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If you have any articles, photos, letters, etc that you think we may like to feature in the next issue, please email the Editor on:

editor@westcottmag.com

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FROM THE EDITOR



As I put this issue together the weather is a little unpredictable, to say the least! Hopefully by the time you read it, it will have settled down to something a bit more seasonal!

This issue is full of people hopeful that things they have planned will actually happen, so fingers crossed for the various concerts, several of which are raising money for great causes, and

for Dorking museum to be able to open its doors again. We have details of apps that will enliven your wildlife walks by naming things that you see or birds that you hear, and below is a plea for sponsorship from Moira who is walking for Kids for Kids at the end of the month.

I hope you all have a good June and that whatever you have planned can be enjoyed.

Cath
editor@westcottmag.com

SPONSORED WALK APPEAL

I have lived in the village for 21 years and it is only since lockdown, giving up work a year ago, and the golf courses being shut, I started hiking around the area and discovered exactly what a glorious part of the country we live in! So, after reading the Kids for Kids 'Challenge 20' article in the May Parish magazine, I have asked two golfing friends, who have been walking with me once a week for the past few weeks into completing 20 miles in one day on 26th June as a personal challenge and to try to raise some money for this amazing charity.



The most we have done is 7 miles thus far, but we are 'in training' and looking forward to, and confident in completing the task! If anyone is interested in sponsoring 10p, 20p, 50p, £1, or more, per mile it would be great to raise what we can. Please contact me on moira.fenwick53@btinternet.com or

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Thank you, Moira, Faye and Hasoon

...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT



AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

"Keep all your thank you notes", said one of my training vicars when I was preparing for ordination. So, I did.

Over 27 years later, I have accumulated a large box full. Now, we are downsizing and they must go. It has been humbling to read through them before they are dumped, and makes me realise again, how good it is to be thanked, and to thank others.

Reading through the cards, e-mails and letters, takes me back over the years, remembering people of the past and present that Jenny and I have shared our lives with. The messages range across all the areas of ministry – baptisms, weddings, funerals, Alpha courses, Christmas/Easter services, school assemblies, even the occasional sermon! The times recalled are generally key events full of joy, and others of deep sadness. The thanks create a yet greater bond. I am moved by the person who took the trouble to write, I become thankful to them for their encouragement - another step of empathy is established.

Expressing thanks builds our relationships with one another. Taking time to say thank you, shows we do not take others for granted. Such appreciation builds our character in a very attractive way of openness and joy – no-one likes a surly, mean-spirited person. Saying "thank you" is good for the soul.

I love how the Bible narrative about Jesus is full of 'ring of truth' accounts of His humanity, including appreciating being thanked. In the story of Him healing 10 men with leprosy, only one returns to say thank you. Jesus comments "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" (Luke 17:17)

Jesus recognises that expressing thanks is good for the recipient and the giver. Of course, as ever, Jesus takes the need for being people of gratitude to one another a step further, by stating in the next verse, our need to praise God. I realise that when I am thanked, I am humbled,

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...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT



knowing that I am nothing without the God who made me and sustains me. Thanks has to lead to praise of God.

I know I need to be more assiduous in thanking people, and more generally I need to grow in an "attitude of gratitude" – to others and to God. We diminish ourselves

when we take for granted, when we are not appreciative of God and one another.

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Alan Vicar

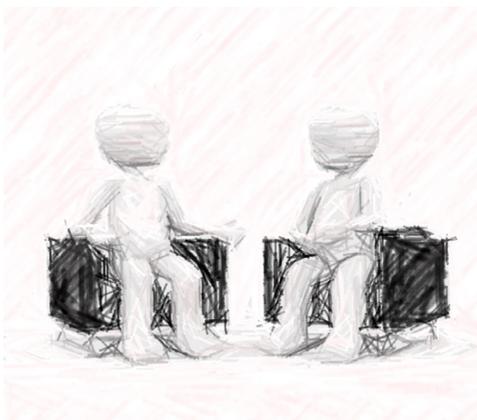
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..FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT

THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT IN A TIME OF CORONA

Much of the pre-Covid work of the Church in Westcott has been put on hold but we are still very much active and present in our village. Activities include:-

- 8.30 – 9.00 am every Sunday, Communion Service in Holy Trinity.
- Holy Trinity open to all for visits and prayer,
9.00 am – 4 pm Sundays and Wednesdays.
- 10.30 am Zoom service every Sunday – join us by telephone if you do not have internet access. See website for details or contact Alan, Vicar. Do join us, you are very welcome.
- 'Life Groups' are running on Zoom – small groups of people who meet to chat and pray about life, faith.
- Prayer together fortnightly on Wednesdays 7.30 – 8.30 pm.

We are a part of the **Westcott Good Neighbour Scheme** and we are always here for a chat, prayer, pastoral need. **Paul Stacey** paulstacey88@gmail.com, may be able to help with **debt advice**.

For help, more information, please contact **Alan, Vicar: 01306 644868** **alchasjonas@aol.com** or visit **thechurchinwestcott.org.uk**

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

DATE	THEME	8:30AM IN CHURCH	10.30AM ON ZOOM
6th June	2 Corinthians 1-2	Book of Common Prayer Communion	1st Sunday Communion
13th June	2 Corinthians 3-4	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Pentecost Communion
20th June	Healing (1)	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Songs of Praise with Morning Worship (or Communion if on Zoom)
27th June	Healing (2)	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Pentecost Communion

8.30am in Church

A traditional Communion service.

