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

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FROM THE EDITOR



Well we are definitely well into autumn as I write this, with much rain about and leaves falling at great speed!

But this month we have WESTfestivity to cheer the heart, on Saturday 16th at the village hall and Holy Trinity church, so make sure it's on your calendar and pop along for some Christmas presents, tea & cake, live music and games for the children. F@sh are after your preloved Christmas jumpers to sell on their stall, see page 33 for collection details.

Sally Croft is again collecting brand

new PJs for children who will be in hospital over Christmas, if you can help see page 11 for collection and ordering information.

You can't have missed the signs on the road for the Open Morning at Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School on the 11th, if this is your child's age group then go have a look at what they do.

Finally, the consultation phase of the village hall planning application is now on, so check out the relevant Mole Valley website page (details on page 19) and have your say on the proposed development.

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...FROM THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT



WHAT HAVE THE VICTORIANS EVER DONE FOR US?

The Victorians were far from perfect. Just read Dickens (or indeed watch the profound piece of cinematography that is The Muppet Christmas Carol). However, I do think they perhaps have a couple of things to teach us. The first is their extraordinary legacy of community buildings. The Reading Rooms, St John's Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, The Prince of Wales Pub and the village school were all built by Victorians who had a long-term vision to facilitate community at the heart of our village. The Hut, I believe, is technically Edwardian but it was opened by a granddaughter of Queen Victoria in 1919, so I am including it here for the sake of argument. Now, admittedly the visionaries behind these community assets did not have to contend with bat surveys, ecological reports, archaeological

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assessments and the like which currently make it a good deal more complex getting permission to build or improve community spaces, but they still invested huge amounts of time, energy, and finances to give us these facilities, many of which we are still benefitting from over a hundred years later. I am in awe of the group of volunteers who form the Trustees of the Westcott Village Hall for all they have done to try and give us what I believe to be the first new purpose-built community space in Westcott since Princess Marie Louise opened the Hut in 1919. They, along with other volunteers who helped form the merger between the Hut and the Reading Rooms, have freely given hundreds of hours of their time, overcoming countless obstacles, to get us to the point where a new purpose-built community centre is a possibility. As with any collective community project, there will be a range of views about what the ideal outcome would be – there is no 'perfect' scenario that pleases everyone - but they really have worked to ensure as many people as possible get their voices heard in the process. Do support this project as much as you are able to..

...FROM THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

May we leave future generations facilities that they can use, enjoy, that that help form meaningful community in the decades to come. The second thing the Victorians have to teach us is their willingness to talk about death. If you are not of a nervous disposition, then do a quick internet search for 'Victorian Christmas cards' to see some startling festive images. Apparently for the Victorians Christmas was a time to remember their own mortality (through some disturbing pictorial metaphors) as much as a moment to tuck into their Turkey (although Turkey only became a Victorian tradition in response to the publication of the aforementioned Christmas Carol – if sadly the novel rather than the Muppet rendition). Living in a culture which is often less than comfortable to examine the reality of death, these cards seem very strange.

Actually, in any culture these cards seem strange, and my personal view is that the Victorians went too far in focusing on their end. However, we do need to find ways to acknowledge and mark the reality, and the grief, of death as we live our 21st Century lives. It is with this in mind that we are having our annual service of remembering at 5pm on Sunday 3rd November. If there is someone you have lost that you want time and space to remember, then please do join us. Finally, it may well be the case that I have got many of my Victorian facts wrong, which gives me a good opportunity to plug our excellent Westcott Local History Group which you should join, and they will be able to correct my imperfect knowledge.

Every blessing,

Tim



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DATE	THEME	8:30AM	10:15AM
3rd Nov	Romans: Devotion	Book of Common Prayer Communion	All Age Morning Worship
10th Nov	Remembrance	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Remembrance with Sunday Club
17th Nov	Romans: Community	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Communion with Sunday Club
24th Nov th	Romans: Mission	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Communion with Sunday Club



Service of Remembering

Sunday 3rd November, 5:00pm
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism:

29th September 2024 Tobias Axel Scorr

Marriage:

30th August 2024 Richard Brooker and Lisa Susanne Wells

Death:

3rd November 2016 John Hall Douglas Hainsworth (86)

2nd November 2021 Vera Sarah Bernadette Hainsworth (81)

26th May 2024 Thomas Edward Bletso (29)

8th August 2024 Andrew Athanasios Stappard (76)

20th August 2024 Kenneth Patrick Arthur Mathews (98)

FLOODLIGHTING

Many thanks to Carol Smetham, who has sponsored the church floodlighting for November: In Loving Memory of Basil Smetham, from all the Family.

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Pyjamas have to be brand new, and please don't wrap them as they need to be checked by the individual hospitals. Please avoid Christmas themed pyjamas as excess pairs are given to children in need brought in to the wards throughout the year. If at all possible avoid fleecy ones as hospital wards can be quite warm and we need both boys' and girls' pyjamas, newborn to age 18 (young adult).

