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

Welcome to this edition of **nEWs and viEWs** magazine, which is packed full of interesting articles and information on seasonal events to enjoy. The weather is still chilly but snowdrops and daffodils are flowering, and Spring is almost here to cheer us all up!

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. Any comments you may have on the magazine would also be much appreciated.

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*Best Wishes .. Phil Henry*

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## ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH



Taking a traditional service in a church in another part of the Diocese recently I found myself reading out prayers for King George from the service book. I managed to make the quick mental adjustment as I read that switched 'King George' to 'Queen Elizabeth' and all 'him and his' to 'her and hers', but it was a little unsettling for a moment. This is part of the fun of visiting other churches – expect the unexpected! All churches think that their way of worshipping is the correct one – and worship will vary from place to place, even in the Church of England.

Still it made me think! ('about time you got a new prayer book!' was one thought.) I have never known a King of England; throughout my life, and the lives of most in our country, our Monarch has been Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>.

At her Coronation on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953 the Queen swore an oath to uphold the laws of her nations, and to govern the Church of England. She has done that for over 60 years now and the nation will soon join her in celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – the official celebrations are across the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> June, though there will also be a high profile birthday party in May (her actual birthday is April 21<sup>st</sup>).

Throughout her reign the Queen has placed a high value on serving her country and serving God. Her Christian faith has been for her a great strength and particularly in her recent Christmas broadcasts the Queen has spoken openly about what her faith means to her: *'I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.'* And she ended her 2011 broadcast with these words *'It is my prayer that on this Christmas day we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ our Lord.'*

Jesus himself showed that true leadership was seen in serving others; at the occasion we know as the Last Supper that we celebrate at Easter he took the role of a servant, washing his disciples' feet. St Luke records him saying: *'the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves'.*



The Christian faith teaches us that serving others is an expression of what it is to be truly human. We see lots of examples of serving others in our village life: shopping for elderly or housebound people, offering transport to hospital, giving time to one of the many clubs and societies that our community has to offer, supporting others in hard times. I particularly enjoy seeing the love and care that is shared at the Glebe Centre Coffee on Wednesday mornings, but there are many examples that make our village such a supportive community.

I daresay there will be some sort of celebration of the Queen's birthday in Ewhurst, whether long organised or impromptu. We will certainly mark the occasion in the Church – after all, she is head of the Church of England and 'Defender of the Faith'.

As we celebrate the Queen's years of good grace and service to her people, we might think of the ways we too can add to the good in the world through our service to our community.

*David*

**Thank You's to be Made!!**

The following people will be handing in their resignations at this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):

**Colin Stewart**

Colin is resigning after 20 years as a dedicated churchwarden, making sure all aspects of the church run smoothly.

**Rosemary Stewart**

Rosemary is resigning as leader of the Flower Guild after over 20 years of ensuring the church is always looking its best with beautiful floral arrangements.

**Mary McMath**

Mary is resigning after 12 years as organiser of the church Cleaning Rota. Her work has made sure the church always looks clean and tidy for all the services and events held there.

We all appreciate the work these people have done and will be showing our appreciation during the APCM. If you would like to make a donation towards a gift for these willing and dedicated church people, please put your gift in an envelope marked with their name and deliver it to the Post Box at the back of the church, to the right of the font, before **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

**NOTE - All cheques payable to Ewhurst PCC**

## ***Holy Oils***

Each year all the clergy in the Diocese receive an invitation from the Bishop to join together at the Cathedral for the Maundy Thursday Communion service. This is an important occasion with an inspiring and refreshing service. Rarely do you find so many clergy gathered together. I am not sure what is the collective noun for clergy. The internet suggests it is an assembly of clergy, but some might think that gaggle or pontification is more appropriate (more pejorative possibilities have been omitted). I favour a superfluity of clergy. Whatever your preference, the congregation on Maundy Thursday includes many priests, but everyone is welcomed.

The service has two special features. One is that the clergy are invited to renew the vows made at their Ordination and the other is the blessing of the oils. There is something very special about standing in the nave of the Cathedral, with so many others, reaffirming the ordination promises. It is a clear reminder of our responsibilities and commitments. However the renewal of vows is a recent addition to the service introduced by Pope Paul VI for the Roman Catholic Church.

The longer-standing part of the service is that holy oils are blessed by the Bishop for use during the following year in the administration of the sacraments. Tradition requires that the blessings take place in the presence of the diocesan clergy. Three large glass jars of oil are carried up the central aisle of the Cathedral, blessed and placed on a table at the chancel steps.

Holy oils are used in many churches around the world and they have had great spiritual symbolism since the earliest times. The Bible records that oils were used to anoint kings (1 Samuel 16:12, 1 Kings 1:34) and priests (Exodus 28:41, 40:15). Verse 5 of Psalm 23 reads "you anoint my head with oil". To be "the anointed" of the Lord indicated receiving a special vocation from the Lord and the empowerment with the Holy Spirit to fulfil that vocation. Jesus used the words of Isaiah when he said "the spirit of the Lord is upon me; He has anointed me" (Luke 4:18).

In the early church it was customary to use oil to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of candidates for baptism. The letter of James (5:15) urges its recipients to anoint the sick with oil as a sign of healing and forgiveness through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the use of oils is based on scripture and they are believed to give spiritual strength. Over the centuries oils have come to be used on many occasions, such as the ordination of bishops and consecration of churches. One of the most important uses of the holy oil is during the Coronation Service when the Archbishop of Canterbury anoints the Sovereign's head, hands and heart. This is thought to be the holiest rite of the Service and so significant

that it is shielded from the congregation's view by a canopy of state.

The blessing of the oils at the Cathedral service (sometimes called the Chrism Eucharist) is a significant occasion because they are used throughout the year to impart God's grace through sacraments and blessings. The three jars contain the oil for the anointing of the sick and dying, for signing with the cross at baptism (or catechumens) and the oil of chrism. The oils themselves are usually olive oil; the chrism has balsam added to it.

