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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

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

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FROM THE EDITOR



I hope you all had some well deserved and well needed relaxation over the summer, even if you didn't go away.

September is all about new beginnings in some ways, with new school years, kids off to university, and even the beginning of autumn, so let's hope that this time it will lead to a more normal few months - whatever that might mean to you.

I have to welcome the new team members to the magazine, without whom we wouldn't have one - Moira is taking over distribution and Ellen the advertising, so thank you for coming forward, and I hope you enjoy it.

We do have some places you can go and meet actual people during this month - Hill Farm are opening their garden on 12th for the National Garden Scheme charity, there are open art studio days, musical events and calls for people to audition for panto, to perform early next year. Dorking, Holmbury and Brockham choirs are all running and the Gardeners' Club show is on 11th, so get your entries ready!

I hope whatever you start (or restart) doing in September, it brings you joy.

Cath
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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
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...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

Well those 23 years flew by!...
23 years of living, working, trying to
serve as vicar of Westcott.

Jenny and I will leave for Devon at
the end of the month with great
sadness ... Westcott is our home, the
longest we have lived anywhere.
Our overriding feeling,
though, is great
thankfulness – thankful
to you, for all the years
shared together and
thankful for the next
chapter of our lives.

THERE IS STILL
SO MUCH TO BE
THANKFUL FOR

There has been so much to be
thankful for in our Church life:

- Building rooms in Holy Trinity to accommodate our burgeoning children's/families work
- Year on year Alpha courses with people coming to faith for the first time or going deeper in faith
- Buying St Johns without even going to appeal, and seeing a whole crop of activity bloom at St Johns

- Seeing the flourishing of Papua Partners
- Employing Stuart as Youth and Community Worker and Ellie as Children's and Families Worker
- Seeing our village school flourishing through many challenges
- Working with Priory School as it went from strength to strength, being recognised as "Outstanding" on its church inspection.

How good it was, through these years, when, in retrospect, there seemed to be miracle after miracle. There is not the same sense of blessing now with a new generation of children and young families, and we have suffered some very hard blows over the last year, but there is still so much to be thankful for in the current strength of the Church in Westcott.



...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT

I am thankful, too, for our village life. How good it is to live in this most beautiful of places with such strong community. It has been a privilege to be with many of you at key moments of life, in baptisms, weddings and funerals.

I am very thankful to you and to my family for all of the life and love shared. Thank you to Jenny, and our daughters Anna and Freya, for all their support and willingness to make the sacrifices that ordained ministry entails.

Is all of this mere chance? Random, meaninglessness? - such as the atheist must believe. No, all through these years, I have a deep sense that God who is Love – the force of creativity and devotion that is the life-force of our existence – has been with me and Jenny, leading, guiding, providing. Now, in giving thanks to God for all the years in Westcott, we give thanks for our new life to come in Devon.

Once again, thank you, thank God.



MARKING LIFE EVENTS

All who live in Westcott or have a connection here, are very welcome to have christenings, funerals, weddings in Holy Trinity. Contact the churchwardens for more information.
churchwardens@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk,



COMING OUT OF LOCKDOWN

We are open!

Whether you've never set foot in a church before, have been all your life, or are somewhere in between, you're invited to come and step through the door. Do join us at our Sunday or Wednesday Services, or pause to enjoy the peace and beauty of Holy Trinity during the week.

We're not made to live in isolation, but in community with God and with one another, building friendships and sharing life together. How wonderful then, to be able to meet together as a community once again. We'll be open for Sunday worship, so do join us in person. We know that some people won't be able to do that, so we'll be sharing worship from Holy Trinity at 10:15am via Zoom too. Our doors are open to everyone, so however you step through the door, come on in!



Sundays at Holy Trinity

8:30am Book of Common Prayer Communion
10:15 Worship in Holy Trinity or on Zoom

Wednesdays at St John's

10am Communion

Every day at Holy Trinity

9:00am-4:00pm

Holy Trinity Church is open to visit, for private prayer or reflection.

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THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

OPEN MEETING ABOUT THE VACANCY TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

After Alan Jonas retires at the end of September, there is going to be a gap before Westcott gets a new vicar at Holy Trinity – this is standard practice when a vicar moves on and is called “a vacancy”.

Archdeacon Martin Breadmore, from the Diocese of Guildford, is coming to an open meeting on Tuesday 14th September at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church to explain what the vacancy means for the church here.

It will be a chance to hear how the vacancy works and what the recruitment process will be for appointing Alan's successor. Everyone in the parish is welcome to come and there will be the opportunity to ask questions. Please do come along if you can – Westcott has not had a vacancy since Alan and Jenny arrived in 1998 so we are all going to be learning together!



John Witt and Simon Mabley, Churchwardens

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BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS SHARING LIFE



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DATE	8:30AM	10.30AM
5th Sept	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Wild Church – outdoors at Holy Trinity, followed by c. 11.15 am Short Creation Communion in Holy Trinity
12th Sept	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Parish Communion
19th Sept	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Songs of Praise with Morning Worship
26th Sept	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Trinity Communion

MIDWEEK PRAYER & WORSHIP

Wednesdays	10am	Communion at St John's
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Monthly Evening Prayer in Holy Trinity:

Wednesday 15th September, 7:30-8:30pm



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Sunday 5th September, 10:15am
In front of Holy Trinity Church. Refreshments afterwards
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 THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

THANK YOU...

