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July/August 2021

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Westcott has a population of over 2,000 and this is the only magazine written specifically for the Westcott area by the people of Westcott. It is hand delivered, free of charge, to every household and further copies are available at the church, local shops, pub and doctor's surgery.



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](mailto:editor@westcottmag.com)**

But please note, publication will always be subject to space and at the discretion of the Editor.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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We made it to summer! It did feel at some points during this year that it might never come.

We currently have 2 vacancies on the magazine - looking for a new distribution manager and an advertising co-ordinator. If you have a few hours to spare a month and feel you could help in either of these roles, please check out pages 34-35 and let me know.

The First Wednesday coffee morning is hoping to restart when allowed and also needs some new volunteers to set up and serve the teas and coffees.

I'm sure you have all been going on more walks as the weather has improved, making the most of our beautiful surroundings - and we have a very interesting article about GPS Art on page 59. I'd never heard of it but it's a way of drawing a picture with your route as you walk - see what you can come up with and send me your pictures when you get back. Let's see who can come up with the most artistic (recognizable) picture!

Don't forget Westfest on 18th July, too!

Enjoy the summer break and keep taking those photos!

**Cath**  
**[editor@westcottmag.com](mailto:editor@westcottmag.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.

Please get in touch if you think you could help out occasionally cooking meals for families with new babies, or other Westcott residents experiencing difficulties, especially during COVID, who might benefit from a few home cooked meals.

**Anna Kemkers**  
**07710 425487**



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



### KEEPING A RESIDENT VICAR, VIBRANT CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE IS EASY... ....IT REALLY IS

In the May magazine I shared the good news that Guildford Diocese intend that I will be replaced after I retire in the autumn, because of all the vibrancy that you bring to the Church in Westcott.

Westcott will keep a resident vicar in a long line going back to 1852, when Holy Trinity was founded. But will my successor be the last?

MAY GOD  
GO ON BLESSING YOU  
AND THIS VILLAGE  
AS YOU  
WORSHIP, SERVE, GIVE.

I hope you agree it matters. There is much that Jenny and I are looking forward to about life in our Devon village when we move, but it is sad that, since a few years ago, there is not a resident vicar. As in many places 'Vicarage Lane' leads to what is now the 'Old Vicarage'.

It really should be easy enough to sustain church life in villages, towns, across the country. All it needs is for people – you – to:

•Worship •Serve •Give

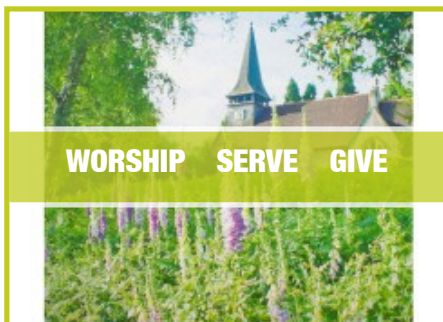
**Worship:** Worship is the bedrock of church life. Out of the weekly focus

of being together, arises all of the activities and pastoral care that are so vital to any community. If Britain is a 'Christian country', it is because Sunday-by-Sunday worship has underpinned our culture.

**Serve:** Every church needs volunteers. The Church in Westcott is dependent on over 100 people who freely give of their time and talents. This service sustains our church and brings benefits to so many people in the village and beyond.

**Give:** It costs around £130,000 a year to maintain a church with a full-time vicar, virtually all of which can only be raised by giving. This should not be difficult once

we realise there is real joy in giving. Throughout our lives, Jenny and I have aimed to follow the guide of giving away 10% of our income – half to the local church, half to other agencies. We have delighted in doing this. The whole church, communities



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

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throughout the country, our nation and aid agencies around the world would be truly blessed if everyone discovered this joy in giving.

Will you, then, do all that you can to ensure Westcott goes on having a resident vicar and a vibrant church?

It really should be easy: An hour a week in the privilege of worship, finding time over a month to serve, and giving with joy.

May God go on blessing you and this village as you Worship, Serve, Give.



### MANY THANKS TO...

Ellie Lister, who has done so much as our Children & Families Worker, for a number of years. With much sadness and regret, Ellie has had to retire from this role as she continues to struggle with the effects of long Covid.

Ellie has brought huge talents and diligence to the role, with excellent work at Holy Trinity, St Johns and Surrey Hills All Saints School. She will be much missed. Please join us in our:-

### **Celebration Sunday 11th July BBQ & Families-Focused 10.15 am Service\***

with thanks to Ellie Lister, retiring from being our Children & Families Worker

*All are very welcome*

**BBQ 12.30 - 3.00 pm at St Johns (Holy Trinity if wet)**

No charge. Bring your own beer/wine and picnic rug..