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Thank you for all your support this half term in welcoming our new families in Bees, Hedgehogs and elsewhere, and in sharing such inspiring learning experiences when invited into classes, coming into our information sessions and attending our Celebration worships. We are delighted that your children have been able to showcase their talents and were very thrilled to hear all the positive feedback, particularly from those who got to join in with our learning. Our teachers work extremely hard to ensure that children at Surrey Hills are engaged in exciting learning experiences every day and they have enjoyed sharing them with you.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved our Eco Schools Award, and want to congratulate our Eco Heroes who worked so hard in this endeavour. All our children have come in ready to learn and to be active in their outdoor learning. As the weather gets wetter and colder, all children should have boots and waterproofs in school so that they can enjoy our lunchtime zones every day. We are delighted that we have so many clubs and activities to offer our children, so do make the most of these opportunities. Thank you also to everyone who is working with us to increase attendance this year in line with new government guidance, we all know how important every

lesson is to improve your children's learning outcomes. Thank you too for keeping your children safe by using designated crossing points and being considerate to all our wonderful neighbours living nearby.

Bees Reception Class



Bees Class have been busy in the Nature Garden, harvesting the potatoes big and small! We also admired the sunflowers that have

grown so tall over the summer! As the sunflowers start to die back, we talked about the wonder of nature. Just one seed produces so many sunflower seeds, ready for the birds to eat and some to be saved for our sunflower growing next year.



Year 1 & 2 Bees and Butterflies Class



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funding from The Harmony Project for a new eco-friendly project. Children across all year groups were very keen to grow more food in our garden, so as the soil is rather poor, we decided to invest in a compost tumbler to transform our waste peelings into a rich source of compost! Unfortunately, the children were hoping this might happen in 30 seconds with all their tumbling especially with the vigour of Year 5 and 6! In reality it should take about 60 days so we are looking forward to seeing how our compost breaks down.

Hedgehogs Year 3



In Hedgehogs we have been learning about how the Ancient Egyptians used papyrus to make scrolls. They thought about what Egyptian symbols they wanted to use to represent their own hobbies and interests. We then made



our very own papyrus using ripped up pieces of paper and a special paste to create a strong base for our scrolls.

Year 5 & 6 Owls and Otters Class



Owls and Otters class had an amazing day at High Ashurst Outdoor Centre. Our focus was challenge, perseverance, resilience and

teamwork, which we all experienced throughout the day on the High Ropes and the Climbing Wall. The children were surprised how far they could push



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We are now at the really exciting phase of the Village Hall redevelopment project as Mole Valley have published our planning application. From a village community perspective, this is by far the most significant proposed improvement in the facilities which Westcott has to offer its residents since generous donations by Victorian-era, and other residents provided the Reading Room, the Hut, Holy Trinity Church and St. Johns for us. What is different this time, is that we have to pay and work for what the surveys the trustees have carried out have told them that the village would like for its current residents and future generations.



New community building viewed
from Guildford Road
(image courtesy of MAA Architects)

Since the merger of the Hut and Reading Room Charities, your trustees have given many hundreds of hours of their time and spent a significant proportion of their resources on preparing the planning permission which has now gone live. The trustees had no real choice; the inescapable need to clear and to make safe the derelict Hut site would have cost almost as much as a planning application and the Reading Room is beyond economic repair. Committing to the planning application was therefore the only option with the prospect of providing current and future residents of Westcott with a focal community facility open to all, young and old. We know from elsewhere that a vibrant village hall can be the beating heart of a thriving village. That is what Westcott deserves, and you can now help make that happen by supporting the planning application.

Commenting on the planning application is very straightforward and needs no more than a click on the *'Please, click here to comment on the application'* button in the top left-hand corner of the application, MO/2024/1464, which can be found here <https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/mole/application-details/126528> There are 52 documents which the trustees had to submit and 25 applicable policies and constraints which needed to be observed. Unless you wish to, there is no need to read everything! Documents which are likely to be of greatest interest to residents are headed:-

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WESTCOTT VILLAGE HALL UPDATE (cont.)



- PA04 Design Statement, (in four parts) which sets out the drawings and plans for the proposed new village hall and houses; and
- SUSR Sustainability Report, which shows how the new buildings are designed to meet modern sustainability and environmental targets.

A lot of what is included in the planning application may already be familiar to you if you have been to the various 'live' consultation/presentation events which have taken place in recent months. The plans are now on the notice board at The Village Hall and can also be viewed at WESTfestivity which is at the Village Hall and at the Church on Saturday, 16th November.

