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*From the Editor .....*

A very warm welcome to new readers of the magazine in Okewood, Walliswood and Forest Green. Within the pages you will find news of various Spring events in the parish and beyond, including the annual Easter Market at the Parrot Inn and a charity golf day (both raising funds for our churches), the latest production by Ewhurst Players at the Ewhurst Village Hall, various musical events,, Quiz and Bingo Nights, and several other dates for your diaries. Do come and support all of these great local happenings.

I am always happy to receive items for publication in **News and Views**, so if you have anything of interest please either send it to me at [p.henry@metrics-consulting.com](mailto:p.henry@metrics-consulting.com) or give me a call on 01483 275380. If you would like to advertise in the Summer edition of the magazine please contact Val Henry at [val.dixon.henry@btinternet.com](mailto:val.dixon.henry@btinternet.com) or on 01483 275380 by early May.

*Best Wishes .. Phil Henry*

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The Parish of Ewhurst  
with Okewood & Forest Green

## **FROM THE RECTOR ....**

In response to President Trump's call for a wall between the USA and Mexico, Pope Francis said, "A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian. This is not in the Gospel." I like that. And only two weeks ago I was preaching on the "unity of the body", a passage from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. It's all about combatting division:

*"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptised into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit."*

That bit about Jews and Gentiles for us could read: "Some of us are Ewhurstians, some Okewood folk, and some are from Forest Green." But today, we are one parish: one community. And I hope we can be increasingly bound together with one spirit.

Unity is what our new logo is all about (see fig 1). It is made up of two trinities (see fig 2). The earthly trinity of our three communities is - in my vision at least - united with the heavenly trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When these two come together graphically, a wonderful flower shape emerges. For me that symbolises the growth and hope that the unity of our parish will bring to our community. And I love that, though united, you can still see the three individual churches represented by three colours. Rest assured, unity will never mean uniformity.

Of course a logo is just a symbol. And very much a symbol of intent. But I hope you take away from this explanation of its creation that we can do amazing things as a united parish - working together, serving one another, and, of course, walking in union with Jesus Christ.

May God be with you,

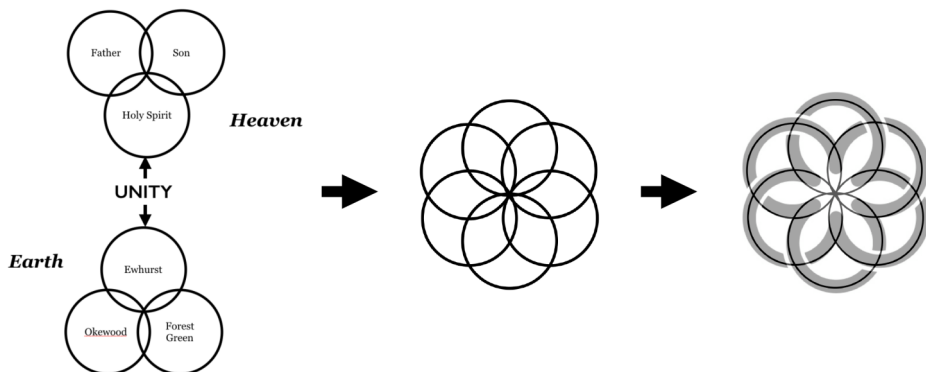
**Rev Clare Shepherd**

Fig 1. Our new Parish logo



## The Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood & Forest Green

Fig 2. Uniting heavenly and earthly trinities graphically



### Churchwardens' Report, St Peter and St Paul, Ewhurst

As usual the Christmas celebrations at the church were well attended with many people using the varied services to come into the church. The Christmas season started with a mindful Advent celebration looking at the meaning of Advent. Magical candlelit moments were next with children engrossed in making their Christingles after learning what they meant. The traditional Nine Lessons and Carols followed with reading contributions from a range of village organisations and singing by both choir and congregation. Mince pies and mulled wine in the Wilson Room gave a lovely ending to the evening.

Approaching Christmas itself, the church was host to the celebrations of Ewhurst C of E Infant school of both Christmas itself and what the children had achieved during the Autumn Term. Christmas Eve was made special by the Carols round the Crib, with the church packed with families, many bringing along three generations to celebrate this special time.

Midnight Communion was a more reflective service with the communion taken at Midnight re-enforcing the birth of Christ. Communion on Christmas Day was very much a family event with a new view of the Nativity through the realms of chocolate bars – a Galaxy will never seem quite the same! The Wise men eventually arrived at the Crib for Epiphany, their arrival celebrated with a seasonal evensong.

These Christmas celebrations were enhanced by having the Crib, the Christmas trees, extra candles and the Advent ring as well as lovely flower arrangements. So many people worked behind the scenes to make these Christmas celebrations as special as possible and we pass on our thanks to them. Special thanks go to Val Henry and all the members of the choirs who not only sang the Christmas messages in the church but also at several venues around the parish including three pubs - perhaps that is what kept them smiling!

Since Christmas, there has been time to check on what needs doing around the church and the churchyard and we are again grateful for those who have kept this side of the church operational, even when the boilers have been challenging.

This also gives the Ministry Team time to reflect on how services across the parish operate as a whole. This will be a topic for their discussions over the month before the next part of our Christian journey through Lent and Easter.

***Jane Harry & Jackie May***  
***Churchwardens, St Peter and St Paul, Ewhurst***

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## **Roof Repair Project Update**

### ***GOOD NEWS!!***

We have completed the initial surveys and tendering process and now secured the majority of the funding needed to carry out the repairs to the Chancel and pay for the educational community work we are required to do. The repairs to the South Transept and Nave roofs will have to be moved into a second phase at a later date. Since the December News and Views we have received the following major Grants:

- The Heritage Lottery Fund approved our second-round application in January and has given £180,200
- The National Churches Trust in conjunction with the Surrey Churches Preservation Society has given £7,500
- The Wolfson Foundation in conjunction with ChurchCare has given £7,000

We are very grateful to these organisations but also appreciate our more “local” donations such as those from Ewhurst History Society, Ewhurst Secret Gardens and Ellens Green Memorial Hall Trust. Many of you are still donating to our Save a Slab appeal and supporting our Fund Raising events, which also increases our funds. However, we still have shortfall of about £13,000 so we continue to need your support to get the work fully funded. Fund Raising events planned to help the Project this year are shown below, so please put the dates in your diaries!

