AUTUMN

e have had a busy term at Rainbow's, we have been helping new children to settle into the routine, getting to know them and show them

story of Meg who was having problems making a feast for a party, her spells kept on going wrong and all sorts of animals were coming out of her bag.

around, we have now welcomed 12 new ones including 10 new families.

We made bread to help the children to understand where some of their food comes from, having listened to the story of the Little Red Hen.



The children loved getting messy with dough as they learned about where their food comes from.

We looked at the seed, the corn, the flour and finally the dough. The children enjoyed getting their hands into the dough mixture, mixing it, squashing it, bashing it and shaping it, which in turn develops their fingers to hold a pen later during their school-lives. They were fascinated to see it go into the oven as dough and come out as bread, and had something to take home and share with their families.

The children enjoyed a visit from ZooLab, where the children were told the

smiles" session or doing a craft activity. The children always come back singing a different song and the relationships they are building with the residents are important for everyone.

We are looking forward to our Christmas half-term with lots of festive activities. It will be finished off by our Tip-Toe Nativity production, we will have all 31 children on the stage singing and dressed as a variety of characters from the familiar Christmas story - just don't let the donkey wake baby Jesus!

If you would like to find out more about the pre-school, see our website: www.rainbowsend pre-school.org.uk

The children got to touch and hold a snail called Shelly, a corn snake, a rat and a millipede.

The children make weekly trips to The Old Rectory Care Home, joining in with the residents as they have a "songs and



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JESS HOGAN-SMITH GIVES US AN INSIGHT INTO THE FLOWER TEAM AND THEIR SKILLS AT ST PETER & ST PAUL, EWHURST

nce again this year the Flower Guild has hosted a wreathmaking workshop to raise money for other important flower festivals throughout the year. (This year it has been held on 30 Nov).

Wreaths have been around for thousands of years with some crediting the Romans as the innovators and others citing the early Christians. They are said to symbolise the neverending cycle of life. The

use of evergreen foliage in the winter months is a sign of hope and good faith that the spring, summer and harvest will return next year. Today wreaths have become synonymous with Christmas and interestingly they've changed very little over the years.

Flowers are an important part of life at St Peter & St Paul and we benefit from a dedicated team who give their time freely (and often their garden foliage too) for the benefit of the weekly congregation, school services and

> visitors who pop into the church throughout the week.

Each year a small group of us dress the church for Nine Lessons and Carols and the Christmas celebrations using foliage, flowers and candles. This follows a pause during Advent when the church is kept bare except for an

Advent wreath made of greenery.

It's a lovely time to be part of the Flower Guild. We are always looking for people to join us, so if you are interested please feel free to drop me a line, details below. Also if you'd like to sponsor the flowers for a certain week, perhaps for an important date, then we'd be happy to arrange that.

Merry Christmas from all of us at the St Peter & St Paul Flower Guild. Interested in joining us? Contact Jess at jhogansmith@live.co.uk



Jess coaches the children in making a Christmas candle/foliage centrepiece

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Miracles

AS WE'RE IN THE SEASON OF THE GREATEST MIRACLE IN HISTORY, HERE'S C.S. LEWIS WITH A FEW THOUGHT-PROVOKING WORDS

Thave known only one person in my life who claimed to have seen a ghost. The interesting thing is that she disbelieved in the immortality of the soul before seeing

the ghost and still disbelieves after having seen it. She thinks it was a hallucination. In other words, seeing is not believing. This is the first thing to get clear in talking about miracles. Whatever experiences we may have, we shall not regard them as miraculous if we

already hold a philosophy which excludes the

supernatural. Any event which is claimed as a miracle is, in the last resort, an experience received from the senses; and the senses are not infallible. We can always say we have been the victims of an illusion; if we disbelieve in the supernatural this is what we always shall say. Hence, whether miracles have really ceased or not, they would certainly appear to cease in Western Europe as materialism became the popular creed. For let us make no mistake. If the end of the world appeared in all



C.S. Lewis - chronicler of Narnia and titan of Christian apologetics.

the literal trappings of the Apocalypse, if the modern materialist saw with his own eyes the heavens rolled up and the great white throne appearing, if he had the sensation of being hurled into the Lake of Fire he would continue forever, in that lake itself, to regard his experience as an

illusion and to find the explanation of it in

psycho-analysis, or cerebral pathology. Experience by itself proves nothing. If a man doubts whether he is dreaming or waking, no experiment can solve his doubt, since every experiment may itself be part of the dream. Experience proves this, or that, or nothing, according to the preconceptions we bring to it.

The full text on Miracles can be found in the first chapter of God In The Dock, or online at www.angelfire.com/ga4/readings/Lewis.html





Learning that's fun, active and outdoors!

