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From the editor

You may notice that this issue of News & Views has hit vour doormat a little later than normal. This was purely down to Covid restrictions and advice from various authorities regarding delivering magazines. Of course, we also want to keep our amazing team of deliverers safe and legal! As you read this, spring will be well under way and I hope you're enjoying a sense of new hope as lockdown ends and the natural world begins the greatest show on earth!

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Hope springs eternal

REV CLARE SHARES HER THOUGHTS ON THE HOPE WE HAVE FOR 2021

M y mum loved spring. Without fail, when you talked to her in spring she would say 'I love the trees in spring time, all the different greens are so beautiful'.

As the trees slowly come back into leaf we can see hope for the future. The hope that there is in the

earth as simple we go as we back round the cycle of the seasons.

We have that we meet share and to toget.

The hope of flowers and fruit as we start to see some of the evidence of work done in the garden last year.

We have hope as a country that we might finally be able to return to a more sociable life. We dare to believe that we might even be able to go back to something as simple as shaking hands as we greet someone.

We have hope as a parish that we will be able to meet again face-to-face to share the peace of God and to worship God together in the beautiful

buildings with
which we have
been entrusted. We
have seen a lot of
growth and
change in this

season which I hope will make our community of faith even more hospitable and welcoming to all.

Not all changes are easy. My mum who loved the springtime so much died suddenly at the end of January. Many of us are living with grief and loss in different areas of our lives. We need to acknowledge these difficult things in our lives and we need to continue to offer hope to those around us who need it. This reflects the love of God who is with us in all situations. God who gives us true hope.

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Why oh why did I do Dry January?

THE EDITOR PICKS THE WORST TIME IN HISTORY TO FORGO THE BOOZE.

This year I thought I'd give 'Dry January' a go. For those unaware, it is a month of abstinence from the booze; supposedly a detox from 'Debauched December' where one over indulges during the Christmas party season.

I have to say, as Boris announced the lockdown on January 4, I felt a little foolish. Perhaps not the year to avoid one of life's pleasures. It wasn't long before memes were coming through on Facebook. The whole nation, it would appear, were ditching their good intentions from Jan 5... "Another

lockdown? Pass me the Pinot".

But to be honest, it was time for a reset and I vowed to persevere. Then I had an idea. In my work for a non-alcoholic cocktails brand (www.savyll.com), I'd read how the low and no-alcohol category is booming. My brother too (in the pub trade for 25 years) often bemoaned the millennial who avoided a hangover like the plague. So I thought I'd use my January to investigate the alcohol-free beer category.

After sampling 36 different 0% beers, here are my recommendations.



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Krombacher | Weizen
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Felsquellwasser, this is a cloudy amber wheat beer that's full-bodied and fruity.



Maisel's Weisse | Weissebier Fruity and very drinkable, this wheat-beer is an award winner and probably my favourite of them all.



Smashed | Lager Beer Golden lager with a clean taste. Hints of barley malt, floral notes and mild hops.



St Peter's Without | Original Amber colour, boasting a rich, malty taste, with a refreshing and delicate bitterness.



Venture Point Five The packaging is terrible, the name is clunky, but this 0.5% pale ale is spot

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Drop Bear | Bonfire Stout Smoky with flavours of chocolate and roasted coffee. Stouts like these prevail in the noalcohol category.





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Paul Cooling (chairman, left) and Debbie Hornblow (secretary) are looking forward to the anniversary of their charity. On Saturday 6th June 2020 the Quick Response Memorial Woodland will celebrate its sixth year. The event begins at 12.30pm with the arrival of the Queen's Walkers followed by a commemoration service for six ex-Queensmen where families will plant trees in honour of their loved ones. Music, singing, tombola, BBQ, merchandise and cakes. All proceeds to QRMW. www.grmw.org

Parish Coffee Morning on Zoom

Every Wednesday, at 10.30 to 11.30am, both in lockdown and when the community was in whichever tier, a group meets on Zoom just to have coffee and a chat. It's a small group who would love more people to join for a natter.

All guests have felt these get-togethers have helped them stay 'sane' and connected with the community during the pandemic. With the outlook being that restrictions will remain until the end of the year, the coffee morning will continue until the physical ones can open.

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An opportunity for people with dementia and their carers to meet twice a month to share news and stories and chat.

Tony Gauvain explains: "WeCare meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. During lockdown we continue to meet via Zoom. We had an amusing meeting in December when we tried to singalong to music on YouTube, but inevitably we were a few bars behind the music, with rather unmusical results! When we can meet again in person, we will be meeting in the Glebe Centre in Ewhurst, Members are entertained and amused by our team of volunteers, and our brilliant cake makers. We next meet on 4th March at 2.30pm. Anyone wishing to join in or enquire should contact me, Tony, on 01483 267027/tony.gauvain@gmail.com or Carol on 01483 278214 / carol@highedser.co.uk

Good news on The Bulls Head

It has been announced that the sale was completed for the Bulls Head public house in Ewhurst on Friday I 5th January. The purchaser, Stuart Godfree (a Ewhurst resident) has shared plans to turn the Bulls Head into a thriving pub and restaurant, with hotel accommodation. He is committed to making it a hub for the community and plans to work collaboratively with the council and village to ensure this happens. The refurb is already underway!





Chris never thought about using his Reeves watercolour set until he joined the Cranleigh Art Society, went to an exhibition and saw how lovely the paintings were. He came home, opened the box and had a go.

The Joy of Painting

NONAGENARIAN CHRIS CATFORD FINDS SALVATION AT THE END OF HIS BRUSH

M y love affair with painting started after I retired and came across an ancient Reeves watercolour box that my late mother used when she was at school. So that dates it!

Watercolour is a lovely medium; very gentle, demanding and hugely rewarding. It demands a light touch and no going back once applied.

Painting and drawing makes you look hard and look again: the shadows, the light, the clouds, the various colours of green in the trees, the blacks, the blues, the purples, the off whites. So you never noticed before? Well you will now!

As I became more accomplished and confident I sold a few, so someone must have liked them.

So, to lockdown. Painting has become a saviour. Immerse yourself and forget the world around you. Time flies, get yourself a coffee, come back, look at what you have done, self-criticise, maybe start again. You will be lost in time.

