

# Westcott Village Magazine

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## FROM THE EDITOR



Hello and welcome back to a new school year, I hope you all had a lovely summer with some time to relax and enjoy the warmer weather. (I'm writing this at the end of July for one reason and another so I'm hoping we have had some warmer weather over the summer!)

Unfortunately our planned pull out on Westcott clubs has not yet had enough responses so I have included an ad for all those who did respond, but we're still hoping to put one together so please do email me about anything you would like included.

We have a couple of articles this month about village events that took place earlier this summer, firstly

a report on Westfest, and then the cricket club's 150th celebrations, both with lots of photos, so see if you can spot yourself if you were there!

We have a joint statement from the Trustees of the Hut and the Reading Room on page 17, which makes interesting reading, and a call for volunteers to help at Surrey Hills All Saints School, if you have a couple of hours to spare a week for a rewarding way to help your community.

As always there are lots of musical events and a great article from a volunteer ranger, Jacques Francis, to inspire you to get out and enjoy the autumn colours of the countryside before it gets too cold and wet.

**Cath**  
**editor @westcottmag.com**

### **Baby Meals**

The Westcott "Baby Meals" service, started 15 years ago by Holy Trinity Church, provides a hot meal for the family of new babies across the village. We have over 30 volunteer cooks within the village community and we're all delighted to help during what can be a time of massive upheaval and adjustment. It's a gift that is welcomed by recipient families.

If you're living in Westcott and expecting a baby or know someone who is, OR if you'd like to join our cooks' rota we'd be delighted to hear from you - please get in touch!

**Anna Kemkers 07710 425487**  
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## ...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT



### FROM SEPTEMBER A NEW JOB ....JUST VICAR OF WESTCOTT ...A GREAT ROLE TO HAVE!

Over the last few weeks I have been relinquishing all my extra roles ... Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Surrey, 20+ years association with Priory School, and, most demanding of all, Area Dean.

All these positions have been a privilege to fulfil. I would never have not wanted to do any of them. But, of course, they have all been done whilst still being Vicar of Westcott. Now it is time to just focus on the prime job. This is a great role to have.

I am looking forward to further engaging with the core development areas of our Church:-

- Children & Young Families. With Ellie, our Families' Worker, we are making renewed efforts to support and care for the young families of Westcott – Cookie Club, Meals for new Parents, our Sunday work, and involvement with Surrey Hills All Saints School.

- "Discipleship" – "The Twelve Practices of Being a Christian". We

are working through this over the next two years, encouraging all of our Church members to integrate the practices into daily life. If we do this, the benefits will be enormous – we will be better, stronger, wiser, happier.

- Links with all in the Community of Westcott. Working with other Village organisations, we are working to see strong community throughout Westcott. The aim must be in any village that no-one is lonely, no-one is isolated (unless they choose to be). As part of this development, I would love everyone in Westcott to have the opportunity to reflect on how you see your village Church. Is it important to you? Are you happy to make some connection with the Church? – even just being on our "Contacts" list . (It is the people on this list who I best know in the

village, praying regularly for each person).





## ...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT

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This is the development work in addition to the myriad core responsibilities of being a vicar, so I will not be bored as "just" Vicar of Westcott. It really is a great role to have. I am looking forward to it.



### FROM STEPHEN PARRY-JONES, BROTHER OF GODFREY

Thanks to all who made a donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Godfrey. The sum given was just over £1000, so both nominated charities (Queen Elizabeth Foundation and Brain Injured Rehabilitation Trust) will receive a nice boost to their funds. I will drop a line to people where I have a name, but the appreciation of all the family goes to everyone else.



# Thank You

### NEW HOME GROUP (FOR CHRISTIAN MEETING, DISCUSSION & PRAYER)

*I am looking to host a new Church in Westcott Home Group.*

*The idea is to meet weekly/fortnightly one evening (TBC), 7.30-9.30, at my flat in the heart of the village. The theme for the first series will be 'Faith, Hope, Love' (1 Corinthians 13) and together we will read the Bible and other Christian material to explore, reflect and pray into what this means for each of us. Light refreshments to start - no need to bring anything, just yourself! Interested?*

*Drop me an email stating the evenings which work best for you [ruthandohbaxter@outlook.com](mailto:ruthandohbaxter@outlook.com) or or let Revd Alan Jonas know if interested. Ruth.*

### Sunday Evening Service 6pm September & October (4pm November - March)

*A lovely, reflective way to end the week-end.  
Let's keep an evening service going in Westcott!!*

Alan J. Vicar

# SERVICES AT THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT



We run a regular programme of worship services and other activities for young and old.

Everyone is welcome as we build friendships and share life together!

8.30 am: A traditional Communion service with hymns and organ, unless stated.

10.15 am: A 'parish' service, reflecting the people of the Church in Westcott, with organ and music group. Regular creche and children's activities.

6.00 pm: A quiet traditional service, usually 'Evensong'. Communion with prayer for healing monthly.

DATE	THEME	8:30AM	10:15AM	6:00PM
1st Sept	<b>The Bible Course: Jesus &amp; the Gospels</b>	<b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
8th Sept	<b>The Lord's Prayer - As we forgive those</b>	<b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b> No music	<b>Celebrate Breakfast Communion</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
15th Sept	<b>The Bible Course: Acts &amp; the church</b>	<b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing</b>
22nd Sept	<b>The Bible Course Revelation &amp; Review</b>	<b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
29th Sept	<b>Michael &amp; All Angels</b>	<b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

## MID WEEK SERVICES

Every Wednesday	10am	Communion at St John's
Every Thursday	8:30am	Morning Prayer at St John's



# WHAT'S ON AT THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT



*All events at Holy Trinity unless stated.*

**Tues 3rd Sept 7:45-9:30pm** The Bible Course: Jesus & The Gospels. Refreshments, discussion & prayer.

**Sun 8th Sept 9:30am Breakfast 10:15am 'Celebrate' All Age Service** with books given to all children and young people. **Afternoon: Tennis Festival** at the Ratzke's home. An afternoon of family fun with tennis for all abilities, and a BBQ.

**Mon 9th Sept 7-9pm Village Eco Café** St John's.

**Tues 10th Sept 8:00-9:30pm 'Celebrate' Children and Families' Work Planning Meeting** Planning meeting for parents (and anyone

else interested), working together to develop and deliver Children's Activities and support for Families in our Church. St John's.

**Tues 17th Sept 7:45-9:30pm Encounter & The Bible Course:** Acts & the church. Refreshments, worship, discussion & prayer.

**Tues 24th Sept 7:45-9:30pm** The Bible Course: Revelation & Review. Refreshments, discussion & prayer. St John's.

**Sun 29th Sept Bishop Jo Bailey-Wells** leading and preaching at 10.15 am service.

**Tues 1st Oct Evening** Guildford Diocese Core Safeguarding Training for PCC, all leaders, all requiring DBS check / renewal of safeguarding training.

**Sun 6th Oct Harvest Services**




## Harvest

Sunday, 6th October

**Services**  
**Holy Trinity Westcott**

8:30am BCP Communion  
 9:30am Breakfast  
 10:15am All Age Communion  
 6:00pm Evensong




**Rt Rev'd Jo Bailey Wells,**

**Bishop of Dorking**

**Leading & Preaching**

**10.15 am**

**Sunday 29th September**

**Holy Trinity Westcott**

*Come and support our Village Church and our Bishop*

# CHURCH IN WESTCOTT NEWS

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Judith Packer** – for all her work on the St Johns Peace Garden, and especially, the installation of the lovely bench. A great effort of inspiration and coordination.

**David Packham** on being recommended for training for ordination – “to be a vicar”. This is a very exciting development for David and his wife, Margaret, and for our Church. More details will follow about David’s training.

**Ellie Lister** on being recommended for training for ordination – “to be a vicar”. This is a very exciting development for Ellie and her family, and for our Church. More details will follow about Ellie’s training.

## FLOODLIGHTING

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The floodlighting for September has been sponsored by Laraine Jewell in loving memory of Michael Player and his grandson, James Watkinson.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, please contact Sarah Massey at [sarah@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk](mailto:sarah@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk) or on 01306 887413. (Suggested donation of £75 to Westcott Church Funds.)

We are very thankful to all the sponsors of the lights - your gift is gratefully received as a contribution to both the electricity bill and our general fund.

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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### Marriage:

29th June 2019                      Thomas John Baugh Hutchings & Maria Claire Slaney

### Death:

4th September 2015      Anthony Brown (59)

12th October 2018      Sara Adrienne (Sally) Morgan (83)

22nd February 2019      Honor Margaret Sylvia Collins (91)

2nd May 2019                      Roderick Robert Alfred Kyle (78)





# CELEBRATE

## WHAT'S ON FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES?

'Celebrate' is the name for all the things we do at the Church in Westcott to help children and families to build friendships and share life to the full! Everyone is welcome, whether you've been to church before or not. There's a place here for you!

Celebrate Breakfast Service is our monthly all age service held at Holy Trinity Church from 9:30-11:15 am. We enjoy a simple breakfast at 9:30, followed by a short communion service at 10:15 with worship, prayer, craft & Bible stories. There's no charge for breakfast. Just come and enjoy building friendships and sharing life! **The next Celebrate Breakfast Service is at Holy Trinity on Sunday, 8th September, with each child given the gift of a book.**

## Building a Strong Children's & Families Work in Our Church

Tuesday 10th September 8 pm

St Johns, Furlong Road

Planning meeting for parents (and anyone else interested), working together to develop and deliver Children's Activities and support for Families in our Church

Please let us know if you will be involved.

Alan, Vicar     Ellie, Families' Worker



**Parent, Baby and Toddler Group**

St John's Community Hall, Westcott

Thursday mornings 9:30-12:00pm term time



A welcoming and friendly place for parents, grandparents & carers with under 5s. Enjoy comfy sofas, good coffee, friendship and time to have fun with your children as they play, laugh, learn & grow. £2 per family

*We look forward to meeting friends old and new at the start of a new term on 12th September!*

## WESTFEST UPDATE

The persistent drizzle didn't dampen spirits at WESTfest in Wonderland on Sunday 7th July! Local community groups, charities, food and drinks, crafts and local businesses, set up their stalls, well over 40 in all, and while the gazebos dripped the village came out in force (with their brollies!) to support this annual event, now in its 5th year.



We were entertained by the Surrey Hills All Saints School children who danced around the Maypole in traditional fashion, then by the amazing and ultra



modern "Desire to Dance" groups, all of whom bravely danced on through the rain! Life's Circus lifted our spirits playing their unique

funky and soulful tracks - undeterred by the drizzle. The "Flaming Fun" bubble man kept the children entranced with his bubble stunts, and the Richings Martial Arts team enthralled the audience with their powerful demo. The Guides orchestrated hilarious Flamingo Races, Compere without compare; Graham Baker, kept us all on track throughout the day - thanks so much Graham (it couldn't happen without you!).



A highlight of the day was the dog show, orchestrated by Sarah Medcraft supported by Odette of Forbes & Schuster (the

Big Yellow Dog Bus). "Dog most like it's owner" was a surprisingly tricky one to call (dogs and owners do look alike!) and "Dog judge would most like to take home" was even harder, they were all gorgeous!

Our Silent Auction offered 70 fabulous



## WESTFEST UPDATE (cont)



lots this year (plus a raffle prize fund of £300 cash), all of which were donated by local businesses and individuals. We made over £3,000 which will be shared between our three local charities, F@SH (Friends at Surrey Hills All Saints School), Papua Partners, and Girl Guiding Faurefold, the Guiding holiday home in Westcott. Thanks to all our supporters, donors, bidders and all those who helped on the day.

Save the date: "WILD WESTfest" 2020  
Sunday 28th June 12-4!

Check out more photos on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/westfestsurrey](https://www.facebook.com/westfestsurrey)  
Get in touch at [westfestsurrey@gmail.com](mailto:westfestsurrey@gmail.com)

WESTfest is mostly about having a fun community day and bringing the people of Westcott together, so thanks go to everyone for coming along and supporting the event.



Anna Kemkers



C of E Primary School

# Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us both in and out of the classroom at Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School. We appreciate that everyone has extremely busy lives, but if you have a small amount of time to spare, you can help us make a **BIG** difference to the education of our children.

Volunteering can be on a regular or adhoc basis and may include; reading, computing, cooking, sewing, art or supporting children where the need is.

We are holding our volunteer workshops on:

**Monday 9th September: 1:45-2:30pm ABINGER SITE**

**Tuesday 10th September: 2:15-3:00pm WESTCOTT SITE**

*Please note, you will need to attend a volunteer workshop for updates, even if you have previously attended our volunteer training.*

*This is a compulsory workshop before volunteering in our school.*

All volunteers are will be expected to undertake a DBS check which will be done via the school office . If you have volunteered with us before, but have not been into school in the last 3 months, the DBS check will need to be completed again.

**This needs to be completed before any volunteering is commenced.**

*If you are unable to make either workshop, but are still interested in volunteering, please email: [westcott@surreyhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:westcott@surreyhill.surrey.sch.uk) to arrange an alternative time.*

## ***THE WESTCOTT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING***

***Come and join us at  
The Reading Room on  
Wednesday 4th September***



***10.30 – 12.00 midday***



On June 26th, one of our few reasonably sunny days this summer, Janet Dawkins arranged a most enjoyable visit to the Lavender Fields at Banstead. We were met by the owner and his wife, Brendan and Lorna Maye, a delightful couple who have put hard work and determination into their project. 12 acres of dilapidated land and accompanying plant nursery are now a beautiful sight (no pun intended!) to behold.

Lorna gave us a very informative talk about the history and cultivation of lavender, as well as their own journey to get to where they now are. It is well worth a visit this time of year, where the fields are bright hues of lavender, and a cream tea awaits if desired!

Our next meeting is on Sept 4th at St John's Chapel at 7.30pm. An evening with Ralph Sutton, our local popular jazz musician, promises to be musical and entertaining, so do come along and join us. No need to be a member, or even female! All are welcome, our annual membership is £15 or ad hoc visits are £4. Tea and coffees are supplied or a glass or 2 of wine, for which, this latter, we ask a £1 donation.

For further details contact Jacki Moss, 01306 881481 or email [johnjacki.moss@btinternet.com](mailto:johnjacki.moss@btinternet.com)

**Jacki Moss**



# Flemish and Dutch Paintings



A twenty Week course commencing  
**Wednesday 25th September 2019, 10.30 am**  
Westcott Reading Room

For further details contact:

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Essex Road, Cranleigh, GU6 8FT

Tel: 01483 808924

email: [bwhitaker@uwclub.net](mailto:bwhitaker@uwclub.net)



## WESTCOTT LADIES' CRICKET

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Following England's wonderful win in the world cup at the weekend, Westcott Ladies went out in good spirit this week for a match against Effingham Ladies. Unfortunately we were a player down and didn't quite get to a Super Over result, but nearly made it and everyone enjoyed the fun of the evening. It was all very light-hearted despite the tenseness as Westcott tried to get those necessary last over boundaries, sadly not achieved, but someone has to come second and this time it was us.

Ladies, and girls, we have only been "going" for just over a year, so are still very much in our infancy, and really do need more players of all ages to join our ranks; injuries and holidays deplete our numbers, and even if you've never played before (I started at age 74!!) and fancy having a go, then PLEASE come and join us at Westcott Sports Club on Friday evenings from 6.30 - 8pm. Bring your families along, there is a BBQ from 7pm, the bar is open as well as junior cricket training for boys and girls under 12 during this time.

Even if you don't want to play but would like a friendly place to come for a drink, and/or a bite on a summer's evening, plus free entertainment, pop along and visit us.

**Jacki Moss**



Westcott Ladies (plus mascot!)



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## Slow Cooked Pomegranate Ox Cheeks

2 ox cheeks, cut in half	2 bay leaves
100g plain flour	1 knob of butter
Freshly ground salt and pepper	1 large glass of red wine
1 onion	1.5 cups pomegranate juice
1 carrot	1 tbsp pomegranate molasses
1 stick of celery	Large glug of extra virgin olive oil

### Method (Serves 2)

1. Pat the ox cheeks dry with kitchen paper, then season with freshly ground salt and black pepper.
2. Toss the cheeks in plain flour, then lightly sear in a pan with a glug of oil, on both sides until nicely browned, then remove from the pan.
3. Finely dice the onion, carrot and celery and sauté in a knob of butter on a medium heat for 6-7 minutes.
4. Place the onion, carrot and celery mixture and with the bay leaves into a slow cooker on a medium heat setting, followed by the ox cheeks, pomegranate juice, molasses and red wine.
5. Cook for six hours. (If cooking in an oven, cook at 150 degrees C for 4-5 hours).
6. When ready, remove the ox cheeks from the slow cooker/oven, and loosely cover with foil to keep warm.
7. Discard the bay leaves and transfer the liquid into a saucepan, bring to the boil and allow to reduce until it is syrupy. Stir regularly.
8. Serve the ox cheeks with butternut squash mash and the reduced sauce drizzled on top, finished with some fresh pomegranate seeds.

There was no meeting in July but the WLHG had a stall at Westfest on Cradhurst Field on Sunday 7th July with a display of posters and photos of historical interest which attracted a goodly number of visitors and inquiries for membership of the group.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th September at the slightly earlier time of 7.45 pm followed by a Talk to be given by Nigel Barker-Mills on the subject of 'Surrey's Listed Buildings' in the Reading Room. The committee welcomes ideas on subjects for new talks for next year and urges members to let us know what they think. Also nominations are invited to be committee members of the WLHG and become involved.

**Roger Christian**

## **Joint Statement from The Trustees of The Hut Westcott & The Westcott Reading Room dated 22 July 2019**

The Trustees of the Hut and the Reading Room have signed an agreement to jointly explore the possibilities of building a new Village Hall and a Doctors Surgery on the Hut site at Furlong Road.

The trustees see an opportunity, through a joint approach to the development of both sites on which they are respectively located, to explore whether by the partial realisation of the value of their respective sites and other funding options it might be possible to deliver a new medical facility and modern community meeting space with good parking on the site currently occupied by The Hut.

A joint working party has been set up including Trustees from both charities and an independent chairman - Bernd Ratzke - who is a commercial lawyer and lives in Westcott. The working party is liaising closely with Dorking Medical Practice.

The first action of the joint working party will be to commission an initial study, by a firm of independent planning consultants, to investigate whether the new buildings will meet the requirements of the village and conform with planning regulations.

It is the hope of the Trustees that we are able to ultimately provide a state of the art surgery and a modern village hall at the heart of the community in Westcott.

## Aylesbury Beer Festival

The 26th Aylesbury Beer Festival will be held at the Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School in Aylesbury on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd November. "We will have the Local Gin Showcase, and a Craft Beer Bar, but real ales will remain at the heart of the Festival. Aylesbury Premier Building Services (APBS) are sponsoring the Beer Festival for the second year while PRF Wireless are sponsoring the Beer Festival souvenir pint glasses this year.



There are still opportunities for individuals and businesses to support the Charity by sponsoring a beer barrel. For more information contact Emma Carrol on 01296 429975 or email [emmacarroll@fnhospice.org.uk](mailto:emmacarroll@fnhospice.org.uk).

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## Bramley House Residential Home

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Email: [info@bramleyhouse.net](mailto:info@bramleyhouse.net)



## READING ROOM



We did enjoy seeing so many villagers at WESTfest in July serving Pimm's and soft drinks and supporting the now established Village Day which brings so many people together to hear their views on future plans.

The Reading Room has this summer relocated some storage units to ease access in the storeroom and redecorated it too - many thanks to Arnold and Evan for their excellent work.



Transitioning into autumn means on Saturday 7th September we welcome back the Westcott Gardeners for their autumn show for the pleasure of all the village. Do come and visit that day.

Our newest users Beata and Jarek have started an exciting new yoga therapy group once a month on Saturdays so do contact them for more details on 07935 651585 or see their website at [www.ifeelgoodtherapy.com](http://www.ifeelgoodtherapy.com)

Demand for festive parties over the Christmas/New year period is growing so do not delay in reserving a date in December.

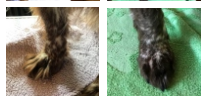
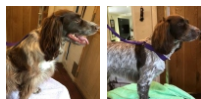
More information from the Reading Room website: [www.westcottreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.westcottreadingroom.org.uk) or by phone on 07967 286636.

**Alan Reif**  
**Chairman**

### Dance Fit

I have been running this class in the village since 2001 on a voluntary basis. We are now settled at St John's, with all profits going back into the community, with regular donations to Little Doves. Now that the preschool has gone I am quite happy for all takings to go into church funds, but last year the numbers only just covered the rent, which has now increased by 2/3. So we are really struggling and are desperate for new people. If you like to dance it is the easiest way to exercise for the good of your health. We do 1/2 hour moderate intensity dancing and 1/2 hour Pilates exercises, Yoga type stretches and relaxation.

I can be contacted by text on 07712595458  
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As a welcome change to the Chairman's contribution, this month Edwina Gordon, the WVA

Membership Secretary, shares her views on what is the Westcott Village Association?

I first moved to Westcott in 1986 with two young children, working full time, a house that needed updating, and not much spare time. When someone knocked on the door asking for a small subscription for the Village Association I paid up and to be honest didn't really think about it.

Maybe you feel the same. But now my children have their own children, and one lives on another continent, I have the time and the passion to give back to Westcott what has made it a very special place to live in, and bring up my family.

We don't have a Parish Council, (voted on by residents way back in the 1970's) but we do have a committed group of volunteers, led by our very active chairman, Tim Way. We undertake the majority of the functions of a Parish Council...but it costs you nothing on your annual

council tax bill. We are apolitical and a registered charity.

So, what have we done? In the recent past we have paid for the defibrillator by the bakery, sponsored talented youngsters, monitored planning proposals, and kept an eye on highways issues. We have preserved

our iconic thatched dovecote and bus shelter, advised on parking and road issues, arranged litter picks, purchased s p o r t s

equipment ...and listened to any reasonable request for help.



We are sponsors of, and get involved in WestFest, where this year we raised a total of £728 from the Tombola stall and the sale of Sandra Ede's







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A collection will be taken during the afternoon to support **The Brigitte Trust**

**For further information please contact:**

**Event** – Anne/Annie Sutton on [annesutton1953@gmail.com](mailto:annesutton1953@gmail.com)

**Jaz2** – Ralph Sutton on [ralph@jaz2.com](mailto:ralph@jaz2.com) or visit [www.jaz2.com](http://www.jaz2.com)



The Brigitte Trust is a local charity based in Dorking. The Trust trains volunteers to provide emotional support and offer practical help to families where there is terminal illness. It provides a **FREE** home-visiting service across the whole of Surrey.

Volunteers are matched with a client/family, and visit every week for 3 hours. Each client has unique needs which the Volunteer recognises. In some instances, the Volunteer will enable clients to fulfil last wishes or dreams, as well as providing a listening ear, and some much needed respite for carers.



excellent cakes.

For the second year running, Carole Clear won one of the most alluring bottles in the WVA tombola! Last year she invested heavily in raffle tickets to win the coveted bottle. This year, however, she purchased 10 tickets and it was the lucky 7th ticket she opened that won this bumper bottle of rose!!! A big thank you to everyone who generously donated bottles to our stall.

The current big challenge for the Association, working with the chairs of all other major groups in the village - The Hut, the Reading Room, the Sports Club, the Church, and the School - is to facilitate a way forward for a new doctor's surgery and community centre. This is an



issue that will have a major impact on the future of Westcott.

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please let me know. You can join via our website [www.westcottvillage.com](http://www.westcottvillage.com) or pick up a leaflet from the Bakery. I'm delighted to say that membership numbers, (which is purely voluntary and only a minimum of £10.00 a household per year), have significantly increased this year.

But we don't just want your money. We want your views, your input and whatever involvement you have time to give. So, a big thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership and to those who have joined for the first time. We have an Open Meeting at Holy Trinity Church on **Thursday 12th September starting at 19.30**, and you're all invited.

Let's continue to work together to make Westcott a great place to live in.

For more information visit our website [www.westcottvillage.com](http://www.westcottvillage.com)

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## PEACE GARDEN BENCH

The Octagonal Bench surrounding the large Yew tree at St John's Graveyard was celebrated in style at a formal opening on 1st July at 11:30am having already been put to the test (within 48 hours of it being installed) on Saturday 29th June for Tom Guilder's leaving afternoon tea!



The hugely talented and dedicated National Trust volunteer team of Landbarn Carpenters explained the work they generally undertake and how they enjoyed this bespoke challenge! The local and sustainable oak wood from Bookham Common, which was a by product of their conservation work, has been carved with 'Westcott Peace Garden 2019' & two butterflies by Iain Crafer. He has used a 'type font' as near as possible



to that used by the Commonwealth War Graves (to reflect the celebration of peace following the end of WWI) and the butterflies remind us of the 'Adonis Blue' – his favorite which have a local habitat (reflecting the Surrey Hills 60 years AONB).

Judith Packer explained that it was Hazel Watson's Members' Community Funding which was the catalyst for the project and Hazel shared a few words of how delighted she was that this bench had become a new meeting place and rest area for people whether they are local or visitors. After a few words by Helen Chappell about the regular Monday morning café (to which all are welcome), Rev Alan Jonas used a very appropriate quote from the Bible Revelation 21 to share a blessing on this new facility.



All are welcome at any time to see what he meant and look up to the Ranmore hills for a few moments of peace.



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## PEACE GARDEN BENCH (cont)

In the autumn the St John's team will be starting further ground upgrades to improve access and enable planting to be done, with huge thanks to the Pippbrook Open Gardens fundraising recently undertaken. If you would like to join a monthly volunteer gardening group (most likely the last Friday of the month from October), please either pop into the Monday morning Café sometime or email [distribution@westcottmag.com](mailto:distribution@westcottmag.com)



**Judith Packer**

### **The Dorking Group of Artists – October Exhibition 2019**

The Dorking Group of Artists, one of the largest art groups in Surrey, will be once again holding their popular Annual Exhibition at Denbies Wine Estate in October. Exhibiting members, many professionals among them, will be displaying over 200 pieces of exciting new and original art, all for sale at affordable prices. The paintings should appeal to every taste, featuring different subjects and styles and covering a wide variety of prices and media.

Entrance to the exhibition is free so come and make a day of it!

There is plenty of free parking.

The exhibition is open:

**Friday 11th October – Sunday 13th October 10.00am – 5.00pm**

The exhibition closes at 4pm on Sunday 13th October

The Dorking Group of Artists meets on Tuesday afternoons at Beare Green Village Hall from September through to Easter. Membership is open to artists of all abilities, from beginner to professional and costs just £25 per calendar year. The activities programme is varied and includes workshops and demonstrations. (Outdoor painting and sketching during the summer months).

[www.dga.org.uk](http://www.dga.org.uk)

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## THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES...



### Green Spaces For Good

Did you know that Westcott's Cradhurst Recreation Ground is protected for future generations through the Fields in Trust scheme?



Fields in Trust legally protect parks and green spaces in perpetuity by working with

landowners across the UK. Because once they are gone, they are gone forever.



Green spaces are good, do good and need to be protected for good. They are not pleasant nice-to-haves

to be taken for granted - they are the green hearts of our communities.

Parks and green spaces are proven to help people stay physically and mentally well; places where we can all move, breathe, run and play. They are an important tool to drive social cohesion, combat loneliness and build community spirit.



Fields in Trust works in partnership with landowners including local authorities, voluntary organisations and private landowners to protect land through a Deed of Dedication - a binding legal commitment with the landowner, in the case of Cradhurst that is Mole Valley District Council - which allows it to be protected in perpetuity for current and future generations to enjoy.