Positive comments from residents focused on the following themes will greatly assist us in securing consent:-

- Locating the new community building on Institute Road
- Express your enthusiasm for the new community building and desire to use it
- The demolition of the now derelict Hut is welcome and you see no need to replace with another community building at that location
- The addition of 9 smaller houses each with two car spaces being located on the Hut site
- On-street parking in Furlong Road being set back to enable better two-way traffic flow whilst also providing a proper footpath
- The process followed by the trustees and the ability to participate in consultation with the residents

We will bring the interior design and layout of the hall back to the village and to our users for comment and input before we finalise the details for funding and building it. We will continue to update when we have further news, but if there is anything you wish to ask us in the interim you can contact us at info@westcottvillagehall.com

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They make the journey to our shores to feed on berries and during the day you might spot them alongside other

birds, such as Starlings and Fieldfares in trees and hedges. Look for small thrush-like birds with a rusty red patch under their wings and a white stripe above their eyes.

Take a look at our group's activities, photos and information using the options below.

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AGM and Talk -: A Journey from Box Hill to Leith Hill by John Clachan

The WLHG Chairman Imogen Barker opened the AGM and welcomed the members present. The formalities of the AGM were executed – the Chairman's report and the Secretary's report were approved by a show of hands. The accounts reveal a net deficit of £738 for the year, partly attributable to costs for Website Design and a School Learning Program, but a healthy bank balance of £7528. The Chairman, Secretary and five committee members (Chairman Imogen Barker, Secretary John Clachan, Treasurer Rupert Bole and committee members: Roger Christian, Jeff Davies, Martin Finnis, Iain Grainger & Chris Dale) were present plus some 40 members.



illustrating the features to be seen on a journey walking from the Viewpoint on Box Hill across Denbies Estate, Ranmore and down to Westcott Village, then through the Rookery and up to Coldharbour and Leith Hill Tower. This is a new 11 mile walk called the Leith Hill Greenway, one of many Greenways around the country. It is also cyclable, and the route is well marked with special way signs.

Sir Robert Hunter, one of the three founders of the National Trust was one of the people who persuaded Leopold Salmon of Norbury Park to buy the first 230 acres of Box Hill and give it to the National Trust in March 1914. The Viewpoint was erected in 1920 to his memory as he had unfortunately died in 1915 soon after making his bequest. The management of the Box Hill Estate by a group of local citizens was handed over to the National Trust in 1991. (Ref Parish Mag Dec 2015).



The short AGM was followed by a talk by John Clachan

Box Hill overlooks the River Mole Gap and Westhumble village and is known for its stunning views to the south. In 1867 the railway station at West Humble was built and Londoners came to visit and were able to enjoy donkey rides on the hill. Another feature of interest on Box Hill is the gravestone of Peter Labilliere (1725-1800), a British Army Major of Huguenot descent and resident of Butter Hill, Dorking who requested to be buried upside down on Box Hill because he felt that the affairs of the world were upside down. He was known as an eccentric and made protests about the British involvement in the war in America.

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The journey continued down to the Stepping Stones over the Mole River at Burford Bridge where it crosses the A24 road and continues through Westhumble and past Bradley Farm where the Centenary Show Ploughing match took place, and up to St Barnabas Church, built by George Cubitt (1828-1917), the first Baron Ashcombe. The route leads through the Denbies Wine Estate of some 265 acres with about a million vines. The first Denbies house was built in 1734 and the estate stretched all the way to Deepdene. This house was demolished and George Cubitt built a house in 1850 but he died in 1855 aged 78. The house was then occupied by several generations of the Ashcombe family before it was demolished in 1953. (Ref Village Mag June 2024). The Vineyard Estate was developed by Adrian White, the proprietor of Biwaters, the water company. The old Denbies house at the top of the hill was sold a couple of years ago for £8 million with 58 acres. At the same time the National Trust bought another 134 acres that it now calls Ashcombe Woods.

After walking through the vineyard and along Ranmore Common the journey drops down to Westcott village where the Pippbrook crosses the bottom of Westcott Street. It continues along Balchins Lane past several notable 'listed' houses such as Stowe Maries where Leslie Howard, the film star, lived. We cross the A25 and enter Rookery

Drive beside the Lodge and pass some attractive houses including the former mill where the Pippbrook flows out of the large mill lake and passes under the road. Overlooking the lake there used to stand a mansion named The



Rookery where Daniel Malthus and his son Thomas Robert (1766-1834) lived until the Malthus family sold the estate in 1768 to Richard Fuller, founder of Fullers Bank which today is the Natwest Bank. The Fuller family lived there over several generations until 1894 when it was sold to a Mr Brooke of Brooke Bond Tea fame. (The Sale Prospectus is in the History Group archives.) The big house was eventually demolished and the 10 new Rookery terraced houses were built. (Ref Parish Mag April and July 2019).