MANY THANKS TO TWO NEW VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to **Ellen Lowe**, who is taking on the role of **Advertising Co-ordinator**.

Many thanks to **Moira Fenwick** who is taking on the role of **Distribution Co-ordinator**

Many thanks Ellen and Moira, you have enabled this magazine to continue.



"Everyone committed, no-one over-committed... What do you do?"

FLOODLIGHTING

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

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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25th July 2021 Imogen Joyce Hassett

Marriage:

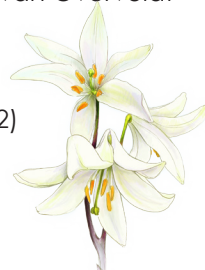
8th August 2021 James Musgrave & Andrea van Overveldt

Death:

26th April 2021 Gladys Cotman Morpeth (92)

6th May 2021 Joan Freeland (77)

2nd June 2021 Tony Harcombe (86)





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As in the Summer Show, there will be flower and vegetable entries as well as displays of artwork, flower arrangements, cakes and children's entries.



We plan also to have the usual lovely home-baked cakes, tea/coffee and fruit squash available. We also plan to have a small plant stall

Everyone can enter and exhibit.

If you need the show schedule of classes and an entry form, these will be available from 2nd September at Westcott Store (formerly the Bakers). Your entry form should be posted into the designated box before the deadline of 3pm on Thursday 9th September, 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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WESTCOTT HISTORY GROUP

Olympic memories for Westcott

On 29 July 1948 the Olympic torch bearer K. Vaughan of Herne Hill Harriers carried the Olympic torch through Westcott on its way to Crossways Farm in Abinger for the next hand over. These were known as the 'austerity Olympics' coming so soon after the war had ended.



Great Britain only won a total 27 medals including 4 golds compared to the USA who won 84 including 32 golds. France won 32 medals. The star of the Games was Fanny Blankers-Koen of the Netherlands who won four athletics events.

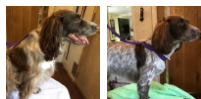
In July 2012 the Olympic flame was

carried through Westcott for the London Olympic games but no details remain about the runner.



The WLHG plans to restart activities on Tuesday 14th September with the AGM at St Johns starting at 7.45 pm followed by a talk by our local farmer Hugh Broom on "Changing Agriculture". The current Covid 19 protection rules should be followed by those attending.

Roger Christian



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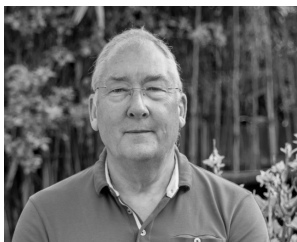
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Dear Resident,

The weather may not have been overly kind to us during July and August, but at least the pandemic restrictions are easing and we had the opportunity at WESTfest to meet people in person for the first time in a very long time.

AGM

The stop-start pandemic restrictions caused some disruption to the AGM. Originally planned to be held at the Sports club, we changed this to Holy Trinity Church and then, after the agenda had been published, had to go online via Zoom. This did not make for a satisfactory discussion about the future of membership of the WVA and on reflection it would have been better to defer the item until we could hold a proper meeting. Hindsight is a wonderful thing but the vote to leave the constitution unchanged has prompted us to do some work, which Kevin Foo is undertaking, on seeking views and opinions from across the whole village on what residents want from the WVA. More will be published on this in the autumn.

WESTfest

The bottle Tombola and cake stall raised a fantastic £965 for the WVA funds. Over 200 bottles of all shapes and sizes were donated, and the Jeroboam of Prosecco proved a great crowd puller until well into the afternoon when it was won. Congratulations to Alison Hunter who won the bottle, and thank you to all those who donated bottles and parted with their money to buy tickets. The odds of 5:1 in favour of winning proved popular and shortened considerably as the afternoon wore on!



And thankyou also to Anna Kemkers and her WESTfest team for organising the event and making the whole thing such a success. It is worth remembering that virtually everything that happens in our village is down



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Speed watch

Finally, we were able to get the speed watch teams up and running in the second week in August, starting with 3 teams of two people. We will see how things go for the month of August before deciding how we take up the offers to be part of this from other village residents. Training is required before anyone can be part of the team, but with guidance from the initial team we are sure this can be achieved by those who want to be part of the programme. Nick Lund has done a fantastic job under difficult and frustrating circumstances and we owe him our thanks for persevering to make it happen.

Motorbike noise

Although less this summer than last year – partly to do with the weather and partly to do with lockdown – motorbike noise is still a problem in Westcott and throughout the Surrey Hills. Current legislation is wholly ineffective in addressing this anti-social nuisance and a number of neighbouring villages and communities are mounting a campaign of writing to their MP to get the law changed.

Please go onto our website www.westcottvillage.com where you will

find a draft letter to send to our MP (Sir Paul Beresford at sirpaulberesford@btconnect.com) to urge him to lobby Parliament for legislative changes.

Please continue to write to me with your comments and views. These are an important source of feedback for the WVA and help steer us to do things for the village which are important to you the residents.

If you have not already done so, an annual standing order with your bank is the quickest and simplest way to pay your annual subscription to the WVA. Our bank details are:

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Please speak to your Street Steward if you have any questions.