- Easter Market Tuesday 9 April
- Golf Day Friday 17 May
- Gift Day Sat 29 June
- Big Day Out Sat 20 July
- Ewhurst Rocks Sat 20 July

***Details of all these events are in this magazine and on the church website***

We hope to begin the actual repair work in August this year but we have to wait for the fledgling swifts to fly their nests in the Chancel before the scaffolding can go up and work begin! During the summer we will be further developing our educational work – so you may see more school groups around the church than usual and be asked to have a go yourselves!

***The Roof Repair Project Team***

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A list of all names will also be displayed in the church.

To find out more contact Clive Ward on  
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**CHURCH GIFT DAY**  
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We will be collecting good quality warm winter clothes to go to Ukraine this spring. These can be for either adults or children and will be much appreciated by those who receive them. Please put aside any suitable items including bedding. Menswear is particularly needed.

We will be collecting items in the South Transept of Ewhurst Church from

**Monday 1 April until Thursday 11 April**

Please bag all clothing etc. and make sure shoes are fixed in pairs.  
*Thank you!*

It is the mission of British Humanitarian Aid (BHA) to actively seek and prompt monetary and material donations in order to ease the suffering of people in the Chernihiv Region of Ukraine. Here, the collapse of The Soviet Union, the disaster at Chernobyl, and the Russian invasion, have led to the impoverishment of families, with cancer and sickness in both children and adults.

***All donated goods are used and NOT re-sold***

## Ewhurst WI

Ewhurst Evening WI meets in Ewhurst Village Hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 8pm.

Apart from our monthly meetings, we have Lunching Ladies outings and various other visits during the year, and we are always happy to help out at any village activity.

This year we have a very interesting speaker programme, including an account of "A Day in the Life of an Antique Dealer" in March and we would be delighted if you could come along to hear them, and also meet our members.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to call our President, Lyn Southgate. on 01483 548966.



## **Registering on the New Church Electoral Roll**

There is to be a **NEW** Church Electoral Roll this year so **EVERYBODY** has to re-apply. The forms to do this will be at the back of each church with instructions on what to do.

You can also apply by downloading the form on the website and returning it either to one of the churches or to the Parish Office.

The deadline for the return of ALL forms is **Friday 15 March 2019**.

*Note: If you wish to be nominated as a member of the PCC or vote for a person to be a member of the PCC, you must be registered on the NEW Church Electoral Roll.*

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green on Sunday 7 April**

This will be held at St John the Baptist Church, Okewood, following immediately after the 10.30am service. At this meeting, new Churchwardens, Parochial Church Council (PCC) members and Sidespeople will be elected. There are also reports about different aspects of the parish, including the Financial Report. Anyone from the parish can come to this meeting but only members of the Church Electoral Roll can vote for PCC members or Sidespeople. Additionally, members of the Local Authority Electoral Roll who live in this parish are eligible to vote for churchwardens.

After the meeting, everyone is invited to The Ark, next to the church, for a Bring and Share lunch.

*Information on how to nominate PCC members, Churchwardens & Sidespeople is shown below:*

### **Nominations for Members of the PCC**

**These should be made between Mon 18 March - 12 noon Fri 5 April.**

There will be four vacancies this year due to four members of the PCC standing down by rota. Two will represent Ewhurst and two shared by Okewood and Forest Green. If you wish to nominate or second someone, you and the person nominated must be on the NEW Church Electoral Roll. You must check that the person you nominate is willing to be nominated.

*Forms for this will be at the back of each church from 18 March and should be completed by the above deadline. They will also be available online on the church website. If a vote is needed this will be at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 7 April.*

### **Nominations for Churchwardens**

**These should be made between Mon 18 March – 12noon Friday 5 April.**

There are 3 vacancies this year due to Churchwardens standing down. Two are from Ewhurst and one from Okewood and Forest Green.

If you wish to nominate or second someone, you and the person nominated must be on the NEW Church Electoral Roll. You must check that the person you nominate is willing to be nominated.

*Forms for this will be at the back of each church from 18 March and should be completed by the above deadline. They will also be available on line on the church website If a vote is needed this will be at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 7 April.*

### **Election of Sidespeople**

This takes place annually.

If you are already a sidesperson, you need not re-apply but please let the Parish Office know by Monday 1 April if you wish to resign.

If you would like to become a sidesperson at any of the churches, please contact the Parish Office before Monday 1 April so your election can be considered at the APCM.

## **Mothering Sunday at St Peter & St Paul** **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am**

Please join us for this traditional All Age family service. We will be joined by children from the village school with their thoughts and songs about mums, followed by the children giving out posies to all the ladies.

Afterwards, everyone is invited to the Wilson Room for cakes with tea, coffee or squash.

***Please note - Posies will also be given out during the 8am BCP Communion service.***

## SONNY'S CAFÉ

is open in the Wilson Room at St Peter & St Paul's Church on school term mornings.

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## Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ewhurst



A club for children which takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month.

Children can be dropped off at the Wilson Room for a 10:30am start. Activities include art, craft, music and games and children of all ages are welcome – though under 3's need to be accompanied by an adult. The session ends at approximately 11:45am when parents are welcome to join us for refreshments.

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

***So, come along and join! For more information contact Sarah Smith on 277469 or at sarahseal1@yahoo.com***

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

#### **Funerals:**

8<sup>th</sup> February

Bill Laws (FG)

12<sup>th</sup> February

Hilary Shelley (EW)

#### **Interment of Ashes:**

29<sup>th</sup> December

Wendy Bollans (EW)



### **JUST A NOTE .... EWHURST CHURCH CHOIR**

Weekly practice on Fridays in the church. Newcomers most welcome. 6.15pm Juniors and 7.30pm Adults. For details please contact [val.dixon.henry@btinternet.com](mailto:val.dixon.henry@btinternet.com) or phone 01483 275380.