The Lukyns List

THE WALLS CAN'T TALK, BUT THE HOMEOWNERS OF LUKYNS FARM HAVE THEIR STORIES TO TELL.

I f you're a keen walker in the Parish, you may well have found yourself traversing the hedged bank of a footpath that runs alongside Lukyns Farm on Holmbury Road. Today it is the home of the Dunsdons; big property players, keen horse-folk and breeders of a pedigree herd of Poll Dorset sheep.

1911-1932 The Clerks

But step back to 1910 and Lukyns was a mere twinkle in the eye of Sir Dugald Clerk. He amassed his fortune from inventing the first successful two-stroke engine. He died in 1932 and is buried alongside his wife, Margaret, in Ewhurst churchyard.

Being a man of some means, Clerk could engage the finest craftspeople of

his generation for his 1911 project. He commissioned designer Ernest Newton, renowned as one of the busiest architects in England. The gardens were his wife's project and she brought in the "premier influence in garden design", Gertrude Jekyll, to shape them. Jekyll created over 400 gardens in the UK and wrote over 1,000 articles

for magazines such as Country Life. Although little remains of the original planting, the Jekyll influence is still apparent.

1932 - 1980 The Lees

The second owner was Sir Kenneth Lee, chairman of Tootal, a cotton textiles giant. Lee was from a Northern dynasty of textile and spinning merchants who

established Tootal
Broadhurst Lee in 1856.
Interestingly, when Sir
Kenneth bought Lukyns it
became a baronetcy (the
first and last when Lee
died in 1967). A baronet
was a hereditary dignitary
title brought in by James I
of England as a means to
raise funds for soldiers.
The last baronet to be
created in the UK was Sir



Sir Dugald Clerk, inventor of the two-stroke engine and commissioner of the building of Lukyns in 1911.

Dennis Thatcher in 1990.

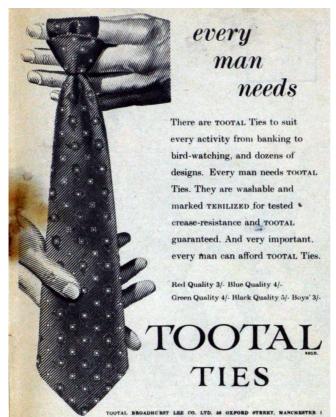
In a 1967 obituary, Lee is described as a firm believer in science with 'the wisdom and foresight not only to realise how important research was in the cotton industry, but also to pose the problems for his researchers to solve'. His services to science were not well known 'because he was so modest.'



Lukyns is a stunning property, designed in the Queen Anne style by Ernest Newton. Sir Dugald Clerk commissioned the build in 1911. It features a garden originally designed by Gertrude Jekyll.



The formidable Gertrude Jekyll: designer-visionary of over 400 stately gardens in England.





Lukyns' second occupant, Sir Kenneth Lee, was a leader in the original Northern powerhouse of the Manchester textiles industry. Left is an advert from his company Tootal. Right is a portrait of Lee by Gerald Festus Kelly.



The Times on Joe Hyman: "He looks more of a Mayfair antiques salesman than a revolutionary of industry."



Today Lukyns is home to the Dunsdon family. David Dunsdon Jr (above) heads up the Coldunell family property business as well as being a world-class jockey and horse owner/trainer.



Hyman loved art and music. He commissioned this painting of Lukyns by Robert Buhler



'Viyella House' shirts styleful ... colourful ... comfortable

Hyman's business owned the Viyella brand, a blend of wool and cotton renowned for its softness.



Lukyns today proudly stewards a pedigree and award-winning flock of Dorset Poll sheep.

1980 - 1999 The Hymans

Next to move into Lukyns was Joe Hyman; another textile entrepreneur and one of the business superstars of the 1960s. As chairman of Viyella International between 1961 and 1969 he transformed the British textile industry and became one of the most glamorous business figures of the decade.

Unlike his Lukyns predecessor, Hyman was less than modest. Once he famously declared: "I saved Viyella by my efforts and the textile industry by my example."

He was also unconventional, known in the trade as "The Professor" because of his interest in the arts and his passion for music. At the peak of his fame, The Sunday Times wrote. "He looks more of a rich Mayfair salesman of antiques than the tough, innovating revolutionary of a traditional industry."

After a boardroom coup in 1969, Hyman was removed and unsuccessfully tried to repeat his achievement in the 1970s wool industry. In 1980 he retired to Lukyns and the Surrey countryside where he indulged his passion for music with relentless rounds of concert-going.

In the end, Joe Hyman will be remembered as a British magnate who took a brand name associated with cozy pyjamas and turned it into one of the great textile empires of the 1960s.

1999-Present The Dunsdons

Enter the Dunsdons and now Lukyns is blessed with owners who have a natural affinity with country life, being keen horse owners, trainers and riders as well as proud stewards of a pedigree, award-wining flock of Dorset Polls.

The family business today is in property investment - but it wasn't originally. David Dunsdon Snr started selling flowers and vegetables as a sixteen year old in Brentford Market. Then he established Coldunell as an automotive dealer and finance provider in the 1950s. From the 1960s, the firm moved into commercial real estate.

John Dunsdon succeeded his father as Chairman from 1995 to 2012. During his tenure, the company grew to an asset value of 146m and led to his inclusion on The Times Rich List.

Now in its third generation, led by David Dunsdon Jnr, Coldunell remains committed to investing in real estate and finance opportunities in London and the South East.

David is an elite amateur jockey, winning the Fegentri world championships in 2002 and training the horse Utopian who remained unbeaten in the 2014 hunter chases.

So next time you pass Lukyns, spare a thought for its vibrant history and the passion, talent and ambition of its occupants for over a century.

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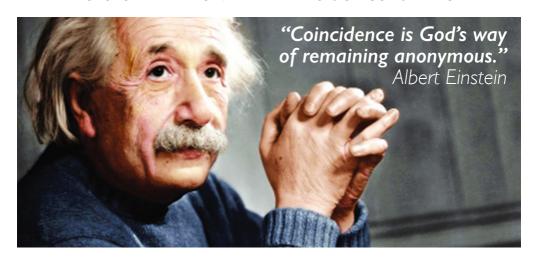
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Coincidence or message?