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Born in London, Caroline trained at the atelier Charles Cecil Studios in Florence. She has worked from her Fulham studio for the past 10 years, recently expanding to a converted barn in the Surrey hills ideally suited to larger scale works.



Building on classical foundations that underpin her ability to capture exceptional likeness, Caroline's portraiture is elevated by the strength of relationship with her sitters and sensitivity of line, bringing a contemporary eye to the techniques of the old masters and in doing so capturing a moment in time that feels forever within reach.



Caroline has held solo shows in London and Brussels, with a permanent collection of her work hanging at the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, Stanford Hall. She has painted several notable sitters including commissions for Halcyon Days, E4, and the British Army, and has received consistently good press coverage including BBC News and Radio 4 Front Row.



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THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES...



Happy New Year

There are lots of annual cycles that start again in September. Not just the village magazine returning from its own summer holiday (although I have a feeling the editor is pulling this together on hers) but also the return of schools and, eventually universities.

This year, we are all keeping our fingers crossed for the uninterrupted provision of education. Seeing the end to classes and year groups being taught online and seeing the smiles on the faces of our younger generations as they spend time with their friends, must be the goal of us all as we keep each other safe through the coming winter.

The impact of the mental health stresses caused by the secondary impacts of COVID will be a challenge for us over the decades to come. Expect to see a rise in substance abuse, gambling and other behaviours that people can adopt when they are excluded from society.

If these mental health challenges are

starting to impact you, your family or your friends, then please do have a chat with your GP, contact Dorking Minds or look up our local Talking Therapies service.

Regular readers will know that I often cover the subject of mental health in these pages. We really do have some great services available locally – and sometimes the best service is simply getting out and walking in our wonderful hills or chatting to friends in the village. But I also recognise that it can be hard to admit or even consider it a possibility that mental health is an issue for you.

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You might have noticed that my own weight has been dropping and that I remain quite fatigued. I did an assessment recently to try to work out whether this is all part of my COVID journey. In the spirit of encouraging everyone in our village to put themselves first a little, I'm going to share that the assessment of my lack

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of sleeping, my lack of appetite, my lack of interest in things I used to find fun and other things all adds up to being moderately depressed. I've signed up for Talking Therapies myself. Please do think about using our local services if you think they can help you to stay happy; to have a happy new year.

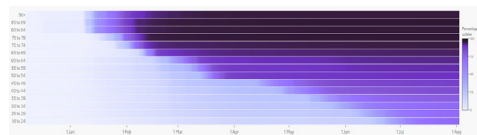
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Vaccination Update.

September will also be the start of another new year – the vaccination year. Personally, I'm expecting a call for my first booster jab (as folks at Riverbank will tell you I don't really do needles, and if you have encountered me wandering down there for my blood tests and I've looked petrified or been terse – then please accept my apologies). But if a complete wimp like me can do it then please can you too. I'm in constant awe of those in our village who manage long term health conditions – anyone who regularly has to control their own bodily functions with self-administered injections, like diabetics, is a true inspiration to me.

Our local (Mole Valley) vaccination progress is good for the older residents amongst us, but is lagging

behind for adults of a working age (NHS colleagues will appreciate the jargon).



It took us just a couple of months to go from 50% to 95% vaccination uptake for our older populations, yet for younger adults that time is being extended.

The vaccination won't stop you catching COVID and it won't stop you passing it on to others. But it should give you a much better chance of survival and of having less severe health impacts. If you haven't taken advantage of your first vaccination yet, please do think about it again.



Population Projections

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(housing and other uses) should be directed over the next couple of decades.

Thank you to everyone who feedback that development should be focused more innovatively on sites that have been previously developed. September will see the publication of the administration's final plan.

Rightly, much of the debate has been about what infrastructure is needed. Allied to that is quite what we expect to see in terms of population change. We know that locally school places are being left empty and that clubs and societies for children have room for more members. This might not be relevant to you, but if you could think about doing your bit to re-populate our rural villages it would be appreciated.



And, of course, that could equally be through helping out others too. The local Adoption Service would love to hear from you. Visit www.adoptionsoutheast.org.uk to find out more.

Boundary Changes Update

Two different boundary reviews are underway locally. Firstly the parliamentary one is drawing to a close with a recommendation to reshape our constituency.

Their idea is that Leatherhead will move into the Epsom constituency. The Guildford Borough wards will move into Guildford constituency and to rebalance Horley will come from East Surrey into our new constituency which will be named "Dorking & Horley".

At the same time, the Boundary Commission for England has started its review of the District Council electoral boundaries. The Council's administration have decided to keep elections every year and so that will mean that the ward of Westcott will disappear. We shall find out in February next year what the suggested geographic boundary might be.

Clarion Futures

Our main local housing association, Clarion has a campaign to improve life locally called Clarion Futures.

Current projects in Mole Valley include Digital Grants awarded to Surrey Lifelong learning Partnership

A cartoon illustration of a chimney sweep. He is wearing a black top hat, a dark grey double-breasted jacket with white buttons, dark trousers, and brown shoes. He has a wide, friendly smile. He is holding a large, round, black chimney brush on a long wooden handle. A small white brush is tucked into his belt.

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activities relating to learning and / or job searching

- Clarion residents and individuals aged 40+ will be given particular priority

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James Friend

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Thanks to everyone who braved the 30c heat on Sunday 18 July and came to support WILD WESTfest, the Westcott Village fair. After more than a year of Covid cancellations it was just brilliant to see everyone on the field, in the sunshine!