Now, Fields in Trust have looked across the country to map out how accessible Green Spaces are to individuals. They have produced a



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## THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES... (cont.)

new Green Spaces Index that tells us in Westcott that we have:

- 4.2 Hectares of Green Space (excluding privately owned green space and National Trust Land)
- 18.6 m2 for every person living in the village

Based on the national level benefits identified by their Revaluing Parks and Green Spaces research, this is estimated to bring £660,000 of health and wellbeing benefits to us annually.



of total green space provision in  
Great Britain

### Do you have time to listen?

Healthwatch Surrey listens to what local people have to say about the health and social care services they access.

They are looking for volunteers to help them hear about what people want from our local health services. This in turn helps them to:

- take their concerns to decision makers, to influence and improve how local services are run.
- keep an eye on changes to services
- make sure that local people are consulted in decision making and in the design of local health and social care services.

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They couldn't do this without the help and support of our dedicated team of Community Listeners. Community Listeners talk to people in a variety of settings, including hospitals, GP surgeries, community centres, and on the high street.

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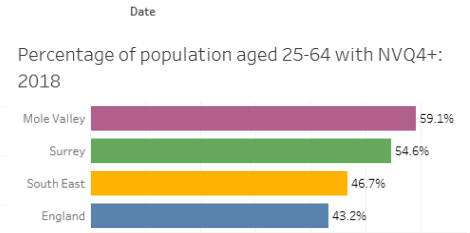
services available in the area, and how to access them.

If you have a few hours a week you can spare to make a real difference in your community, please get in touch. For more information, call them on 0303 303 0023, visit their website, [healthwatchesurrey.co.uk](http://healthwatchesurrey.co.uk) or email [Zoe.Harris@healthwatchesurrey.co.uk](mailto:Zoe.Harris@healthwatchesurrey.co.uk).

## Mole Valley Economic Development

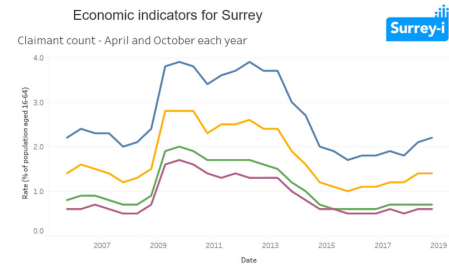
Mole Valley District Council has worked with Surrey Economic Development Officers and Surrey-i to develop a dashboard that monitors several economic indicators for Mole Valley and other Surrey districts and boroughs.

The Dashboard shows us that educational attainment in the District is better than Surrey as a whole:

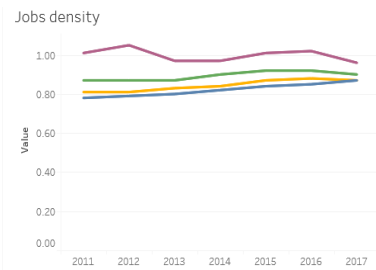


And (using the small colours), unemployment claims are

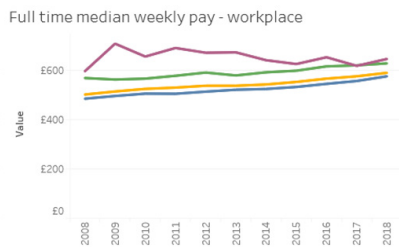
consistently lower too:



Whereas a few years ago there were more jobs available than economically active aged people in the District, this has recently changed to being closer to the national norms (although still better than Surrey, the South East and England as a whole):



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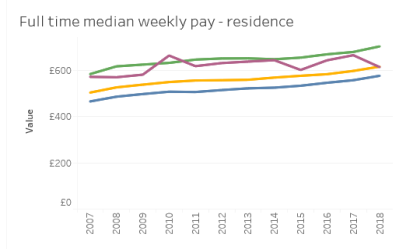
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But pay rates for people living in Mole Valley have fallen below Surrey and to the same level as the South East as a whole in 2018:



**Are you the working parent of a three or four-year-old?**



The new school year is upon us and the high cost of childcare for pre-schoolers can be off-putting, but did you know you can offset the cost of extended hours childcare by applying for a funded place?

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If you are the working parent of a three or four old year child, and you earn less than £100,000 a year, then you could be eligible to go up to 30 hours funded childcare.

You can check whether you qualify by visiting:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

### Holmbury and Westcott Wolves

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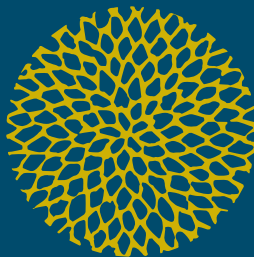
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On the morning of Wednesday July 3rd, in bright sunshine, a coach full of U3A members and friends visited Kew Gardens. On arrival at the Elizabeth Gate, Eric, from Kew, distributed maps, entrance tickets for the Gardens and for the 'Explorer' Land train and he indicated some of the available facilities and attractions.



Chihuly sculpture 'Paintbrushes' with the Palm House in the background

There are so many - including the Palm House, the Temperate House (recently refurbished at a cost of £41m), the Princess of Wales Conservatory, Kew Palace, the Galleries of Botanical Art, the Alpine House, the themed gardens and the Tree Walkway.

However, the main current attractions were the large colourful glass sculptures by Dale

Chihuly, at various locations. After the Group Photo was taken near the Nash Conservatory people dispersed to follow their own interests until 4:30 pm when the coach was waiting for us at the Gate for the homeward journey.

It was a fascinating and full day in fine weather and we thank Sheila and Sue for the organisation (and Matt, our coach driver).

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We are trying to get together a directory of all the clubs in the village which will feature in the magazine as a 4 page pull out section and maybe attract more people to your activity. We haven't had enough replies yet for a pull out, so those who have responded can be found in this month's magazine, but we really do need everyone!



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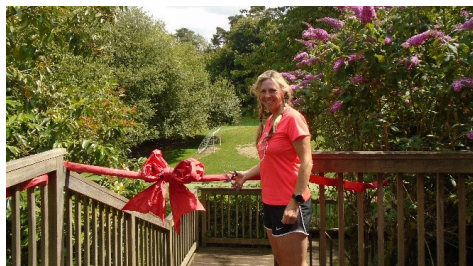
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# SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS C of E PRIMARY

We had an exciting end to the 2019/20 academic year, with the opening of our new running track on Monday 8th July 2019. We were privileged for Nikki Love to carry out the opening – Nikki's latest challenge is to run across Australia!



The children are having great fun using the running track and the three activity stations around the track.



Below are some the highlights from our exciting and fun filled summer term:

## Tri Golf Regional Finals – Champions!

In July we had great success with our golf team, firstly, we won the Dorking Schools tournament and

then the county finals. This qualified the team to represent Surrey in the regional finals in Canterbury. Nine teams, three each from Kent, Sussex, and Surrey competed. Our team played extremely well and showed outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship. They were delighted to win the competition and become the first ever regional champions.