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES INCLUDING EASTER**

### ***ST PETER & ST PAUL, EWHURST***

Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Palm Sunday donkey walk starting from St Peter and St Paul
	11.00am	Palm Sunday service at Ewhurst Baptist Church
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30pm	Compline
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30pm	Compline
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30pm	Compline
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Morning Prayers
	7.30pm	Maundy Communion
	8.30pm	Maundy Vigil
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Walk of Witness starting from the Baptist Church
	11.00am	Good Friday Service at St Peter and St Paul
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	5.45am	Sunrise Service followed by Bacon butties in the Wilson Room
	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	All Age Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt

### ***HOLY TRINITY, FOREST GREEN***

Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	5.00pm	Fun Family Worship
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30pm	Candlelit Tenebrae Service
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	6.00pm	CW Holy Communion

### ***ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, OKEWOOD***

Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Morning Prayers
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30pm	Maundy Supper with Communion
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.30am	Good Friday Service
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	10.30am	All Age Service

***More details of all these events will be on the church website  
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# MEGAZONE



## March - May Programme



10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March - Megazone, 10.30 The Ark, Okewood Church

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April - Megazone, 10.30 The Ark, Okewood Church

12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May - Megazone, 10.30 The Ark, Okewood Church

The children will be taking part  
in the Mothering Sunday Service  
at Okewood Church. All welcome



# Happy Easter

A very happy Easter to all the  
children and families in the  
Parish from Megazone!

In March and April we will be exploring  
the meaning of Easter today through  
arts, crafts, cooking & music



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Anne Charlesworth 627376



# Quiz Night

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, FOREST GREEN

***The very sad facts behind the creation of our lovely church. It all happened over 125 years ago and the following is from Okewood Parish Magazine, January 1897.***

“The last week of January was a time of important change for the Forest Green end of our parish – the St Barnabas Mission Room being used for the last time as a Church on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>; when the snow lay so thick upon the ground that many were prevented from gathering for the last time in the little church that had become so dear to them.

“The following Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, was the day fixed by the Bishop of Southampton for the dedication of the beautiful new Church of Holy Trinity which Mr and Mrs CE Hensley have built as a memorial to their son Everard, tragically killed in a shooting accident at the age of 17.

“The service began with the singing of Psalm 122 after which the Bishop solemnly pronounced the Dedication of the Church. Evening Prayer followed with appropriate hymns being sung by the choir and congregation very heartily; and then the Bishop gave an address upon the words “Come unto me”. He urged us to new zeal and energy, fostered by the sense of ownership and responsibility in the new House of God, and yet not to forget the rock from whence it was hewn – the mother church of which it remained a part, and with

which it must ever work with the sincerest loyalty. Lastly he reminded us that this was a memorial church and that the invitation “Come unto me” bade us to lean all our weight upon that article of our faith, ‘I believe in the Communion of Saints’.

“The new church has been very prettily designed, and although simple in character and modest in dimensions, it has an air of homeliness and attractiveness about it which is distinctly marked. It is of the early English style with apse and lancet windows, and is of red brick with Bath stone facings. The floor is laid with wooden blocks, and in the heating and other arrangements the comfort of the worshippers has been carefully studied. In the chancel are five stained glass windows, in medieval style, representing Christ the Light of the World, the Virgin Mother and Child, and the Christian virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity.

“Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the church which has seating for 120 people, was crowded on the occasion of the dedication service.”

***Peter Bennett, Churchwarden, Forest Green***

(Read more about the history of the churches in our parish on page 42)

### SHOCKING GUN FATALITY NEAR HOLMBURY.

Mr. C. E. Hensley, eldest son of Mr. C. E. Hensley, M.A., of Pratsam Grange, Holmbury' on Monday night met a shocking death. He had been rabbit shooting at Little Birketts' Farm in company with a cousin, Mr. Burney, with whom it was proposed that he should study, with a tutor's assistance, at Pratsam Grange, during the summer. About six o'clock young Mr. Hensley said good-bye to Mr. Muggeridge, a farmer friend, outside Mr. Muggeridge's door. He shook hands with him, and then caught up his gun which he had placed against a fence. Perhaps the trigger was caught in his clothing; anyhow the gun went off and almost blew away part of the young fellow's face. Death was instantaneous. He fell between Mr. Muggeridge and a young coachman named Elms, who had been with them in the rabbiting. A stretcher was procured and the young man was borne to his home, where his mother lay ill with palsy. The shock to the family can be imagined. Young Mr. Hensley, who was in his eighteenth year, was a young fellow of grand build, and of robust and hearty temperament. His father and he were singers at a concert held a day or two before in aid of the formation of the local cricket club. "Do not forget me" was his song.



## THE GLEBE CENTRE



The refurbished Glebe Centre has re-opened for business under the control of the Parish Council rather than Waverley. Councillor Val Henry has been the driving force behind this initiative and has helped form a committee of volunteers to oversee its management.

As with our other community buildings it will be expensive to maintain, so usage has to justify its ongoing availability. The Parish Council has committed to an initial five year lease from Waverley during which time its viability will be monitored.

Bookings at the Glebe should be made via Anita Kettle, 07849 064138. If you would like to check it out for a private or community event please give her a call for hire rates and availability.

## CHARITY GOLF DAY – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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# Ewhurst Baptist Church

## **WELCOMING OUR NEW MINISTER**

A familiar face already to many around the village has been welcomed in as the new minister for Ewhurst Baptist Church.

Rev Gill Wickenden, who has been minister in training at the church for the last three years, said: 'It's a joy to be able to stay on here in my new role.'

The church building was packed last month for a special ordination and induction service attended by visitors from various local churches, including **St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst**. Others included members of Cranleigh Baptist and Frimley Baptist where Gill has been previously involved.

She told **News and Views**: 'I have thoroughly enjoyed my training period based at Ewhurst Baptist Church and there have been two particular highlights.

'One is the opportunity to get to know people in the village through various community events, including helping at school assemblies and our new youth work, as well as enjoying coffee and cake at Glebe coffee mornings and our social club KIKS (Keep Interested Keep Socialising).

'The other highlight has been the partnership and friendship with our friends at the Parish Church - so it was a particular joy that so many friends from there were able to join the induction service and that Rev Clare Shepherd, and lay minister John White, were able to take part.