There is a HUGE list of people and businesses who contribute to this event: THANK YOU to everyone involved for making it a great day. Special thanks to Graham Baker, our brilliant DJ (gmanbaker@sky.com), Wanted Men the live band([@wantedmentheband](https://www.wantedmentheband.com)), and Dan Brown and his beautiful horses and carriage ([Danielbrownhorseman.com](https://www.danielbrownhorseman.com)) who opened the show with Andy Johnson & his banjo.



We had to cancel our Arena based events due to MVDC Covid guidance, and we cancelled dog agility due to the heat, but next year we hope to be back, with a full array of entertainments.

Thanks also to all those who bought raffle tickets and put in bids on the Silent Auction - we raised over £4,000 for our 5 local charities.



Enjoy the photos taken by Fiona Humphrey.

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I would like to express my thanks to all, for your warmth and support during my summer term tenure as Head Teacher at Surrey Hills All Saints Primary school.

I have been privileged to be employed in educational settings for much of my adult life - as a teacher, leader, problem solver and facilitator. I have worked in rural and inner city schools, areas of deprivation and schools with a fantastic diversity of race, religions and faiths. At the heart of all I do, is to strive to provide a high quality education for the young people in our community. Ensuring they have an equal opportunity to learn, achieve and grow. This is my mantra for Surrey Hills.

To achieve this requires the strength of the community that comes from working together. Of supporting each other and facing the challenges ahead with patience and humility, strength and shared wisdom. This is what will see us through. It has been an extraordinary year full of challenge and difficulty, yet a period in our lives which we find ourselves discovering more about our resourcefulness and resilience and of what we are truly capable. By maintaining our faith and principles and working together, we have shown we can deal with the present and prepare ourselves for the future.

I look forward to meeting more of you in person as we move into a new phase

in the autumn, continuing to build on our partnerships and relationships to achieve all that we can in the year ahead. I wish all in our community peace and happiness. May your faith sustain you and all that you find in God and nature provide you with humble Joy.

Please find below an update on life at Surrey Hills All Saints.

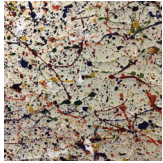
Year 3 and 4

Here at Surrey Hills All Saints, over the last six weeks, the children in years 3 & 4 have been learning about rocks and soils as part of the National Curriculum for science. We have used this as a focus throughout our learning which included understanding how land was formed millions and millions of years ago through eruptions from the earth's core, ending up with simple pebbles we can pick up from the ground. We have written poetry about the pebbles' journey, as well as created timelines for history and mapped the 'Ring of Fire' (a series of volcanoes around the Pacific Rim), for geography. The children



SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS (cont.)

learned about and researched the eruption of Vesuvius and the destruction of Herculaneum and Pompeii, as well as trying to understand why millions of people choose to live near a volcano today.



To round off our learning, we investigated the art techniques of the abstract artist Jackson Pollock, famous for his huge, amazingly colourful canvasses created by dripping and splashing paint. I made sure we tried it ourselves outside the classroom! And just look what they created: Copies can be bought at vast expense from the school.

The children have had an amazing term with year 4 also enjoying the much looked forward to residential to New Barn – something that many of us didn't think would happen, but we pulled it off to great success and the children will have great memories of this special opportunity afforded them this year.

It has been a difficult year all round however, our children are thriving thanks not only to their parents and teachers but also to our church community who have kept in contact with us weekly through our regular clergy assembly. We thank them and wish Alan, Tony and Ellie joy and happiness in the next stage of their lives.

Forest School

What a fantastic time we have been having in the woods this summer term! This year the children at our Abinger site have all enjoyed a weekly session of Forest School. We have had such fun appreciating our natural environment and acquiring new skills; problem solving and working together in teams. We have linked our learning to English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, DT and Art as well as our topics as diverse as dinosaurs to materials in den building! Here are just some of our activities this summer half term with quotes from the children.

We released Painted Lady Butterflies in the woods and learnt all about the life cycle of a butterfly!



Year 1 made their own butterfly feeders to take home.

"It felt so good to release the butterflies because they are meant to be free in nature."

We linked our topic about 'Dangerous Dinosaurs!' to our woodland activities too. The children took on the role of a palaeontologist and set up a Dinosaur dig! We collected all the bones and then worked with dinosaur silhouettes to recreate dinosaur skeletons from sticks.

"When I grow up I am going to be a

SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS (cont.)



Palaeontologist because I love dinosaurs and digging! I love the surprise of finding the bones and trying to solve the puzzle so I can study them." "My team made a Diplodocus; everybody recognised it because it was so realistic!"

"I made an imprint of an ammonite in the clay. I decorated it with ferns. The ferns were like the plants that were around when the dinosaurs were alive!"



Reception children in Bees class have been looking at traditional tales in the woods. As part of their learning, the children have made natural clothes for the Elves who helped the shoemaker and made porridge for the three bears over the fire.



taste to it!"

"When I was Little Red Riding Hood I liked taking the basket to Grandmother's house in the tipi. Grandmother looked so funny!"

"I was the Woodcutter, I was very brave and saved Grandma from the Wolf!"