CHURCHWARDEN CLIVE WARD REFLECTS ON GOD'S TIMING



here are things that happen in life that may be a message, rather than extreme coincidence. Not long after my father, Eric, died in 2016 at the age of 91, I had a strange experience when I attended a joint service of the Ewhurst parish church with the Baptist church, held on a dull Sunday afternoon on the recreation ground. During the service, the preacher gave everyone a brown luggage label and asked us to write our name on one side and a prayer on the other side. He then produced a prayer rope; a red dyed rope some 25 metres long, completely covered by thousands of brown luggage labels, tied so close to each other that the rope was barely visible. There were some 40 people in

attendance and we all stood in a long line and all of us held the rope in front of us and were then asked to tie our label to it. There was about half a metre of rope between my hands and as I looked at the rope between my hands, one label in the middle stood out more than the others, mainly because it was sticking up and was the only one that appeared to be blank. I was drawn to it and turned it over. I was shocked by what I saw. It had in large letters, the single word ERIC, my recently deceased father's name. I nearly dropped the rope. What are the chances of that? I was so moved that it brought a tear to my eye. At a time of loss, it provided a degree of comfort.

In praise of Porridge

SIMON FRASER REMINISCES ABOUT THE ULTIMATE LOCKED-IN SITCOM

I t's often been observed that in the best situation comedies the characters can't escape from each other. Take Basil and Sybil Fawlty, locked in their toxic marriage, or Harold Steptoe

forever trying to break free from his dreadful father. What about Rodney and Del Boy, perennially hoping their latest wheeze will make them millionaires? Whatever happens, you know they'll be back to square one by the time the credits roll.

But the ultimate locked-in sitcom of them all has to be Porridge. I've always had a soft spot for Dick Clement and Ian Le Frenais's prison

classic even though I was at boarding school when they were originally broadcast (and thus not able to watch them). In all, there were 21 half-hour episodes, spread across three series and two slightly longer Christmas specials, broadcast between 1973 and 1977. Thanks to the regular repeats, DVDs and now iPlayer, I've watched every episode many, many times.

The main reason I'm so fond of Porridge is because my dad, my older brother and I used to read the novelisations of the series over and over again. In a pre-repeats world, they were

the only way you could relive the programme. They were published by the BBC in paperback shortly after the series aired, and over the years our copies became very tattered. I think the paperback of the first series must have been a present to one of us, because a corner of the back cover has been cut off, presumably to remove the price. I suspect it was 50p.



Fletch: "I don't know how to put this gentleman, but there's a thief amongst us"

The books lived on the bookshelves on the landing at my parents' home (along with the novelisations of Going Straight, the series that followed Fletcher upon his release from Slade Prison, and Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads?) and if ever one of us needed a little bit of reading material to occupy ourselves for a few minutes in the upstairs loo, we just grabbed —23



Why did we love Porridge? Was it Ronnie Barker's fantastic performance as Norman Stanley Fletcher (top left)? Or the late-lamented Richard Beckinsale's Lennie Godber (top right)? Was it the magnificent Fulton Mackay as the fearsome Mr Mackay (top middle) or Brian Wilde's hopeless Mr Barraclough (photo middle left with hat)? Of course, it's all of them and more. Christopher Biggins (bottom left) is in there as Lukewarm. David Jason (middle left), appeared in three episodes as the elderly Blanco Webb. And Peter Vaughan's Grouty (bottom right) is just a joy.



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a book off the shelf. My mum didn't partake. I'm not sure she got the humour. She just used to look confused when the conversation during family meals got peppered with references to the scripts.

But why did we love Porridge so? Is it because of Ronnie Barker's fantastic performance as the cynical old lag Norman Stanley Fletcher, forever trying to put one over the system? Is it the latelamented Richard Beckinsale's Lennie Godber, the idealistic young Brummie with a Geography O Level? Is it the magnificent Fulton Mackay as the fearsome Mr Mackay or Brian Wilde's hopeless Mr Barraclough, weathering his wife's serial infidelity?

Of course, it's all of them and more. Christopher Biggins is in there as Lukewarm. David Jason, then just in his early 30s, appears in three episodes as the elderly Blanco Webb. And Peter Vaughan's Grouty is just a joy.

But of course, it's the writing that makes it. Everything is driven by the characters, nothing is forced. It's a series that never jumped the shark (if you don't know what that means, please Google it - it'll spark many a conversation) and even if some of the humour hasn't aged well (iPlayer now displays a warning before each episode), I'll happily watch it throughout any number of lockdowns.



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Easter Church Services

We have a full week of both online and physical services this Easter.



Church, but different: In lockdown, we've been doing church a bit differently, but overall attendance has been good and we've been reaching more and new people via online broadcasts. Easter will feature physical and online church and we hope you join us at one of our many services.

It will be a different kind of Easter again this year as we move into step 1B of the Covid Routemap at the start of Holy Week (March 29). Below is an overview, Please check the calendar on our website or email eofgparish@gmail.com for more details.

Palm Sunday, 28 March an 8am BCP (Holy Communion) at Ewhurst and 10.30am at Okewood both broadcast via Facebook.

Night Prayer will be live on Facebook at 7.30pm on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday is the last of our Lent discussions.

Good Friday, 2 April a 10.30am service at Okewood church with a congregation and broadcast live on Facebook.

Churches open for prayer between 12-4pm on Friday 2nd (Ewhurst), Saturday 3rd (Forest Green) and Sunday 4th (Okewood)

Easter Sunday, 4 April a 10.30am Holy Communion at Ewhurst with congregation and broadcast live on Facebook

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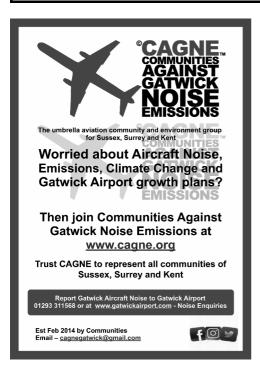
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Captivated by Caravaggio

MARY PRICE TALKS ABOUT THE PAINTING THAT GRABBED HER SOUL

he first time I saw this incredible picture was nearly 40 years ago. I took my 4-year-old daughter up to London for the day and we visited the

National Gallery.