'I am excited at the opportunity both fellowships now have to build on our existing relationships in the community and serve it together.'

The induction and ordination service was conducted by Rev Dr Tony Rich, Ewhurst Baptist Church moderator.

An act of ordination and induction was performed Rev Paul Kerley, regional minister for the South Eastern Baptist Association, and the speaker was Rev Simon Jones of Spurgeon's College.



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**YOUTH EVENTS**  
**AT EWHURST BAPTIST CHURCH**



**SHOOTS (Years 5, 6 & 7)**

*Fridays 6.30 -7.45pm Baptist Church hall (£2 entry)*

At SHOOTS you will find a tuck shop (20p), table football and various craft activities including cookery, woodwork, jewellery making, sewing, bird boxes, decoupage and various construction involving glue guns, lollypop sticks and pegs-not forgetting copious paint in every possible colour!

There then follows a short time together in the main church with games and discussion around a theme-this term we are using material based around the Harry Potter series

**Next dates: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

We would love you to come along to any or all of the next series of evenings-a great way to kick off the weekend

**ROOTS (Years 8, 9, 10 & 11)**

*Sundays 6 -7.30pm Baptist Church hall*

ROOTS is a youth club aimed for the older young people in years 8 to 11. Come along and enjoy table tennis, table football, snooker, soft ball games in the hall followed by toast, muffins and hot chocolate in the newly refurbished youth room, equipped with cosy sofas and beanbags (kindly donated by the Ewhurst Youth club)

**Next dates: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

There will be time to chat over a series of 'hot topics' relevant to teenagers and the issues that are important to them. There will also be the opportunity read the Bible together and listen to worship songs

# Easter Services at Ewhurst Baptist Church

## Sunday 14 April – Palm Sunday

**10 am** Walk with donkey from Parish Church to Baptist Church

**11 am** Joint service at Baptist Church

## Thursday 18 April – Maundy Thursday

**7.30 pm** Reflective communion service

## Friday 19 April – Good Friday

**10 am** Walk of Witness from Baptist Church Parish Church

**11 am** Joint service at Parish Church

## Sunday 1 April – Easter Sunday

**5.45 am** Sunrise service at Pitch Hill with Parish Church, followed by bacon sandwiches at the Wilson Room

**10.30 am** Family service



## KEEP INTERESTED

## KEEP SOCIALISING!

**KIKS club - @ Ewhurst Baptist Church**

Our social club, KIKS, meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month between 2 and 4pm.

The Club offers the opportunity for friendship, chat, crafts and various board games alongside tea and cake!

Don't stay home wishing you had a bit of company, but put your coat on and come and join us.

Lifts can be arranged.

For more information please contact Cherry Matthews on 01483 277895 or email: [matthewscherry@btinternet.com](mailto:matthewscherry@btinternet.com)



## BABY AND TODDLER GROUP at Ewhurst Baptist Church Wednesdays from 10:15 to 11:45

Our aim is to provide an environment in which you and your children can make friends, chat, play and have a good morning out!

Everyone is welcome - mums, dads, grandparents and carers.

Refreshments are available for adults.  
A fruit snack is provided mid morning for the children.

A variety of activities are available at each session.

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



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## **Rhythms of Spring**

### **A Choral Concert by the Surrey Hills Chamber Choir**

Celebrate the “Rhythms of Spring” with the award-winning Surrey Hills Chamber Choir on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley.

As we approach Easter, and spring accelerates to the longer evenings of British Summer Time the very same weekend, this excellent choir will mark this moment of re-birth in the yearly calendar with a selection of popular choral delights.

A concert held near Easter would not be complete without music relating to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus and the choir have chosen a selection of some of the best music from the “Easter” parts of Handel’s “Messiah” to re-tell this story. Choruses from this much-loved oratorio include “Behold the Lamb of God”, “Surely he hath borne our griefs”, “Since by man came death”, “Worthy is the Lamb”, and the rousing “Amen” as well as the wonderful solo “The trumpet shall sound” for baritone and trumpet.

The second half is filled with a delightful mix of songs of different styles, mood and tempo to ensure there is something for every musical taste. Even from the writers of today there is diversity in mood, from the great dexterity of the fast moving “Rytmus” by Hrušovský, the Spanish flavour of flamenco rhythms “With a lily in your hand” by Eric Whitacre, the mesmerising “Stars” by Ēriks Ešsenvalds, the beautiful “Underneath the Stars” by Kate Rusby and the majestic “Christus est Stella” by local composer Will Todd. Also on the programme is some wonderful Mendelssohn, “Psalm 43”, and powerful Russian music in Schnittke’s “Gospodi”. In complete contrast there are uplifting spirituals, traditional folk songs and the 1930s classic “These foolish Things”.

We hope that you will be able to join us for the choir’s first Spring concert. Tickets are £12 for adults and £5 for children (price includes programme and wine or soft drink) and are available online at [www.surreyhills-choirs.co.uk](http://www.surreyhills-choirs.co.uk); by email [graham.webb@tangleweave.co.uk](mailto:graham.webb@tangleweave.co.uk) or by calling 07513 523933.

If you are unable to make this date, the choir will also be performing the same programme for St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm, where proceeds will go to church funds.

## ***News from Ewhurst C of E Infant School***

This term has been very busy from the beginning, with our third annual Science Week in January enthusing and inspiring the children with a succession of stimulating activities. The Science Wizards came in for a repeat visit, motivating everyone during an assembly by using everyday items like hairdryers, cans, and ping pong balls to carry out amazing investigations. During the day the children experimented with each activity themselves and their fascination and engagement with the scientific processes and reactions were inspiring to see. We were very grateful to all the parents who came in to help throughout the day – they seemed to get as much out of it as the children! We also held a Working Alongside morning for parents during Science Week, when parents had the opportunity to undertake a scientific challenge with their child. The children are always very proud and excited to show their parents or family member their classrooms and work, and the feedback from parents for these sessions is always extremely positive. Eco Day on Friday inspired the children to reduce, reuse and recycle.