When used to anoint the sick and dying, we pray that the person may be made whole in body mind and spirit, restored and renewed in God's love to serve Him now and forever. It is a sign of the prayerful support given by a person's community. The oil of baptism is a sign that Christ knows the person by name and makes them his own. They have a share in his victory over sin and the power of evil. It is an oil of salvation arising directly from Christ's sacrifice for us all on the cross. The chrism follows the pattern of Old Testament times when the priest, prophets and kings of the Jewish people were anointed. It is a sign of joy and gladness in sharing Christ's gospel and is used in the dedication of people to the service of God.

At the end of the Maundy Thursday service, clergy are invited to the Chapel of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment to collect some of the holy oils. The containers are glass or silver oil stocks. The whole occasion is an important and solemn step on the Holy Week journey. It leads directly to the great joy and celebration of Easter.

Tim

### **Help Needed – Organiser for Church Cleaners**

This job entails producing two church cleaning rotas a year and sending them to the willing helpers who have already volunteered to do the work. You would send reminders to the helpers, just before their turn, and make sure they are passed the necessary keys. You would also be the reference point for people who need to swap duties.

This job has been admirably done by Mary McMath for the past 12 years but now she feels it is time to hang up her cleaning keys.

The job would start at the end of April this year.

Please contact Jane Harry, 01483 275047, for more information or if you think you could help in any way.

## ***Recognising Lent***

What is Lent all about – and how do we recognise this period of the church's year? Most of us know that Lent lasts for 40 days but the mathematical amongst us will realise that the period between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday is in fact 46 days. The good news for those who decide to give up something for Lent is that Sundays are excluded.

In common with many other churches, we hold a service in the evening of Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. It is a service of reflection when we remember the beginning of Christ's 40 days in the wilderness. It was a period when Christ reflected on his ministry and the task ahead of him; we remember that he lived on very little during those 40 days – hence the tradition of fasting – but just as importantly is that he resisted the challenges put to him by the Devil.

We don't have to give up something during Lent (although I would not want to criticise those who do) but it is resisting temptation that is just as important. There is of course a valid argument that we should always resist temptation – but we are human. Lent is a time when we can be particularly vigilant.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from burning some of the previous year's palm crosses. The ash is then mixed with water blessed by the priest and the resulting paste is marked on participants' foreheads during a service on Ash Wednesday with the sign of the cross and with the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

Sundays are excluded from Lent because on every Sunday through the year we celebrate Christ's resurrection. And there are always two particular celebrations during Lent – Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is always the Sunday before Easter when we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem; we have used the colour purple in church since Ash Wednesday and although we are still in Lent, the colours now change to red.

The week leading up to Easter is called Holy Week (not be confused with Easter Week which is the week after Easter). On the Thursday of Holy Week we hold a special service in the evening – on the day called Maundy Thursday. It is the day when we remember the Last Supper on the night before Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody prior to his trial and execution; it is therefore appropriate that the commemoration falls on the day before Good Friday.

At the end of the service on Maundy Thursday, the altar is stripped of all its coverings leaving just the bare table; this in remembrance of Christ's arrest, trial and execution, and the church remains a place of quiet contemplation until Easter morning.

The name "Maundy" is thought to derive from the Latin "mandatum" meaning commandment. For those who know their liturgy, the communion service includes the words "this commandment I give unto you" referring to Jesus' commandment at the Last Supper to remember him in taking bread and wine.

The name given to the Thursday before Easter varies throughout the world; Holy Thursday is in common use as is "Clean Thursday" to translate the name used in Scandinavia (which refers to the symbolic washing of feet which is performed in some churches). Maundy Thursday is the official name in legislation for the day in only two countries – England and the Philippines.

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This meeting is open to everyone in the parish but only people on the Church Electoral Roll will be eligible to vote in certain parts of the meeting.

The meeting reviews the work of the church during the past year and it's plans for the future. The churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and sides-people are elected during the meeting. Nominations for these posts must be made prior to the meeting.

**Mothering Sunday at the Parish Church  
Sunday 6<sup>th</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 9am BCP Communion Service.

***LENT LUNCHES***

Lent Lunches will be held on Thursday March 12th, 19th and 26th in the Wilson Room between 12.15pm and 1.45pm. There will be a raffle during the 12th and 26th Lunches.

Proceeds will be split between Cherry Trees - Home-from-Home respite care for children and young people with severe learning and physical disabilities - and the Bishop of Guildford's Lent Appeal.

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## Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ewhurst



### Treasure Seekers Club

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

#### **Baptism:**

20<sup>th</sup> December 2015          Noah James John Froud

#### **Funeral:**

28<sup>th</sup> January 2016          Bill Marsh

#### **Service of Thanksgiving:**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2016          Judy Campbell

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

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**Women's World Day of Prayer**

***Ewhurst Churches Together***

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm, Ewhurst Parish Church

*The service this year is compiled by the women of Cuba*

*The theme is "Receive children. Receive me."*

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US**

**Children and men are invited too!**

*Refreshments available afterwards*

Women's World Day of Prayer is a when women all over the world hold the same service. The service is designed by the women from a different country each year and reflects the culture and needs of that country. The services are always very outward looking with a lot of music, readings and congregational participation.

The money from the church collections is donated to charities who work to help women and families, based both locally and worldwide. These charities are especially focused on education, health and promoting women within the community.

## **HOLY WEEK PARISH CHURCH SERVICES**

*Service times marked with \* are joint events with Ewhurst Baptist Church*

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> March <b>(Palm Sunday)</b>	10am* 11am*	Donkey Walk starting at the Baptist Church. All Age Service. Refreshments afterwards.
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> - Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	7.30pm	Compline, a short service marking the end of the working day.
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March <b>(Maundy Thursday)</b>	7.30pm 8.30pm	Holy Communion and stripping of the altar. All Night Vigil until 8.00am Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March.
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> March <b>(Good Friday)</b>	10.00am* 11.00am*  2.00pm	Walk of Witness, starting at the Baptist Church. Service at the Parish Church with refreshments afterwards. An Hour by the Cross, a meditation service.
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> March <b>(Easter Sunday)</b>	6.45am*  9.00am 10.30am	Sunrise Service on Pitch Hill. Bacon butties at the Baptist Church at approx. 7.30am. BCP Holy Communion. Family Communion, followed by a children's Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard.