Covid restrictions in place, including social distancing and wearing of masks.

10.30am on Zoom until further notice

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You will also be very welcome to come to Holy Trinity, for prayer, reflection or just to be back in our Church, on Sundays and/or Wednesdays 9am - 4pm.



FLOODLIGHTING

There has been no floodlighting sponsorship for June.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, please contact Sarah Massey at sarah@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk.

(Suggested donation of £75 to Westcott Church Funds.)

...FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

MAGNIFICENT NEW ADDITION TO THE EXTENSION CHURCHYARD

Many readers will have seen the magnificent new gate and fence which have been installed around the extension churchyard in Westcott Heath/Logmore Lane.



The wood is locally grown chestnut which was cut and erected by David Seall of Seall Landscapes based in Westcott.

more. We are so grateful to the donor whose generosity made it possible for us to replace the old fence with something in a very different league!

We are assured that the new fence will last at least 20 years and hopefully

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Nothing to report this month.



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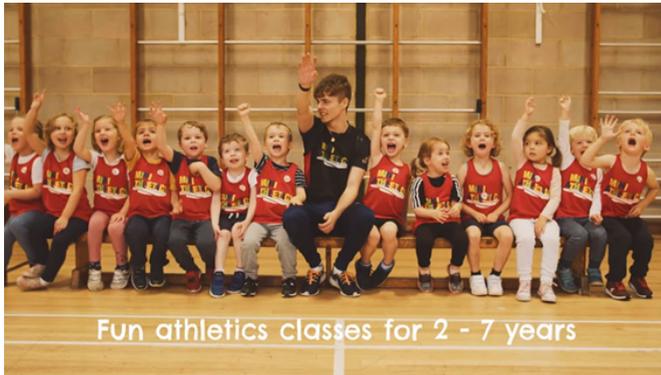


We welcomed back from mid-May the all ages Martial Arts group weekly Sundays 9am-1pm and now also on Tuesday 6-7pm plus the Wednesday morning Art History Appreciation group meeting weekly from 10.30am-12.30pm.

We look forward to welcoming back the Westcott Gardening Club; their summer show will take place on Saturday afternoon 10th July at the Reading Room.

If you have saved up children's parties held over from last year please do contact us for bookings in June, July and August where Saturday daytime availability is still looking good. If you are looking for regular weekly space at the Reading Room there are opportunities on Monday afternoons, Thursday mornings plus Friday afternoons/evenings.

New to the Reading Room on Friday morning 21st May are the local Meadvale Singers group for their rehearsals who some of you may have seen perform at Leith Hill Place.



From September we will be welcoming a local Dorking area weekly Mini Athletics UK group on Saturday mornings for children aged 2-7 run by Samantha Lloyd-Smith, a former Surrey County athlete, who is passionate about

creating sport and fitness interest from a young age. More information at www.miniathletics.com/mini-athletics-crawley-reigate-and-dorking-summary/

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THE HUT AND THE READING ROOM

Update on behalf of the Trustees of The Hut, the Trustees of the Reading Room and the partners of Dorking Medical Practice.

When I last updated the village on the plan to provide a new village hall/community centre and a doctors' surgery, we were awaiting the outcome of the geo-technical survey at the Hut site in Furlong Road. We now have that, and there are no indications that the location is subject to soil conditions which would get in the way of being able to build on the site in the way intended.

The trustees of the Reading Room and of the Hut are therefore minded to begin the formal process required by the Charity Commission to merge their two charities so as to allow the assets of both charities to be committed towards delivering a 'next generation and beyond' set of community facilities for Westcott.

There is little point in merging unless the proposals are financially viable. The Reading Room trustees have therefore appointed a well-reputed firm of development consultants to test the likely values and funding requirements of this ambitious project

and to check the assumptions on which the plans are founded. Their initial report is expected before the end of May.

If the indications from the development consultants are that the project looks deliverable, the trustees of the Reading Room and of the Hut will push the launch button on the merger process for their two charities. That process will take at least until the autumn and be somewhat dependent on Covid restrictions allowing public meetings to be held to consult with the residents of Westcott.

Please look out for a further update on this in the July edition of this magazine. The Joint Working Party hopes to have a stand at WESTfest on Sunday, 18 July which, with luck, will show some indicative schematics for the village hall/community centre and surgery buildings on the Furlong Road site.

Bernd Ratzke
Chairman, Joint Working Party
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Dear Resident,

There are two important events during June in the WVA calendar.

The first is that we will be holding **this year's AGM on Thursday 24th June at 7.45pm.**

We have made the decision to hold this at **Holy Trinity Church** as we have in previous years, and we will make every effort to ensure people feel Covid-safe. The Agenda and meeting details will be emailed 14 days ahead of the meeting.

We would like to take this opportunity to set out the things which have been achieved over this somewhat strange year, driven by members of the Committee, all of whom are Trustees of the WVA, and all of whom give their time and talents voluntarily.

- With Holy Trinity Church, set up and ran the Good Neighbour scheme during the Covid-19 pandemic, helping residents with shopping, collecting prescriptions, cooking

meals, and providing support to vulnerable and isolated individuals.

- Purchased and installed in the former BT phone box on the corner of St John's Road and The Burrell a second defibrillator for the village.



- Purchased the Christmas Tree on the village Green and the "green" solar powered lights to decorate it. (Special thanks also go to the Westcott



Gardeners club for their donation and to the children and staff at Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School for making the decorations).

- Sponsored the Secret Santa competition for the best lights decorating houses in the village.

- Delivered Christmas Day lunches to villagers (courtesy of Westcott House).

- Made an application to further restrict parking on the short stretch of Westcott Street between the Village Store and North Street to improve road safety. This will however be subject to



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- Set up and recruited individuals for a "Speed-watch" team.
- Purchased a hand-held radar speed gun, and trained the first group of volunteers.



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• Ran a children's competition (with prizes) to design Dog Poo posters as a light-hearted way of getting the message through to the small minority of dog owners who foul our green spaces and footpaths.

• Purchased and erected more formal signs about Dog Fouling when the problem got significantly worse during lock-down. We are also urging the



District Council to adopt the Green Dog Walkers scheme to reinforce the messages about dog fouling.

• Funded the purchase of 5 computers in order to ensure that no child in the Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School was disadvantaged by not having access to technology.

• Worked with Surrey County Council and the Surrey Hills AONB to ensure the Leith Hill Greenway is made safe at the A25 crossing point between Balchins Lane and The Rookery where the excessive speeds of motorists on the main road pose a danger to users.

• Monitored all Planning Applications in Westcott to ensure that building projects were in line with the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan.

• Continued to lobby the District and County Councils on noise pollution from motorbikes which plague this area especially during the summer months.

The second thing is that 1st June is the time when the WVA normally asks residents to renew their membership subscription for the coming year - £10 per household, or a larger amount if you can afford it. This year however we are proposing (subject to AGM approval) that all residents become members of the WVA with voting rights at meetings, and that in the future we will simply ask for donations to the Village Association in order that it can continue the work done on your

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The WVA's bank details are:

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Account No.: **20072790**

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We look forward to seeing you at the AGM where you will have the opportunity to raise questions and express opinions, but until then, you are invited to write to me and a member of the committee will respond to your enquiry.

With my best regards,

Tim Way
Chairman, Westcott Village Association
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contact@westcottvillage.com

BABY MEALS

For over 16 years, families of new babies in Westcott have been receiving 'Baby Meals', a gift of a hot meal for the whole family, delivered to their door for two weeks. An initiative driven by the Church in Westcott, it is a practical and highly valued service, provided by people across the Westcott community

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THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES...



Local Elections

A big thank you to everyone that took the opportunity to support candidates at the May local elections. Every candidate, irrespective of political party, puts a lot into the election period and public scrutiny that comes with standing for election. Each vote cast overall makes that worthwhile and is an endorsement of local community democracy.

I have had many local residents feedback to me that they were impressed at the smooth operation of our village Polling Stations with the COVID secure arrangements working well. Thank you to everyone who made that happen successfully.



Overall, there was no change in the political make-up at Pippbrook. The

turnout in the District Council election in Westcott was the second highest of all those held on 6th May at just over 50%. Thank you to everyone who voted for me – I look forward to helping people across our village until the next elections in 2023.

That year will see boundary changes across the district and every seat on the District Council will be re-elected in one go. The council is likely to have switched to different boundaries with wards of around 5,500 voters each, compared to the 1,800 we have in Westcott today.

To achieve that number for us, Westcott could join up with part of Dorking or with neighbouring villages. All that will be decided by the Boundary Commission for England at the start of 2022 based on submissions from us all. Please do let me know what you think would be the best configuration.

The Circle of Life

There is rightly a lot of discussion and effort going in locally, nationally and internationally into the impact that human actions have on our natural environment. Trying to live our lives in a way that leaves no lasting finger print on nature is a very tough challenge and the questions come from many different directions.

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THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES... (cont.)

In recent weeks we have had a fox visiting our garden. Generally, it is great to see all forms of wildlife around and to let nature take its own course. In this instance though, our visitor took to staking out our two pet rabbits in their run and so some human intervention was required.



At the time of writing, two main measures have been employed. The hutch has been given an extra layer of security with a series of locks and catches re-used from a collection inherited from our children's great grandfather and an electric fence has been installed around the run.

It all makes us think again about precisely which human actions are the right ones to take. Should nature have been left to take its course, and presumably some fox cubs fed by their mother? Should rabbits have never been domesticated to provide company, friendship and the well established mental health and wellbeing impacts that appropriate pet ownership has for humans? Should the fox be encouraged to prey on other wild rabbits instead?

There are no easy answers to any of the above. Just life there are no really easy answers to our other challenges on how our actions impact the environment. All we can do is to minimise what we do and to save resources for the future generations.

There are a range of ideas as to how you can play your part in this challenge on the Mole Valley District Council website – please do check it out if you haven't already explored it.

Why not make summer 2021 the time when you make just one change to lessen your impact on nature? Plant a tree; walk somewhere rather than drive; pay extra attention to your recycling weighing your residual rubbish fortnightly to see if you are throwing away less – the ideas are endless but our natural resources are not.