The journey continued along the path, known as Wolvens Way, rising through the conifer woods to Coldharbour and the village cricket ground on the eastern slopes of Leith Hill. It was then a short walk to the top of the hill and the Tower, which was built by Richard Hull of Leith Hill Place in 1766. As Leith

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Hill itself was only 965 ft high he arranged for the Tower to reach over 1000 ft. At that time the Tower could be seen from his house

at Leith Hill Place because there were no trees in the way. From the top of the Tower on a clear day one can see the tower of Westminster Palace and to the south the Downs and over 14 counties. When Richard Hull died in 1772 at his request he was buried under the Tower.

In thanking John for his commentary and brilliant collection of photographs Imogen said it should inspire people to take the walk on a fine day.

As always the WLHG Committee encourages suggestions for talks and relevant articles from the members. There are no talks scheduled at present but they will be advised in due course.

Contacts by email at westcottlocalhistory@gmail.com and for local information at the website www.westcottlocalhistory.org

WLHG Scribe

Westcott's "Baby Meals"

The Cooks have been really busy in the last couple of months, helping a local family during cancer treatment AND catering for two families with new babies. Baby Jasper arrived in late August for Zoe and Joe, then Fern was born to Josie & Phil in mid September.



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The Dorking Choral Society presents a concert of music for St Cecilia's day. St Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians and she is celebrated each year on or around her feast day, 22nd November. The concert includes odes written especially for the Cecilian celebrations in London by Purcell and Handel. There will also be a piece entitled *Good News from New England* by Cecilia McDowall, which describes the arrival of the Mayflower pilgrims in America four hundred years ago.

The Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra, playing in Ashtead, has a programme that begins with Rossini's lively overture to his opera *The Italian Girl in Algiers*. This is followed by Mozart's delightful concerto for flute and harp and the concert closes with Beethoven's third symphony, the *Eroica*.

The Dorking Halls are unfortunately now closed until December as essential works are undertaken on the ceiling of the grand hall. However the good news is that many events are now firmly in the programme for the early months of next year. Beginning in January there are screenings from the Royal Opera House, Royal Ballet and National Theatre, along with several musicals. And the Dorking Concertgoers are able to resume their concerts with a visit from the Gesualdo Six (this one in St Martin's church), three concerts by the Brodsky string quartet and a guitar recital by local musician Fiona Harrison. It is good that we can finally look forward to more live music once again in Dorking!

Ian Codd





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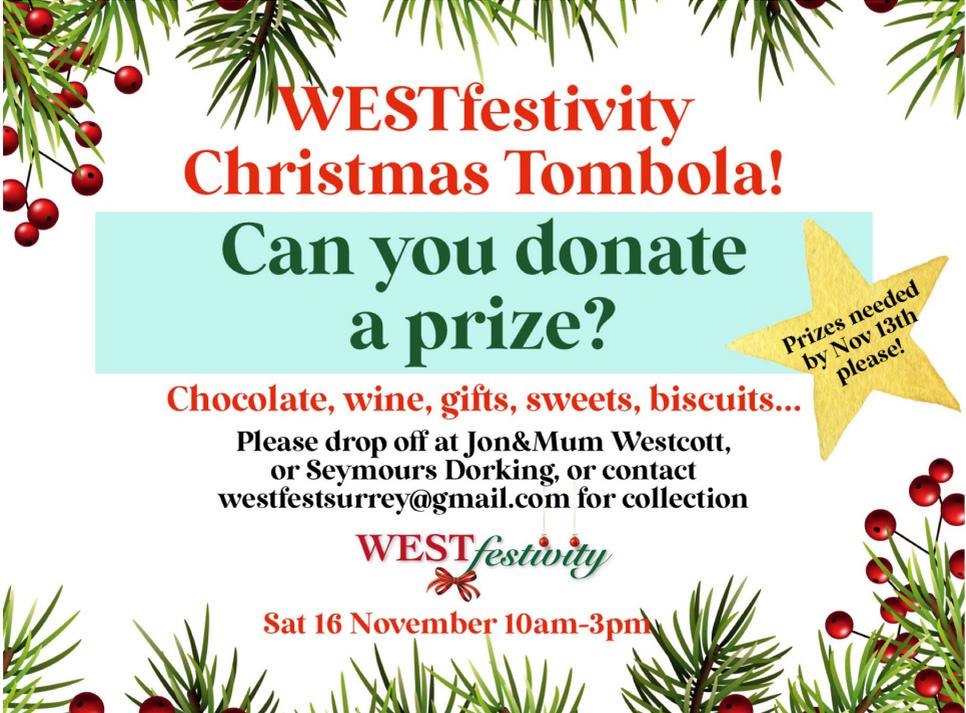
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The Wild West came to Abinger and more specifically the Teepee at the Abinger Hatch one October Saturday night as Cowboys and Cowgirls gathered for one big knees up!! