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From the Editor

Welcome to the Spring edition of **nEWs and viEWs** magazine. Hopefully, by the time you receive your copy, we shall all have warmed up a little from Winter and can look forward to a pleasant and enjoyable Spring.

I am always happy to receive articles and information to publish in **nEWs and viEWs**, so if you have any items of interest please either send them to me at 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.

We hope you will support all of our local advertisers . If you wish to place an advertisement in the Summer edition please contact Val Henry at val.dixon.henry@btinternert.com or on 01483 275380 by early May.

Best wishes .. Phil Henry

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Proceeds will be split between Cherry Trees - Home from Home respite care, and the Bishop of Guildford's Lent Call.

Cherry Trees provides home from home respite care for children and young people with severe learning and physical disabilities. We recognise that these children are best looked after at home but, because of their special needs, they require very special care, often 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's not surprising then that from time to time both they and their families need a break. Cherry Trees is that special place, providing professional care in a safe and loving environment, where every child is valued for who they are. It is a community that values them and enables them to spend time with friends whilst their families have a much-needed break. Set in the peaceful village of East Clandon, Cherry Trees provides a high quality service within a relaxed and caring setting. Founded in 1980 by a group of parents and doctors, Cherry Trees has become a lifeline for the families of more than 100 children and young people who are regularly cared for there – for a few hours, a weekend or even a couple of weeks. www.cherry-trees.co.uk

The Bishop of Guildford's Lent Call 2015. An Anglican hospital bringing hope to the residents of Gaza and projects across the diocese will benefit from the Bishop of Guildford's Lent Call 2015 - **40 days = 40 chances** - as church members are urged to pray, fast and give. Leaflets and posters for parishes urge churchgoers to approach life differently during Lent, reaching both outwards and inwards.

Hearing Aid Champion

If you wear an NHS hearing aid(s) and have problems using it or keeping it working I may be able to help you. I have had training from two Royal Surrey Hospital audiologists to learn how to clean and maintain hearing aids. I have a supply of batteries and can also clean or replace the tubes. I wear hearing aids myself so can offer some simple advice for getting used to them and wearing them regularly.

This service is provided by Guildford Diocese to relieve pressure on the clinic at the hospital and to save you a journey to the Royal Surrey. My clinic will be open on the first Wednesday of each month at The Glebe Community Centre from 11.00am – 12noon, or I can call on you at home. You can contact me on 276655.

Jan Jesson

ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH



During the Autumn of last year my wife Laura and I took some time off. Clergy often take a 'sabbatical' after 10 or so years in post to reflect or study or simply recharge batteries. I've never had such a break in my 18 years of ministry and what I was seeking wasn't technically a Sabbatical as this usually involves just the clergy person and often a long separation from their spouse. Laura and I wanted to take this space together. Bishop Ian was kind enough to agree to a 12 week break at the end of last year and Laura and I were able to use that time to simply enjoy being together without any pressures of caring for parish or overseas links or any of my usual tasks.

We spent half the time at home, (we couldn't afford to take a 12 week holiday), but we were able to use some of the time actually getting away. We had 10 days in Norfolk in our little caravan, 10 days in a Christian retreat centre near Exeter, 10 days in Cyprus, and 4 days in the Lake District just before Christmas. There is a huge difference between a 10 day holiday (after which you return to work and a thousand e mails awaiting attention) and 10 days spent in your caravan knowing there is still some 80 days remaining before work beckons. The sense of time stretching ahead is a wonderful thing and it allows a real sense of rest and recharging.

Rest is a very biblical concept. God in the Bible from the very outset of creation works 6 days – and rests. There are built in 'Sabbaths' in the order of working the land that God gives to his people and the land itself.

Our culture is rather work obsessed, we are driven to spend long hours about our business and take not enough time to look around us, to enjoy our remarkable world, our friends, our families and the countless blessings we enjoy. W. H. Davies's well known poem reminds us 'A poor life this if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.' God's creation includes pauses for breath.

Laura and I had the time to do all those things, to rest and recharge and look forward to the year ahead. My first church duty back at work was Ewhurst Infant School's end of term service, followed by all the joy that surrounds Christmas in church. Always a very special time, but all the better for me to enjoy it refreshed and relaxed from our break.

The New Year began with a focus on the Infant School as they received their statutory inspection as a Church School. This is not the dreaded Ofsted but an

inspection specifically aimed at the 'Christian Distinctiveness' of a Church of England School. In one sense it should have been nothing to stress over – after all, we all know what a lovely school we have in our village and those who visit there regularly also know what a caring and supportive atmosphere pervades the whole school. But of course, as with any inspection, the very fact of being checked up on creates anxiety.

In the end things went just the way we had hoped – the children, as well as staff, parents and governors, showed the inspector all he needed to know. His verdict was that: **The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Ewhurst Church of England Infant School as a Church of England school are outstanding.** And he spoke warmly of the way that Christian values underpin and have an impact upon relationships right across the school. The children themselves helped set those values of **Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Perseverance, Community** and the value that underpins them all – **love**.

I visit the school frequently, often with my friend Scruffy the Dog, and we see for ourselves how their Christian values work themselves out. The care and support everyone shows for one another is quite special and is part of what makes the school such an excellent start to a child's life. Congratulations are due to Mrs Dyer and all the staff and pupils there.

Best wishes—David



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Liturgical Colours

Several parishioners have asked me about the stoles I wear during Communion services. Priests wear stoles as marks of their appointment. They are of different colours according to the season of the Christian year or the specific occasion of the service. It might seem to some people that the colour changes are irregular or for no apparent reason. So for them and everyone, some explanation of liturgical colours might be helpful.

The most likely origin of the stole can be traced back to the scarves of office that were given to Imperial officials of the Roman Empire. When religious leaders of lands conquered by the Romans were given administrative appointments, they too were granted scarves. Over time the design was modified mainly by reducing the width so a scarf became a stole. Today it retains the original function of indicating an office holder, in our case a person who has been ordained. The stoles are seen in several colours (called Liturgical Colours) that are worn at specific and prescribed times of the year. Other areas of the church have similarly coloured decorations, specifically the Altar, pulpit and lectern.

The early Christians did not have this system of colours. The earliest record of a coloured vestment is from the 4th century AD when the emperor Constantine gave Bishop Macarius of Jerusalem a sacred robe woven with golden threads. Towards the end of that century there are references to celebrants at the Eucharist wearing shining white garments. A sequence of colours was the initiative of Pope Innocent III (1198 – 1216), but it was not until 1570 that Pope Pius V developed the formal order that forms the basis of use today in both the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches. In the 20th century a revised sequence was developed using the colours best suited to the tone of the occasion. As a result dull colours are used during penitential seasons, red for martyrs, green for growth and white for festivals. Although the colours have been in common use in our church for a very long time, it was not until the Alternative Service Book in 1980 that the first, official Anglican scheme was published. This was continued in Common Worship although the colour scheme is not required and local variations are explicitly allowed.

The purpose of using different colours for vestments is twofold. First, the colours highlight the liturgical season and the faithful's journey through these seasons. Second, a change in the colour used can highlight a saint's day or other particular event in the church's year.

The colour you will have seen most often is **green**. This symbolises hope, growth and life. It is the colour of the spring and is used during the Trinity season. We see it from the day after Pentecost to the day before All Saints' Day. This season and other much shorter periods are called Ordinary Time. Other periods that use

green are from the day after Candlemas (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple) to Shrove Tuesday and as an alternative to red between All Saints' Day and Advent Sunday.

The other colour of particular note is **white** that symbolises rejoicing and purity of the soul. It is used for festivals, particularly the Christmas and Easter seasons (including Ascension Day). It is used as well for Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day and for saints not venerated as martyrs, the Patronal Festival and the Holy Communion service on Maundy Thursday. White is the colour of celebration and therefore is used at Baptisms, Marriages, Confirmations and Ordinations. It can be used on other appropriate occasions including the funeral of a child. Some churches and many cathedrals have **gold** vestments as well that are reserved for the great festivals.

Purple is used as a sign of penance, sacrifice and preparation. We see it during Advent and Lent. Some churches use violet and others have introduced blue vestments during Advent to distinguishing that season from Lent. Purple is used for funerals as an alternative to black.

The fourth liturgical colour is **red** and the one we see least. It symbolises the shedding of blood and is used on Palm Sunday and Holy Week. It can be seen on Good Friday, although our tradition is to remove all decorations from Maundy Thursday evening until Easter. Some other times of the year when red is used are Pentecost, between All Saints' Day and Advent Sunday and for saints that are remembered as martyrs.

The Liturgical Colours give a visual dimension to the church's calendar and so have a place in our worship. In addition they are an enhancement to our beautiful Church and an appropriate response to one of our God-given senses.

Tim Seller



**Ewhurst Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 22nd April 7.30pm
Village Hall**

Refreshment and informal chat with the Parish Councillors after Speakers

ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Holy Week and Easter Services 2015

Palm Sunday, Sunday 29th March

- 8.00am Traditional service of Holy Communion. The start of Passiontide.
10.00am Palm Sunday walk around the village is a joint initiative with members of the Baptist church. The walk starts at the Parish church and the service unfolds as we walk around the village with the donkey. It finishes at the Baptist church and then anyone who wants to can stay on for the service at the Baptist church at 11am.
11.00am Joint all-age non-Eucharistic service at the Baptist church.

Monday 30th March

- 7.30pm Compline, a spoken short service to mark the end of the day.

Tuesday 31st March

- 7.30pm Compline.

Wednesday 1st April

- 10.00am Morning Worship
7.30pm Compline.

Maundy Thursday, Thursday 2nd April

- 7.30pm Holy Communion, finishing with the stripping of the altar.
8.30pm All Night Vigil until 8am Friday 3rd April. You can stay for as long as you like and come at any time during the night. There will be someone there throughout the night.

Good Friday, Friday 3rd April

- 10.00am Walk of Witness with people from the Baptist church, starting at the Baptist church. A cross is carried round the village and there are readings and singing at various points along the way. The walk finishes at the Parish church.
11.00am A joint service with the Baptist church at the Parish church. Refreshments afterwards in the Wilson Room.
2.00pm An Hour by the Cross, a meditation service at the Parish church.

Easter Sunday, Sunday 5th April

- 6.20am Sunrise service on Pitch Hill. We welcome in Easter Sunday with people from the Baptist church. This is an informal service to celebrate Easter morning. Afterwards, enjoy bacon butties in the Wilson Room at about 7.00am.
9.00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion. A quiet formal service.
10.30am All-age Family Communion service. Children are very welcome. Afterwards, the children will be invited to join in an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.



JUST A NOTE..

Work goes on apace and much of this behind the scenes, usually on cold, windy Friday evenings when folk young and not so old gather together to practice their vocal skills, honing, rehearsing, polishing, learning new material. Our eclectic services provide for a variety of musical styles. No practice is mundane – even if we are few in numbers there is always something fresh to tackle. Further, where there are 2 or 3 voices there can be fun! The fewer the singers the less space there is to hide so you get on with it and the wonderful sense of achievement is second to none.

Over the last few terms, a group of youngsters has been attending with great enthusiasm and commitment, and here I'll big up the parental support that is so important and so productive. Thank you Mums and Dads. The young are exploring their voices, rhythms and styles in preparation for singing in a choir. It is a long time since children sang in the choir stalls here in Ewhurst so this is a very exciting prospect. Added to this the varying styles of worship we enjoy the more structured services could be a stretch but the youngsters embrace all in their path and are ever ready for a challenge. - a wonderful state of affairs! Introducing the youngsters to the start and finish of the service they will be encouraged to try out these "other" services and make *their* contribution.

The principle service on Easter Day will be an All-age Communion Service with the young and their parents taking an active role AND, if the experience is good, then this could be adapted for occasional services in the future. This model of including the young in a variety of services can only be good. If you come along to this service, do please let us know how you rate it. An honest appraisal would be useful in mapping the future.

The Choir meets each Friday 6.30 – 7.15 pm for the juniors; and 7.30 pm for adults. Do dress warmly. Newcomers are always welcome. For further information speak to me, Valerie – in church, around the village, phone 275380 or email val.dixon.henry@btinternet.com

Look forward to seeing you round and about. Val Henry.



New Youth Group

As a follow-on to Treasure Seekers who meet on Sunday mornings during the church service a new youth group is to start on the third Sunday of each month in the evening. The first session will be on the 22nd March at 5.45pm in the Wilson Room (next to the church). The aim is to cater for 10-12 year olds who may feel they have grown out of Treasure Seekers or others who are looking for something else to try. There will be an opportunity to try a variety of activities such as table tennis, cooking, puppets, guitar, handbells-----!

There may also be an opportunity to prepare and take part in activities for church services. Once we have a number of members we will be open to suggestions from them of things they would like to do. We already have a number of adults who have volunteered to help us and several children who are interested. Each session will finish promptly at 7.00pm.

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Jan Jesson

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TODDLER GROUP

Come along and join us in the Wilson Room (adjacent to the Church) to meet new friends, have a coffee and let your children enjoy the toys and activities.

We are here every Friday in term time
between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Toddlers, new babies, all are welcome

Pam, Rosie and Jan

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Treasure Seekers Club

A club for children which takes place on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays in the month. Children can be dropped off at the Wilson Room for a 10:30 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 end at approximately 11:45 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 Kathryn Pyper on 277460 or at pypers@btinternet.com

The Annual PCC Meeting

will take place on Tuesday 28th April
at 7.00 pm in the Wilson Room

to review the church year, hear about plans for the coming year and elect church officials

Remember that you don't have to be on the church electoral role to attend the meeting in a non-voting capacity

Please circle the date in your diary

News from Charities

In the last year the parish church has supported thirteen charities in a whole range of ways from tea parties to clothing collections, from a quiz to carol singing at the Bull's Head. We are most grateful to all the fund raisers and supporters who have helped us raise just over six thousand pounds. The table below gives some idea as to where the funds have gone:

Alzheimer's UK	£1,140
Bible Society	£160
Bishop of Guildford's Lenten Charities Appeal	£200
British Humanitarian Aid	£780
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Christian Aid	£618
CMS	£250
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25th January Michael Gravill

13th February Austin Neve

17th February Dorothy Wooliscroft

25th February Leighton Davies

PATTERN OF CHURCH SERVICES

WEEK	8.00 am	9.00 am – 10.30 am		6.30 pm
1		9.00 am 10.30 am	BCP Communion 20:20	Choral Evensong
2	BCP Communion	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Common Worship (Treasure Seekers)	
3	BCP Communion	9.15 am 10.30 am	Breakfast Service 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)	

N.B. Check service details by looking in the weekly church news sheet or on the church website

ST PETER and ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Mothering Sunday Service at 9.15am on 15th March

This is a traditional All-age Family Service. We will be joined by children from the village school with their thoughts and songs about mums. During the service, posies will be given out. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the Wilson Room for bacon butties with tea and coffee.

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## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—All Ladies Welcome**

Women's Fellowship:- this is a very friendly group. We meet once a month and our programme covers a variety of subjects.

Meetings are at 2.30pm unless otherwise stated, **on the second TUESDAY in the month.**

March 10th

A talk by David Rose called "A basket full of nostalgia"

April 14th

Members meeting: "Who would you like to come to dinner?"

May 12th

Summer lunch. Meet at 12.30pm.

For more information contact Julia Stearns on 01483 271419

## **Women's World Day of Prayer**

*Ewhurst Churches Together*

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm

Ewhurst Baptist Church

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

*The theme is*

**"DO YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE DONE FOR YOU?"**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US**  
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Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide day of prayer when women all over the world hold the same service. The service is designed by the women from a different country each year. Last year it was the women of Egypt, next year it will be the women of Cuba. 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 and health, and promoting women within the community.

## Wills and Legacies

Making a Will is an important decision. Taking this important step will be of great benefit to your family and others that you want to provide for in the future. It makes their future more secure and settled at a time when they will be feeling such a sense of loss.

The organisation Will Aid offers to draw up your will for free in exchange for a donation to charity. To find out more visit [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk).

Over time, St Peter and St Paul's has benefited from legacies given by both church-goers and friends.

Leaving a legacy to the church in your will means that you are helping future generations in the village to continue to have our beautiful church in their midst for weddings, christenings and funerals, as well as somewhere quiet and peaceful to reflect when they need to.

Your legacy can also ensure that the community life of the church within the village can be there whenever it is needed to support and guide people through life's journey.

*Note* - If you have already made your Will, you can add a bequest to the church by using a codicil.

### Bereavement Group Coffee Mornings

Although Rev. Tricia Hislop is no longer attached to the Parish Church she is going to continue to help with the Bereavement Group. If you would like help and support following a recent bereavement please telephone either Julia on 01483 271419 or Tricia on 01483 274359. You do not have to be a Church-attender to come to this group.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Our church now has its own website with information about services, other events and items available through the church.

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Our news seems to be dominated presently by the actions of a minority of extremists in Islam who seem to consider that violence towards others is an acceptable means of gaining their ends. Islamic State (ISIS) and Al-Qaeda are often identified as being at the forefront of such behaviour much to the horror and dismay of the majority of people, of faith and no-faith alike.

Not wanting to minimise the seriousness of the current situation or how real the current threats are, my fear is that such news is often picked up by our media to fuel xenophobic and racially exclusive behaviours that generate further insecurities and fears in our culturally and racially diverse society of the UK in which we all participate.

The issue of how we should behave towards our fellow humankind is not a new one. Jesus' teaching in chapter ten of Luke's gospel is very pertinent to our current situation.

Jesus was being asked by a religious lawyer of the time how he might inherit eternal life. Jesus' reply was that he should love God, with all his mind, body, heart and strength and in addition he should love his neighbour as himself. This led the lawyer to ask the leading question "well who is my neighbour?"

This remains a very good question, particularly in our day. Is my neighbour literally family and friends, maybe those next door, in my street? Or should it extend more widely to those further a field both in my country and the wider world. The really big picture is that, staggeringly, I have seven billion plus other men, women and children as potential neighbours!

Where would you draw the line? Some of us would draw it fairly tightly, others would take a wider view. Jesus' answer to the question was to tell one of his most famous parables, the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Jesus spoke in parables because he wanted to get people to think about the issues for themselves, not just provide overly simplistic answers to moral and ethical questions but require us to think more thoroughly the positions we take.

So, Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan. A man travelling between two cities is set upon by two robbers who beat him up, steal his belongings and leave him for dead. The first two travellers along the road, both members of the religious establishment who one would hope would be masters of compassion, pass by on the other side of the road. For their own personal reasons they decide not to get involved, they either did not care enough or they were fearful that too much might be asked of them personally.

The third person along the road was a Samaritan, someone who was ethnically, culturally and religiously distinct from the Jews. If Jesus was telling this story today the Samaritan could quite possibly be a Moslem. The point is that it was this man, a foreigner, a stranger, who saw the man in need and was moved through his natural human compassion to act. He cleans him, bandages his wounds, puts him on his donkey and takes him to an inn where he can be cared for until he recovers. In addition to all this he then pays the inn keeper for any expenses.

“Who is this man’s neighbour?” Jesus asks the lawyer and the man rightly answers “the one who showed him compassion”.

The neighbour is not the one who isolates himself and passed by on the other side of the road trying to ignore the suffering and trouble. The neighbour is instead the one who recognises a fellow human being, created by God and loved by God, who is in need. The neighbour is the one who not only recognises a human brother or sister but acts responsibly in the situation before them. Not expecting someone else to sort it out but who instead takes their own stance of right action.

It would be very easy when faced with the current wave of terrorist threats posed by militant Islam to retreat into an increasingly xenophobic rhetoric. I don’t believe Jesus’ teaching allows that or condones such a response. The teaching of Jesus through the Parable of the Good Samaritan is to encourage us to have a good honest look at our neighbour, honouring the cultural and racial diversity of their humanity which, like ours, is God given. Not to withdraw from neighbourly behaviour but to enter afresh into it with a much broader appreciation and responsibility for each one of us to both love God and our neighbour.

Whilst there are many examples of good neighbourly behaviour in our village of Ewhurst, it is my prayer that our vision might be large enough to support good neighbourly behaviour further afield in this nation and the world.

God Bless

Simon Bodington (Minister)



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

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

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday**

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

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday**

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

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service**

06:20 - we meet at the top of Pitch Hill and share in a short Easter sunrise service after which we will then retire to the Wilson Room of the Parish Church for hot drinks and bacon sandwiches!



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## **Prayer for the Village of Ewhurst**

Knowing that prayer changes things, we meet on the fourth Thursday evening of every month in order to pray for the village of Ewhurst.

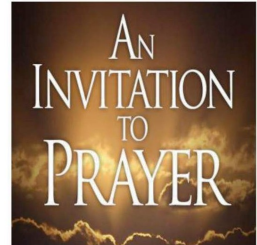
We start at 8.00pm but tend to gather about 7.45pm for tea and coffee.

We normally wrap up by 9.00pm

If you are someone who cares for the spiritual well being of our village you are welcome to join us.

(Please call or check our website for any date changes).

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## **Keep Interested – Keep Socialising!**

**(KIKS club)**

at Ewhurst Baptist Church

Our Monday afternoon social club, that meets in our church hall, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month, between 2pm and 4pm.

KIKS has been running for a couple of years now and offers an opportunity of friendship, chat, crafts and various board games alongside tea and cake.

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# Ewhurst Art and Craft Exhibition & Sale 2015

at Ewhurst Baptist Church

will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

So as an early reminder to the arty & crafty - get busy and let's make it bigger this year!!



*We were able to send, 'Christians Against Poverty' £100 following our sale in 2014.*

*Thank you all very much*



## *Ewhurst needs a Rainbow Unit!*

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## **Cranleigh Arts Centre Celebrates 25 years**

We are a community arts centre offering entertainment, art workshops, exhibition space and room hire to the people of Cranleigh and surrounding villages, including Ewhurst and Ellens Green. The Centre, founded in 1990, was formerly the village school and in 1999 gained a lottery grant to convert the buildings and add the marvellous, intimate, 170 seat main auditorium now used not only by live performers and film but also local arts related clubs and societies.

Sometimes we attract famous performers but essentially we are welcoming to young and old to enjoy the benefits which the arts can bring in terms of personal wellbeing, social activity and the inspiration gained from beautiful classical or modern music, painting or film. Local people provide classes in yoga, pilates, tai chi as well as childrens' activities.

The building is at the heart of village life operated by a committed team of more than 60 volunteers and a small staff. The friendly Art Tea House is open Tuesday to Saturday 1000 to 1630. Come and relax with no commercial pressures.

In addition we provide rooms for hire for business and family functions including anniversary parties, wedding and funeral teas.

Customers particularly enjoy being able to see or hear the best in music, theatre or relax in an art exhibition without having to travel to the major towns.

The Centre is largely funded from the services it offers and the generous donations of local people. For the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year from 2015-2016 we want to celebrate how lucky we all are to have such a gem in our midst, raise funds to ensure the sustainability of the heritage building and renew the equipment that enables the Centre to operate safely and with the latest technology.

You are all very welcome at Cranleigh Arts Centre.

### **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 2.00pm in the winter months and 2.15pm from April to October.

We have a presentation or a talk or a Member's Meeting with a nice tea. We have a summer outing and in 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.

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# News from Ewhurst Parish Council



At the forefront of the Parish Council's mind this Spring we have elections for Parish Councillors, Waverley Borough Councillors and nationally. Voting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> May, the deadline for postal votes being 21<sup>st</sup> April. In the Parish Council some of the existing Councillors are standing down and this is a welcome opportunity to have an election for new membership to the Council and for there to be competition. Moreover an injection of new blood would be of great benefit to the village. If you are interested in helping the community in a productive and proactive way, have the time and energy and are a team player then please do step forward. Nominations should be taken in person to Waverley Borough Council by 4pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and a nomination form will be available on the Waverley website. As soon as it is available a link to this will be put onto the village website. More information about being involved with the Local Council is available on the Parish Website [www.ewhurst.org](http://www.ewhurst.org).

The Parish Council is holding its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and as usual we will have a variety of speakers from around the village's clubs and organisations. We hope that as usual the APM will be well attended, with refreshments after the speakers giving a chance to chat informally with the Councillors and the Council Clerk. Please do come along.

At the January Parish Council meeting the precept request to Waverley was finalised. This is the Parish Council's annual budgeted expectation of income required to cover expenditure for the year April 2015 to April 2016. Aside from the usual maintenance and upkeep of Parish grounds and property, it also includes amounts required for special projects and extra maintenance. The Parish Council is supporting the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and as such is also offering financial support to them. An amount has been allocated in the precept to fund part of the Neighbourhood Plan process although additional funding will also be required. As it is election year our own election costs have to be covered by the precept. Our Parish Clerk qualified during the past year which benefits the Parish Council as it allows it additional capabilities in matters by allowing a resolution to use the Power of General Competence. A result of qualifying, however, entitles the qualifier to a higher pay structure. All these extra amounts not surprisingly create an additional weight on the precept giving a 6.85% increase on last year's figure which at band D amounts to £3.60 more per annum on the council tax bill.

The Village Hall kitchen was refurbished over the summer and over Christmas the bar area was similarly updated, thanks to generous funding by the users of the

hall: The WI, Rainbows Pre-school, Ewhurst Players, Ewhurst Horticultural Society, and outside organisations such as Secret Gardens, The Carnival Committee, Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council. There will be an official opening at a date to be advised.

The Parish Council has submitted comments to the Airports Commission Consultation on the three options for a second runway, reflecting the views of residents as to increased noise, congestion, loss of countryside and overcrowding of transport systems if the runway were to be situated at Gatwick. The positives of an increase in the economy are by no means certain due to the constraints of the infrastructure. We await the Government decision with trepidation.

As mentioned previously the Parish Council has a GRANT AWARDING POLICY for the making of grants to groups and organisations which contribute to the welfare of the community by improving or supporting activities and facilities. There is a form available on the website and from the Clerk, to be completed by the grantee.

A reminder that there is now an AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR situated in the Village Store in Ewhurst. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in familiarisation classes for the AED and if we have sufficient interest we will run another class.

The Parish Council has been made aware of dog fouling occurring in the Recreation Ground Play Area. Could we remind all that dogs are not allowed in the Play Area. To help prevent this, on entering and leaving the Play Area please shut the gate. In addition, dog owners please use the free bags situated around the Recreation ground to pick up after your dog, and do not allow it in the Play Area. It has also been observed that people exercise their dogs on the tennis courts. Please do not do this as it harms the surface.

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

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. If you would like to receive the Parish Council E-Bulletin then please let the Clerk have your e-mail address.

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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## **Ewhurst Evening WI**

The ladies of Ewhurst WI once again brought along some delicious food for our annual Christmas Buffet Supper. It looked so appetising and was served with wine. Christmas music was played and everyone had a fun evening. Earlier in the evening we all enjoyed hearing Sheila Willis recount tales of being a policewoman, starting in the 1960's. Attitudes and the uniform have certainly undergone several changes.

If you are new to the area, or just want to improve your social life and make friends, then come along to any of our meetings. They take place on the second Thursday of each month at Ewhurst Village Hall at 8pm. We aim to make our evenings enjoyable and informative with a wide range of speakers and also leave time for social chat. Members also enjoy various outings and monthly lunches, and are always willing to help out at various local events.

In March we will be hearing about The Incredible Life of a Bumble Bee, in April the talk is New Zealand on Impulse, and in May we will be holding our Resolutions Meeting. If any of these subjects interest you, or if you would like to find out more about our busy WI, you would be most welcome to join us. If you would like more information please contact Elisabeth Fischbach on 01483 276904.

## **EWHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**[www.ewhursthortsoc.org.uk](http://www.ewhursthortsoc.org.uk)**

On Tuesday 10th March we have a talk with slides "Surrey Wildlife", by Nigel Choate. To be held in the Glebe Centre at 8pm with raffle and refreshments.

Saturday 28th March we have our Spring Show at the Village Hall, commencing 2.30pm, with presentations, auction of donated flowers, etc. and raffle at 4.15pm. Contact Lesley (272488) for more details.

Our plant sale will be held on Saturday 9th May in the Village Hall from 10am - noon. Bedding plants are pre-ordered with a 10% discount to members. If you are interested please contact John on 271812 or e-mail [dyball@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk](mailto:dyball@ewhursthortsoc.org.uk). We would appreciate any spare garden plants or cuttings you may have for our members table. Hardy perennials, shrubs and veg plants will also be available at the sale.

This year our 122nd Summer Show will be held on 11th July in the Village Hall. All details will be found on the web site.

If you are interested in joining the Society - £5.00 family membership - contact Carole on 273580.

Further dates of events are as follows:

Saturday 12th September Autumn Show, Village Hall.

Wednesday 23rd September Sydney Scott Talk: Fergus Garrett. Village Hall.

Tuesday 13th October "Garden Photography" talk with slides by Mark Saunders. Glebe Centre.

Tuesday 24th November AGM followed by "Tales from the Potting Shed", talk with slides by Jean Griffin. Glebe Centre.



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## Pre-School News

Happy New Year from Rainbow's End! Xīnnián kuàilè from us all as well!

We are celebrating Chinese New Year at Rainbow's with music, ribbon dancing, lanterns, chopsticks, food and stories. Learning about children from other countries helps us to think about our own likes and dislikes as well as similarities and differences.

Closer to home we are very excited about our new venture to become a 'Forest School'. Rachael is due to embark on a Forest School leader qualification training and we are preparing a small piece of woodland for us to use on a daily basis. In the mean time we have been exploring our usual haunts including the bluebell woods and footpaths behind the school. Activities that come from one of our walks include natural art, habitat exploration, climbing and balancing. Having our own bit of woodland means we can increase the number of outdoor learning opportunities to include green woodworking, shelter building and fire lighting. We hope that more opportunities for outdoor learning will not only increase our children's understanding of the natural environment and of seasonal change, but also build self confidence and self-esteem and improve language, communication and social skills. For our children going to school in September we also hope that 'Forest School' will encourage responsibility, independence and the management of risk in readiness for reception class.

### Rainbow's Pre-loved Table Top Sale

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am - Cranleigh Guide Hall**

A table will cost £10 in advance of the sale. Any proceeds you make on the day are yours! We anticipate a lot of baby/toddler clothes/toys etc but please use this to sell whatever you want!! More the better! We will be charging people 50p on the door to get in, and will also be selling tea, coffee and some home made cakes. We will also have a Rainbow's table, so if you don't want a table but would still like to help out then we are welcoming donations for the table. If you would like to take a table or would like to donate items to the Rainbow's table, then please email [rainbowsfundraiser@outlook.com](mailto:rainbowsfundraiser@outlook.com) to book.

Looking ahead we are now full for the Sep 2015 academic year so are showing people round and taking registration forms for September 2016. Please contact us if you would like to book an appointment or find out more about Rainbow's End.

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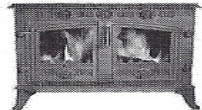
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## News from Ewhurst CE Infant School

We have had a busy start to 2015 at Ewhurst CE Infant School. The children were very excited to see the snow at the beginning of February, which didn't dampen their enthusiasm for their outdoor learning opportunities, both at school and at their Forest Schools sessions at Sayers Croft. These are still a weekly highlight for many of the children in Years 1 and 2 – topics this term include fire making, raft building, winter exploration and recycling. Our Reception children are also continuing with their Forest School activities in our Jubilee Garden.

We have had our five yearly SIAMS inspection this term (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). All Church of England Schools are required to have this inspection which assesses the extent to which the School is a “distinctively and recognisably Christian institution”. The Inspector spoke to parents, children, the Rector, Governors and staff members in reaching his conclusions, and we were delighted that the School was awarded an overall rating of ‘Outstanding’, as it provides further evidence of the caring, nurturing environment that the staff have worked hard to develop and of the strong relationships between the School, parents and the broader community. A copy of the SIAMS report is available to read on our website.

Another highlight of this term was Science Week. The children were engaged in a variety of practical and exciting science activities, including making models of dinosaurs (Apple class), carrying out experiments to protect a dinosaur egg (Holly class) and, in Cherry class, focusing on the weather and weather forecasting. The Year 2 children monitored the weather at school, presented the data in various different ways and finally produced their own weather forecast in front of the whiteboard. The highlight of the week was the pop-up Science Dome, which was erected in the School Hall for a morning; the children took part in workshops on dinosaurs, fossils, volcanoes and space, and then watched exciting 3D films inside the Dome. The enthusiasm and excitement was wonderful to see, with many of the children saying it was the most exciting day they had ever spent at school!

Cherry and Apple classes have school trips this term – Cherry class went to RHS Wisley to see the butterflies in the Glasshouse, which tied 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 at the beginning of next term, where they will be taking part in a workshop investigating the patterns in nature and science of colour. The children benefit greatly from these trips, and we are always grateful for the high level of parental support on the outings.

At our latest PTA meeting, it was announced that over £6000 had been raised last year,

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which is a fantastic total. The majority of this has provided the children with a wonderful range of resources to support their learning, and the staff members and I are extremely grateful for this high level of support.

The PTA is organizing another Quiz Evening on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall, which is always a popular event. Please look at our website for further information.

Our Open Morning Tours have again been 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, photos 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).

Mrs Jane Dyer  
Headteacher

## **Small Friendly Art Group Invites New Members**

The Ellen's Green & District Art Group meets every Monday from 1.30pm in the Memorial Hall at Ellen's Green and now invites new members.

You are warmly invited to join us for the summer term which begins on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.

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If any readers are interested in joining us on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, they are invited to note the date in their diary and to get in touch. **Contact:** T. 01483 – 273404 [Anne Nuttall] or T. 01403 – 823286 [Pat Davidson].



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## In Our Midst

## Mrs Lorraine Bulbeck

### Lol, the telephone girl

Lorraine and Frank were married in 1957 and came to Ewhurst to live with Frank's mother in her house on The Green, by the cricket field. Known to everyone as Lol, she has always involved herself fully in the life of the village with her work and sport and social activities.



Lol was born and brought up with her brother in Horsham. Her mother was a Nightingale, an historic Horsham family who had owned and run Lambsbottom Farm and the brickworks to the North of the station. These have both now disappeared, but North Chapel, the fifteenth century family farmhouse, still stands on the corner of Hurst Road and Nightingale Road which was named after the family. Her cousin has drawn up a fascinating family tree going back to great-great-great grandfather Moses and his father Richard in the mid-1700s. There were so many of them, the family fortune was soon dispersed she says.

Lol describes herself in those days as a latch-key kid as her mother was always working. As manageress of the laundry she ran the place for many years together with pub work in the evenings at the Horse and Groom. Her father had come from the Rhonda Valley looking for work during the Depression as foreman with a road construction firm and Lol had to do the timesheets for him and all the men. This gave her a good start because after school in Horsham, she took a Greg's secretarial course and started work as an invoicing secretary at Waller's music shop in the Carfax. In the early 1950s, music and music making were big business and the shop had a large turnover selling music, records, instruments and undertaking instrument repair. Unfortunately Mr Waller was no businessman and the shop was eventually declared bankrupt, owing Lol several weeks wages.

From there she retrained as a telephonist in Canterbury and started work at the Horsham exchange over the old post office in the Carfax. In addition she was happy to travel around to village exchanges as a relief operator as every village had its own manual exchange. She also took evening work as a waitress and it was here that she first met the young Frank, a plasterer from Ewhurst, who soon introduced himself again at the

local dance.

Lol has clear and fond memories of Ewhurst in those days. Her first job in the village was working with sisters Shirley and Ruth Marshall on the two-board exchange in the house to the left of Broomers Lane. It was a bit of a shock for her after the hustle and bustle of the Horsham exchange and she knew no one. Few people had a phone but she remembers that the Ewhurst Post Office telephone number was Ewhurst 1. Once the exchange had been automated in a building in the Cranleigh Road, Lol went to work at the Cranleigh exchange on the corner of Knowle Lane and after her two sons were born and the family had bought a house in the Ockley Road, she was able to help out in Vera Worsey's shop next door. One of several general stores in the village, they sold groceries and vegetables and household items similar to Hyde's Hazelbank Stores, Bailey's the Butchers and the Forrest Stores. Lol particularly remembers how busy and hectic Sunday mornings were as they were the only shop to open on a Sunday. She also remembers the little tea room in the first house on the left up the Shere Road where the busmen would have their cup of tea and there was "Chunky" who ran the Crown opposite the Bulls Head. He had been a violinist on the cruise liners and was always asking if Frank would take over the pub when he retired. Frank was very committed to village life. He was chairman of the Parish Council, was on numerous committees and a member of most of the sports clubs. He had also helped start up the Village Club after the British Legion finished there. Of course Lol was always roped in to help with the fund raising activities and the catering. She also travelled around with him and his beloved greyhounds which he often raced, particularly at Reading and Brighton.

Sport has played an important part in Lol's life. She is a founder member of the stool ball club, playing as captain for many years, then continuing as the scorer. She is now an honorary life member. She also loved to play badminton and with Frank's involvement, always helped at cricket club events. More recently she has tried indoor bowls and boules but her back problems prevented her from playing comfortably so she had to give them up. Now she takes part in quieter activities, playing bridge, attending W.I. meetings and helping with EwCare. When Frank died she had thought of moving back to Horsham but now, in her new house in the centre of the village, she is glad to be still surrounded by friends and neighbours, some of whom she has known for nearly sixty years. That's not something you give up lightly.

Geoff Harry

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Our Neighbourhood Plan continues to progress in line with the project plan drawn up by the Steering Group.

More than 100 residents attended the two public meetings at Ewhurst Village Hall in late 2014. Members of the Steering Group gave a presentation on neighbourhood planning and took questions from the floor. Residents' reactions to the public meetings were overwhelmingly positive.

Fifty-two residents completed a questionnaire designed to help us identify the community's key issues to be addressed in the Plan. These issues are: lack of small and affordable housing; excessive and speeding traffic; and the lack of a post office in Ewhurst. Asked whether the parish has become a better or worse place to live in recent years, over half (55%) said neither better nor worse; more than a quarter (27%) said worse; and less than one-fifth (18%) said better.

More than 60 residents have so far volunteered to help draw up the Plan. We are extremely grateful for their willingness to become involved - an important part of ensuring our Plan is community-led. We are in the process of contacting all volunteers to identify their main area of interest, so we can allocate their interests and talents to where they are most needed. It's not too late to volunteer. If you're interested, please contact me - details below.

The organisation structure for delivering our Neighbourhood Plan includes two main Working Parties, the Steering Group and also a central support team. One of the Working Groups will tackle the housing, business and environment elements of the Plan; the other will focus on community facilities (including sport and leisure), traffic and transport, and utilities infrastructure.

Once the volunteer members of each working group have been agreed, and each group's project plan set up, their work can begin.

The next major part of the process is likely to be in late spring, when all residents will be asked to complete a comprehensive survey questionnaire. This will be available in both hard copy and digital form. Responding to this survey is vital to ensure that our community's views can inform the detailed direction of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Keep up-to-date with what's happening next through this Newsletter, the Ewhurst e-Bulletin (sign up through the parish website [www.ewhurst.org](http://www.ewhurst.org)) and - shortly - through a dedicated Neighbourhood Plan section of the parish website.

Tim Bloomfield—Chair, Steering Group. [timbloom@waitrose.com](mailto:timbloom@waitrose.com)

## LOCAL HISTORY CORNER, by Janet Balchin

### Thomas Cromwell's 'house' at Ewhurst?

Readers who have read Hilary Mantel's 'Wolf Hall', or enjoyed the recent TV series, may be interested to know that Ewhurst had a link with Thomas Cromwell and his property empire. As Cromwell became powerful and wealthy he acquired a considerable portfolio of property. Austin Friars was his principle residence, but he also owned houses at Stepney and Hackney, plus several manors and other land. In addition, he had grace and favour apartments at court and the Rolls House in Chancery Lane.

In 1535, Cromwell was carrying out extensive building works on his houses, documented in letters and accounts from his steward Thomas Thacker. This correspondence has led several historians to claim that Cromwell had a country house at Ewhurst. Derek Wilson wrote that *"At Ewhurst in Surrey he had a country mansion built, which to judge from the account of his steward, Thomas Thacker, was more than substantial"* and from Tracy Borman *"As well as his London homes, Cromwell had, what for him, was a house in the country. Although lying at Ewhurst in Surrey it was still within easy reach of the capital."*

However no Surrey Historians have ever identified a house in Ewhurst with connections to Cromwell. The clue to what was being built at Ewhurst is in the wording of the letter.

11<sup>th</sup> August 1535 *"On Sunday last I went to Ewhurst, and viewed there the goodly frames. The double floors of your hall, and solar under it, are finished; also the two sides of your hall, and part of it carried from the frame to the water-side. Carriage is scarce because of hay time and harvest; but the parson of Ewhurst, who is diligent in your business, says we shall have carts next week. Your frame is the goodliest and mightiest I ever saw. Your foundations thereof are substantial and strong enough to bear it. They are now in hand with the roof of your hall. They have received 600 loads of timber of Dandy [sic, Dendy], and he had been paid by Webster and Chr. Roper 100l. in your behalf. He is, I suppose, dead by this time. The pay on Monday last, for carpenters and sawyers, for 14 days ending 24 July, viz., 67 persons was 25l. 0s. 11d. On Saturday the 21st there will be another month to pay.*

What was being constructed at Ewhurst was not an actual house but the frame for a house. Timber frames were cut and shaped in framing yards and then transported to the building site for erection. 'Carpenters marks', often still visible in old houses, showed how the frame was assembled.

Timber was an important commodity in Tudor times for building, shipbuilding and fuel for the iron and glass industries. Whilst many Ewhurst houses were built from local timber, this shows that timber was also transported quite long distances, with part of the journey by water. Both the Wey and the Arun were

used for transport of timber and by the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Arundel was the biggest port in the south of England for the export of timber.

The accounts give the impression that a very large number of people were employed, but it is more likely that the pay was for 67 days work, over the two week period i.e. 5 - 6 men working 6 days a week. Nevertheless, with transport taken into account this was still a major operation.

I have found other references to the Dendy family for timber during this period. Accounts for London Bridge, 1537 -8, show a Thomas Dendy being paid £10. 9s. 10d for *5,800 planche borde, 3,850 quarterboard and 3 loads of laths*. Between 1532 -1538 a legal case was bought against a John Dendy by John Chamber, dean of St. Stephen's, Westminster for Breach of Covenant for failure to deliver "*seasonyd tymbber of oke*" for which he (Dendy) had been paid. Later, a Thomas Dendye, who died in 1569, was described in his will as a 'wood broker'.

## **Ewhurst History Society Spring Programme**

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 - Film Night – ‘The Story of Guildford Cathedral’ - Circle Eight Film Group**

With the use of rare archive film, Circle Eight tells the story of the problems, delays and triumphs behind the construction of one of Guildford's most iconic buildings, from the laying of the foundation stone in 1936 to its consecration in 1961.

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 - ‘Early Quakers in Godalming’ - Ruth Martin**

Ruth will tell us about the history of the 'Religious Society of Friends' or 'Quakers', as they are often known, and the Godalming Meeting House, which celebrated its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by**

#### **‘Transport through the ages in Surrey’ – David Rose**

David will show pictures from his extensive collection of old postcards featuring every type of transport, from horse-drawn carts to traction engines, buses, cars and trains and will also talk about the Wey Navigation and the building of the Guildford By-pass in the 1930s.

The Society meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Ewhurst Baptist Church. New members and guests always welcome.

For more information contact Janet Balchin, tel 277342, e-mail – ewhursthistory@btinternet.com.

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2015 is a big year for Ewhurst Stoolball Club. For the first time in the club's history we made it to the A league after a play off in June last year. Now that the new season is looming we're raring to go with our indoor training and looking forward to some good weather so we can get out on to the Green in April.

For those of you who still may not have heard of Stoolball here is a quick summary:

Historical references to Stoolball date back to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century when a game involving throwing something at a stool to knock it over whilst players tried to defend it was played often in churchyards by country folk.

The game of Stoolball received official standardisation in Victorian times and the first recorded match was in 1866 between the E. Sussex villages of Glynde and Firl. By 1930 there were over 1,000 teams around Britain. Now there are hundreds of teams across Sussex, Kent and Surrey, mostly played by women. Today the game is played by two teams competing to score the most runs. There are two wickets standing at shoulder height, about 14 metres apart. The bats are willow, with a round face and a long, sprung handle. The ball, small and hard, is bowled underarm towards one wicket.

Just like cricket, batsmen score by hitting the ball into the field and running between the two wickets. They can also hit the ball beyond a boundary line to score 4 or 6. Batsmen can be bowled, caught or run-out, or even body-before-wicket.

Anyone can play Stoolball! You don't have to be really fit, and it is a great way to make friends. Anyone from the age of 12 can play and some people play league Stoolball right into their 70s. Friendly and League matches are played against other local teams with a friendly atmosphere and a proud tradition of sandwiches and tea after the game.

Ewhurst Stoolball Club was formed in 1972 with its first recorded match against Guildford in May 1973.

Our indoor pre-season training evenings have started but we are still very keen to welcome newcomers to come and learn the game before our opening night on the Green, which will be on 13<sup>th</sup> April. We then meet every Monday and Wednesday for training or matches.

For more details, please contact [ewhurststoolball@gmail.com](mailto:ewhurststoolball@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.ewhurststoolball.co.uk](http://www.ewhurststoolball.co.uk)

There's no better way to enjoy a summer evening, represent your village and meet new people, so come and find out more and spread the word about Stoolball!

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## Ewhurst Players Spring Update

Hot of the heels of another successful Pantomime the Ewhurst Players can now look forward to our Spring production.

Firstly, let us take this opportunity say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us by coming to see Goldilocks and The Three Bears which was played to sell-out audiences for almost every performance.

Also - a date for your diary and a quick reminder that the Ewhurst Players AGM is coming up - **Weds 25th February - 7.30 pm at Ewhurst Village Hall** to be precise. So please add this date to your diary. If you are an existing member OR a new member and are interested in joining the group, please do come along to the AGM. A perfect opportunity to get to know some other members and find out more information about how you can get involved in the players both on and off stage.

If you would like more information about the AGM or general membership, please contact our secretary Hilary Roberts, on 01483 277034 or email [secretary@ewhurstplayers.com](mailto:secretary@ewhurstplayers.com)

**So....on to our next production..**

**20th - 23rd May 2015**

The Ewhurst Players present ***Entertaining Angels***, a play by Richard Everett.  
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As a clergy wife, Grace has spent a lifetime on her best behaviour. Now, following the death of her husband Bardolph, she is enjoying the new-found freedom to do and say exactly as she pleases. But the return of her eccentric missionary sister Ruth, together with some disturbing revelations, force Grace to confront the truth of her marriage.

With sharp edged comedy and probing wit, the play asks whether God can be trusted to do anything right at all. More a black comedy than a rib tickling farce, the play has previously enjoyed a very successful run at Chichester starring Penelope Keith as Grace.

**Box office contact details and opening times will be posted on our website and Facebook page in the next few weeks**

Once again - thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM and the May production.

For more information about the Ewhurst Players and our forthcoming productions, please visit our website [ewhurstplayers.com](http://ewhurstplayers.com) or find us on **Facebook**.

## **A Tribute to Leighton Davies from The Ewhurst Players**

Sadly, Leighton passed away suddenly on February 5<sup>th</sup>. He was true gentleman in every sense of the word and one of our longest serving active members, having been involved with the Ewhurst Players, both on and off stage since the early days of the current group.

Over the years Leighton served on Committees, was a former Chairman and at the time of his death, our Treasurer. His creativity and musicality have enhanced many of our productions, particularly our Pantomimes. He was also very actively involved in designing, building and painting our sets, always looking for innovative ways of creating something slightly different.

His musical talent was ever to the fore during reviews, musicals and pantomimes and we will all fondly remember his beautiful singing voice.

Leighton was the Musical Director for our recent Pantomime. He sadly passed away half way through our run of shows and his loving wife Wendy instantly made it very clear that it would have been his wish that the show should go on. The high standard witnessed by all who subsequently came to see Goldilocks and The Three Bears served as a fitting tribute to the enthusiasm and commitment that he always showed during rehearsals and performances.

Many of the improvements made to the Village Hall over the past 30 years were inspired by Leighton and we are currently working on a project that he proposed last year. If achieved, it will serve as a permanent reminder of his many contributions to the overall success of the Ewhurst Players. He will be greatly missed by us all.

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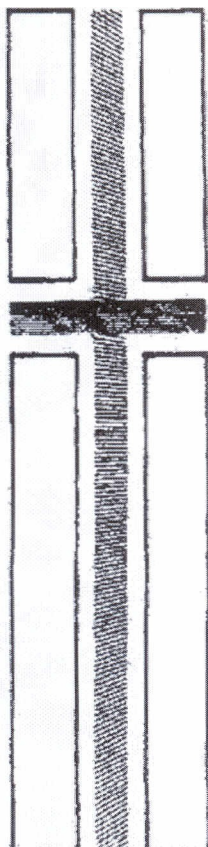
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## USEFUL INFORMATION

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| Ewhurst C of E Infant School (Head Teacher Jane Dyer) | 277291                                                         |
| Cranleigh C of E Primary School                       | 273286                                                         |
| Glebelands Secondary School                           | 542400                                                         |
| Rainbows End Playgroup                                | 07821 010918                                                   |
| Sayers Croft Field Centre (David Quoroll)             | 275541                                                         |
| Cranleigh Health Centre                               | 273951                                                         |
| (Out of Hours)                                        | 111                                                            |
| SW Surrey Mobile Physiotherapy Service (Linda Haynes) | 01306 730074                                                   |
| Waverley Borough Council                              | 523333                                                         |
| Waverley Borough Council (Locality Office)            | 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                                                         |
| Ewhurst Village Club (Wendy Chapman)                  | 277300                                                         |
| Ewhurst Village Hall Bookings (Wendy Bollom)          | 01403 252954                                                   |
| Ellen's Green Memorial Hall (Katy Rapley)             | 01403 823460                                                   |

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| 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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