Race for Life – Run for Cancer Research

On Tuesday 20th July, we participated in the Cancer Research – Race for Life. All the children at the Westcott site completed a sponsored run, running laps around our running track. Race for life is a great opportunity for staff and pupils to come together, whilst remembering and honouring their loved ones, and



with a common goal of beating cancer. Thank you to all those who

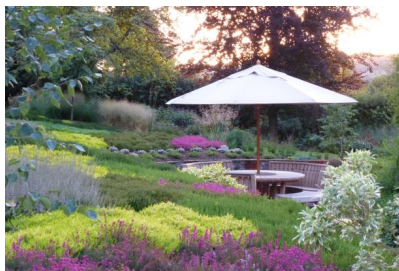
donated, we raised a brilliant £305.

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.

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JAZZ IN THE GARDEN 2021



Thank you to everyone from Westcott and the surrounding villages for turning out in force for the annual Jazz in the Garden event at Ralph and Annabel Sutton's home.

In total over 100 people attended to hear Jazz 2 – Ralph and his singer Kathy – perform a variety of jazz and blues songs. The amphitheatre of the garden makes a wonderful venue to sit, picnic and enjoy the music. The weather let the side down at the interval and the second half was performed under cover with a few brave souls remaining in the garden.



As usual the event was held to support The Brigitte Trust – a Dorking based but Surrey wide charity supporting individuals and their families with life limiting conditions. Almost £3000 was raised in the afternoon which will go towards funding the training of volunteers, the running of support groups and the development of new

services such as the bereavement support service and the 'Coffin Club'!



If you are intrigued by the latter service, then keep an eye on the Brigitte Trust website to find out more. Equally if you have a few hours of time every week then why not think about becoming a Trust volunteer? We are well known in Surrey for our training and support of our volunteers so you would be joining a well informed and excellent core of volunteers who use their skills to make a difference to someone in need. Our volunteers sit and chat, go for a coffee



to the garden centre, share a gardening or baking task or take a client to the shops.

Look at the website to find out more. www.brigitte-trust.com



Jan Way

Westcott 100 Club



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is it?**



**How does
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How do I join?

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

How does it work?

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

How do I join?

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

We hope to hear from you soon.

Alda Andreotti

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Treasurer

Richard Packer

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WESTCOTT MAGAZINE UPDATE



Hello Westcott! My name is Moira Fenwick and I am delighted to take over the role of Distribution Manager co-ordinating the volunteer Distributors who kindly give up their time to ensure every household in Westcott has their own copy of the Westcott Village Magazine at the beginning of the month.

I have lived in the village for 21 years, and after taking the opportunity to retire last year, I am keen to give something back, and get to know more people in this great village, so I am looking forward to the task and getting to know more of my fellow villagers. Anyone who would like to assist, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email distribution@westcottmag.com

Best regards,

Moira



Watching the 4x100m Olympic relay races where GB came away with silver success, I reflected on the criticality of the baton handover which has to take place on a limited space marked out on the track; momentum is picked up by the receiving runner and off they go. I took on the Distribution Manager role for the Village Magazine

as we started the free distribution to all households in the village each month. For this first April 2017 edition, I was relatively new to the village back then but when we made St John's Chapel the distribution centre with the installation of the shelves which have proved pivotal, it all became more straightforward. Taking on this role during the past 4½ years has certainly helped me get to know the village better so I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all those current and past distributors on the team. You have made my role a real joy.

My huge thanks to Moira for stepping forward so promptly after our request a couple of months ago. Whilst we do not need to be running around the village at quite the speed of the relay races, it is still a superb team effort to deliver the magazines in the short time window between delivery from the printers and before the first of the month. If anyone else wishes to join the team, please do contact Moira. It is a really easy but invaluable way to contribute to village life and enable all to be connected.

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We had such a wonderful end of term with many super exciting events for us to enjoy. WESTfest was a scorcher in July and it was brilliant to be able to attend the village festival as so many have been cancelled over the last year! Our visitors enjoyed guessing how many snakes were in the jar, making head dresses and knocking our Toy Story tin cans down with nerf guns! Thank you to all the parents and committee who were involved in our stall and to everyone who came to visit us.



We held a spectacular superheroes sports day and were beyond pleased that our parents could watch as we jumped, crawled, balanced and ran with all our might and our capes flying behind us! It was also a very special day as we had a graduation for those going to Big School next year. We have had an amazing year, not easy but amazing none the less and we just want to thank all the children and parents for being so supportive of our Nursery and Staff. We wish all the

nursery leavers the best of luck, we are all so very proud of you and will miss you lots!



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We set off from Westcott at 8am and arrived back at 4.30pm having completed 21.9 miles, via Newlands Corner, Shere and Abinger Roughts, (with 3 short stops), in good time and in fine fettle! It was not just the lure of the bubbly waiting for us at home that kept us going; if a 9 year old boy could

walk for 7 hours a day for a jerry can of water, to keep his family's goats alive, so the children would have milk to sustain them, we could do it, and the bubbly was delicious!






THANK YOU MOIRA, FAYE AND HASOON!