Considerate Parking

In recent weeks the subject of car parking etiquette has been high on my inbox list.

When we created the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan, there was clear evidence that there was a lack of car parking spaces in the village and a clear policy was included setting out the minimum numbers of parking spaces to be included in new developments. This policy has been

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THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES... (cont.)

upheld by the planning inspectorate in the years that have followed.



Although, through that policy, we have some control over future arrangements, at present there remains a balance to be struck to help each other out.

Recognising that, as with driving more slowly through our village, best practice starts with our own behaviours and then hopefully visitors will follow suit, I have been asked to repeat a few simple best practice things to do locally:

- Please don't park on pavements as this can prevent those with mobility issues from being able to safely get around
- Avoid parking in front of driveways and junctions
- Please leave others space to pull out and to open car boots so that, for example, those with young children don't have to compromise safety when getting them into the car
- When coming and going late at night or early in the morning, please keep noise to a minimum

The redevelopment at the Hut site in Furlong Road promises to bring with it some much needed additional car parking capacity in due course and that will be immensely welcomed.

In the meantime, perhaps we can help each other in one more way too. Especially in the world of more working from home and of people trying to use their cars less often, if you happen to have a driveway or even garage that you don't use for whatever reason, then would you be prepared to let someone else in the village make use of it to reduce the overall demand for on-street parking? If so please do let me know and I would be happy to introduce you to folks in need.

Burglary Alert

Late one evening in April some money was stolen from a Westcott residential property. No entry point was identified by the police team investigating the burglary.

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THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES... (cont.)

prevention/protect-home-crime/
door-window-lock-advice/

Clarion Update

Housing Association Clarion have given the council an update on the state of their local housing stock across the district:

- 1,561 homes currently pass all assessed aspects of the required housing standard.

- 360 homes cannot pass the standard even with bespoke investment, and alternative development plans need to be made for these properties.

- 2,514 homes can pass the standard, with additional investment beyond which is currently scheduled.

- £9.4m is already scheduled including the following estimated as (but is subject to technical assessments):

- £7.5m Energy Efficiency improvements
- £0.8m new door entry systems
- £1m remodelling to address space and storage limitations



Through their Clarion Futures project, the association is also supporting

people back to work:

- *Employment Support* – Their 1-2-1 virtual employment support has continued throughout this quarter with new virtual classroom offers available to residents.

* Their Digital Team have been offering digital device loans, digital skills assessment and capacity building sessions throughout the lockdown period.

* Clarion is leading the Kickstart Housing Partnership: a consortium of 59 organisations, including 44 in the housing sector, that will create new Kickstart roles. Clarion Housing Group will be directly employing 301 young people. The roles and opportunities will be varied and Clarion Futures, the charitable foundation of Clarion Housing Group, will provide in-work support and training throughout the process.

- *Covid 19 Return to Work* – Grants of up to £150 for Clarion Housing residents and up to £50 for non-Clarion Housing residents for customers who are being supported by Clarion Futures Jobs & Training team who need financial support to return to work following furlough.

- *Work* - Grants of up to £150 are available for Clarion Housing residents and up to £50 for non-Clarion Housing

U3A Art Masterclass with Jake Winkle

This year is the 20th Anniversary of Dorking & District u3a and to mark the event, we are hosting a Zoom Art Masterclass on **Wednesday 16 June 2021** run by Jake Winkle.



Jake Winkle is a well-known artist, specialising in direct simplified watercolours. Inspired by light and movement, Jake's paintings reflect the world around him. His loose, spontaneous style of painting endows his finished works with movement and life. An artist for over 30 years, he studied at Bournemouth College of Art and Design and Brighton Polytechnic. His book on Light and Movement in Watercolour received great acclaim and he has written dozens of articles for magazines and has produced several teaching DVDs. He has won many awards and his work has often been exhibited at the Royal Society of British Artists.

Jake demonstrates and tutors all over the country and runs residential courses and workshops and masterclasses which are always extremely popular and often overbooked. He has been running online Zoom sessions fortnightly during lockdown and consistently gets an audience of well over 100 people from all over the country and some from abroad.

The Dorking & District online workshop is designed to appeal to all budding or experienced artists, no matter what medium you favour. It should also appeal to the non-artist as Jake specialises in wildlife or domestic animals and paints with you, leading you to eventually producing a very satisfactory picture. It is a privilege to watch him at work. The u3a workshop will focus on English wildlife and will appeal to anyone interested in natural history and photography as well as painting or the study of art.



This event is free for u3a members and will run from 10:00am to 12:30 pm on Wednesday 16 June 2021. To register for this workshop and u3a membership please visit www.dorkingu3a.org.uk. You can find out more about Jake Winkle and his work on www.jakewinkle.co.uk

THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES... (cont.)

residents who are being supported by the Clarion Futures Jobs and Training team to transition into employment.

- *Business re:work* - To support customers that have secured employment on a self-employed basis. Up to £250 available for Clarion residents and £100 for non-Clarion residents

- *Grants available to Clarion residents only:*

* Training - To support customer's

access education and training leading to qualifications and certification related to their career goals. £1,000 available per year for Clarion residents.

* *Business Start-up* – To support customers who want to start or grow their own business – maximum grant £1,000

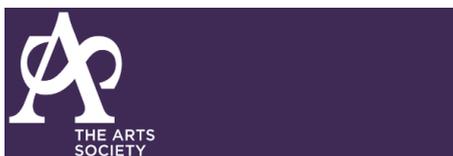
James Friend

The Arts Society Dorking

The June Lecture being presented by Leslie Primo via zoom will be entitled '**Foreigners in London : The Artists that Changed the course of British Art**' on Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 10:30am.

Why were foreign painters preferred by the aristocracy in London to native born English painters, and why did they come in the first place? Leslie will also talk about the way these artists influenced the British school of painting.

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Dear All,

Here at Surrey Hills All Saints we are so proud of the children and all they did to contribute to our wonderful Easter celebrations. A huge personal thankyou to Reverends Berry and Jonas for stepping in and lending their voices and presence to our community.

We are looking forward to the rest of our summer Term at Surrey Hills All Saints where restrictions are slowly lifting. We are extremely pleased that we are able to provide Residential trips for our year 4 and 6's. This is an exciting opportunity to support their learning, gain cultural capital and build resilience.

We are developing our curriculum with an ambitious programme, adding challenge and depth and building on all that is brilliant. To facilitate and support this we are developing a programme of school improvement projects and will be reaching out to our Community to see where we can garner support to provide all the children of Surrey Hills All Saints with the very best facilities, resources, grounds and educational experiences.

The community is key to our children's success. If you think you can help with Working Parties, Future fund raising opportunities, or have skills and abilities that you think could support us, then please get in touch info@surreyhill.surrey.sch.uk.

I look forward to building successful partnerships within our wonderful catchment and meet as many of you as possible across the parishes.

Wishing you all Peace, Light and blessings.

Here are some recent highlights:

Easter Pause Day

The whole school celebrated Easter Pause Day on Tuesday 30th March. The day provided the children with the opportunities to participate in activities, deepening their understanding of Easter.



It was lovely to see the Easter Parade at Abinger and the Easter bonnets in all their glory. As part of their Easter celebrations, Moles class made some wonderful Easter cards, which were sent to those nominated in our local





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community. Thank you to Rev Tony Berry and Rev Alan Jonas for the services they delivered to the children in the playgrounds.



proudly on display around the school. Many genres were explored, and the children worked hard to edit and improve before presenting each text beautifully. Powerful vocabulary, a range of punctuation and varied sentence structures were used for effect and the finished writing is entertaining. As well as writing their own legends, instructing others on how to train a dragon and writing reports on their dragon species, their embroidery work was incredibly neat and well designed. Well done Moles - we're so proud of you!

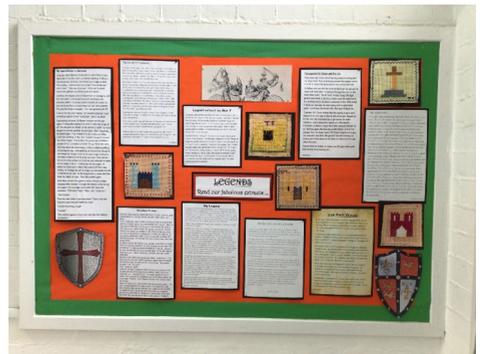
Bikeability

Recently Year 4 successfully completed the level one Bikeability course. The children did a great job and thankfully the weather was kind to us. The first group from year 6 also completed the level two course, the remaining children in year 6 will complete the course over the coming months.



Moles' Class Displays

Year 5 and 6's learning theme linked to Arthurian legends has produced some wonderful work which is now



Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook. Here you can see daily life at Surrey Hills All Saints and can share in the amazing learning opportunities the children experience each day. We wish our local community well and hope everyone is staying safe. Twitter @SurreyAllSaints, Facebook @Surrey All Saints.

Mr Simon Coles
Headteacher

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Advance booking is essential!

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www.dorkinghalls.co.uk

Admission is free with a retiring collection. All necessary Covid-19 precautions will be in place. We regret that this limits the number of seats available, but we hope that many of you will be able to join us in welcoming live music back into our lives.

Maiastra is a Westcott based chamber music trust which provides courses for advanced students who are studying at, or have recently graduated from, European music conservatoires. An outstanding level of musicianship is maintained and shared with appreciative audiences who are captivated by the standard of playing and the commitment of the young musicians.

A warm welcome is guaranteed at our concerts and, with restrictions now lifted, we look forward to sharing with you an exciting programme of music throughout 2021.

All details on our website: www.maiastra.org

Plans for Alan and Jenny's Retirement

Alan and Jenny Jonas are retiring in September 2021,
please join us in giving them a well-deserved and fond farewell!



As Vicar of Holy Trinity Westcott, Alan Jonas and his wife Jenny
have been an important part of our village for 23 years.

Now is the time for them to move to pastures new
and enjoy their retirement.

We are planning 3 aspects to our celebration for Alan and Jenny:

A book of memories – photos and written thoughts

Retirement Party at lunchtime on Saturday 18th September

A 'Thank You' gift

We would love these to be a great celebration for all that Alan and Jenny have done during their 23 years at Holy Trinity Westcott!

Whether you have been involved with them at church, in the school, for family events (weddings, funerals and baptisms) or just met them in the pub or the village shop, please do become involved in one or more of the 'events'.

TOP SECRET

Memory Book

We would like to give Alan and Jenny a beautiful book full of photos, and personal memories and messages.

Please send pictures and/or memories to jonasretirement@gmail.com by June 28th so that we have plenty of time to put the book together and make it really special.

If you are unable to email, please post to Ali Mabley, Field House, The Hildens, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey RH4 3JX and the technical people will sort it out!

Retirement Party

The venue is to be confirmed depending on Covid and numbers attending.

We plan to be in church or a garden.

In order for Alan and Jenny to be able to chat to as many people as possible, we have decided on a 'stand-up event' with delicious canapés.

If you are able, a voluntary contribution would certainly help towards costs - which we anticipate to be about £12.50 a head, BUT please do not let this be a deterrent to you coming! The important thing is your being there!

To help us plan, please email jonasretirement@gmail.com by June 28th to let us know if you can come and how many in your family will be joining.



TOP SECRET

'Thank you' Gift

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Alan and Jenny for all they have done for us as a church and for the village.

If you would like to donate to a gift,

please transfer online to Westcott Church Funds and mark it 'Alan and Jenny'.

Please also email jonasretirement@gmail.com to let us know that you have given a gift. We can then include you in the card we give to Alan and Jenny.

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If you are unable to transfer online, please send a cheque made payable to Westcott Church Funds and write Alan and Jenny on the back.

Please send to

Ali Mabley Field House, The Hildens, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey RH4 3JX.

Again, to help us in planning, please send gifts by June 28th.



And Finally....

Alan and Jenny know that something is happening on 18th September, but **NOTHING ELSE!**

Please help us to keep the other surprises!
Thank you!

Ali Mabley, Karen Ratzke, Hannah Mayo



DORKING CHORAL SOCIETY

In anticipation of the great break-out from lockdown, Dorking have been using the last few rehearsal to prepare members to adjust their voices from restrained sotto voce on zoom in their living rooms to an unrestrained fortissimo as we return to public singing. In May, the countdown to liberation included a whole evening dedicated to a sing-along of the Mozart Requiem, a voices MOT on 'how to reclaim your voice and prepare for face-to-face singing' under the guidance of Bibi Heal (who also held a number of open air 'surgeries' for small audience Groups in two local gardens). As a nostalgia to the 'Zoom Year', we relived some of the pieces we sang through in the past year and spent a Jazz evening to get 'In the Mood'.

'Normal' Rehearsals are scheduled for mid to late June, depending on Government Rulings. We are hoping for a November Concert of Vaughan Williams' 'Sea Symphony'. Keep tuned by visiting dorkingchoralsociety.org.uk

HOLMBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

We are looking forward to physical rehearsals once again as lockdown eases, and resumed socially distanced ones at St Mary's Church, Holmbury St Mary in May. Our Musical evenings have continued under Amy Bebbington and she guided us through the process of composition for a work commissioned by the Choir for performance later this year – 'Adlestrop' Edward Thomas' famous poem, as well as revisiting much loved pieces from the past. Another composition by Amy – 'I sing of a Maiden' was performed on May 11th (2pm) on BBC Radio 3 by the BBC Singers (available on BBC Sounds).

The Choir is planning an outdoor musical event towards the end of June /early July – Keep in touch on this event and our concerts planned for the Autumn and Christmas. Details will be given on our website holmburychoral.org

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This term we are learning all about mini beasts and we started off with ladybirds and dragonflies. We have a huge play tray in which our nursery teachers created a not so mini ladybird from coloured rice. We got to swirl it all around and make our own ladybirds and then sculpted all sorts of other mini beasts with our homemade playdoh. The next thing to appear in our play tray was a giant cobweb! We took inspiration from this and made mini spiders webs to take home.



Recently we've been able to swap raincoats for suntan lotion and woolly hats for sunhats! There are so many things to keep us busy in our gigantic garden. The climbing frame has been conquered many times and we've been splish splashing about in our water tray – the water keeps us mesmerised for hours! We have been learning how to use pegs and created a wonderful washing line upon which we pegged anything fun we fancied!

Our culinary skills continue to develop much to the delight of our parents,



and this month we whipped up some yummy rainbow vegetable pasta , cooked outside on our forest school stove. For pudding we perfected our baking with delicious lemon drizzle cakes. What a treat!

To promote positivity we now have a WOW moments board. We've really loved using it to celebrate each others achievements, kindness, helpfulness and first times. It's a lovely way to reflect on the day with our friends.



If you have a child looking to start Nursery in the Summer Term or in September please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please call 07842 978823 or email abingercommonnursery@gmail.com We can't wait to show you around!

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WESTCOTT HISTORY GROUP



Westcott local history group was founded in 1998 to promote interest in the history of Westcott by convening group meetings with visiting speakers, and arranging walks and visits. Terry Wooden, one of our founders, was the driving force in building our archive of photographs, maps, documents, and registers relating to Westcott Parish. Our website westcotthistory.org.uk continues to be expanded through digitalisation of these records.