## **PATTERN OF CHURCH SERVICES**

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

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Mar 8<sup>th</sup>

A talk by David Greenwood on the work of the charity MAF called "Flying for Life"

Apr 12<sup>th</sup>

Outing to The Polo Club Restaurant for tea

May 10<sup>th</sup>

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## Ewhurst Baptist Church

In an article in the Baptist Times recently Rev. Andy Goodliff, minister of Belle Vue Baptist Church, Southend-on-Sea, put together a list of “20 reasons for going to church”.

I found it really interesting and fun, with things I may not have said or things I might have placed in a different order to mine, but both fun and fascinating. Therefore, as the joys of Spring will soon be upon us, I thought I would start my first News & Views article of the year in a similar, slightly tongue-in-cheek manner.

So here are my “*20 reasons for going to church*” – hopefully provoking your own thoughts as to why you might do likewise:

1. Because it's good to ask the big questions.
2. Because it helps put life in perspective.
3. Because most of the people are friendly.
4. Because you know you need help.
5. Because it's not the same without you.
6. Because it's probably changed since you last went.
7. Because it tells a story that is endlessly fascinating.
8. Because it doesn't underestimate evil and doesn't overestimate goodness.
9. Because most weeks you will laugh.
10. Because it's a place of rest, celebration, healing, forgiveness, new beginnings.
11. Because it's a group of people willing to say each other 'I'll be there for you.'
12. Because there's more to life than a house, a job, a shopping trip, the next holiday.
13. Because Sunday morning TV is rubbish.
14. Because its one of the few places people of all ages and backgrounds come together.
15. Because it's a community looking for ways to live well and die well.
16. Because there's always biscuits afterwards and sometime even cake!



17. Because it gives you something to talk about over Sunday lunch.
18. Because it cares about other people and seeks to make a difference for good.
19. Because God is there ...
20. Because, as the Minister, I think my congregation does expect me to show up! 😊

Tongue-in-cheek, but hopefully also some thought-provoking points to consider.

I wonder what your list might include ....

God Bless

**Simon Bodington**

(Minister)



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### **Ecumenical Easter Events in Ewhurst 2016**

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The Parish and the Baptist Church come together for certain worship services and events across the Easter season.

You, your family and friends are warmly invited to join us.

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday**

10.00 – we meet at the Baptist Church (along with a donkey) and share in a walk of witness winding our way around the streets of Ewhurst. This ends at the Parish Church by 11.00am where the two churches will share in a joint worship service.

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday**

10.00 – we meet this time at the Parish Church and share in a similar walk of witness around Ewhurst. This ends at the Baptist Church by 11.00am where the two churches again share in a joint worship service.

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service**

06:45 - we meet at the top of Pitch Hill and share in a short Easter sunrise service after which we will retire to the Baptist Church for hot drinks and bacon sandwiches!



## **KEEP INTERESTED**

## **KEEP SOCIALISING!**

### **KIKS club - @ Ewhurst Baptist Church**

Over the Winter our social club, KIKS, which meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month between 2 and 4pm, has been trialling a Film Club.

Due to popular demand we have now decided to continue the Film Club format into the Spring and Summer months.

So on the first Monday of the month, we will continue to show a popular film which is chosen by those in attendance from a list of titles we have available.

The third Monday of the month will remain in the Club's existing format, providing an opportunity of 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, just telephone us on

**01483 495426 or 267858**

(There is no charge for either event).

## **EWHURST TO CRANLEIGH CYCLE PATH**

The new cycle path from the village to Cranleigh was opened on Saturday 23 January by Surrey County Councillor, Alan Young, and the Chairman of the County Council, Mrs Sally Marks.

The footpath has attracted a lot of attention from far and wide. Also present was the High Sheriff of Surrey, the Mayor and Mayoress of Waverley, local resident Tim Wates (whose Swallowhurst development contributed towards the cost of the path), Borough and Parish Councillors, local MP Anne Milton and a whole host of enthusiastic cyclists from both villages. Ewhurst was well represented by Waverley Borough Councillor Val Henry and by Parish Councillor Mike Turner, who is responsible for highways.



*Photo courtesy of Martin Bamford*

Spanning the entire length of the Cranleigh Road between the two villages, and at a cost of over £300,000, the new cycle path is one of the largest local highways projects ever to have been delivered in Waverley.

Speaking at the opening, Alan Young said:

*"We are making history today in joining Cranleigh and Ewhurst for the first time with this new cycle path. For two decades Ewhurst Parish Council and the communities of both villages have wanted to build this link. But, so ambitious was this project, that many came to see it as nothing more than a pipe dream that they did not think would ever be realised during their lifetime. This new path will enable the people of Ewhurst to cycle safely to Cranleigh and on up to Guildford using the Downslink."*

*I should like to thank all those who have helped to build this new cycle path. I should especially like to pay tribute to Richard Cleaves and the Ewhurst Parish Council for their vision on this project. They have demonstrated that there is no such word as 'impossible' when it comes to looking after the residents of Ewhurst."*



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# News from Ewhurst Parish Council



The Parish Council would like to wish all the residents of Ewhurst a Happy New Year, which promises to be eventful.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Parish Council's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The Parish Council are organising an interesting array of speakers and there will be more details on this nearer the time.

## **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Commences on 21<sup>st</sup> April with Beacons being lit across the Country. The official Birthday celebrations will be on 11<sup>th</sup> June and there will be a lot going on in Ewhurst on that day. The Village Carnival quickly follows on 16<sup>th</sup> July, and the Carnival committee are already working hard.