Reply stating numbers of adults and children and any dietary needs  
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[churchwardens@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk),

### **Families-focused 30 minute worship in Holy Trinity**

10.00 Refreshments 10.15 - 10.45 Worship

10.45 - 11.15 Options of Communion, Prayer Ministry, Discussion Group

*\* All Covid-restrictions will be observed*



## ..FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT

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### SUPPORT IN THIS TIME OF COVID, MENTAL STRAIN

Please keep talking to, supporting one another, looking out for each other. If you would like to talk to someone from the Church you can ring Jenny or me (01306 644868), or any of our Pastoral Assistants below. Contact details are also given for support beyond Westcott.

**Alan Vicar**

#### Holy Trinity Pastoral Assistants:

Glynis Cranefield 07950 248779 Margaret Packham 01306 885915

Mark Shakespeare 01306 888010 Ali Mabley 01306 889641

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### 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 am every Sunday, Communion Service in Holy Trinity, and **from 4th July, our 10.15 am service should be back in Church\***. Please look out for e-mail/website notices if this is not the case.

\*Also on Zoom – join us by telephone if you do not have internet access. See website for details or contact Alan, Vicar

- Holy Trinity open to all for visits and prayer, 9am – 4pm Sundays & Wednesdays.

- 'Life Groups' are running on Zoom – small groups of people who meet to chat and pray about life, faith.

- Monthly evening prayer in Holy Trinity:

on Wednesdays 7.30 – 8.30 pm, 23rd July, 21st August, 15th September

We are a part of the **Westcott Good Neighbour Scheme** and 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 alchasonas@aol.com** or visit **thechurchinwestcott.org.uk**

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### STAY IN TOUCH

We would love to stay in touch with you, sending you weekly updates about our services and activities.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

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**Please note – this assumes we will be back in Church for both morning services (The 10:15 will also be on Zoom). Please look out for e-mail/web-site notices if this is not the case.** Covid restrictions in place.

**8.30am** A traditional Communion service.

**10.30am** Reflecting the people of the Church in Westcott, with a mixture of traditional and contemporary music.

DATE	THEME	8:30AM	10.30AM
4th July	2 Corinthians 5-6	Book of Common Prayer Communion	1st Sunday Communion
11th July	2 Corinthians 7-8	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Parish Communion
18th July	Worship (1)	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Songs of Praise with Morning Worship
25th July	Worship (2)	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Morning Worship with Baptism followed by Communion

DATE	THEME	8:30AM IN CHURCH	10.30AM ON ZOOM
1st Aug	2 Corinthians 9-10	Book of Common Prayer Communion	1st Sunday Communion
8th Aug	2 Corinthians 11-12	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Morning Worship with Baptism followed by Communion
15th Aug	2 Corinthians 13	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Songs of Praise with Morning Worship
22nd Aug	Serving (1)	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Morning Worship with Baptism followed by Communion
29th Aug	Serving (2)	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Parish Communion



## THANK YOU...

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### ... AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Many thanks to **Hugh Parry**, who was integral to the relaunch of this magazine 4 years ago and has continued to undertake invaluable work as **Advertising Co-ordinator**. Hugh is retiring from this post.



Many thanks go to **Judith Packer** who similarly has given great service in her role as **Distribution Co-ordinator** for the magazine. Judith is also now stepping down.

Please contact **Alan Jonas** [alchasjonas@aol.com](mailto:alchasjonas@aol.com), if you are interested in helping with either of these roles, which are vital for the magazine continuing.



## FLOODLIGHTING

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The floodlighting for August has been sponsored by Alan and Jenny Jonas to celebrate the baptism of their grandson Arlo Frederick Jonas Pearce on Sunday 22nd August.

There has been no floodlighting sponsorship for July.

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

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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### Death:

24th May 2020

Peter James Miller (87)

7th March 2021

Doreen Winifred Bartlett (76)

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Every one can enter and exhibit. If you need the show schedule of classes and an entry form, these are available from 1st July at Westcott Store (formerly the Bakers). Your entry form should be posted into the designated box before the deadline of 3pm on Thursday 8th July, again at the Village Store.

There are helpful hints on exhibiting in the schedule. Lots of cups and awards are awarded for a variety of classes including novices. There are also cash prizes for the Children's classes.

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## THE HUT AND THE READING ROOM

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I said in my May update that the Reading Room trustees had instructed development consultants to review the funding requirements and funding sources for a new village hall/community centre on the Hut site, with potentially a new doctors' surgery. As I write this update, the consultants have yet to deliver their report but the indications are that the numbers are very tight, but not completely impossible.

As I have said before, both sites are owned for the benefit of the village and any 'dealings' will need the consent of the Charity Commission, who will want to be satisfied that fair value is obtained for any land which is eventually sold. So what is 'fair value'? Given where we live, land tends to achieve the best value if sold for housing rather than to build commercial premises. The distinction is not unimportant as (from a legal perspective) the doctors would be operating a business in a commercial building, no matter that we do not typically think of them or of a surgery in such terms.

What therefore is the 'fair value' of the footprint of a new surgery built as part of a 'mixed use' development consisting perhaps of the new village hall/community centre, the surgery, parking and new housing potentially split across both sites? How do you

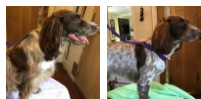
assess the separate 'land use' values and contributions which each of these components makes to the overall acceptability (hopefully) of the project in Planning terms? Looking into the future and at the Green Agenda, how much land do you allocate for parking which by definition is a 'land-hungry' (and therefore expensive) use of any site? If something has to give, do you opt to lose the surgery or some of the parking, or do you try to squeeze in more housing at the expense of a more modest village hall/community centre?



At the time of writing, discussions continue on these issues and the plan to merge the two charities in readiness for the trustees' decision on the project. At the same time, the doctors are testing their financial model to see what they can afford.

Assuming WESTfest goes ahead, the trustees will be there hoping to canvass your thoughts on what the village most values about the current facilities and where Westcott is thought to be short of what people would like to have available to them. They hope to see you at their stand and will be offering a prize draw to entice you to share your views on the priorities.

**Bernd Ratzke**  
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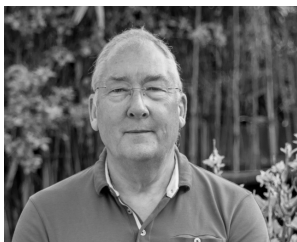
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Dear Resident,

We have had a busy year and have achieved quite a number of things using the money which you have donated to the Village Association.

All of the issues are ones which you as residents have raised with the Village Association over the years and we have tried hard to clear a backlog of things like speeding vehicles, noise, dog fouling, and defibrillators, so that



we can move on to tackle new things which you want to see happen in the village.

The Trustees of the Association work as volunteers on your behalf to get things done but we would like more people to get involved with the work we do and generate ideas to improve our community. This is why we want to tackle the perception that the WVA is a bit of an exclusive members club which only works for a small select group of residents. As a Residents Association (formed in 1974 by a poll of all residents) we have the same responsibilities as a

Parish Council but without the statutory right to raise money by an additional amount on your Council tax. We are most definitely NOT an exclusive club but work for the community as a whole!

This is why we want to change the constitution so that (subject to the resolution being passed at the AGM) all Westcott Ward residents who are 18 years or older will automatically become members of the Association and will no longer be asked to pay a membership subscription which confers the right to vote at WVA meetings. After the AGM any resident can attend meetings and vote.

This does, however, leave the issue of how the WVA will be financed in the future. All membership subscriptions in the past were voluntary and this raised about £2,500-£3,000 per year, but we need to continue to raise this sort of money to carry on the work we do. This last year has been a bit exceptional and we have spent about £7,500 on projects across the village. It is vital therefore that we continue to seek voluntary donations going forward for ongoing work and new projects.

Many of you already have an annual standing order with your bank and we welcome this as a continuing way to fund the Association. Our Street Stewards in the past also collected money by knocking on doors, but we





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have not been able to do this for the last 18 months because of Covid-19 restrictions, and this has caused a drop in our funding.

If you have not already done so, please therefore think about setting up a standing order with your bank – it is quick and easy to do and once done can continue without you having to think about it again. £10 per household per year is all we ask. Alternatively, this year our Street Stewards will be at WESTfest and you can pay either by cash or with a card to help continue the work of the Association. At around 20p a week we think this is exceptional value for money.

Please tear out the flyer in this edition and return it to us with your donation for the coming year making sure you add your email address so that we can continue to communicate with you. (This email address will only ever be used by the Association to send information emails and will never be disclosed to a third party).

More importantly we would like to see more of you attending meetings and having your say on what is important to you as residents, and what projects you would like to see the money we raise spent on. Unless you tell us, we can only make a best guess at what matters to you.

Finally, one simple way to help raise money is to donate a bottle



of wine/beer/spirits to our WESTfest Tombola stall. In 2019 we raised about £700. It would be great to beat that target this year. Bottles can be left at 55 Parsonage Lane or High Trees, Westcott Street for the stall (no later than Friday 16th July please).

Thank you for continuing to support the WVA and thank you to all who attended the AGM; we look forward to seeing you at our WESTfest stall on 18th July where you can talk to us in person and express your thoughts and opinions.

An annual standing order with your bank is the easiest way to make a donation to the WVA.

Our bank details are:

**Account Name:** Westcott Village Association

**Account Sort Code:** 82-11-07

**Account No.:** 20072790

Alternatively, you may want to write a cheque and send it to The Treasurer, WVA, c/o Queens Court, Westcott Street, Westcott, RH4 3NX.

**Tim Way**

**Chairman, Westcott Village Association**

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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do want to make a contribution towards the various village activities of the WVA, the suggested amount is £10 but it's up to you.

There are various ways to pay:

- You can set up a regular annual payment using the Westcott Village Association bank account:
  - Account number: 20072790
  - Sort code: 82-11-07
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## THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES...



### COVID Update

As I write this, the local area appears to be at the foothills of the start of a potential third wave of COVID and it remains a little uncertain whether the conditions will have been met for the continued easing of the infection prevention and control measures.

\*Rate represents number of cases per 100,000 population for the last 7 days  
\*If there is an increase or decrease in cases that is less than 10% compared to the previous 7 days (12 May - 18 May) a grey arrow will indicate that the rate may have plateaued, but is not showing a significant rise or drop.

Change**		Cases (7 days)	Rate (7 days)
↑	Reigate and Banstead	97	65.2
↑	Epsom and Ewell	26	32.2
↑	Spelthorne	22	22.0
→	Woking	17	16.9
↑	Surrey Heath	14	15.7
↑	Mole Valley	12	13.8
↑	Tandridge	9	10.2
↑	Runnymede	8	8.9
→	Guildford	13	8.7
↓	Waverley	9	7.1
↓	Elmbridge	9	6.6
↑	Surrey	236	19.7
↑	South East	1,433	15.6
↑	England	14,222	25.3

Once upon a time, a rate above 25 cases per 100,000 was considered the breaking point.

A big thank you then to everyone who continues to adapt their personal and business lives to try our collective best to keep each other

as safe as we can. And thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to keep our services going and to rollout the vaccine programme. Local areas are thinking about the logistics for the vaccine booster programme that may come from the autumn.

In the meantime, testing remains key. If you have COVID symptoms you can get a free PCR test by calling 119 or by booking online



If you don't have symptoms, you can order a lateral flow test online ([www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)) or from Boots, Friths or the Medwyn Centre in Dorking.

### Countryside Access

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

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The more we all use the footpaths and bridleways then hopefully the slower the vegetation will encroach into them. Whilst Surrey has a prioritised process for getting each one cut, if you encounter a route that is so overgrown that access is compromised, then please do report it via the Surrey website:

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/land-planning-and-development/countryside/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/contact-us-or-report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/land-planning-and-development/countryside/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/contact-us-or-report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way)

There is a balance to be reached between allowing the natural habitat to do its thing for the benefit of us all and preserving access to our green spaces with all the mental and physical health benefits that these rights of way bring to our community.

This year with the later spring growth we have seen, it seems likely that the balance and the planned maintenance programme will be as important as ever. If you are an owner of a hedge or other vegetation that forms the boundary of a right of way then thank you from all of us for the time and effort you put into maintaining these for everyone locally. It really is appreciated.

### Westcott Cricket Club

It seems that nearly every day now the Westcott Sports Club is being used for one sporting activity or another – that has to be good news for us all.

If you are interested in following the scores of or playing for the Cricket Club – or indeed in simply buying some of their very smart clothing range, you can keep in touch with what is going on by visiting the website [westcottcc.com](http://westcottcc.com) - all the match scores and reports are available.



Years ago, Friday evenings used to be a time when many village residents would congregate at the Sportsclub for a social catch up and to unwind from the week gone by.

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Here's another stunning picture, this  
time from Richard Lister. Please keep  
your photos from around the village  
coming in - you're a talented bunch!

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

In these days of working from home, with the benefit of not commuting, if you find yourself with a hour or so free on a Friday night why not head down to the club to see what is going on and to catch up, outdoors, with fellow Westcott residents.



campaigns for change.

### Pride Month

June was Pride month and it was great to be able to participate in a number of events to help us celebrate and to raise awareness of diversity and inclusivity, of the history of Pride and to continue to support

If you would be interested in establishing an LGBTQ+ network group in Westcott and / or in thinking about events that we might do in our village to mark Pride 2022, then please do let me know.

**James Friend**

### The Arts Society Dorking

Currently the final Lecture for the year 2020/21 will be held live in Dorking Halls. Due to restrictions in place we are unable to have visitors or guests on Tuesday 13 July 2021. However, we welcome new Members who wish to join when we start our new series of Lectures in October 2021 with a full and interesting programme being finalised and visits being planned.

Just to give you a taste of what Members will hear in July: *From Downton to Gatsby - Jewellery & Fashion 1890-1920* Andrew Prince will guide the Members through the extraordinary periods and events between 1890-1920 when the great fashion houses collaborated with the finest of jewellers. He will also discuss the clients and patrons who commissioned the jewels and how they were worn with the sumptuous gowns. We look forward to you joining us in the Autumn and for more information please view our website [www.theartsocietydorking.co.uk](http://www.theartsocietydorking.co.uk).



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## YE-HA WE'RE BACK!

We're really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to WESTfest again at Cradhurst Recreation Ground on 18th July!

**STOP PRESS:** WESTfest has had to make some last minute adjustments after the government's extension of Stage 3 of the Covid roadmap, BUT we can still have our WILD WEST themed bucking bronco and shooting gallery, plus live music from the fabulous 'Wanted Men'! Our popular 'have a go' Dog Agility will be back too - great fun to try (and just as entertaining to watch!).

Soak up the atmosphere with friends and family in our food & drinks area - whether it be a cuppa & cake from the Guides, a G&T from Silent Pool, a beer or Pimms from Dorking Brewery or perhaps something to eat from Surrey Hills Wood Fired Pizza or McGuinness Hog Roast and BBQ.

We have a wide selection of local arts, crafts and trade stalls plus community groups and free games for children, including a fabulous Mini-Athletics arena. The famous WESTfest Charity Silent Auction will be back, plus the cash prize raffle; and don't forget to bring your entries for the creative Cowboy Boot Competition to the DJ tent by 3.15 so they can be admired by the judges!

Sadly due to Covid restrictions on gatherings, we're unable to host the lovely Surrey Hills Maypole dancers or the wonderful Desire to Dance this year, or have our usual 'Fun Dog Show'; which we're really disappointed about, but our live band and fabulous compere Graham Baker will keep us all entertained.

As ever, we're grateful to EVERYONE that supports WESTfest: our stallholders, advertisers, event sponsors UNUM and Westcott Village Association, Raffle sponsors, The Tree Associates (Surrey), Bramley House Residential Home, Westcott Garage and C J Uden, and the many Silent Auction donors... plus all the Westcott residents and friends that come along on the day.

COVID: we hoped to run WESTfest free of the remaining restrictions, but sadly that was not to be. WESTfest is working hard to comply with Covid safety measures so we ask everyone to remember to socially distance, especially



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## WESTFEST (cont.)



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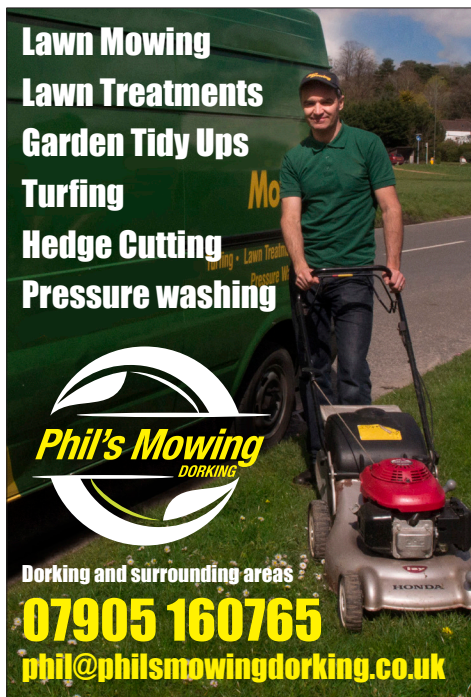
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Dear All,

As we come towards the end of the academic year, school life at Surrey Hills All Saints continues to be as busy ever. The children are preparing for their sports days, always a highlight of the summer term. Years 4 and 6 are off shortly on their residential trips, which we are so pleased they are able to attend. These are such valuable experiences for our children, especially following the restrictions of lockdown.

Wishing you a good summer and fun filled staycations!

Here are some recent highlights:

## Bees Class

Bees' class have been busy running their garden centre, which looks absolutely delightful. The children have been selecting flowers and practising using the correct amount of coins. We've also been planting herbs and flowers to use in our mud kitchen and the children spent time watering and caring for them.



## Butterfly Class

Last half term, Butterfly class used their outside area and the copse to discover and investigate plants. Activities included going on a wild plant hunt during Forest School, where the children learnt how to identify the differences between wild and garden plants and bringing a decorated plant pot in to school to grow a sunflower in.



During the term, they kept a 'Sunflower Diary' to record their plants growth and explained what it needs to grow well. The sunflowers are growing really well and have gone home to be planted in the children's gardens.



## Dragonfly Class

This half term an alien invaded Dragonfly classroom! They left us messages, slime and even an alien baby! The children were very excited to find all the signs of an alien invasion and they have felt inspired












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## SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS (cont.)

writing their newspaper articles to report on the event.



At the beginning of the term, we read and retold the story 'Bob Man on the Moon'. We then designed and made our own model rockets!