## Year 4 Residential Trip

The children had a fantastic time at New Barn despite the overcast skies and drizzle. On the first day, Romanus Dave regaled the children with stories of life as Roman soldier in Britannia. Then on the second day, Ragnar entertained us in his round house whilst listening to stories of blood thirsty





## SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS C of E (cont)



Vikings raiding these Saxon shores.

"I liked making the medicine out of plantain, crushing the leaves and creating a poultice" Violet

"I enjoyed listening to the Viking invasion stories in the Celtic roundhouse" Florence

"It was interesting learning about the Viking names like Blue Tooth and goddesses such as Freya" Charlotte



### Year 6 Residential Trip – High Ashurst and Thames Young Mariners

What a fantastic trip! Apart from the first night of rain (could this be blamed



for 4 hours sleep?!) the weather was perfect and the action packed days were enjoyed by all. Fears were faced



with determination and team work shown. Activities included: high ropes, climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, kayaking, sailing and raft-building. "The instructors were always happy to help and made everything heaps of fun," (Jack)



"There was not a second of any day that I didn't enjoy!" (Florence)

"I defeated my worry of heights – it was the best experience of my life!" (Freddie)

"The amazing trip created memories that I will never forget." (Duncan)



# SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS C of E (cont)

## Leavers' Service

The Year 6 children took part in a range of activities at the Cathedral prior to a service celebrating their time at primary school. There was also time to reflect on their future journey. Surrey Hills All Saints had been chosen to write a 'Please Prayer' – beautifully delivered on the day by Frankie and Toby. We also led the procession and all children were a credit to the school.



## Year 6 Leavers' Service Prayer

Dear God,

As we prepare for our next step on our journey,  
please guide us along the right path.

Please give us the confidence and courage that we will need  
during our transition.

Please guide us to tackle any difficulties that lie ahead  
with optimism and positivity.

Please encourage us when learning is challenging and  
when we are tempted to give up.

Please give us the motivation and dedication we will need  
in order to progress and succeed to meet our full potential.

Please help us to make new friends and  
to nurture the friendships we already enjoy.

Please bless us with your love and guidance and  
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Many local Westcott residents attended which was brilliant to see, and we were also lucky enough to welcome two past members of the club. Mr Mike



Lewis, who was club Chairman and President during the 1960's, and Mr James Morgan, a former Team Captain from the 1960's. It was wonderful to hear stories of the club from this time. They were impressed by the recent changes we have made to the clubhouse (more on this in the next issue), and both said they were happy to see so many juniors joining the club.



It was a fantastic day, which we all thoroughly enjoyed, thank you to all who attended.

**Becky Taylor**

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Social, Discussion, Prayer	Tuesday 3rd September
<b><i>Acts and the Church</i></b>	
Sermon	Sunday 15th September
Social, Discussion, Prayer	Tuesday 17th September
<b><i>Revelation and Review</i></b>	
Sermon	Sunday 22nd September
Social, Discussion, Prayer	Tuesday 24th September
<b>Fellowship</b>	
<b><i>A Light in the Darkness</i></b>	
Sermon	Sunday 13th October
Social, Discussion, Prayer	Tuesday 15th October
<b><i>United in a Divided World</i></b>	
Sermon	Sunday 20th October
Social, Video, Discussion	Tuesday 22nd October
<b><i>Growing in the Practice</i></b>	
Sermon	Sunday 27th October
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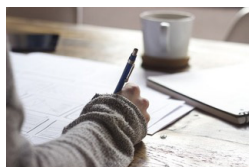


## Using your power as a citizen

Government action is crucial in tackling climate change. With many political issues vying for politicians' attention, it is important to contact our elected representatives to let them know that we are concerned about climate change and call on them to take urgent action, in line with the scale of threat that we are facing.



One of the most effective things to do is to visit your MP, ideally with a few other constituents. Hope For the Future ([www.hfff.org.uk](http://www.hfff.org.uk)) offers support to anyone interested in engaging with their MP on climate change.



Signing petitions and email campaigns is a quick and easy way to register your concern, however,

personal letters, demonstrating that climate change is an important issue for their constituents, can be more impactful.

Arguably MPs may feel that climate change is not a pressing concern for their constituents – unless we write to them and make clear that it is!

Things to include:

Say why you are writing – perhaps concern for your children's future, recent news about the impacts of climate change (heatwaves, habitat loss...)

Explain why you think more urgent action is needed (eg the government's advisors, the Committee on Climate Change, recent report says government policies are off track to meet legal emission reduction commitments, continued subsidising of fossil fuels inconsistent with action to reduce emissions)

Outline a benefit (cleaner air, falling cost of renewable energy, positive health impacts...)

We will be holding a letter writing session at our Eco Café at St John's Chapel on Monday, 9th September 7-9pm – do come along and join us!

**Jakki Phillips**

### Eco Calendar: September

2nd-6th	Zero Waste Week ( <a href="http://www.zerowasteweek.co.uk">www.zerowasteweek.co.uk</a> )
Saturday, 7th	Dorking Repair Café at The Christian Centre 10.30am-1pm
Monday, 9th	Eco Café at St John's Chapel 7-9pm
Friday, 20th	Earth Strike UK
Saturday, 21st	National CleanUp Day ( <a href="http://www.nationalcleanupday.org">www.nationalcleanupday.org</a> )
Sunday, 22nd	World Car Free Day



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This month there is a last chance to see **'The Days of King Dor - a touring exhibition from Leasingstede Museum'**: This unique and rather unusual exhibition has brought many a smile and quizzical expression to visitors' faces and remains open until September 21st. It is the creation of artist Jane Williams and is a display of artefacts from Dorking's past, but not a past that any local historians would recognise.

**'Those who came before us'**: The Museum's next exhibition, opening on September 26th, is presented in conjunction with art psychotherapist Sophia Cowx. It builds on our successful



National Refugee Week display and Eye to Eye experiment last year, and follows this

year's theme, 'You, me and those who came before', an invitation to explore the lives of refugees – and those who have welcomed them – throughout the generations. It explores Dorking's response to refugee crises in the past, the emergence of the poppy symbol 100 years ago at the end of the First World War as a creative response to the trauma of war, and the poppy's connections with healing for centuries.

**Walking in Dorking:** Take a trip into Dorking's history with a guided walk of the town's many attractions. Our Hidden Dorking Historic Walk takes place on Sunday 1st September, 11am, leaving from the Museum and takes an hour and a half. Even those familiar with the town will be surprised to see features they have never noticed and hear stories they have never heard before. See Museum website for details and booking. Group bookings can be made for any of our popular guided walks through the website or e-mail Wendy Foley on [admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk).

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## DORKING MUSEUM (cont.)

On **Sunday 15th September, 2pm**, there is a choice of two guided walks. Our ever-popular Deepdene Trail walk takes in the grotto, woodland walks, parterre and temples, spectacular views across the Weald and exclusive access to the grade II\* listed Hope family mausoleum. Or our Dorking Women's Fight for the Vote walk visits sites associated with suffragette and suffragist activity and agitation in the years leading up to the First World War.