## **Parish Council Precept 2016/17**

At its recent meeting the Parish Council agreed the precept for submission and claim to Waverley Borough Council of £ 68,618, an increase of 2%, or £1.12 for a Band D property per annum. The Parish Council will be suffering a loss of some 10% in support grants next year. There is also further expenditure anticipated on the Neighbourhood Plan and an increase in donations, in particular to the school who are raising funds for their new building. All Councillors agreed that the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councillor Cleaves, has done a good job in keeping the precept so low and balancing all the needs. Other anticipated costs are: further finance to the football clubs for the maintenance of the pitches; contributions to ongoing projects such as the Village Hall Roof Fund and car park expansion project; contribution to the resurfacing of the lane to the allotments; tennis court resurfacing fund contribution; as well as ongoing employee and maintenance costs. This all helps to keep Ewhurst looking great.

## **Highways**

Surrey County Council Highways has completed its white-line parking restriction marking around the Bulls Head Green to enable the bus to drive around the Green to the bus stop. This avoids the bus having to reverse into its stop from the roundabout. If parking in that area please could you check that you are actually within the marked out parking areas as any slight deviation from the areas designated can cause an access problem for the buses.

## **Automated External Defibrillator**

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know if you are interested in a familiarisation class for the AED and if we have sufficient numbers we will run another session.

### **Contacts**

Please do e-mail [clerk.epc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk.epc@btinternet.com) or telephone on 01483 267646 if you have any queries for the Parish Council.

If you would like to receive the Parish Council E-Bulletin then please let the Clerk have your e-mail address. The Parish Council's E-Bulletin is a brief e-mail newsletter on current events and urgent matters which is sent out as often as needed. For copies of Minutes of Parish Council Meetings please see the website [www.ewhurst.org](http://www.ewhurst.org).

*Jane Bromley - Parish Clerk*

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The Sydney Scott Memorial Talk "**Using Bulbs in the Garden**" (with slides) by Lady Christine Skelmersdale, will be held on Wednesday 16th March. Christine has been MD of Broadleigh Gardens, a nursery specialising in bulbs, woodland and foliage plants for 40 years which exhibit regularly at Chelsea. An inspirational speaker and keen photographer, she lectures widely in the UK and overseas on gardening topics and plants in the wild. She is a published author and Vice Chairman of the RHS Bulb Committee. The talk takes place at Ewhurst Village Hall 7.30pm with pay wine bar and raffle. Tickets £5.00 members; £10.00 non members. Contact Anne on 271812 or [dyball@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk](mailto:dyball@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk)

The Spring Show will be held on Saturday 9th April at Ewhurst Village Hall. Open to the public from 2.30pm. All details will be found on the website, or phone 272488.

The Plant sale follows on Saturday 7th May - Ewhurst Village Hall, 10am to 12 noon. Bedding plants can be pre-ordered with a 10% discount to members. Veg plants, shrubs and perennials will also be on sale. We would appreciate any spare garden plants you may have for the Members table. Contact John on 271812.

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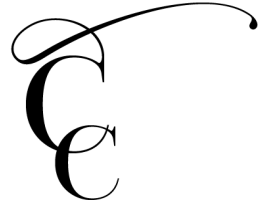
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## Pre-School News

Our write-ups for the news and views magazine usually include details about exciting events and themes that have taken place recently. This time I would like to describe what a typical day at Rainbow's End entails for the children that come here. Much of the daily routine consists of child initiated free play. This means that each morning the staff work hard to create an inviting environment where, through play, the children will learn all there is to know about the world around them as well as develop socially and emotionally.

On entering the pre-school a child may head straight for the role-play area, slip on some dainty slippers (see picture below) and become someone else for the morning. It is through role-play that young children make sense of the world around them, re-enacting and repeating actions and scenarios they have experienced or observed. As the children get older we see them acting out narratives with a friend or group of friends further developing their social and communication skills.

Outdoors we get a lot messier. Come rain or shine the children at Rainbow's have access to the outdoors. Whether they venture out to our own outdoor space or are taking part in one of our forest school sessions, they are sure to come back covered in mud, water, flour, paint, shaving foam, or porridge ready for a change of clothes. The benefits of messy play are too many to list here but in essence it covers all areas of the curriculum as well as just being jolly good fun!

No two children play (or learn) in the same way. This is very important for us to bear in mind when planning our environment. Who says you have to use a brush to paint a picture? The creative process is much more important than the product for a two year old, who will experience paint with their hands and faces. Paper (or sometimes our home recycling) is there purely to save the table or wall. As the children gain more control of their fine motor muscles and their ability to plan and make decisions about how to approach a task develops, the more recognisable their paintings become (see picture below). After a busy morning, the children join together for a story and rhymes before singing their going home song. The next day they will be back to do it all over again!



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Broomers Lane	9.36	10.36	11.36
Bulls Head Green	9.38	10.38	11.38
Arrival at The Parrot	9.55	10.55	11.55

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***THE PARROT to EWHURST***

Location	Times			
The Parrot	10.05	11.05	12.20	14.20
Bulls Head Green	10.20	11.20	12.35	14.35
The Glebe	10.22	11.22	12.37	14.37
Williams Close	10.24	11.24	12.39	14.39
Larkfield	10.26	11.26	12.41	14.41
Gadbridge Lane Bus Garage	10.28	11.28	12.43	14.43

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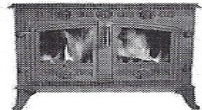
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## ***News from Ewhurst CE Infant School***

We have had an exciting start to 2016, as the building work to replace the Miller Hut began at the start of term. The replacement classroom will be used for learning, and also for our after school club and hopefully our breakfast club, which will start this year.

The Miller Hut, a wooden classroom which we have been unable to use in any capacity for a number of years due to its poor state of repair, was originally constructed in 1952. This is an ambitious project in such challenging financial times, but the governing body has made the commitment to proceed with the building work for the benefit of current and future families of Ewhurst School. Around 40% of the funding for the project is being provided by the Diocese of Guildford, with the school having to raise around £150,000. The governors are pursuing a number of avenues to raise the money, but it is a huge task, and your financial support would be appreciated. Regular giving forms are available from the school office, or donations can be made by visiting [www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com) and searching for Ewhurst under “Make a Donation (charity)”. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

In late June we will be holding an Open Day, which members of the community are welcome to attend, not only to view the new building but also to celebrate our 170<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ewhurst School was founded in 1846, and we are delighted to celebrate 170 years of education provision to families of Ewhurst and the surrounding villages. I am also keen to find our oldest former pupil, so if you think you qualify please contact the school office on the number given at the end of this article.

All the classes have school trips this term – Cherry class are visiting RHS Wisley to see the butterflies in the Glasshouse, which ties in with their topic on Rainforests, and Apple class will be visiting Brooklands 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 visits, and we are always grateful for the high level of parental support on the outings.

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Our Open Morning Tours have again been very busy, as the school continues to be a very 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.

Towards the end of term, the children will begin to plan and make their bonnet or hat for our Easter Bonnet Parade, which takes place at the End of Term service in the church. It is wonderful to see the effort and creativity on display at such a traditional occasion.

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.

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*  
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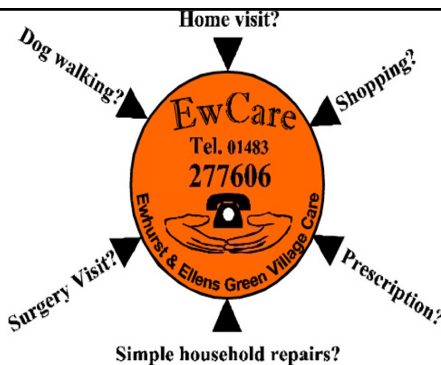
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## **In Our Midst ~ Joanne and Paddy Geoghegan A True Village Partnership**

For almost thirty years, Paddy and Joanne have been known to everyone as the founders of the Old Rectory Nursing Home and later for the creation of The Geoghegan Group, their parent company encompassing a further two care homes in the Guildford area. They have very much enjoyed sharing the facilities of the business with village organisations



for both young and old, to the benefit of their residents and village people. Joined now in the business by sons, Charles and Andrew and their wives, they are officially "retired" but continue to keep busy with something of a background brief.

Joanne's family can trace their history back six generations to Sir Benjamin Hawes MP, who married Isambard Kingdom Brunel's sister, Sophia. They came to Ewhurst in 1946 when her parents, Doctor and Mrs Hawes, bought the village practice from Dr Forshaw who had his surgery and ran the farm at Slythhurst. "Greenside" was the perfect property for the new Doctor's surgery, having a stable block suitable for conversion and a house and large garden for the family. The practice covered Ewhurst, Forest Green, Ellen's Green and Walliswood and even further away if patients moved. Joanne remembers the days when her father would take her and her younger brothers, Mark and Hugh, on his rounds in the car. In the big houses on the hill the butler would take them to the kitchen and give them a treat. She remembers the Guinness family at Holmbury House, the Bennett's at Folly Hill, - owners of the Hyde Park Hotel, Lord Macmillan of Moon Hall, - one time Procurator Fiscal of Scotland and Bernard Hollowood, - editor of Punch Magazine from 1957. Sir Eric Miller, their neighbour at Old House was such a generous benefactor to the village and in Forest Green lived Diana Dors and music hall singer, Douglas Byng. One particular thrill was seeing the Grand National cup, won in 1951 by Nickel Coin owned by Jeffrey Royale at Holmbury Farm.

The surgery at Greenside was the base for the government "Pie Scheme". Meat was still rationed so pies and sausage rolls were made by local bakers and sold from there together with national cod-liver oil and orange juice. Dr Hawes treated his patients in the surgery. Joanne remembers many grazed knees from falls from bikes onto gravel and weekend cricket injuries. One unfortunate child had a daisy stuck fast up its nose. At the age of three, she was sent to Craneswood, a Montessori training college in Knowle Lane, Cranleigh and from there moved on to St Catherine's School, Bramley. She would travel on the bus from Gadbridge Lane along with men in bowler hats who got off in Cranleigh to catch the train to Guildford, London and elsewhere. Ewhurst in those days had twelve shops including two bakers, two butchers, a chemist, bank, haberdashers and three general stores including the village shop which was, as now, the hub of the village. Of particular interest was the blackboard outside the shop giving the time on a Saturday

when the coach to Portsmouth FC would leave the village and at Christmas there was always a trip to Brighton to see the panto, a thrill as a child.

Annual village events were particular highlights. A Guy Fawkes bonfire was always lit on the Green, church fetes were held in the fields which became the Glebe and the flower show was always on the Rec. with a big marquee and a fancy dress competition which nearly all the children entered. A lady wore a long dress with pockets all over it and the children had to delve into the pockets to find their prize. What a good idea, surely that dress must still exist?! At the end of the day, vans would arrive selling cockles and mussels and fruit - a real luxury then. Indoor entertainment in the church hall was in great demand. There were whist drives and dances and the W.I. The Frosts were theatrical agents and would bring celebrities down to entertain. They brought Jack Warner and his sisters, the Gert & Daisy stars Elsie and Doris Waters. This caused much excitement and raised considerable funds for the church. Every year a pantomime was written by keen thespians, Arthur and Sydney Scott, packed full of local jokes and innuendo, everyone was encouraged to take part. (*At this point, Paddy points out that Joanne started in the chorus and worked her way up!*) There was regular Sunday School in the mornings in church and outings in the Summer. As they got older, organised teenage parties were very popular. Chaperoned by parents, they would be held in the church hall (now the Village Hall) or in some of the bigger houses and also in a corrugated metal hall behind the Windmill pub. It was at one of these, New Year's Eve 1960, that Joanne met Paddy.

Paddy's father was an engineer and had moved the family around the country with his work. Born in Brighton, Paddy came to Hoyle Cottage, Ewhurst, aged 16, having lived in various towns from Carlisle to Horsham. After Eastbourne College he was apprenticed to British Aerospace and gained an engineering degree at Loughborough University. From there he moved to the Glacier Metal Company based in Kilmarnock, as a production engineer. This required a move to Scotland. Meanwhile Joanne had left school and home to begin her nurse's training at St George's Hospital, then at Hyde Park Corner. At the end of her hospital training it seemed logical for her to complete her practical midwifery in Scotland to be nearer to Paddy. In 1967 they both returned to be married at St Peter and St Paul's Church and a reception held at Greenside. Charles and Andrew were born in Scotland in the early '70s but shortly afterwards, Paddy's job took the family to Cheshire then, after company expansion, onward to Stavanger, Norway in the oil and gas industry. Three happy years were enjoyed with the family, learning to ski and spending many hours with nature, camping and walking. In January 1980, they exchanged the cold of Norway for the 30°C of Singapore, a temperature and cultural shock. Typically Joanne threw herself into committee work, Riding for the Disabled, British Association and welfare committees. She would travel back to Ewhurst for the half terms to see the boys at school in England, and the boys came out to Singapore for their holidays. A vast amount of travel with the family was possible as Paddy's work required visiting oil company sites in many countries in Asia and Australia. In her

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involvement with the Brit. Assoc. Joanne helped to establish a retirement home for ex-Brits, many of whom had fallen on hard times. After six wonderful years, it was in 1986 that they chose to return to the UK and their teenage boys at Greenside.

For Paddy, this meant the inevitable daily commute to the London office and Joanne took a part-time job at Knowle Park Nursing Home, soon to be full-time matron. From this, the idea of her own nursing home was conceived and they bought the Old Rectory, then a private house. After considerable conversion, including reducing the large indoor swimming pool to a hydro pool where Marilyn Fanya ran the physiotherapy department, they opened with three residents and a few staff. With the former family connections of Dr Hawes and his nurse wife Margaret, and Joanne at Knowle Park, it filled quickly. Not without considerable financial risk, ten extra rooms and later a small extension were added to total thirty two rooms, making the whole place a viable proposition. On the strength of this success they bought Boughton Hall, Send Marsh, refurbished and improved the facilities and renamed it Old Hall. Paddy left his London job and joined family business and in 2000 Charles completed his degree in Hotel Management and joined the business to manage the Old Hall. In 2008, Andrew left the army to join also. Never ones to stand still, three years later they embarked on a new venture. Identifying a gap in the market, they purchased the landmark Clavadel Hotel in Guildford. Planning consent was eventually gained to demolish it and rebuild as a home for Post Operative Rehabilitation and Convalescent Care; a place to recuperate with intensive physiotherapy after hospitalisation.

Nowadays they still enjoy a close connection with the business. "Retirement, what's that?" says Paddy. Nursing has changed beyond recognition but there will always be things to be done and activities which need their help and support; Summer lunches, Christmas fairs, Songs of Praise, open garden, and nursery school Easter egg hunts, to name a few. After seventy years of Greenside being the family home, they have had the surgery and old stable block converted to a bungalow and with the family close by they are able to enjoy more time with their three grandchildren as they grow up.

**Geoff Harry**

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We are planning a "Defeat Dementia" walk from High Edser, Ewhurst, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK and we'd love it if you could come and join us! Choose from: a 'toddle' around the fields here, a three mile walk, and a five mile walk through the woods, up Pitch Hill with amazing views to the South, and back to High Edser.

**Contact Carol at 01483 278214 or [carol@highedser.com](mailto:carol@highedser.com) for more details**

## ***Update from Ewhurst Players***

Hot off the heels of another successful Pantomime, which was played out to full houses for every performance, thank you to all who came to support us. Without our audience it would be a rather dull experience! If anyone would like to read our previous NODA reviews you will find them here - [https://www.noda.org.uk/regions/south\\_east](https://www.noda.org.uk/regions/south_east).

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **AGM: - Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30pm - Ewhurst Village Hall**

This is an opportunity for all members to gather together as a group and recall what we have achieved in the past year and to discuss plans for the forthcoming year. This is also a very good opportunity for any new members to come along and get to know us, so please don't be shy - new members are **ALWAYS WELCOME**.

#### **EWHURST PLAYERS FILM, TV, THEATRE AND ENTERTAINMENT QUIZ:**

##### **Friday March 18th, 2016 at the Village Hall**

Come one, come all to this fantastic quiz. We know many of you attend the regular monthly quiz at the Bulls Head; well now we have shifted the venue to the Village Hall. These questions will be joined by a few general knowledge ones in each round, plus we will be having a picture quiz (just like the Bulls Head) for you to complete on arrival to get you in the mood, along with a musical round so there will be questions for everyone. The cost of the evening is £10 which includes a 'mouth watering supper' of chilli con carne and rice. Please request a vegetarian option if required when booking.

Doors will open at 6.45pm. Reservations, by deadline of Friday 4th March please, to [secretary@ewhurstplayers.com](mailto:secretary@ewhurstplayers.com). We have ten tables of 8 available. Bring your own drinks, glasses, nibbles and dessert, and be prepared to enjoy yourselves!

We will be holding a raffle to assist in buying a bench to be located on the Rec. in memory of Leighton Davies who passed away in early February last year. He was our musical director, set planner and builder, treasurer and all around good guy, and of course a great supporter of Wendy and the Players.

If anyone has a prize they would like to donate, please call Hilary on 01483-277034 or email [secretary@ewhurstplayers.com](mailto:secretary@ewhurstplayers.com). Look forward to seeing you all on March 18th. Till then, we're busy researching lots of questions.