### Poetry Slam

At the end of last term, phase 3/4 enjoyed performing their 'Poetry

Slam' in front of myself and the Chair of Governors. All the classes involved did a splendid job of practicing the art of performing poetry by adding gestures, emphasis, and sound effects! Above all, they enjoyed memorising and listening to a variety of poems which hopefully they will be able to remember for years to come.

### 2020-21 Virtual Cross Country Results

The Dorking Sports Partnership ran a virtual cross country competition for the Dorking schools. This took place in the autumn term and was meant to continue into the spring term but was cancelled due to lockdown. Surrey Hills children did extremely well in both the individual and team competitions. Congratulations to everyone as all the year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children took part.



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.

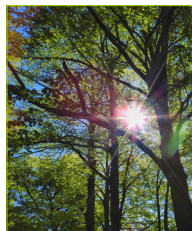
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**Headteacher**

# WESTCOTT MAGAZINE VACANCIES

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Westcott Village  
Magazine June 2021



The magazine is delivered free of charge to almost 1000 households in Westcott. It is published every month except August which is combined with July. Advertising pays for print costs and a team of 40 voluntary distributors deliver the magazine each month throughout the village.

The Magazine Team is looking for two new key members to join its team, an Advertising Lead and a Distribution Manager to ensure the magazine continues to connect our village with news and local activities. We have a great team of around 40 volunteers who deliver to the 980 homes and public facilities in the village. It is only sustainable due to the written contributions by many and the financial support of our advertisers, many of whom have stuck with us despite the break in publication during the lockdowns and challenging economy.

Whether you are new to the village or a long term resident, this is a great way to get to know other people and places connected with our village.

## Advertising Co-ordinator

### Job Overview:

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Currently the magazine has 66 advertisers who renew on an annual basis. Each year there are a number of advertisers who do not renew, and the key is to secure new advertisers, and invoice and collect payment from both existing and new advertisers. Also required to respond to any advertiser queries and ensure that any new artwork is acceptable to the editor and it is received on time. Throughout the year respond to inquiries from potential advertisers by email and invoice where appropriate. The next renewal is on 1 November 2021. In the renewal period of three months the time requirement is approximately 3 days a month; outside renewal approximately an hour a month.



# WESTCOTT MAGAZINE VACANCIES (cont.)

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## Distribution Manager

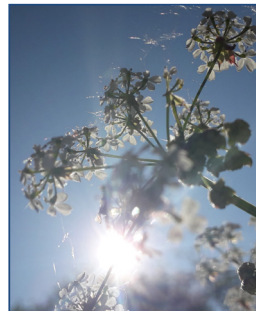
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We've recently welcomed a fluffy new addition to our nursery, in fact he's sooooo fluffy we decided to call him... yes that's right! Fluffy! He's our super new puppet dog who is becoming a regular visitor to the reading corner. We all like to have little conversations with him now and again and he also helps to read us stories, with a little woof here and there!



Another animal visitor made it's way into nursery on our cookery day. We were all fascinated to learn about the fish that went into making our tasty sweet potato fishcakes. The fish was brought in whole and we discovered lots of new words that kept us captivated as we learnt about the different parts of the fish and how it swims.

From fluffy and fishy to slimy and squishy! Slugs, Snails and worms have been part of nursery life as we continue to explore our mini beast theme. We've been getting gloriously messy in the messy tray with coloured jelly with googly eyes and shells hidden within in it for us to smoosh

around. We made edible worms settled on a bed of mud made from crushed chocolate biscuits. Then we headed to our woodland classroom to search for real worms – encouraging them to the surface with our wiggly woo dancing!



By the time you are reading this we will have hatched some beautiful butterflies which we've been patiently observing whilst they complete their transformation journey. It's been extremely interesting watching the caterpillars grow and form their cocoons.

We are all really looking forward to our first local event in what seems like an age!

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Terry Wooden

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This year seems to be marching on so quickly, the woodland is now covered by a canopy of beautiful young green leaves and the the sapling trees have enjoyed the rain of the past weeks and growing rapidly, it's a joy to see. We are about to have the much awaited Anniversary Celebration and Commemoration Service at the woodland on 3rd July to which EVERYONE is welcome. Parking is available at the kindness of Sue at Bulmer Farm Paddock and we will have a shuttle service running too and from the woodland.

The BBQ and Bar plus some great stalls, raffle, tombola and craft stalls will be open from midday as we are asking people to arrive in good time for the arrival of the Chelsea Pensioners at 12.30. Four Chelsea Pensioners are attending in their Summer Scarlets.

They will be brought from the Royal Hospital to St Mary's Church, Holmbury St Mary by taxi where they will be met by Royal British Legion outriders who will escort their taxi along Pasturewood Road and into the Memorial Woodland where a number of Standard Bearers and the Cadets from the Frimley and Camberley Cadet Force will welcome the Pensioners to the tune of "Boys of the Old Brigade". I will then open the proceedings and the Commemoration Service will follow where 10 Ex-servicemen's families will honour their loved ones and plant

young trees, plus we are planting a Red Camelia in honour of all Chelsea Pensioners.

We are honoured to have our Reverend David Grundy joining in the Commemoration Service with prayers along with other Clergy. After the Commemoration Service The Willesden New Testament Church of God Gospel Choir will entertain us with some uplifting songs. There are some fantastic raffle prizes and an auction will take place later in the afternoon to raised funds for those Veterans who are in need of assistance.

I have also been busy making squirrel benches (£12) and garden drinks bars (£20) to raise funds for the Charity, these items



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## QRMW (cont.)

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The Trustees of QRMW and I look forward to seeing you at the woodland

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In June, the team of volunteers at Dorking Museum & Heritage Centre was delighted to have been honoured with **The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service** – the 'MBE for volunteer groups'. The Award is the highest national honour of its type, awarded to exceptional groups of volunteers across the UK who regularly contribute their own time to enhance and improve the lives of others, and whose level of initiative and impact are truly outstanding. It was created in 2002 to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee. The Dorking Museum team was one of 241 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year.

Museum interim chairman, Kathy Atherton said: "The Museum is a key part of the cultural heritage of this community. The 15 months we have just been through has been a particularly challenging time for everyone. It has been so difficult to see our doors closed and most of our other activities curtailed. However, our volunteer team has been resilient,

often adapting to other roles and new projects where they can – indeed, many have worked harder during the current crisis than ever before. So, after all the disappointment and frustration, our volunteers can welcome some cautious return to normality with the added boost that their hard work and commitment has been recognised with this wonderful and prestigious award."

Appropriately, the award announcement came during Volunteers' Week, an annual celebration of the contribution made by millions of people across the UK through volunteering. This is a time for us to come together and thank all volunteers for their invaluable contribution.

### Summer Family Activity:

The Museum's family activity this summer is planned to be 'Fun and Games of Yesteryear'. Families are invited to come along to the Museum and have some old-fashioned fun with us, finding out what games people used to play. Before the days of computer games, there were wooden board games, like bagatelle or shove ha'penny, and





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## DORKING MUSEUM (cont.)

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### Forster@50:

Our current special exhibition is ‘Forster@50’, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of the writer E M Forster. Although best remembered for



his novels, Forster was also a prominent political and environmental activist. He 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 continues – join a scheduled walk or organise a group walk with family or friends at a time to suit you. Scheduled dates for July include The Deepdene Trail and Betchworth Castle, both on **Sunday 18th July, 2pm**: both offer exclusive access to features not normally open to the public. In the town, Mayflower 400 Walk (Dorking in the time of William Mullins), **Thursday 22nd July, 6.15pm**; Hidden Dorking Historic Walk (hidden treasures of the town), **Sunday 25th July, 2pm**; and a walk combining highlights of those two itineraries, Tuesday 6th July, 4pm. Walks take 90 minutes.

Numbers are limited and, under present conditions, social distancing should be observed. Please see the website for details and booking, for dates of other scheduled walks and for group bookings ([dorkingmuseum.org/guided-walks-around-dorking/](https://dorkingmuseum.org/guided-walks-around-dorking/)).





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The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. **Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm.** Visit [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk).

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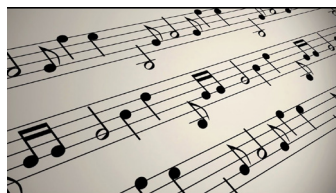
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Arguably, we're all doing our bit so why should we do anything else? We live in the beautiful Surrey Hills – do we need to think about our environment when there is plenty of wildlife around us and nature is busying itself right on our doorstep? Sadly the fact is that although we are all trying really hard to reduce our impact on the environment, it is not quite enough!

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It's not just the birds which are struggling. According to the Mammal Society one quarter of native mammals in the UK are now endangered, and 47 are at imminent risk of extinction! Among those species listed as being at risk of extinction in Britain are, the water vole, hedgehog, hazel dormouse, wildcat and the grey long-eared bat.

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Although the hippies of the 60s and 70s may have been onto something when they tried to ensure their lives had less impact on the earth, the actual definition of an eco village (according to the Global Ecovillage Network) is an "intentional or traditional community, using local participatory process to holistically integrate ecological, economic, social and cultural dimensions of sustainability in order to regenerate social and natural environments".

That's certainly one way to describe it! I think what they are actually trying to say is that eco villages are communities which strive to make the smallest possible negative impact on the natural environment by intentional physical design ideas, combined with residents' behaviour.

## What about the neighbours?

A number of likeminded residents in Westcott have come together with some wonderful ideas about how to begin helping Westcott become a more environmentally friendly place. And it's not just Westcott that



are feeling it – our neighbours in Betchworth have also begun their own plans to rewild parts of their village to encourage pollinators, and other mammals dependent on them, as well as developing other green ideas.

## So what can we do?

Firstly if you are already doing green things in Westcott that we don't know about please do get in touch. We would love to pool resources with you and bounce ideas around.

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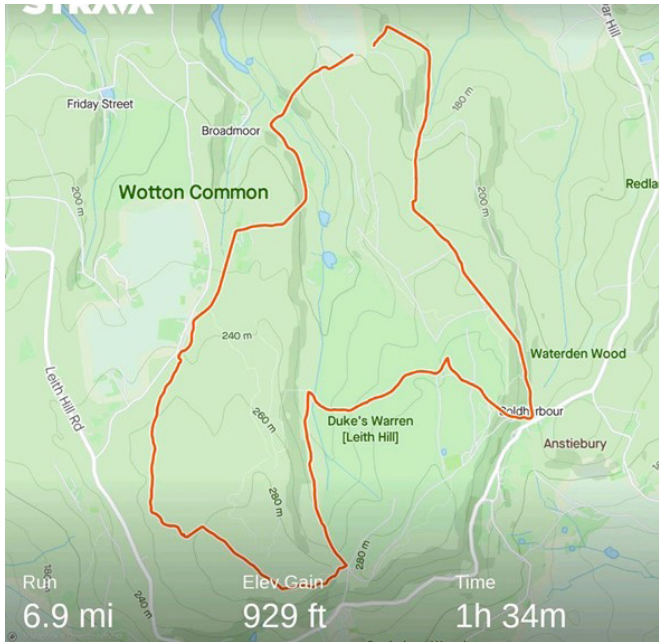
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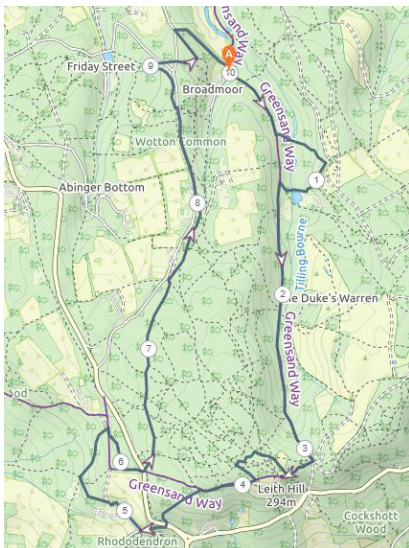


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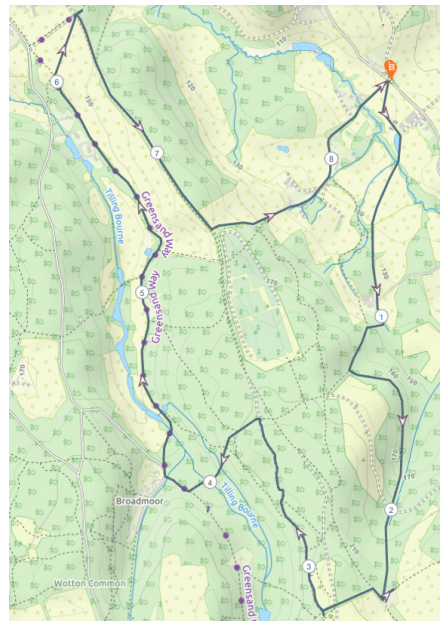


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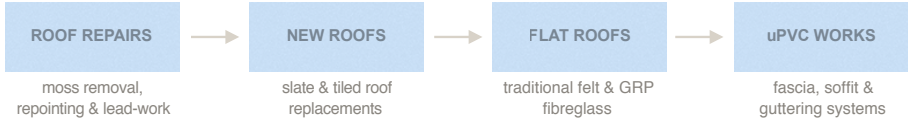


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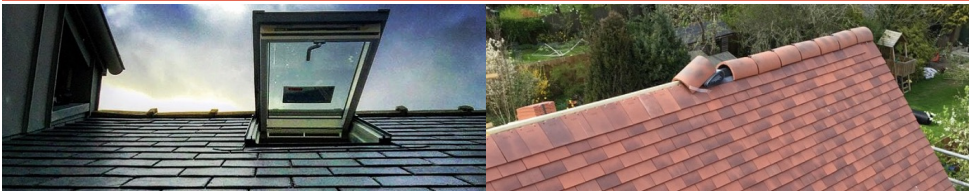


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