On the following weekend, we launch two new themed walks. On **Saturday 21st September, 2pm**, a guided tour of Betchworth Castle offers stunning views across to Box Hill and towards Brockham and will enable visitors to enter into what was the castle's great hall and walk down into the cellars, not normally open to the public.

On **Sunday 22nd September, 2pm**, the team will be offering tours of Dorking during the time of William Mullins and the Mayflower travellers 400 years ago, showcasing buildings that were in existence during that time and which survive into the 21st century.



Heritage Open Days events are free

– book in advance for these walks on the Heritage Open Days booking service. Or just drop into the Museum on the 19th, 20th or 21st September.

**South Street Caves tours:** Take a trip under the streets of Dorking to explore the famous 17th century caves. Discover how they were created and how they evolved over the centuries. Check out the 'mystery chamber' and guess what it was used for. Open Days on **21st September** (for Heritage Open Days) and **28th September, tours 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm**. Tours last 45 minutes. These sell out quickly so check



website for details and further dates, or email [caves@dorkingmuseum.org.uk](mailto:caves@dorkingmuseum.org.uk) to arrange a group tour.

The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm. Visit [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk). Enquiries to [admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk) or phone 01306 876591.

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7th at 12.00, Music at Midday at St Martin's church, free, 01306 884229

9th at 7.00, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717

29th at 2.30, Flanders & Swann concert at Gildings Farm Newdigate, £20, 01306 711688 or 882146

29th at 5.00, Russian National Ballet at Dorking Halls, £25.50, 01306 881717


The new concert season starts quietly before getting really underway in October. The Dorking Halls is showing two opera screenings this month, both of them recordings from the New York Metropolitan Opera. First comes Puccini's *La Boheme*, a tale of tragic love among the Bohemian student life of Paris (3rd), and this is followed by a monumental production of Verdi's grand opera *Aida* (9th).

The Dorking Friends of Cancer Research UK present a Flanders and Swann concert at Gildings Farm, Partridge Lane, in Newdigate. The music will last about an hour and will be followed by afternoon tea!

The Russian National Ballet is touring the UK with Tchaikovsky's ever popular *Nutcracker*, based on the story of *The Nutcracker* and the Mouse King by E.T.A. Hoffmann. It tells the story of a little girl who is given a nutcracker doll as a Christmas present and the magical adventures which follow, all set to Tchaikovsky's delicious music.

The lunchtime recital at St Martin's church will be given by pianist Constance Chew. Watermill jazz meets on Tuesday evenings; this month's performers are the Oddgeir Berg trio (3rd) and Eddie Parker's Debussy Mirrored Ensemble (10th).

Looking further ahead, the Dorking Concertgoers programme will include an evening of Indian classical music, three concerts by the Barbican string quartet, and a recital by the brilliant young pianist Benjamin Grosvenor, playing Beethoven and Liszt – definitely one not to miss! Dorking Choral Society will sing Brahms' beautiful German Requiem in a concert marking 30 years since the Berlin Wall came down. And the Leith Hill Musical Festival will include performances of Bach's great B minor Mass and Vaughan Williams' grand and stirring *Sea Symphony*.



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This month volunteer Jacques has kindly taken the time to write about his experiences volunteering with us.

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When I retired, I encountered a group of people who were repairing the steep steps to Ranmore Common from the Carriage Road. Identifiable by NT branded clothing in subdued country-friendly colours, they were friendly and approachable, so I asked about volunteering. After meeting the Lead Ranger, in May two years ago I was welcomed into the team by the Area Ranger, Amanda Barnicoat and her dozen Volunteers. Numbers vary from week to week because the sort of people who are going to volunteer their time and energy to the NT are exactly the sort of bright,

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## RANGER @ LANDBARN FARM (cont)



just to pootle. Some are garrulous, others taciturn. We all enjoy hard work, and take interest in our surroundings: a shout of 'Kestrel' or 'Raven' as we're working on the Downs will have everybody look skywards.

The Japanese have tea-drinking rituals. Well, so do we. Shortly before eleven, when we're working outside, ingenious devices called 'Kelly Kettles' are fired up, resulting after a short while and a great deal of puffing and clouds of woodsmoke, in boiling water for hot drinks. They are drunk accompanied by a slice of a cake which is brought every week by a different volunteer. The ceremony of the Firing of the Kelly Kettles is traditionally carried out by the group's shortest member.



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## RANGER @ LANDBARN FARM (cont)



that she might start charging us a gym fee for the privilege of volunteering. Just the once.

It's not all hard physical work. The metal fence which borders Netley Park is a third of a mile long, so is taking hundreds of man-hours to paint. When a good number of volunteers turns up, the dullness of the work is counterbalanced by its conviviality.

Ranmore Common and Denbies Hillside is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and is part of the Hackhurst and White Downs Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), so is much favoured by walkers, runners, cyclists, horse riders, entomologists, picnickers, and fly-tippers. One of our jobs is to remove and dispose of fly-tip, which usually consists of a pick-up's cargo of builders' and gardeners' waste.

Other tasks involve strimming and brush-cutting verges and fields to help constrain Nature's enthusiasm for life as necessary, for example to make verges safe or to remove plants such as Blackthorn which are threatening to overwhelm other plants such as Horseshoe Vetch which are essential to the life cycle of the Adonis Blue butterfly with its complex and fascinating lifestyle. We are also fillers of car park potholes, and makers of such varied artefacts as giant sized birds' nests and wood-

fired pizza ovens.

We make verges safe by strimming them, and remove plants such as Blackthorn from fields before they overwhelm other plants such as Horseshoe Vetch, which is essential to the complex and fascinating life cycle of the Adonis Blue butterfly.



Some of my colleagues have been volunteering for over ten years, so I'm a newcomer, as they remind me occasionally. The people and the work make it enjoyable and rewarding and I'm looking forward to the next eight.

Thanks for a lovely article Jacques. I hope it will be an inspiration for more people to volunteer with the National Trust and the many other charities that rely on people giving their time, skills and knowledge.

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## LEITH HILL PLACE

As I type, summer is in full swing and Leith Hill Place has a range of exciting and varied events for you to enjoy. We are delighted that at the end of August, the Royal College of Music (RCM) Museum is visiting Leith Hill Place, the childhood home of English composer and RCM alumnus, Ralph Vaughan Williams. The programme of events is as follows:

### **Pop-up Exhibition on Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August, 11am-5pm:**

Come and discover more about the RCM's musical treasures, learn about Vaughan Williams and his connections to the RCM, as well as viewing a display of Milein Cosman's drawings.

### **Lunchtime Concert and Lecture on Friday 30 August, 1.30pm-2.30pm:**

As part of the RCM's Museum Roadshow, RCM researcher Anna Maria Barry explores some surprising and hidden stories behind four portraits from the collection. The characters are brought to life through songs performed by talented Royal College of Music musicians.

### **Saturday 31 August, Musical Impressions: Family Drop-in Sessions: 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3pm:**

Join us for a fun workshop, exploring musical drawings by artist Milein Cosman, who sketched Ralph Vaughan Williams in action during

his lifetime. We will be using art and music to develop our own creative impressions in an interactive drop-in session supported by RCM musicians.