All the classes have school trips this term – Cherry class are visiting Painshill Park in Cobham for a Poet Tree Workshop, and Apple class will be visiting Amberley Museum at the beginning of March as part of their termly topic on ‘Around the World in Eighty Days’. Holly class will be visiting Haslemere Museum, where they will be taking part in a workshop investigating the patterns in nature and science of colour. The children benefit greatly from these first-hand trips, and we are always grateful for the high level of parental support on the outings.

In the last week of term the children will be exploring a range of activities such as making hot cross buns, prayer-writing and re-enacting the Last Supper during our ‘Easter Pause Morning’. The last day of term is filled with an Easter Bonnet parade to Church for the end of term service, and (hopefully!) a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Our Open Morning Tours have again been very busy, as the school continues to be a popular choice for prospective parents. The children always enjoy welcoming them to their classrooms, and we are pleased with the positive feedback from our visitors. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit. There are currently places available in each year group.

Fundraising for the school is becoming essential in these times of educational austerity. If you are able to support the village school, either with a stand-alone



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donation or a regular amount, then please contact the school office on [info@ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk), and we can email you a standing order mandate and/or gift aid declaration.

Please take the time to visit our school website [www.ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk) which is continually updated with news and information, or for any further information or help please contact the school office on 01483 277291 or email us at [info@ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk).

*Jane Dyer (Head Teacher)*

### *Date for your Diary*

## ***EWHURST SECRET GARDENS*** ***Saturday and Sunday May 18 & 19***

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### **WeCare—A group for people with Dementia**

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WeCare is a group that meets twice monthly in the Glebe Centre in Ewhurst where volunteers run a relaxed and informal get together. Enjoy coffee, tea and cake, games, chat, exercises and music.

If you are interested come along and join an enthusiastic group where you will have an opportunity to unwind ..... somewhere where there is a warm welcome for all. ***Transport can be arranged.***

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Cranleigh Rd - Squirrel's Leap	9.32	10.32	11.32
Old Bakery Court	9.34	10.34	11.34
Broomers Lane	9.36	10.36	11.36
Bulls Head Green	9.38	10.38	11.38
The Parrot	9.55	10.55	11.55

Note - The Vintage Bus will not leave the Bulls Head until the 53 bus has arrived

<b>THE PARROT to EWHURST</b>	<b>Times</b>		
The Parrot	10.05	11.05	12.20
Bulls Head Green	10.20	11.20	12.35
The Glebe	10.22	11.22	12.37
Williams Close	10.24	11.24	12.39
Larkfield	10.26	11.26	12.41
Gadbridge Lane Bus Garage	10.28	11.28	12.43

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## **Richard Cleaves BEM**

**1957 — 2019**



Ewhurst village has lost a very special person who in his quiet and modest way gave so much to the community. He will be greatly missed.

Richard's life was greatly changed in 1980 when as a young man he was involved in a serious accident which confined him to a wheelchair. Some time later he and Jane, his wife, moved to the village of Ewhurst where his family were already living.

With his love of the village and his interest in its needs he agreed in 1996 to be co-opted on to the Parish Council. At the following Election in 1999, he agreed to take on the chairmanship of the council, a position he held for 20 years.

When he became Chairman he was keen to bring in more modern working practices. He gave each Parish Councillor responsibility for a particular area of work, their own portfolio. All paperwork and administration was computerised. Richard wanted the Council to go forward with a positive and active future, no time wasting or bureaucracy. With diplomacy and negotiation, patience and tolerance, Richard oversaw and accomplished a great deal of work.

With his enthusiasm and encouragement and a council who were right behind him the new EYSC was built, there were improvements and refurbishments to the village Hall, the bowls club, football pitches and tennis courts, the recreation ground ... and a brand new playground for the children. At the same time he devoted hours to supporting the Ewhurst Charity, Citizens Advice, the Hoppa bus service and so many other organisations that affected village life.

He often put his head above the parapet on village issues. So he often got sniped at but he never complained or bore grudges because all his efforts were solely aimed at benefiting the village as a whole, never himself. I don't think he realised quite how much he had achieved as chairman of the Council. If he received a compliment he usually brushed it aside. So it was very appropriate when he was awarded the BEM in public recognition of all he had done for the village. We shall miss his guiding hand but give thanks for the privilege of having known this remarkable man in our community. We should also thank Jane for allowing us to take so much of his time.

***Mike Turner and Victoria Helstrip***





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Tenebrae's performance on Saturday 11 May 2019 takes place amid the Georgian splendour of Guildford's Holy Trinity Church, and the passion and precision for which the choir is so renowned will be on full display in a programme of Sixteenth Century Spanish masterpieces, including the exquisitely beautiful Requiem Mass of 1605 by Victoria.

For more information on all our 2019 events, including for the first time guided walks in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and to book tickets, please visit [www.iimf.co.uk/2019-festival](http://www.iimf.co.uk/2019-festival).

- ⇒ Wednesday 10 April 7.30pm, Shere
- ⇒ **Festival Insight Evening with Sandy Burnett**
- ⇒ Thursday 2 May 8pm, Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking
- ⇒ **Clare Teal and her Trio**
- ⇒ Saturday 4 May 7.30pm, St Teresa's Effingham
- ⇒ **Celebration Concert**  
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- ⇒ Thursday 9 May 7.30pm, The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon  
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## **LOCAL HISTORY CORNER, by Janet Balchin**

As this will be the first edition of News and Views to be delivered to houses in Forest Green, Walliswood and Oakwood Hill, since the formation of the new parish, it seems like a good time to revisit the history of the church. This article will look at the early history, and future editions will focus on the later history and then look at the history of the churches in Forest Green and Okewood.

### **The History of Ewhurst Church**

#### **Part I - Ewhurst before the Reformation**

Ewhurst church is not mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, but it is likely that it was built fairly soon after the Conquest. After the Battle of Hastings in 1066, the new Norman lords were ordered to do acts of penance, and many built and endowed monasteries and churches.