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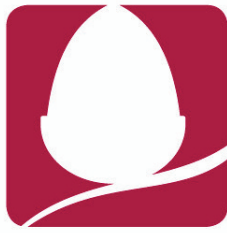



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MUSIC IN DORKING



It is a great pleasure to be able to write Music in Dorking once more; to contemplate at last a world in which choir practices and orchestra rehearsals can resume and in which we can look forward to attending concerts and hearing live music once again. Over the past year and a half, the cultural life of the country practically came to a halt as performances of all kinds were cancelled. Professional musicians suddenly found themselves without the means to earn a living. Young people, those just starting out on their careers, were especially badly affected.

Hopefully we are reaching a stage now where such things are behind us and we can look to the future with more confidence. Plans are being made and concert dates announced. The lunchtime recitals at St Martin's church will recommence on 4th September with a concert of music for violin and piano given by Fumi Otsuki and Sarah Kershaw. The Dorking Concertgoers is hoping for a near-normal season, with a number of concerts rescheduled from those cancelled last season. We can look forward to a piano recital, a guitar recital, three string quartet concerts and a chamber orchestra.

The Dorking Choral Society plans to perform Vaughan Williams' Sea Symphony in November. The Leith Hill Musical Festival will hold a come-and-sing Verdi Requiem in the autumn, perform Handel's Messiah in March and hold a two-day festival with all the choirs in April. The Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra will play three concerts in Leatherhead and Ashted. The month-long Mole Valley Arts Alive festival is planned for October. And there will be much more.

So there is a great deal to look forward to and be positive about. Let's all hope that mass vaccination enables us to defeat the virus and that life can return to something near normal once again. We need culture, including live music, to enrich our lives.

Ian Codd



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Having done a full Risk Assessment and putting recommended Covid restrictions into place we were pleased for the families who had waited for such a long time to honour their husbands and fathers at our Memorial Woodland and were able to go ahead with our annual Anniversary and Commemoration Service on Saturday 3rd July.



Brian Robinson, Reverend Earl Dinham, Deacon Snyder and Reverend David Grundy. We were also honoured to have Surrey's Chief Fire Officer Steve Owen Hughes, himself a long serving soldier represented the Surrey Fire and Rescue service who made a presentation and planted a tree in honour of all servicemen. It was indeed a very special day for our Memorial Woodland.



The event was extremely well attended by approximately 250 ex-servicemen, friends and family and the Commemoration Service was very special for the families of 11 Ex-Queensmen conducted by Bishop

Later in July we received a delivery of woodchips from our local sponsors L C Energy to whom we are immensely grateful. Mark Lebus and his team in Gomshall have supported QRMW for a number of years now keeping our woodland pathways safe for our visitors. Shifting the woodchips is quite a task and this year our Treasurer Martin Jackson brought a team of fit young people with him from Brighton to the woodland.

They worked like trojans loading up wheelbarrows in the car park and

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taking up into the woodland where others were ready to spread the chips on the pathways. A great team effort.



Woodchip Team

The squirrel benches I have been making along with a number of other woodland artifacts have proved to be immensely popular and are now up in trees and on fences all over the UK. They are in such varied places as a mobile home on a holiday park in Dorset and we also know that the one that there is one on the fence at our local pub The Compasses in Gomshall is visited regularly by the local squirrels there, much to the customers' delight.

Do contact Debbie if you would like to buy one (debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk) I make them to order.

Now we all too soon have to look towards the Autumn when the woodland will take on another beautiful period in its circle of life. The canopy which shades us in the Summer will soon turn golden and the leaves will fall to the woodland floor.

Which will bring us to our annual Remembrance Service which will take place as it always does on 11th day of the 11th month which falls on Thursday 11th November this year. It is always a simple service of Remembrance to those who gave their lives so that we may have the freedom we all enjoy today. Everyone is welcome to attend this Service at the woodland.

But do remember our woodland is open 24/7 for everyone to come and enjoy the peace and tranquility of an ancient woodland, bring a picnic while we still have some summer sunshine. I look forward to seeing you and sharing this very special place that it has become with all of you.

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DORKING MUSEUM

The team at Dorking Museum has been pleased to see restrictions gradually easing and (at the time of writing) a cautious return to a more normal life. Museum Chairman, Kathy Atherton, was pleased to announce, "We have been happy to welcome back our visitors, supporters and volunteers and appreciate the restrictions and hardships that they may have had to put up with during these difficult times. It is hard to get back to a freer life, and we recognise that many are still cautious in returning to venues like the Museum. So, to say a big thank you to everyone, we are pleased to offer our visitors free entry to the Museum while we get all back to normal."

three months after landing but his daughter Priscilla survived, married the Mayflower's cooper, John Alden, and is revered in the US as a founder of the nation.

The exhibition focuses on life in Dorking during the period in which Mullins and his fellow pilgrims lived in the town and how this changed when they reached the colony. In 1620, Dorking – known as 'Darking' – was a relatively modest market town with around 1400 inhabitants, a long day's walk south of London. It was the market town for the surrounding villages and farms, holding regular markets and well provided with shops, mills and inns.

'Darking 1620':



The Museum's new special exhibition, postponed from 2020 but now opening on September 9th, celebrates the 400th anniversary of the sailing of The Mayflower with passenger William Mullins and his family. West Street shoemaker Mullins himself died just





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Special exhibition features include displays of locally found 17th century shoes and replicas made by local saddler Julia Forsyth of the kinds of tools that Mullins would have used in his trade, along with male and female costumes of the period and dressing up clothes for children, created by volunteers Jackie Rance and Penny Tompkins. The Dorking Men's Shed have also been hard at work making a magnificent cross-section model of the Mayflower and its fittings and contents.