#### **NEXT PRODUCTION: 19th - 21st May**

We have yet to finalise details concerning our May production so please keep an eye on the website for news. If you would like to become a member which will entitle you to receive our monthly news letter keeping you up to date with all things Ewhurst Players then please contact our secretary, Hilary, on 01483 277034 or email [secretary@ewhurstplayers.com](mailto:secretary@ewhurstplayers.com).

Our annual subscription to become a member of the group is only a fiver per household - you know it makes sense!

## LOCAL HISTORY CORNER, by Janet Balchin

### Sir Roger Casement

This Easter and early summer sees the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Easter Rising, and the trial and execution of Sir Roger Casement.

Casement was born in Sandycove Co. Dublin in 1864, the son of a Protestant father and a Catholic mother. His mother secretly baptised him into the Catholic faith, but he was brought up as a Protestant. Casement entered the British diplomatic service and won recognition and a knighthood for his humanitarian work investigating human rights abuses in the Belgian Congo and among the Putumayo Indians of Peru.

However, his experiences led him to develop anti-imperialist views and he became increasingly drawn to the cause of Irish Nationalism. He had joined the Gaelic League, an organisation dedicated to the preservation and revival of the Irish language, in 1905, but after his retirement from the British diplomatic service, became more active and helped to form the Irish National Volunteers in 1913.

With the outbreak of war, Casement hoped for German assistance in gaining Irish independence and also thought that Irish men serving with the British Army and now POWs in Germany could be persuaded to join the cause. In November 1914 he travelled to Berlin, but was unable raise support and the Germans were reluctant to send forces to Ireland. He realised that, without this support, the planned uprising would fail, and so arranged to return to Ireland to persuade the nationalist leaders to abort the rebellion.

A German submarine bought him back to Ireland and he landed on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1916, where he was arrested by the British who had intercepted German radio messages. The Easter Rising went ahead as planned on April 24<sup>th</sup>, but was suppressed within six days. Thousands of arrests were made and fifteen of the ringleaders were shot by firing squad. Casement was taken to London, charged with 'high treason' and imprisoned in the Tower of London. The trial took place in June and he was found guilty and sentenced to death. He was hanged at Pentonville Prison on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1916 and on the day of his execution was again received into the Catholic Church.

As this is a local history article, readers are probably wondering what all this has to do with Ewhurst. The answer is that after his death his sole heir and executor was a Mrs Parry, of 'Oxmead', Ewhurst.

Oxmead, now known as Campions, is in Plough Lane. Mrs Parry was Casement's cousin Gertrude (néé Bannister). Her husband, Methold Sidney Parry, was a friend of Casement and had been introduced by him to his cousin Gertrude, and her sister Elizabeth. They married in October 1916, two months after Casement's execution. Gertrude was absolutely devoted to her cousin, visiting him in prison and attending every day of the trial and appeal. She appears in the court room scene in the painting 'High Treason' by Sir John Lavery. In the painting, which is an enormous canvas, 10ft by 7ft and very detailed, she is shown glancing up at Casement in the dock. She had been a Senior Mistress at St Anne's School, Caversham, but was dismissed because of her relationship to Casement.

Gertrude played an important role in the trial, organising the defence council, and after Casement's conviction, gaining support for the appeal. She wrote to George Bernard Shaw and persuaded him to speak and also organised a petition which was signed by many of the 'Bloomsbury Set', including Dora Carrington, Ottoline Morrell, Duncan Grant, Lytton Strachey and Leonard Woolf. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and W B Yeats were among others who also appealed but in vain. One of the reasons for the failure of the appeal was the evidence of the 'Black Diaries'. The diaries showed that Casement was a homosexual and thus sealed his fate. There was widespread suspicion that the diaries were forged. Gertrude believed that they were notes he had made in the course of his investigations into abuses in the Congo and Peru and not his personal experiences. Conspiracy theories rumbled on for years and were fuelled by an attempt by a journalist, Peter Singleton Gates, to publish them in 1925. It transpired that they had been leaked by Sir Basil Thomson, of Scotland Yard, who had resigned after unspecified differences of opinion with Lloyd George. The publication was blocked by the Home Secretary, William Joynson Hicks, under the Official Secrets Act. We have another interesting Ewhurst connection here, as at the time of the original trial, Joynson Hicks was living at Holmbury House, Ewhurst, although he had moved away by this time. The diaries remained classified until 1959. Modern forensic tests have established that they were written in Casement's hand, but their interpretation remains ambiguous.

Sidney Parry wrote to Casement, just before his execution, and promised to look after his family and two months later, in October 1916, married Gertrude. Parry was one of those who had taken in Belgian refugees in the early months of the war. The Ewhurst Parish Magazine records a party of six staying at Oxmead in October 1914. He would have also met Joynson Hicks, as a report in the Surrey Advertiser notes that they both spoke at a Public Meeting about The War in the Church [Village] Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1914.

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### **Ray Hewitt and the Sayers Croft Evacuees**

We are sad to report the death in January 2016 of Ray Hewitt of Orpington. Ray had been evacuated to Sayers Croft in 1940 and in his retirement organised a reunion for former evacuees. The group continued to meet regularly at Sayers Croft and organised the restoration of the murals in the Dining Hall, which are now listed.