Membership at present costs £6 per year per household, and £1 per lecture.

After more than 20 years activity, based in the Reading Room, lockdown has brought us to a halt, and given time to reflect on the best way forward. We have moved our archive and centre of activities to St John's, and would welcome comments from current and potential members on the following.

1. Is there enough support and interest to continue to organize our own lectures, or would it be a broader alternative to join with Dorking History Society for lectures, but continue to organize some of our own visits and local walks?

2. We are looking for help with digitalizing and editing our records, and would love to hear from anyone interested!

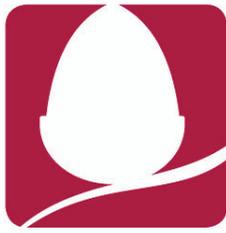
3. We are also looking for enthusiastic new committee members as well as ordinary members, and again, would love to hear from anyone interested!

We hope that our future path can be decided at our next AGM on Tuesday, September 14th.

Comments please to Imogen Barker, Chair, 640654 or John Clachan, Secretary 887858 or to westcottlocalhistory@gmail.com

A subscriber on the Facebook Group, Westcott Memories, sought information recently on Rokefield and its use as a Blind Home so here is a history extract from our archives starting from about 1860 to the present day:-

An earlier Village Mag article (Apr 2019) told how the Rookery Estate in Westcott was bought in 1768 by Richard Fuller (1713-782) of the Banking family, from Daniel Malthus (1730-1800) who had developed it from being a 'fishing and game lodge' with the mill pond supplied with water by the Pippbrook. Richard Fuller's heirs continued to live at The Rookery for 126 years. When Richard Fuller's son Richard died in 1852 his widow Maria (nee Barclay but no relation to the other Westcott Barclays) inherited the estate but was obliged to vacate the family home to make way for her brother-in-law George Arthur Fuller



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and his large family. She did not wish to leave Westcott so the family built a new house called Rokefield on part of the estate.

The Fuller family estate included all the land west of the Westcott Street and in particular a plot of 28 acres called Hole Hill farmed by a number of tenants including Mr Balchin. A part of this was 10 acres called Rokefield. In 1854 a Court Baron listed this part of the estate as inherited by Maria Fuller. The actual construction date of the new house is uncertain but was between 1854 and the time of the 1871 census, where it is shown with a full complement of 8 domestic staff. Maria Fuller had two sisters Julia and Emily. All were born at Cadogan Place, Chelsea and their father was G.P.Barclay, a London merchant living at Charter House Square, Middlesex. Her mother Maria was born in Leatherhead.

They must have been an extremely well off family, as the 1881 census shows that Rokefield domestic staff numbered 10 people and the Rokefield laundry was in Westcott Street at the Old Barracks where William Ruffell, the coach man, lived. The Rokefield property included a paddock extending south to the Pippbrook stream. It had stabling for 6 horses, a coach house, a pleasure garden with two summerhouses and an orangery with a vinery, greenhouses, and a gardener's cottage. There

are memorial stones to the three sisters in Holy Trinity churchyard. Their most lasting memorial is the Westcott Reading Room and Draycote house where the caretaker lived. They also left an endowment for the future upkeep of the Reading Room for the benefit of the village. Maria Fuller died on 6 Oct 1892 shortly after her sister Emily, who died on 7 July 1892 aged 74. The third sister died on 26 Feb 1898 aged 82. The plaque can still be seen in Draycote's garden.



The Rokefield property was auctioned in May 1898 on behalf of 15 individuals. The Dorking Advertiser reported that bidding rose to £6000 and was subsequently purchased by Lt. Colonel Jasper Davies, RE retired, and Henrietta his wife. The 1901 census records them in residence with five staff but a few months later the house was sold again, on 12 July 1901, to Charles Carey Druce of The Elms, Westcott for £8,500.

The Druces supported village charities especially those with a musical interest and held many events for Westcott villagers in the Rokefield gardens. In the parish church there is a stained

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glass window, dedicated to St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, which was installed as a memorial to Mrs Carey Druce.

In 1946 Rokefield was bought by the Jewish Blind Society, a charity founded in 1814 for the welfare of Jewish Blind people in London. It was extended to accommodate 64 blind residents and a new hospital wing was built in 1950. The blind residents participated successfully in the Westcott Arts & Crafts Exhibitions. In 1990 the Jewish Blind Society amalgamated with the Jewish Welfare Board and the Rokefield property was sold to the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society

who required a temporary residence while their home in Henfield, Sussex was being rebuilt.

Following this, much of the extensive grounds and agricultural area was sold and the remainder was developed by Rushmon Homes. The original house was retained but turned into apartments and several new houses were built in the grounds. Part of the paddock near the Pippbrook on the southern boundary was also sold and a few houses including the doctor's surgery were built thereon and known as the Riverbank.

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Throughout April we have been very busy at the Memorial Woodland, clearing out

the stream, raking up the leaves, planting new shrubs and saplings and generally tidying up the woodland. At the same time we have really been enjoying the activity from our birds, especially Henry our resident pheasant who has been visiting daily with his several females. The young shrubs and trees have all burst into life and colour throughout the woodland and the mature woodland trees are now giving a light canopy of bright green leaves displaying how wonderful nature is.