The nave is the oldest surviving part of the building, possibly dating from the late 11<sup>th</sup> or early 12<sup>th</sup> century. The first church consisted of a nave 36ft by 19ft 6in and a chancel (now the crossing) approximately 18ft square. The nave would have had high unglazed windows and the main entrance would have been the south door. The door as it exists today is puzzling. Whilst described by Ian Nairn as “the best piece of Norman decoration in Surrey”, on closer inspection the doorway would appear to be not all it seems and has been altered, possibly during the works of 1837/8. The simple Romanesque font is also early and dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

The first documentary reference is found in a Papal Bull of 1179, which includes the church of *luherst* in a list of property of Merton. Later records showed that the church paid a pension to Merton Priory who also held the advowson (the right to present the Rector). This right was challenged by William de Braose, Lord of the Manor of Gomshall, in 1206, but the dispute was settled in favour of the Priory who held it until their dissolution in 1538.

In the early 13<sup>th</sup> century the church was extended with a new chancel, and transepts to the north and south. The original chancel then became the crossing with a tower over it. This gave the church its cruciform plan, which still exists today and has not been lost through the addition of side aisles. The interior would have been plastered and painted. Discoveries in 1931 revealed a recess under the east window of the south transept, with 13<sup>th</sup> century decoration in a zigzag pattern. The recess has been retained, but the decoration has been lost. From the 13<sup>th</sup> century we can begin to trace the names of rectors of Ewhurst, with the earliest reference being in 1223 to Dionisius [Dennis]. In 1291 Pope

Nicholas IV ordered that the value of all churches should be assessed in the *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*. (This was not the value of the actual building, but the value of the income from the benefice). Ewhurst was valued at 25 marcs (£16. 13s. 4d) and it was recorded that it paid a pension of £2 to Merton Priory.

The church is dedicated to St Peter and St Paul, but there are very few historical references to the dedication and early references only mention St Peter, the earliest being a mention of William de Mortimer, parson of St Peter's church, *Yweherst*, in 1271.

An insight into what Ewhurst church was like before the Reformation can be found in wills of the period. People left money (often in the form of livestock) to the church for the burning of lamps, candles and tapers before images of the saints and to pay priests to say masses for their souls. Important local people were sometimes buried within the church.

The high altar was in the chancel and separated from the body of the church by a rood screen. Rood is the old English word for the cross and the image of Christ crucified. Lady Uvedale of Baynards, who died in 1489, left 20s to the rood light at Ewhurst church and also the same amount to Cranleigh church.

In addition to the high altar there were side altars, the most important being devoted to 'Our Lady'. In Ewhurst there was an altar devoted to 'Our Lady' in the south transept, referred to as the south chancel. Walter Athyll, who died in 1524, requested to be buried in the south chancel before the image [statue] of Our Lady. He left a cow worth 8s to keep a wax taper before the rood, and another for a taper before the image of Our Lady in the south chancel.

Nicholas Sawyer's will, dated 1517 and proved 1521/2, makes reference to a third altar, probably in the north transept, dedicated to St Nicholas. He requested burial in the church before the altar of St Nicholas and gave a cow to keep a taper burning before the altar of St Nicholas every festival day and every time divine service was said. His widow, Alice, who died in 1521, was also to be buried in the church and gave an altar cloth to the chapel. She also left 6d to the high altar and 6d to the rood light and £1 in bread to the poor.

Prayers and masses were said for the dead. Some of these masses were conducted by the incumbent priest, but there were also freelance priests who were engaged to say masses as and when required. Walter Athyll left instructions in 1524 for twenty priests to sing and say mass at his burial "*if they can be got and if not the next day*"; and after one month thirty priests were to say and sing four trentalls [30 masses said consecutively] of which two were to



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be in Ewhurst church and two in Oakwood chapel.

People also left money to the church for repairs. John Tyknar left 1s for the repair of the bells in 1531, and Thomas Sawyer left 6s.8d for the repair of the steeple in 1536.

In the summer edition, Part II will cover the turbulent years of the Reformation, the Civil War and Commonwealth.

***For more information see the church guide book - St Peter and St Paul, Ewhurst: A Guide and History' by Janet Balchin, £6.00.***

### **Ewhurst History Society – Winter Programme**

Ewhurst History Society has started its spring programme of talks. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Ewhurst Baptist Church at 8.00pm unless otherwise indicated.

Non-members are always welcome (£2.00), but annual membership is only £7.00, which is excellent value for eight lectures and we also organise outings and social events.

#### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

##### ***Liz Ramsay – Remarkable Trees of Surrey – and beyond***

Liz Ramsay, a Surrey Tree Warden, will tell us about some of the amazing veteran trees of Surrey, its ancient woodlands, and a project in Sussex which is restoring the historic 'wood pasture' landscape.

#### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

##### ***Pam Bathurst – The Medway Queen – Heroine of Dunkirk***

Pam will be telling us the story of the Paddle Ship 'Medway Queen', one of the famous 'little ships' of Dunkirk and her restoration and preservation.

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

##### ***Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening - Joanne Geoghegan - My Family – the Brunels***

Joanne Geoghegan will tell us about her family and her illustrious ancestor Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

***For more information contact Janet Balchin on 01483 277342 or email [ewhursthistory@btinternet.com](mailto:ewhursthistory@btinternet.com)***

# News from Ewhurst Parish Council



## Parish Council Elections May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019

Just a reminder that these elections are taking place and that if you wish to put yourself forward for election you need to let our Locum Clerk, Joanna Cadman, know **as soon as possible**.

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At the time of writing there are two Councillor positions available.

We are still looking for a new Clerk for our Parish Council – Joanna is doing a fantastic job as Locum but she specialises in Locum activities and thus, plans to move on once she has welcomed the new incumbent. If you might be interested in working from home for 20 hours a week for a very reasonable remuneration – negotiable – again, please contact [clerk@ewhurstallengreen-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ewhurstallengreen-pc.gov.uk).

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As result of the presentation of the draft **Neighbourhood Plan**, various comments had been made by members of the public and members of Council and it had been agreed that members of the Council should meet with a working group to review the comments.

The document produced as a result of the review will go back to the steering group, who will make the necessary alterations to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

James Garside, the Neighbourhood Plan expert consultant, will check through the wording of the report on site selection and revisit all the proposed sites as well as updating the SEA (strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal) document.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan will then be returned to the Parish Council. With their agreement, the process will then be started towards Regulation 14 - the Village Consultation.