The above are free, drop-in events and no booking is necessary.

Also on **Saturday 31 August**, tying in with the RCM and Vaughan Williams theme, writer, broadcaster and historian, Andrew Green, presents the last in his fascinating **RVW Talks Series - London: The Dazzle and the Desperation**.

How many times while growing up did Ralph Vaughan Williams gaze at the romantic view of London seen from the summit of Leith Hill? In this lavishly illustrated talk, Andrew Green imagines how that distant vision became a reality in his 1914 London Symphony. The talk runs from 6pm until 7.30pm, with a glass of wine or Pimms included in the interval. Tickets £15; booking essential.



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## LEITH HILL PLACE (cont)

Leith Hill Place is not only known for its musical connections. The cream teas and cakes made by our talented volunteer bakers are becoming well known in the area and we are proud to have been finalists in the National Trust Food & Beverage nationwide awards.

If you and your child are keen to learn how to bake, come to our **Family Baking Workshop on Tuesday 6th August from 10.30am until 1pm**. You will make dough from scratch and bake pizza and biscuits. Tickets £7 for adults; £13 per child. We ask for a minimum of one adult per child.

Continuing the baking theme, you can learn a new skill on **Tuesday 10 September from 10.30am to 2.30pm** with an introduction to making a sourdough starter and baking with spelt flour. Tickets £45; booking essential.

The visual arts are also represented by **Drawing for Beginners and Improvers**. This four-day course runs over the course of four weeks and covers the fundamental skills necessary to be able to draw. It is run by local artist Jane Allison. The dates are **Tuesdays 17 September; 24 September; 1 October and 8 October from 10am to 12.30pm**. Tickets £80 for the course; booking essential. Please contact the artist directly on 07790 476394 or email [janecareyallison@gmail.com](mailto:janecareyallison@gmail.com).

Finally, on the weekends of **7 & 8, 14 & 15 December**, alongside our popular carol singing, we will again be offering our visitors a chance to do some Christmas shopping and browse local crafts. If you are a local artist or craftsperson who would like the opportunity to display and sell your creations at Leith Hill Place, please get in touch for more information and a booking form by emailing [leithhillplace@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:leithhillplace@nationaltrust.org.uk) or

calling 01306 711685. The deadline for entries is 31 August 2019.

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Obviously everyone loves a bit of a flutter! We enjoyed meeting up with some old friends and meeting new ones and talking to them about the Memorial Woodland. Since when we have gained a significant number of new members on our QRMW Facebook page.



The woodland is lovely as always this time of year, wonderfully cool up in amongst the trees and enjoyably warm down by the pond where our new fish that were donated to us are thriving.

Mr and Mrs Pheasant continue to visit on a daily basis at the feeding stations and we have been thrilled to watch the adult woodpeckers teaching their young how hang upside down to feed from our feeders.



As we go into August we will be attending a number of events including Albury Produce Show which we always enjoy. But we also look forward to welcoming you to our Woodland which is always open to everyone.

**Paul Cooling**  
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**How do I join?**

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## ***What is it?***

The Westcott 100 Club is a "Small Society Lottery" registered and monitored by Mole Valley DC (no. 048965). The scheme's aim is to raise funds for village clubs, events and activities. 40% of the scheme's subscriptions are paid out to the members each year in prizes, with the remaining 60% being available for clubs, events and activities in Westcott.

## ***How does it work?***

The scheme is open to anyone over the age of 18. Members pay an annual subscription of £25 per "ticket" by Standing Order. Members can hold up to 20 tickets at any one time. Draws are held quarterly in or around March, June, September and December, with an additional annual prize in December. There are two prizes at each quarterly draw and one, larger, prize for the annual draw. Prize values depend on the number of tickets at the time of the draw – for example, with 100 tickets, the quarterly prizes are £125 and £62.50 with an annual prize of £250. The more members, the bigger the prizes and the more money for local causes!

## ***How do I join?***

For more information, please email us at [westcott.100.club@gmail.com](mailto:westcott.100.club@gmail.com) and we'll send you a full copy of the scheme rules, and let you know how to sign up. If you have internet banking, it can all be done online in a few minutes (and you don't need to tell us your bank details – unless you win a prize!).

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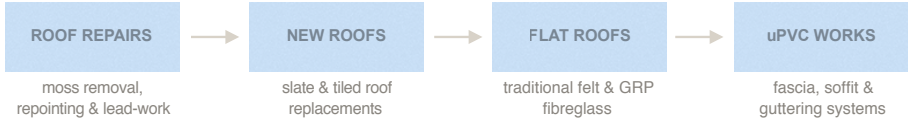


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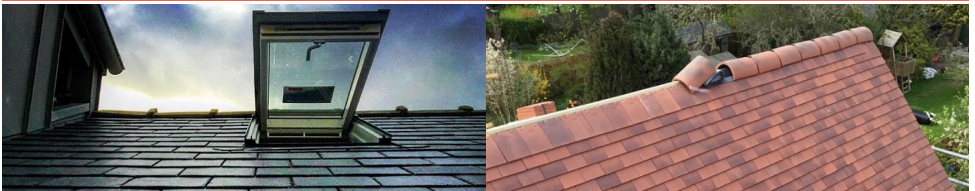


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## **Leisurely – 4-5 miles**

Sunday 1st: Wandering the Wey. 2pm, 4 miles.

Sunday 8th: Teas on the Green at Brockham. 2pm, 5 miles.

Monday 23rd: Ashted and Epsom Commons. 2pm, 4 miles.

Sunday 29th: River Mole Amble. 2.30pm, 4 miles.

## **Moderate – 6-12.5 miles**

Wednesday 4th: Wotton and North Downs. 10am, 6.5 miles.

Wednesday 4th: The North Downs, River Mole and much more... 10am, 8 miles.

Saturday 7th: Milton Heath – Ranmore – Denbies. 10am, 10.5 miles.

Sunday 8th: Four men went to mow. 9.30am, 6 miles.

Wednesday 11th: Frensham and Spreckley. 10am, 6 miles.

Wednesday 11th: St Leonard's Forest. 10am, 6.5 miles.

Sunday 15th: The countryside around Winkworth Arboretum. 9.30am, 6 miles.

Wednesday 18th: Heading out from Headley. 10am, 6 miles.

Wednesday 18th: Down and Up from Winterfold Heath. 10am, 6 miles.

Saturday 21st: Birds Galore at Pulborough Brooks. 10am, 12.5 miles.

Sunday 22nd: Walking the Headley Way. 9.30am, 7.5 miles.

Wednesday 25th: Doris' favourite walk. 10am, 7 miles.

## **Strenuous – 8-11 miles**

Sunday 1st: Hydon's Ball and All that Jazz. 9.30am, 10 miles.

Saturday 14th: Great Kentish Houses. 10am, 11 miles.

Wednesday 25th: Farley Heath, Peaslake, Albury Heath. 10am, 8 miles.

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