All of this activity is preparation for our annual Anniversary and very special Commemoration Service which will be a month later than usual this year due to Covid and taking place on Saturday, 3rd July from 12 noon. ALL are welcome and those who have attended our Anniversary



celebrations before will know what a great afternoon it is. This year is really going to be quite special as we have 9 Veterans

families honouring their loved ones who are no longer with us by planting saplings in their memory and QRMW are honouring all Chelsea Pensioners by planting a shrub. Our guest of honour is David Hind, Chelsea Pensioner will be joining us with 4 other Chelsea Pensioners in their new summer scarlets. They will be met by some of our chaps in their vintage Landrovers at Dorking station and will arrive at the woodland at 12.30 and will be met at the woodland by National Standard Bearers and the Cadets from Frimley and Camberley.

The BBQ and Bar and tickets for our spectacular raffle will be available from midday. Also in the afternoon after the Commemoration Service we have a Gospel Choir from London to entertain us. Parking is at Bulmer Farm Paddock and we will run a shuttle service too and from the Farm for those who prefer not to walk up the lane to the woodland. So do put this date in your diary and join us, it will be a meaningful event for everyone involved as well as an opportunity for QRMW to raise some funds for our chaps who need help.

Pray for a dry day and I look forward to meeting you all at our Memorial Woodland for an enjoyable afternoon in our wonderful woodland.

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Well, here we are in June and hopefully summer is well and truly with us. June 21st represents the first day of astronomical summer and the summer solstice. But, at the time of writing, that date is also scheduled as the 'end of lockdown' and, for many, an even greater cause for celebration. Somewhat confusingly, June 24th is Midsummer's Day, which was one of the most popular and keenly-observed festivals throughout the early modern period, marked by rural communities with Morris dancing,



processions, late-night drinking, the blessing of crops and the ritual banishment of devils and other

unwelcome sprites (a tradition that might be followed again this year – substitute 'viruses' for 'devils').

The Museum is open: Assuming that the roadmap is on course, the Museum was able to re-open on May 20th, after an extensive covid-19 assessment and implementation of special measures. Great care was taken to ensure that it could open safely whilst continuing to offer an appropriate visitor experience. This does mean that, subject to further relaxation, normal covid procedures are observed, visitor numbers may be restricted and there is no access to interactive elements of some of the displays. The normal adult admission charges apply, but children are admitted free.

Volunteers' Week:

The Museum is run entirely by volunteers. While some were able to continue working



'behind the scenes' during lockdown, many were not because their roles are visitor-facing or depend on the building being open. They have been incredibly pleased to be able to return to greet and help our visitors after a long lockdown. The invaluable contribution of volunteers in all aspects of society has become more greatly appreciated, of course, during the pandemic. Appropriately, June 1st-7th is Volunteers' Week, an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering. This is a time for us to come together and thank all volunteers for their invaluable contribution.



Summer Half-Term Activity Packs: In view of current restrictions, we are unable to hold our normal popular family activities in the Museum. Following the success of our Easter Activity Packs, we are again providing free 'take and make' activity packs to take home. The new packs give you materials you need to make a Wiggly Worm Toy. They contain templates, fasteners and instructions, so you just



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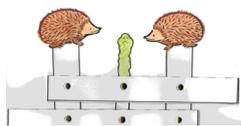
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need scissors, glue or tape, coloured pens or crayons and a hole-maker to complete the toy. Free packs may be collected from the Museum reception between 10am and 4pm on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th June, but supplies are limited, so do not miss out.

Forster@50



Forster@50:

Our current special exhibition is 'Forster@50', commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of the writer E M Forster, best remembered for his novels, including Howard's End, A Room with a View and A Passage to India. Forster knew the Dorking area from a young age, when he regularly visited his aunt in Abinger Hammer and subsequently lived there for over 20 years. The exhibition explores his life locally, the local initiatives he took part in (the Dorking Refugee Committee, the Abinger Pageants) and his local associates (Ralph Vaughan Williams and others) as well as the impact of the area on his novels. A short film put together by the Museum team to accompany the exhibition may be viewed at <https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/forster50/>.

Walking in Dorking:

The Museum's popular programme of guided walks in the town and surrounds has also resumed. Scheduled dates for June include The Deepdene Trail, Saturday 19th June, 2pm, and Betchworth Castle, Sunday 20th June, 2pm: both offer exclusive access to features not normally open to the public. In the town, Hidden Dorking Historic Walk (hidden treasures of the town), Sunday June 6th, 2pm; Mayflower 400 Walk (Dorking in the time of William Mullins), Sunday June 20th, 2pm, and a walk combining highlights of those two itineraries, Tuesday June 8th, 4pm. Walks take 90 minutes. Under present conditions, numbers are limited, masks must be worn and social distancing observed. Please see the website for

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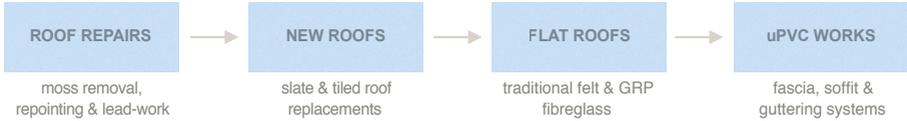


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