Please note that the Museum will be closed to visitors on the afternoon of September 9th for the presentation of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to the Museum team by the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux.

Caves Tours: A visit to Dorking's famous 17th century South Street Caves is one you will not forget. Tours with our knowledgeable guides last 45 minutes. **Open day is on Saturday September 25th**, with tours at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Details and booking through dorkingmuseum.org.uk/south-street-caves/. Tours are also bookable by appointment for any group or organisation, family or friends – email caves@dorkingmuseum.org.uk to arrange a date.



Walking in Dorking: The Museum offers a popular programme of guided walks in the town and surrounds – join a scheduled walk or organise a group walk with family or friends at a time to suit you. A Hidden Dorking walk – see Dorking as you have never seen it before – is on **Sunday 5th September, 2pm**. Walk lasts 90 minutes, starting from the Museum in West Street, £4 per head.

A selection of free guided walks is offered for **Heritage Open Days**. **Sunday 12th September: Mayflower 400** (Dorking in the time of William Mullins) and Betchworth Castle (including access to the Castle enclosure). **Sunday 19th September: Hidden Dorking, Betchworth Castle and the Deepdene Trail** (including access to the Hope Mausoleum). Walks start at 2pm and last 90 minutes. Details and booking: dorkingmuseum.org.uk/heritage-open-days-2021.

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The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm. Visit www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk. Enquiries to admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk or phone 01306 876591.

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Dorking Choral Society

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Also our Christmas concert is scheduled for December 11th. Our website gives details – dorkingchoralsociety.org.uk. New members please contact Lyn Groves at lyngroves@talktalk.net or call 01306 898339 / 07587 695254.

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GREEN WESTCOTT AT WESTFEST!

What a wonderful village we live in! WestFest was a resounding success, and it was great to see so many people come to the event, despite the blisteringly hot weather!



Ideas Tree

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the lovely people of Westcott and the surrounding villages who took the time to share their thoughts and feelings towards making Westcott a greener place to live. There were so many suggestions and these were hung on our Ideas Tree. Some of the ideas you shared included:

- Community litter picks
- Using more renewable energy such as: solar panels and renewable energy suppliers
- Village nature trails
- Seeds to rewild unused areas
- Community garden for growing food
- Community bus to enable people to get around easier without having to

use their cars.

- Initiatives to help with greater recycling and repurposing of items with ideas including toy and tool swaps and a repair café to take things to be mended, rather than ending up in landfill.

Others had ideas on a more global scale, with one very enthusiastic young girl concerned about the impact of shark finning on the ocean ecosystems and the state of our seas in general.

We would love to see some of these ideas happen. Please get in touch if you have ideas, time or enthusiasm to share!



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Youth leading the way

There were so many young people who spent some time at our stall, offering their heartfelt suggestions to help solve climate change. One group of young people in the village have already set themselves up with their own group called POP (Protect Our Planet). They are planning a local cake sale over the summer to raise funds and we wish them all the best with their project. We would be happy to promote this on our webpage <https://greenwestcott.org/> if they let us know the details.

The younger children had fun collecting tiny elements of nature in little matchboxes for our Tiny Nature



Treasure Hunt, which they proudly came to show us in return for a few sweets!

Having conversations that matter

There is so much enthusiasm for protecting our planet in Westcott and perhaps the best part of Westfest for us was connecting and talking to so many of you.

It was good to make a link with Abinger Common Nursery school and the Unum eco group, and we're looking forward to sharing ideas in the future. And action is already happening - like the family in Westcott who has gone plastic free, and the family who has recently rewilded a part of their garden (we saw the photographs of the many many wildflowers that are attracting bees, butterflies and other pollinators).

Green Westcott hopes to be a hub for encouraging more conversations, more connections and more hope for a positive and Greener future for our village and world. Watch this space - in the future issues we'll share some tools on how to have a climate conversation and will showcase some of the action villagers are already taking.



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So where do we go from here?

We will be gathering ourselves and working through your ideas to make some of these happen in the next few weeks and months. Please contact us at share@greenwestcott.org if you can help, or would like to share more of your eco-friendly ideas.

Please see below for details of our upcoming Community Eco Cafe. For updates and other events please visit our website <https://greenwestcott.org/>.

Do come along and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cakes, have a chat, bring friends, share ideas and find out more about our plans! All welcome - drop in any time!

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The Bayeux Tapestry and Its Hidden Meanings

Every month invited speakers enthral Dorking and District u3a members with talks on a wide range of topics, from 'The Human Colonisation of Space' to 'The Life and Times of a Butlins Redcoat'.



In early August, members were treated to an entertaining and insightful zoom talk 'The Bayeux Tapestry and Its Hidden Meanings', presented by Catherine Stevenson, Chair of Newcastle u3a. Although referred to as a 'tapestry', the designs on the Bayeux Tapestry are in fact embroidered. It was created in France in about 1077 a few years after the Battle of Hastings in 1066. It took 2 years to produce and, running to over 70 metres in length, it consists of some seventy scenes.