At present, neither the draft Neighbourhood Plan nor the HLA or SEA are available on the website. When the draft Neighbourhood Plan is ready for Regulation 14, they will be put on the website so that the public are fully aware.

## **In Our Midst — George Yates**

### **An Active Life on Many Different Stages**

George and Julie brought their family to Ewhurst in 1976 when George took the post of inspector-advisor for Special Educational Needs with Surrey Education Department. Since then his wide interests and activities in the village have made him familiar to us all in many different ways - his magic shows and stage performances, the village school, the Parish Council and the Ewhurst Charity to name but a few. And there are the other totally different jobs he did during and after his work with Surrey.



George was the first war baby to be born in the small Lancashire town of Padiham after the declaration of war in 1939. He grew up there with the chimneys and mills of the Lancashire cotton belt clearly visible to the South and to the North there was Pendle Hill, of witches fame, and the Pennines stretching to the Lakes and Scotland beyond. Here he discovered a love of the outdoor life and walking in particular, but also a love of performing on stage. At seven, he did simple card tricks on stage at his primary school and when a little older, joined local salesman Tom Rigby who took his hypnotism and magic show to factory workers and children's parties. George would do ten minutes on stage while Tom changed between acts. He bought a book to learn about hypnotism but it was banned by his lay preacher father and so he exchanged it for one on yoga, beginning for him a lasting interest in the different aspects of human behaviour and beliefs.

After A levels at Accrington Grammar School, he gained a place at St John's Training College in York but first spent some time teaching, at the age of 18, in the tough docks area of Salford and choosing to live cheaply above a pub in the main street. He also wanted to get more experience performing magic, so the following Summer took a waiting job with full board at Gunton Hall near Lowestoft with one night a week performing and perfecting his tricks. After two years at St John's Training College in York, he came South for the first time to teach at Sheephatch School in Tilford. This was a local authority boarding school and attractive to George as the job came with full board and a little room of his own at the end of one of the dormitories. Both boys and girls were sent there, taken out of their normal schools to experience some time in the countryside and to take part in a more free environment where normal lessons were

followed every afternoon by outdoor games, clubs and societies. As the youngest male member of staff, he looked after the P.E. in the school and after two years was seconded to Chester College for a P.E. diploma course. It was here that he met Julie who lived locally. At this point George admits the coursework was not always a priority. Attendance at the jazz club was often preferred to learning how to referee basketball games and the like and his tutor was persuaded that the practice of yoga would be a relevant subject for his thesis in P.E. An easier option for him with his previous interest.

He returned to Surrey, to Grafham Grange, a school near Cranleigh which still operates today. Here they provide residential care for children with a wide range of emotional and behavioural difficulties. George loved the interesting and challenging work there and it was a great learning experience but eventually he moved back to Julie in the North. He joined another residential special school near Market Drayton before moving to the post of deputy head at Clywd Hall School in North Wales. By this time they were married and were delighted to buy their first home on the side of a mountain in the Dee Valley. It was exciting to be in the mountains and to enjoy the outdoor life and George took courses in mountaineering, canoeing and rock climbing and even a judo course in Blackpool. These skills are essential if you are to engage youngsters in the outdoors and he was able to use them extensively then and later.

Still only in his mid twenties, George had made rapid progress. He was always willing and able to move to somewhere different and at 27 he was appointed head of a small school in Knutsford, Cheshire, which served as a reception centre for children taken into care. During his time there, he studied for a year at Liverpool University for a Diploma in Special Education and while on this course he was asked, and agreed, to stand in as head of a girls boarding school on the Wirral. His extensive experience meant that his next move was into the Surrey inspectorate and this time he was able to bring the whole family down, moving into a house in the Glebe. It was a time of change in Special Education and he took great satisfaction in helping to implement new practices and policies. He enjoyed a close relationship with the heads and attended interviews for staff, and chaired all the case conferences for children in every one of the forty-odd specialist schools. He also helped in the integration of these children into the mainstream. By the late 1980s, the introduction of the National Curriculum meant he gradually lost much of this hands-on work and those creative aspects of the curriculum which he felt were so important and so, in 1989, he decided to take early retirement and move on to other things. Remarkably, along with everything else he did, George had found time to enhance his salary with

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occasional work in the evenings. While at the Knutsford school, he trained as an insurance adviser and he continued this in Ewhurst, working with Legal & General based in Guildford and doing much of his training in the old Clavadel Hotel. While they were renovating their present bungalow in the Lower Breache Road, they lived on site with a caravan for the girls and a tent at the back with a long telephone line to the house for his work with clients. Once retired from education, he worked first in marketing for an American pharmaceutical company and then with Age Concern, training staff in the promotion and marketing of their insurance products. After a year or two, he became a national trainer, and worked with a colleague developing training material and delivering the training around the country.

George staged his magic shows throughout his working life. As an inspector, his performances in the special schools were very popular and must surely have had a great impact. His membership of the Magic Circle confirms his expertise and in recent years, working with an ex-colleague friend, he has entertained and raised thousands of pounds for charities and adult groups. There are already two more shows booked locally in the coming months. His other stage presence has been with the Ewhurst Players. He has taken many cameo stage parts but his preference is with directing and he fondly remembers directing their first musical "Oliver" and will be interested to see the imminent repeat performance. He has also been chairman of the Players - and chairman of the Parish Council, the Carnival Committee, the Bowls Club and for ten years chairman of the Ewhurst Charity. Of all these commitments, he is most pleased with his involvement in saving the village school from closure and gives credit to Sue Handley who spearheaded the whole process against the Surrey County Council.

George and Julie's shared interest in walking has taken them all over the world. They have enjoyed many guided walks, particularly in the countries of the Far East, away from the tourist sites, and spending time living in the villages. At home, Julie was able to continue her interest in animals and farming on their smallholding, for many years raising lambs from their flock of ewes. She combined this with her work at Dobbies flower shop, where she was known by everyone in the area and also helped with some Special Needs work at St Nicholas' School. For thirteen years she was Brown Owl for the Ewhurst Brownies. More recently, George admits that his piano lessons were not a success but now he enjoys his twice weekly art classes and painting in his beloved countryside. An active life indeed.