I was so absorbed looking at the painting I did not realise that my girl had slipped under the rope barrier to touch the frame. The horrified security to expel us and

begrudgingly accepted my sincere apologies!

But what a canvass. Based on the story, as told by Luke, of two disillusioned desperately grief-stricken followers of Jesus, a few days after the crucifixion,

making their way back home when a 'stranger' joins them, wanting to know all the events that had happened in Jerusalem recently.



guard threatened Supper at Emmaus (1606) by Michelangelo Merisi de Caravaggio is a great example of his innovative mastery of life-like drama.

They persuade him to have a meal with them and as he blesses the bread, they suddenly realise this is no stranger but Jesus.

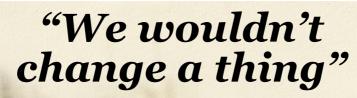
The painting conveys their wonder, joy and surprise and it is

as if a light has suddenly been switched on and, wow, revelation! He is alive!

I know nothing about art, but this 17th century painting presents a visual image that grabs one's soul.



Have you ever visited The National Gallery website? It is superb, presenting the artwork beautifully and providing lots of information and short videos on artists and their paintings. Search 'Caravaggio' for a talk on the Supper at Emmaus. Enjoy!



GEORGINA RUSHWORTH INTERVIEWS DENNIS & MAURA BLOOMFIELD IN THEIR 60TH YEAR OF MARRIAGE



Ireland, taking lodgings in Bayswater West London where she met Denis who had recently moved there. →

At the turn of the sixties Maura left

The wedding of Princess Margaret to Antony Armstrong-Jones on 6th May 1960 was the first ever televised royal wedding, and after Maura mentioned she was going to watch it at the local news theatre, Denis offered to join her. A sales representative travelling all over the country in his Hillman Minx, Denis enjoyed his job and he soon became known by his customers as the rep with the white wall tyres!

Less than a year later on 18th March 1961, Denis and Maura were married and at

Christmas time the same year, their son, also Denis, was born. The young couple decided to leave London for somewhere more suitable to raise a family and run a smallholding. Denis saw an advertisement in The

Smallholder magazine for a property in Ewhurst, and after just one viewing they decided it was right for them.

Denis and Maura kept chickens, pigs and 'Molly' the Jersey cow. After a full week's work as a sales rep, Denis 'Mr Eggy' would collect the eggs and deliver them to families in the local area, passing the basket through the door on an honesty basis.

Soon Denis's parents joined them in Ewhurst and started a hardware business (now the site of Southdown Cottages). renting a shop built by Henry Lade, who owned the butchers next door. At the time there were many businesses thriving in the village but nowhere to find essentials for the home so 'Home Requirements' was born. Denis left his job and joined his parents in the business after his father became unwell, and helped the business grow to serve the needs of its loyal customers. When Denis's father retired. James, their second son, began working in the shop.

In the seventies when decimalisation came in, they spent a lot of time helping

> customers, especially the elderly become used to the new currency. When the Great Storm of 1987 left much of Ewhurst without electricity for many days, the shop was so busy providing candles, batteries and help with emergency lighting and

heating they could hardly keep up with demand. Sadly, the shop closed in 1992 when the lease ended.

Denis and Maura have embraced village life and made many happy friendships along the way. Maura, one of the early members of Ewhurst Village Society, still helps distribute the newsletter. Denis, now 93 years, used to play whenever he could for Ewhurst Bowls Club, and was an active member of the local Conservative branch.

This March they celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary and say they have loved every minute living in Ewhurst and wouldn't change a thing.



Denis and Maura today. They moved to Ewhurst at the start of their marriage.

Do you wanna build a snowman?... Er, yes!

THE SNOW CAME, AND THEN THE PEOPLE CAME OUT TO PLAY

I t's January 24th 2021 and at sunrise the sky is ablaze with what looks like clouds of fire. This wasn't just a shepherd's warning, but rather a celestial fanfare to announce what lay ahead.

By 8am the same sky was wall-to-wall battleship grey. Looming. Menacing. Then, over Ewhurst Recreation Ground, it began to hail. It was as though someone was shaking tiny polystyrene balls over the football fields. Within an hour this innocuous dusting was replaced with heavy snow.

Chunky flakes tumbled down and, crucially, stuck to the waterlogged ground. Could it be? Could this be it?

The snow kept falling; layer upon layer of snow icing the parish like a tectonic wedding cake. At the same time, quiet descended, the snow acting like acoustic baffling in an already Covid-silenced community.

Then, as though a spirit of play and joy blew through every household, doors opened, wellieboots crunched the powdered paths, colourful coats with warm hats and gloves were donned, and it seemed everyone had one thing on their mind. Let's build a snowman!

Who knows which one was the first to be built, but for the sake of posterity, the giant snowman on Ewhurst Rec (pictured here) started things off rather well. Mark Edgington accompanied by Mark, Grace and Angie Thomas, rolled the biggest bodyball and sculpted a fine head. It culminated in a

7-foot snow-giant, clothed in the colours of their favourite football team.

What followed was a Cambrian explosion of homo-nivalis across the Parish. All shapes, all sizes; even an occasional cat or dog. On the next few pages you can enjoy a snapshot created by the sixty or so photos that were shared on social media. A truly memorable day of fun and community amidst Lockdown 2021.



Mark Edginton, Mark Thomas and Grace Thomas get things started off in style.









American Mice Box?

OOPS, SORRY... IT'S A MOUSSE RECIPE FROM OUR VERY OWN CHURCH MOUSE

H i Folks! Marmaduke the church mouse here.

I love Easter as there's always some tasty crumbs to nibble after your Sunday morning sunrise breakfasts. I rejoice too when your cleaners miss a few.

Guess you thank them for the jobs they do too eh? It's so easy to overlook the hard work so many people do behind the scenes at church, innit!

Anyway, looks like I might go hungry this year as I hear you've all been trapped (LOL!) in your own homes.

But if you manage to escape and want an Easter treat then here's a recipe I spotted in an old church mag I was ripping up for my nest. I misread it at first (it's called American Ice Box) and thought you were eating mice.

Hope you're back soon! I'm starving, so when you return please make one for your next church event and drop a bit for me to sniff out. It's a bit like a mousse so it'd go down well with me and the kids."

American Ice Box

Ingredients

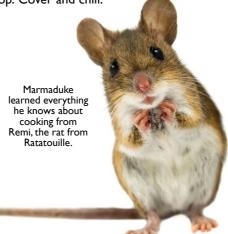
125g butter
225g digestive biscuits
Large can sweetened condensed milk
Grated zest of 3 lemons (medium size)
7 tablespoons lemon juice
10fl oz whipping cream

Method

Melt butter over a low heat. Remove from heat, add crushed biscuits and mix well together. Press mixture into the sides and base of a 9-inch pie plate or sponge sandwich tin and put in a cold place to set.

To make filling, stir the lemon rind and juice into the condensed milk and whisk until it starts to thicken.

Whip the cream until it is fairly stiff and stir into the mixture until evenly blended. Pour into the prepared biscuit base and level the top. Cover and chill.



The Parish list of lockdown telly

ONCE AGAIN, THE COMMUNITY HAS SPOKEN.
THIS TIME. THE PEOPLE SHARE THEIR FAVOURITE TV



The Queen's Gambit Young girl amazes world at chess NETFLIX



The Repair Shop Broken things made new BBC iPLAYER



Schitt's Creek
Rich family loses it all, hilariously
NETFLIX



Traces
Girl tracks her Mum's murderer
BBC iPLAYER



Married At First Sight
Doing the last thing you should do
ALL 4



Stranger Things
Boy goes missing. Weird happens
NFTFLIX



The Crown
Royal version of EastEnders
NETFLIX

A-Z of the rest: American Barbecue Showdown Netflix, American Horror Story Netflix, Aussie Opal Unters Quest, Baptiste, (BBC iPlayer); Benidorm, (Netflix); Better Things, (BBC iPlayer); Black Mirror, (Netflix); Breaking Bad, (Netflix); Cobra Kai, (Netflix); Escape To The Chateau, (All 4); Futurama, (Prime Video); Ghosts, (BBC iPlayer); Goliath, (Prime Video); Greys Anatomy, (Prime Video); Hancock's Half Hour, Dailymotion; Heardand, (Netflix); Hinterland, (Netflix); House, (Prime Video); Life On Mars, (BBC iPlayer); Little Fires Everywhere, (Prime Video); Northern Exposure, DVD; Once Upon A Time, (Netflix); Crange Is The New Black, (Netflix); Crark, (Netflix); Parasite, (Prime Video); Rupaul's Drag Race, (Netflix); Salvage Hunters, Quest; Seinfeld, (Prime Video); Servant, (Apple TV); Shrill, (BBC iPlayer); Silver Screen Favourites, (BBC iPlayer); Spiral, (BBC iPlayer); Spy.



The Serpent Hippy-murderer roams Thailand **BBC iPLAYER**



Bridgerton Regency bodice-buster **NETFLIX**



The Masked Singer Guess who's in the crazy costume **ITV HUB**



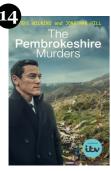
Designated Survivor Mr Average becomes president **NETFLIX**



Friday Night Dinner Dysfunctional family frolics **NETFLIX**



Gogglebox People watching people watch TV ALL 4



Pembrokeshire Murders **ITV HUB**



The Trial Of The Chicago 7 NETFLIX



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(Netflix); Strike, (BBC iPlayer); Succession, (Prime Video); Taboo, (BBC iPlayer); Taken, (Prime Video); Taskmaster; (All 4); The Bay, (ITV Hub); The Boys, (Prime Video); The Chase, (ITV Hub); The Detectorists, (BBC iPlayer); The Fall, (BBC iPlayer); The Grand Tour, (Prime Video); The Great Pottery Throwdown, (All 4); The Handmaid's Tale, (Prime Video); The Investigation, (Prime Video); The Last Ship, (Prime Video); The Mandalorian, (Disney+); The OA, (Netflix); The Sopranos, (Prime Video); The Staircase, (Netflix); The Undoing, (Prime Video); The Voice, (ITV Hub); The White Tiger; (Netflix); The Witcher, (Netflix); This Country, (BBC iPlayer); This Is Us, (Prime Video); Tiger King, (Netflix); Umbrella Academy, (Netflix); Virgin River; (Netflix); Wheeler Dealers, Quest; Whitechapel, (Netflix); Winterwatch, (BBC iPlayer); Deadbeat, (Prime Video); Death In Paradise, (BBC iPlayer)

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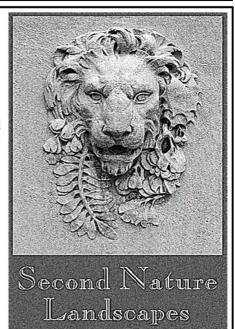
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Why I started a Christian book club

BELINDA KERRY HAS FOUND BOOKS A GREAT WAY TO SHARE HER SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WITH OTHERS

w hy did I start up a Christian book club over 8 years ago?

It wasn't just because I have a passion for reading, but also because I wanted to develop spiritually and I found others

from our church who wanted to travel that journey too, which was very encouraging.

The book club gives us an opportunity for regular spiritual expansion by reading about sacrificial spiritual lives, by contemplating a deeply researched perspective or by following a daring vision. Each time we meet, we can honestly say that we come away encouraged

and excited about what God has done, and is doing, in us and through us as a group.

It gives us a wonderful opportunity for deep involvement with the books and stories we read and also for deeper dialogue with one another. The books work as a structure and framework from which to discuss our own spiritual journeys and a platform to share our views or just to listen.

The last book we read was 'The Return of the Prodigal Son' by Henri Nouwen. After deep contemplation of the

selfsame painting by Rembrandt, Nouwen examines the role of the younger son, the reaction of the elder son and the compassion of the father in the parable. He relates to the younger but friends consider he is like the elder and so begins his comparison to his own spiritual journey.

spiritual journey.

There was so much we related to in this book, so much to discuss and so

much to learn from this man's tender, honest and intimate account of his 'meditation that led him to discover the place within which God has chosen him to dwell'.

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Celebrating 175 years

EWHURST SCHOOL HAS BEEN INSPIRING CHILDREN SINCE 1846



The children celebrate with a flag wave from The Mount opposite the school and just in front of the War Memorial in Ewhurst

E ducation has been provided in Ewhurst through close links with the parish church since the early 18th century when a charity school was set up during the ministry of William Whitfield, Rector of Ewhurst from 1693-1715. In 1822 the school became a national school. From 1833 government grants were available to schools sponsored by The National Society towards the cost of school buildings and from 1841 applicants were required to adopt a trust deed, stating the permanent dedication of the site to the purposes of education and allowing the right of government inspection.

Rev'd Cooper gave glebe land for the building of a new school and applied for

a grant from the National Society in June 1845. After a delay due to the sudden death of Rev'd Cooper, The Trust Deed was signed on 12th February 1846. The original school is in daily use to this day and is considered to be one of the oldest in Surrey still to be in use as a school.

How can you support our school?

In the school's 175th year, we remain committed to raising much needed funds for our school. We are in no doubt as to the irreplaceable value that the school brings to the children who attend, but with lower birth rates in the area, leading to small class sizes and as funding for schools is based primarily on pupil numbers, we remain \implies

concerned that if we do not work very hard together there is a real danger of our school not surviving. If you feel able to help our infant school, please consider:

- I. Making a donation please visit our Virgin Money Giving (website: virginmoneygiving.com/fund/ ewhurstschool175 call us on 01483 277291, or email us on info@ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk
- 2. Buying some key equipment for the children via our Amazon Wish List. Our list name is: Ewhurst CofE Infant School PTA. When you're selecting the delivery address, please make sure you have clicked on our school name, which will appear in your address list options as the Gift Registry Address:

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How can you help us celebrate?

The current children will be celebrating this event in the summer term and as we are currently unable to invite past pupils into our school due to coronavirus we would love to receive video or audio clips of memories of past pupils. The swimming pool is still in use after nearly 60 years! The children in school will also be sharing current experiences of school during lockdown which will become part of the social history of Ewhurst School- please take part by emailing us on the following address <code>info@ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk</code> We cannot wait to hear from you all!

Jane Dyer, Head Teacher



The original ceremony from the 19th century shows children from Ewhurst Infant School waving their flags from the selfsame position on The Mount opposite the school.



Ewhurstian, Julie Francis, loves Spring. And like most of us, she enjoys her garden in this season. These photos show the beauty bursting forth in Julie's orchard and beyond. We hope it's a sign of things to come in 2021 as we emerge, strong and resplendent from the challenging times of the past year. Can we come round for a nosey, Julie?



Thanks also to Marian and Barry Heathcote for sending in these lovely Spring photos: (clockwise from top left) Bluebells in the woods off Coneyhurst Lane and (from their garden) Clematis, Rhododendron and Crinodendron, also known as (presumably from the shape of its blossoms) a Chilean Lantern Tree

The Ewhurst Camino

CLAIRE MCLAUGHLIN CONDUCTED A VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE AROUND EWHURST, INSPIRED BY THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

uring last year's lockdown a good friend asked me to join her team of four, called Saints and Sinners, on a 'virtual' pilgrimage along the Camino De Santiago, the Camino Frances route. Beginning in the Spanish Pyrenees this ancient route runs for about 480 miles ending at the Cathedral Santiago de

Compostela in north west Spain. Our purpose was to share the journey between us and, individually, to seek peace of mind and distraction from the overwhelming uncertainties at the time

My part of the virtual pilgrimage

took me a couple of months and transposed the challenges of Spanish mountains and difficult paths to the more gentle terrain of the Surrey Hills. The Pilgrims on the real route would have been guided by scallop-shell path markers leading them safely along. The Saints and Sinners team had technology. A pre-marked Google Street Maps route taking us virtually through

Spain, and a website recording our collective mileage and progress along the route. As I walked and walked and walked around Ewhurst clocking up my 120 miles I tried to pick routes up or down hills pretending I was tackling mountains, and aimed to go through the churchyard when virtually heading for a

> fine Spanish cathedral.

Following the Camino from the comfort of your own home is perhaps luxury compared with the experience of a real pilgrim faced with hostels of bunkbeds in full view of multiple sore

bandages. But completing the 120 miles feeling of achievement. The walking was on my walks, villagers and their dogs. It was lockdown. I was very pleased to see anyone and everyone.

feet, blisters and was not effortless and reaching the virtual end of the Camino was a great good and for me, delivered on its purpose. As a bonus I met many others



Claire did 120 miles of the 480-mile Camino de Santiago, using a pre-marked Google Street map route taking her and her team virtually through Spain.

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Leaving school, finishing strong

BELLA MATTHEWS SHARES HOW SHE'S GROWN IN CHARACTER AT GLEBELANDS

his is the year that I leave my secondary school Glebelands, and move onto college. Glebelands is moderately fun. As for most people there have been some ups and downs, but I kept on being brave and strong

and now I am in Yr 11 and having fun with what I can.

When I first started Glebelands I was a very shy little girl who had really only one friend. However, we were growing apart because she was controlling

what I do and think. Soon after, I found a new friend who quickly became my Best Friend Forever. This friend respects me for who I am and I respect her for who she is. At the end of Yr 8 (12-13yrs) my tutor, who I had built up a lot of trust with, left the school. But in Yr 9 I had another great tutor, who I quickly created a strong bond with. Yr 9 was the year that I broke through my shyness and became leader of our tutor

fundraising group. That was the year that I realised I can do more things than I thought I could do. Then lockdown happened and I felt a bit sad that I wasn't at school with my friends. But also a part of me thought that I can

> spend more time with my family. The first two weeks of school were hard. but after that you quickly get into a routine.

Then lockdown ended and we returned to our physical classes

halfway through the year and then it was the summer holidays. After the holidays I was in Yr 11: the top of the school, the final year. Just as we were settling in all nicely, we had another lockdown, but this time it was different, we were in established teams, which made our school lessons more fun and interactive, instead of having to videoconference on Instagram live. Roll on June 2021!



Bella Matthews (far right) wins with her robotics design team at The Tomorrow's Engineers Challenge 2019.



Shades of grey pervaded the glades as through laboured lockdown winter dormant minds sought out buds of hope and clinged close to what Spring might bring: brighter days with warm, comfort rays, some favourite birds returning, a jab - or two - and chance to dance along the path we've been yearning. And huge hugs from those we have loved but missed, and only kissed on screen.