The tapestry's central section covers most of the action, often overflowing into the borders for dramatic effect, such as Edward's death scene. The long series of scenes displaying the main action are generally interspersed by stylised trees. The tituli or captions on

the top border help identify the main protagonists. Some scenes are mostly decorative, depicting birds, beasts, fish and farming and hunting tableaux. A harrow, a newly invented implement, is shown in scene 10 and there is a picture of Halley's Comet in the upper border of scene 32, the first known picture of this comet. Some scenes show corpses from battle but some are of a more ribald nature.

Catherine pointed out the various mechanisms used in the tapestry to emphasise political, military and religious meanings. Of particular note is the panel depicting "The Oath" made between William (Duke of Normandy) and Harold (Earl of Wessex). Harold had been taken prisoner by William as soon as he had landed in Normandy. Before Harold was allowed to leave Normandy he had to pay homage to William. Harold is seen on the panel making his oath to William by placing his hands on two holy caskets. However, Harold doesn't seem to be too happy. So is the oath fake? Harold's right hand only touches the casket with one finger and his left hand only hovers above the casket. Two men point up to the tituli in the margin and the word "Sacramento" meaning an oath before God and the holy caskets.

There are many instances of symbolism and propaganda throughout the tapestry. Some aim to justify to his



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knight that William was permitted to invade England. William is seen

seated holding the Pope's banner (for justification). This was just enough for an army to follow the Pope's banner, coloured gold and green. Had William become the embodiment of the Pope and the Roman Catholic faith, was William turning the war into a Holy War?

A hidden message is shown during the battle where William fell from his horse. It is very difficult for a fully-armoured rider to get back on his horse without assistance. Yet William seems to remount his horse unaided. However, his army was retreating at the time and they thought William was dead but when William lifted his helmet and visor his army saw that he was still alive. So his army followed him back into battle and won.

The final scenes show that Harold is dead. The Anglo-Saxons lose heart and turn to run away towards the Anglo-Saxon King's Forest. However, the forest was no longer Anglo-Saxon as it belonged to the Normans. The Anglo-Saxons were taken prisoner and led away in tethers on their wrists and ankles. One prisoner is shown taking an arrow from his head (eye?). In the final scene there is a

hidden message showing "dragons" in the lower and upper margins which can be interpreted as a symbol of Anglo-Saxon Wessex and a homage to Harold.

The tapestry is very 'macho' in design and is about soldiers proving themselves to be true men. There are over 90 such images. Catherine's talk explained how a tapestry might contain strong religious and political messages in addition to the artistic and skilful execution of the work. Although the Bayeux tapestry is nearly 1000 years old, it continues to present us with evidence of one of the crucial moments in history but it's not all straightforward. It tells of deceit and honour, betrayals and courage with mysteries and allegories for us to decipher.

The Bayeux Museum in Normandy is to be refurbished between 2022-2024 and the plan is to lend the tapestry to England during that time. As part of the deal with France, the two countries will produce a full English translation of the tapestry and will explore the use of technology in making the tapestry accessible to future generations.

Dorking and District have a number of interesting talks and events/outings planned for 2021-2022. Please visit the website dorkingu3a.org.uk or contact John Sinclair on 01306 711542 for more information and membership details.

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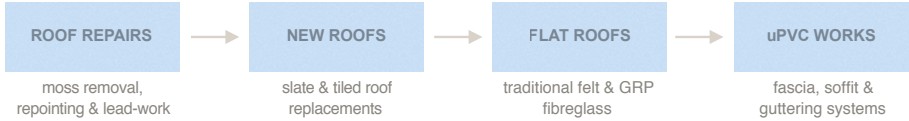


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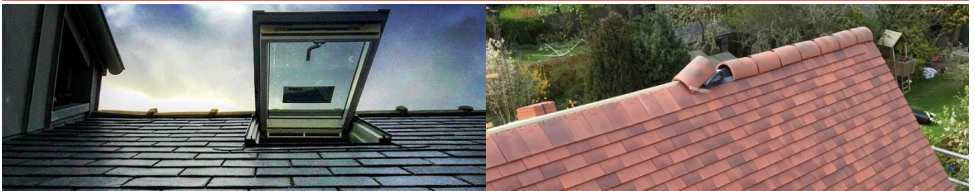


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WESTCOTT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

'Thank You' to the very willing people who have volunteered to assist on the helpers rota. As the magazine goes to press, we are all enjoying our new, yet cautious, freedom. With this in mind we will restart the First Wednesday Coffee Morning for a 3 month trial period.

Starting October 6th 10.30am until 12.00 midday

We are planning on having a Book Sale in October to help to provide funds to pay for the sanitising costs for the hall. So if you have any good condition books that you are willing to donate, please either bring them to the Coffee Morning or you can drop them off beforehand with Jean.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th - EVERYONE WELCOME!

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BROCKHAM CHORAL

Come sing with us at Brockham Choral. We have an exciting year ahead when rehearsals commence at 7.30 on September 14th at St. Johns Primary School Dorking, RH4 2LR for a concert on the 4th December, singing MESSIAH accompanied by the prestigious ACADEMY OF ANCIENT MUSIC conducted by our Musical Director Cole Bendall.



We shall be holding a a day workshop on October 2nd to help with the preparation of the MESSIAH.

All voices will be warmly welcomed. Tell your singing friends about the December concert and invite them to join Brockham Choral for a truly great experience and an opportunity to be singing live together for the first time for over a year.

We very much look forward to seeing you on the 14th September. Visit our website at www.brockhamchoral.org for more details

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