**Geoff Harry**

## Men's Breakfast at Oakwood Hill Village Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February

27 local men enjoyed a full English breakfast and listened to Mark Blythe giving his personal testimony about his journey of faith at Oakwood Hill village hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

A self-confessed sports fanatic, Mark now acts as a pastor and sports organiser based in Walton on Thames where he works with local Churches and football clubs currently developing the fast growing sport of walking football for the elderly.

Mark explained how his life and his relationships changed for the better in every way (including that with his ex-wife!) when he accepted Jesus as his Lord and saviour.

Our next breakfast will be a joint men and women's breakfast on 30<sup>th</sup> March when we are very fortunate to have the renowned author and Christian speaker, Jennifer Rees Larcombe, whose talk is entitled "The Secret Weapon". Details elsewhere in this magazine. All enquiries about parish breakfasts to Barry Thomson, [barry.thomson@btconnect.com](mailto:barry.thomson@btconnect.com), 01306 621234.

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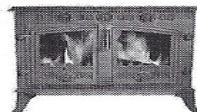
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March 12th - Village Hall - The Sydney Scott Memorial Talk with John Anderson giving a talk with slides on "Gardens of Windsor Great Park". John returns, now in his role as Keeper of the Queen's Gardens, which include the Valley and Savill Gardens and the private gardens of Frogmore House, having left Exbury in July 2016. In 2018 he and his team were privileged to supply greenery for the wedding of Prince Harry and Megan.

John is also Vice Chairman of the RHS Plant Committee and an RHS Judge. The meeting is at 7.30pm for 8pm with raffle and refreshments. Tickets £5.00 Members/£10.00 visitors available from Anne 01483 271812 or [tickets@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk](mailto:tickets@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk).

April 13th - Village Hall - we hold our Spring Show. Open in the morning from 8.30am for staging and then in the afternoon at 2.30pm. Classes include flowers, pot plants, floral art, photography and home fare and we look forward to seeing lots of entries, including from children/grandchildren. Finger painting for pre-school, an Easter garden in a seed tray for 8 years and under and an illustrated map of Ewhurst for 16 years and under.

All information will be found on the website, or contact Lesley, the Show Secretary, on 201483 72488 or e-mail [showsec@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk](mailto:showsec@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk).

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<b>Surrey Police</b>	<b>101 or 571212</b>
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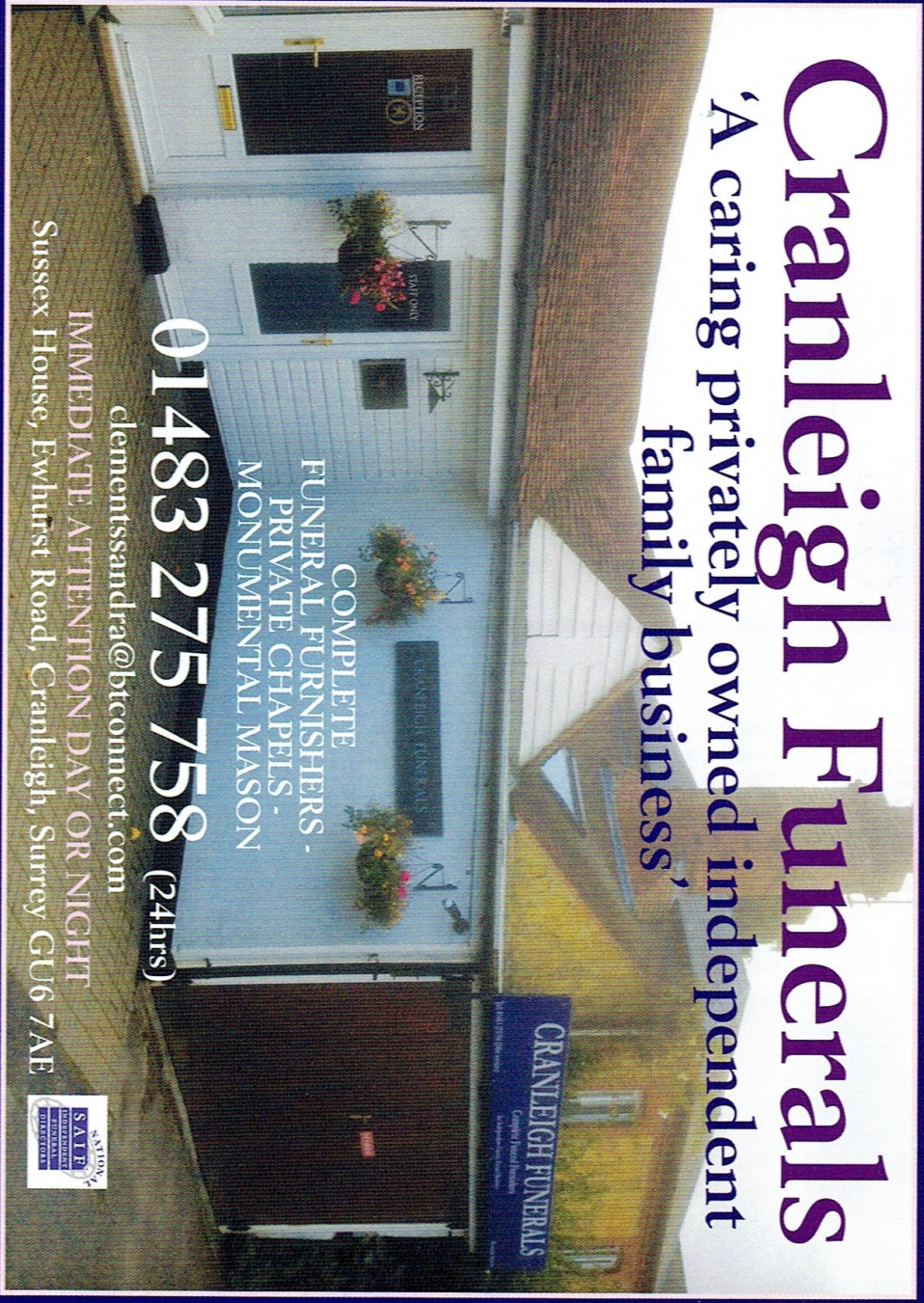
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