JANE DYER, HEAD TEACHER OF EWHURST CE INFANT SCHOOL, REPORTS

We have had a busy start to the Autumn term at Ewhurst CE Infant School. Our new pupils in Reception class have settled in very happily, and are enjoying getting to know the school and its routines, with

the older children acting as excellent role models. Year 1 has already had a highly enjoyable and exciting trip to Painshill Park and Year 2 will again be attending the Advent Workshop at Guildford

Cathedral at the end of November. Offsite trips are valuable learning experiences.

Forest School provides wonderful opportunities for young children to develop and extend skills for learning. Reception children use our delightful wooded area each week led by our trained Forest School leader Mrs. Macey. Sayer's Croft provide activities for Year 1 and 2 which have included making wattle and

> daub walls, making sculptures using different textures, colours and shapes.

Book Week this year was very inspiring as children focused on favourite authors. Parents were invited

into school to work alongside their child which is such a highlight for parents. Children develop a love of reading and a record 92% of them completed the reading challenge.

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Treasure Seekers Sunday School 10.30am happens on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

Okewood | St John The Baptist 1st Sunday: 10.30 am All-Age Service | 2nd Sunday: 10.30 Morning Worship CW | 3rd Sunday: 10.30 Holy Communion CW | 4th Sunday: 10.30 Morning Worship CW | 5th Sunday: 10.30 Morning Worship CW Megazone Sunday School happens every

Megazone Sunday School happens every 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday at 10.30am

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The Parish costs nearly £10,000 a month to run and is forecasting a loss of some £7,000 this calendar year. This is largely because there have been some exceptional maintenance costs and fundraising efforts have been focussed on the roof repairs at Ewhurst. This means that we will need to appeal to the generosity of our parishioners to help where they can by making a regular monthly contribution or increasing their contribution if possible, especially taxpayers because we can claim gift aid to increase their contribution by 25%. Thank you.

EWHURST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS On sale now!

These are on sale now in the Wilson Room. There are four new designs to choose from. Each design is sold in packs of ten for $\pounds 4$.



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who he'd met six years earlier on her travels from Ewhurst, he decided to buy 160 acres of farmland 'with just a fence around it', and this is where they later celebrated their wedding in 2002.

The UK beckoned soon after the birth of their daughter Neave, and the young family decided to leave Australia and start a new life. Arriving with no job, no house, nor much in the way of savings, Richard's Australian contacts helped him find work first in Poland and, for a short time in Australia directing Comic Relief. After stepping in to cover for a colleague on the UK's version of Deal Or No Deal, he was asked to direct it full time.

After moving to be with family in Ewhurst, in 2007 their second daughter Anouk was

born. When Anouk was just two, they discovered she was seriously ill with a brain tumour and life was put on hold whilst they cared for her. During the preparations for the 2012 carnival Richard was compelled to bring musicians from around the village together to perform and the Fabulous Nobodies were born. Tragically just a few weeks after dancing at the carnival, Anouk died.

Richard plays an active part in village life on stage and behind the scenes as well as directing many of our favourite TV shows. His advice for anyone who wants to listen is 'if you see an opportunity, you've got to take it', and signs off by saying 'I just hope I'm good for another 10 years!'



Good news! Carol Franklin-Adams' Christmas Shopping Fair on October 11 at High Edser raised over £3000 for Alzheimer's Research. Well done!

THE ARTS SOCIETY LECTURE Every 4th Wednesday*, Cranleigh Arts Centre

Wednesday 22nd January

Franz Schubert: The Piano and the Power of Friends, including recitals by speaker, Dr Graham Griffiths.

Wednesday 26th February

The Great Exhibition: Victorian Technological Prowess and Self-confidence - its secrets revealed by Dr Prasannajit de Silva



*Every 4th Wednesday of each month, except August and December, at 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm (same lecture) www.theartssocietycranleigh.org

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The inside of the chancel roof now holds secrets. A hatch was put into the chancel ceiling and we have left a time capsule box up there ready to be discovered in the distant future. The capsule holds information about the restoration work, with the names of all who contributed to the "Save a Slab" appeal. Also included are contributions from all the village schools and organisations giving future generations a snapshot of what life was like in our village.



The box was blessed by Rev Rosemary Mason during a service and celebrations in November then later put in place by the workmen. We decided that climbing ladders and scaffolding was not a good idea during a service.



Most of the restoration work is now done. Some external stonework repairs will be done in the Spring when conditions are more favourable. Just scaffolding towers will be used, so it should not impact on access to the church. The next main work will be to tell the story of our church through activities for both adults and children, to give them a fuller understanding of how and why it has changed over hundreds of years and the meaning of its features. Funding is still needed to cover all aspects of the work and we hope you will continue to support us.

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