We - lockdown's weary prisoners now await full turn of the key. An end to masks and home schooling! Peace. Release! Restrictions to cease. And our choice to be the ruling. (Starting, I think it must be said, With a date at the new Bulls Head!)

Easter beckons and reminds me:
New life born from dark Calvary's
despair unlocks a hurting heart,
freeing it for a fresh found start,
kindling minds to test positive.
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JANE HARRY INTRODUCES A NEW CHARITY DEDICATED TO ST PETER & ST PAUL



T he Friends of St Peter & St Paul is a new charity created specifically to raise money for the conservation and preservation of the grade-1 listed, 12th century church in Ewhurst.

The Friends is independent from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green but will work with the PCC to decide how money raised will be used for church conservation.

Although this is its main aim, the Friends will also promote the history of this ancient church and its civic importance within the community.

The Trust Deed of the Friends of St. Peter & St Paul has been drawn up and the founding Trustees have been appointed. They are:

Rev Clare Shepherd (ex-officio incumbent, non voting), Clive Ward (ex-officio churchwarden), Jan Allen, Jackie Avery and Jane Harry.

An application to the Charity Commissioners for registered charity status has been submitted and is pending. However, the Friends of St Peter & St Paul has set up a bank account and is able to receive both donations and monthly payments to help preserve this beautiful building which has been at the heart of the village for so many centuries.

If you would like to know more or become one of our first 'Friends' please contact Jan Allen on 01483 277487 or email allenplusian@btinternet.com

A night to remember

JULIE FRANCIS RECALLS A GREAT NIGHT OUT IN EWHURST, 33 YEARS AGO

"A party to end all parties!" - "Fantastic, wonderful, memorable evening." - "I simply had to write and thank you even though it is the early hours of the morning and have just got home"

These were just some of the many thank-you notes and letters received after our party on New Year's Eve 1988.

It had become a tradition for a group of Ewhurst couples to host a New Year's Eve party in the Village Hall, each party having a theme.

What fun we had. Julie & George Yates, Liz & Bob Foley, Jennie & Mike Kidd, myself and husband David: we held regular get-togethers at each other's houses: supper first, then the planning.

I don't recall who came up with the brilliant idea of "A Journey on The Orient Express". Some memories have faded with time.

Guests arrived at 8.30 pm around 100 or more of them, dressed for the occasion in 1920s outfits and carrying luggage with labels attached "Venice Simplon, Orient Express".

Bob Foley prepared a brilliant tape with sound effects: the train leaving Venice (train whistling, wheels moving, the song Locomotion); arriving at Innsbruck, with Jazz music, Charleston, Blue Bottom; arriving Zurich, then Paris and music and dancing until midnight when the clock struck twelve and we were on our way to London on the ferry.

A wonderful, atmospheric tape never to be forgotten.

The tables were laid as if in a train carriage, with appropriate lamps suspended over each table and a travel poster hung at the end of each table. A three-course meal was served by the four male hosts, dressed appropriately for their

role as waiters on the Orient Express, together with the four female hostesses.

Throughout the evening games were played, entertainment in the form of magic and murder, tricks, games, dancing, eating, drinking. Tremendous fun and never-to-be forgotten.

A wonderful and memorable way to welcome in 1989.



Julie Yates, Julie Francis, Jennie Kidd and Liz Foley are ready to be transported back to the 1920s at one of Ewhurst village's most memorable parties.



British Empire Medals

JULIE YATES REPORTS ON TWO PARISHIONERS RECOGNISED FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

wo Ewhurst residents, Sue ■ Handley and Val Henry, have been awarded BEMs in the Queen's Birthday Honours list (10th October 2020) for their outstanding voluntary work. Sue was a Governor of the Ewhurst School for 23 years. As Chair, she led a successful campaign which saved the school from closure. She started the Ewhurst Secret Gardens in 1995 and to date has raised over £60,000 for the school and village charities. Sue formed the Ewhurst Village Society followed by the Ewhurst News which is delivered

free of charge to about 900 households. Sue, with a friend, started the Ewhurst Evening WI. Together with neighbours, she started NADFAS in Bucks Green and later in Cranleigh.

Val, organist and choir leader for about 40 years, has twice been elected to Waverley Borough Council, a position she still holds. Elected to the Parish Council in 1999, she is now Chair with responsibility for planning. Val has always been approachable for the community and their concerns.



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Rainbow's gets messy

GILL NEAL TELLS US WHY THE CHILDREN DO MESSY PLAY

F irst of all, messy play is exactly what it sounds like, play that is extremely messy! Let's face it, not many people want to do messy play at home! It goes everywhere and as much as our little people enjoy it, sometimes it is just not practical. However, it is so

important for children's development and that is why we encourage lots of messy play here at Rainbows End Pre School.

But why is it so important? There is much research to support the fact that children learn best through play. A person's sensory development starts from birth and as they grow, they use these senses to explore their

environments and make sense of the world around them. Messy play can support sensory development, fine motor skills and children's general learning. They can explore how different textures feel and how textures can change, the way things move, the different sounds things make and how things smell. Messy play can be used to teach children about endless topics

including the natural world, science, cooking, health and safety and hygiene, sharing resources, taking turns and it can be a great way to encourage sustained shared thinking.

The possibilities are endless, shaving foam, cornflour, dried pasta, couscous

> or beans, water play, mud, sand, paint, cooked rice and spaghetti. Make it coloured, make it sparkle, make it look inviting or hide things in it for the children to dig out. But most of all it should spark their imagination, allow them to be creative. encourage them to try new things and just to have fun!



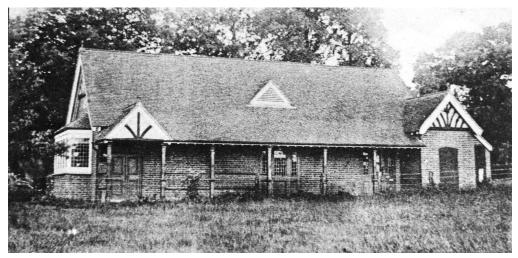
Children learn best through play, as they use their senses to explore the world around them.

That is why the little people (and staff) at Rainbows End love messy play!