### **Ewhurst History Society Spring Programme**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - Carole Garrard – ‘Maps for Local and Family History’

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - Nigel Balchin – ‘The Greater Game – Ewhurst and the Footballers’ Battalion’

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 - Karen Towns – ‘Bignor Roman Villa’ *followed by AGM*

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

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

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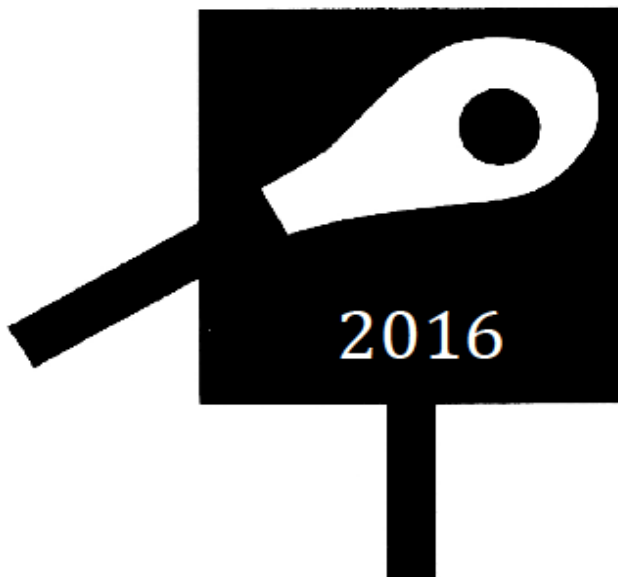


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### ***EWHURST MONDAY CLUB***

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

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

Visitors are welcome and pay £1 for their tea.

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

### ***Ewhurst Evening WI***

Ewhurst WI meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8pm in Ewhurst Village Hall. If you are new to the village or maybe you would just like to come along to one of our meetings, we would be very pleased to welcome you. If you would like any further information please contact Elisabeth Fischbach on 01483 276904.

Recent events have included a presentation by Janet Balchin based on details in a very interesting scrap book that had been compiled by Ewhurst Afternoon WI many years ago. Members thoroughly enjoyed their trip down memory lane. At our December meeting we had our annual buffet supper where members brought along some delicious finger food and wine and juice was served. Entertainment, including songs, poems and light hearted jokes, was provided by Paul Weakly who had been a member of the Doyly Carte Opera Company. A lovely time was had by all who attended our Christmas Dinner at Gatton Manor. David Quoroll from Sayers Croft came along in January and gave a wonderful entertaining and informative talk about the Centre, focusing on some less well known facts. He also told us about the burning of the popular Roundhouse and how it was rebuilt with enormous help from the community. In February we had a talk on The History of Crosswords and a Skittles Evening with supper.

In March Janet Balchin will be giving a talk on Ewhurst Through Historic Eyes, and various outings will be arranged in the near future.

Our ladies will also be helping at The Ewhurst Carnival so please give us a visit at the Tea Marquee.

**We look forward to seeing you!**

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Do you want to do something amazing for charity this New Year or maybe you'd like to shift some Christmas pounds and get energised? If so, make sure you sign up to the Waverley Mile for Sport Relief and help change someone's life for the better.

Thursday 14 January 2016 marked the start of a national push to get people to make themselves proud and commit to taking part in one of Sainsbury's Sport Relief Miles.

The Waverley Mile, organised by the council, is the nearest of more than a thousand events happening in the UK for Sport Relief, to raise life-changing money for people in need in the UK and the world's poorest communities.

The bright and fun event will take place at Frensham Common on **Sunday 20 March 2016**. Local heroes can run or walk either a one, three or six mile course through the beautiful heathland and woodland at Frensham Common. Before the milers set off at 10am, assembling at the starting line at the Great Frensham Pond, there will be a warm-up on the beach.

This is the third time Waverley Borough Council has organised the event and has lined up even more exciting entertainment, with juggling acts and face painting confirmed to join the photo booth.

Councillor Simon Thornton, responsible for leisure and environment at Waverley Borough Council, said: "This event really is for everyone. Anyone, from little ones with their mums and dads to those serious runners up against the clock, can join in and feel proud knowing they are doing something fantastic to help others in need."

For more information visit <http://www.waverley.gov.uk/waverleymile> and check Facebook: [www.facebook.com/WaverleyLeisure](http://www.facebook.com/WaverleyLeisure) or to sign up for the Waverley Mile go to <http://www.sportrelief.com>



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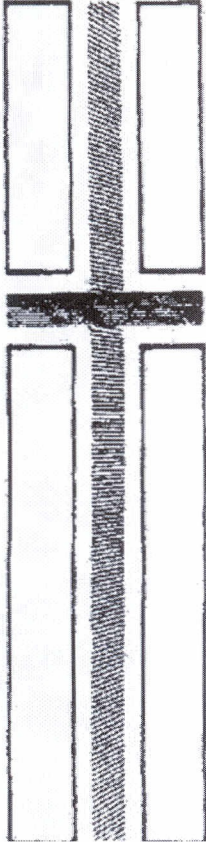
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(Out of Hours)	111
SW Surrey Mobile Physiotherapy Service (Linda Haynes)	01306730074
Waverley Borough Council	523333
Waverley Borough Council (Locality Office, Cranleigh)	267654
Ewhurst Parish Council Clerk (Jane Bromley)	267646
Waverley Police	101 or 571212
Report Online	<a href="http://www.surrey.police.uk">www.surrey.police.uk</a>
Cranleigh Library	272413
Citizens Advice Bureau, Village Way, Cranleigh	03448 487969
Cranleigh Arts Centre	278001
Cranleigh U3A (Keith Atkins)	267040
The Old Rectory	267195
Ewcare	277606
The Glebe Centre (Tracy Randle—book via WBC)	523171
Ewhurst Village Society (Sue Handley)	277458
Bulls Head, Ewhurst	277447
Ewhurst Village Club (Wendy Chapman)	277300
Ewhurst Village Hall Bookings (Wendy Bollans)	01403 252954
Ellens Green Memorial Hall (Katy Rapley)	01403 823460

Waverley Borough Council	<a href="http://www.waverley.gov.uk">www.waverley.gov.uk</a>
Ewhurst Parish Council	<a href="http://www.ewhurst.org.uk">www.ewhurst.org.uk</a>
Cranleigh Health Centre	<a href="http://www.cranleighmedicalpractice.com">www.cranleighmedicalpractice.com</a>
Cranleigh Arts Centre	<a href="http://www.cranleighartscentre.org">www.cranleighartscentre.org</a>

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