Rainbow's End

PRE-SCHOOL EWHURST



Above: The Reading Room in Ewhurst, built in 1901. It was eventually sold in 1994 to what is now the Ewhurst Club. The Ewhurst Charity was set up to steward the proceeds of the sale to causes of 'public benefit' in the community.

Small charity, big heart

MARIAN HEATHCOTE REVEALS THE HISTORY OF THE EWHURST CHARITY

he building in Ockley Road which is now known as *The Club* was built in 1901 as a Reading Room and Institute for the residents of the Parish of Ewhurst.

After the First World War, it was enlarged and in 1925 it was leased to the YMCA. It was used as a canteen and a temporary school for evacuees during the Second World War and after that it was taken over by a British Legion Club.

In 1959 it became a Working Men's Club affiliated to the CIU (Club and Institute Union)

Initially the Club rented the building,

but in 1994 they were able to buy it outright.

The Reading Room was initially set up as a charity and because that is defined as being exclusively for 'public benefit' a body of trustees was set up to administer and manage the proceeds from the sale of the building. The money was invested and The Ewhurst Charity was formed.

The trustees of the charity are now able to provide 'public benefit' for the residents of Ewhurst by making grants using the yearly income. These, according to our terms and conditions, are the guidelines that we have to use:-

Relief in need: We can contribute either generally or individually to reduce need, hardship or distress by making grants of money for items, services or facilities.

Promotion of education: This includes both social and physical training. Examples of how we can apply our funds in this way include providing equipment to enable individuals to pursue their education, funding projects for school, youth and church groups and assisting students with overseas charity work.

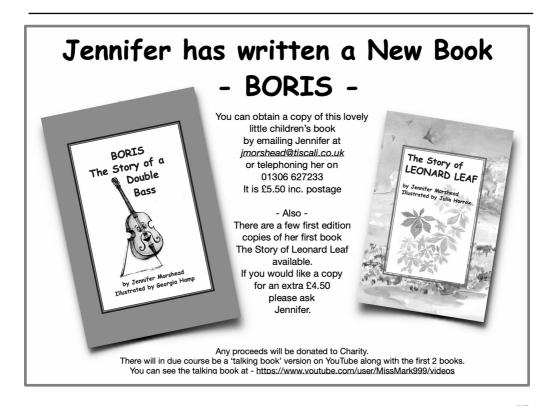
You may have seen our new posters displayed around the village. They

state: "Small Charity. Big Heart". Our income may be comparatively small but when applications match our permitted guidelines, we are able to offer financial assistance with a big heart.

All applications are given serious consideration and are treated confidentially.

Contact us if you feel you may qualify for a grant from the Ewhurst Charity

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IOSHUA ROOT, 13, GOES FOR SOME LARKS IN THE DARK

here is something quite magical about exercising in the dark and lately I have thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere when walking or cycling at night.

In Lockdown, the countryside and green space around us is vital. We don't realise how beautiful the area we live in really is! Most of us are stuck inside all day, glued to our computer screens. By the time we finish it's dark outside. So, the idea of venturing out - in what might seem the bleakest of weather - is a peculiar thought. But with a good

torch and a waterproof, it's not so bad.

Whether snow, ice, sleet, or hail there's always something the British weather throws at us. Furthermore, darkness is

disconcerting and the environment around us changes drastically after sunset. Even familiar places seem different from what you remember.

Joshua and his dad, Stephen, go out for a 17 kilometre, 3.5-hour trek via Leith Hill

I have cycled in the thickest of fog. three inches of snow and a torrential downpour, yet the strangest thing is that... it's enjoyable! The peace and tranquility you experience is wonderful and just after a heavy shower, the pitter patter of raindrops hitting the tarmac is a lovely sound. At night, the roads are quieter and although it may be cold, the

experience is something to behold.

I encourage you to layer up, stick on a waterproof, grab a good touch and explore the outdoors at night!

https://www.blacks.co.uk/blog/hiking-at-night-a-beginners-guide





Interested in playing cricket? Ewhurst CC is always looking for players of any level and age. There are also several non-playing roles requiring volunteers. Summer nets start during the season on Thursday evenings and there's a thriving colts section who train on Friday evenings. For further details contact:

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Church history tours coming soon to Ewhurst

In December, the church architect came for a final site inspection of last year's work: the chancel, west porch and buttresses. All was fine and the projects are signed off. However, it as noted there had been damage to slabs and slates on the vestry and nave roofs. We applied to Heritage Lottery Fund to use some remaining grant money and were successful. With the Archdeacon's permission, repairs will be done in March.

After that, work will be focused on the

educational side.

Information banners of the church's history will be put up for tours and special open days. When not in use, they will be stored in a specially designed unit in the south transept, along with other educational materials for school and tour visits.

It is planned that the whole project will be finished by May 2021. By that time the new charity, Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Ewhurst will be set





We're looking forward to offering historical tours and open days very soon.

up to continue the maintenance and repair of our historic and beautiful village church.

Jane Harry on behalf of the Roof Repair Team

The Arts Society Cranleigh is providing talks to members via zoom at 2.00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month, until July, as due to covid-19 these cannot take place in the Cranleigh Arts Centre as usual. Non-members can take part by contacting the Membership Secretary in advance at www.theartssocietycranleigh.org. It is hoped that as from September talks can be resumed in the Arts Centre with our normal afternoon and evening talks.

2pm, March 24th 2021: Timothy Walker - The Subtle Science & Exact Art of Colour in English Garden Design. Timothy was the director of Oxford University's Botanic Garden. He says 'Gardens are places where science and art meet in equal terms.'

2pm, April 28th 2021: lan Swankie – Great Railway Stations. A journey round glorious stations in the UK and abroad, some immortalised in art.

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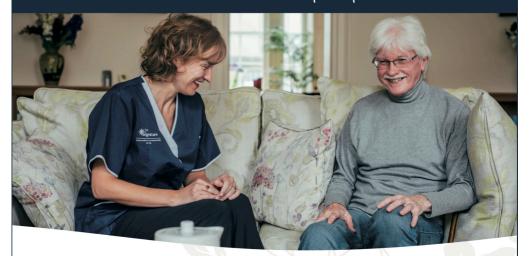
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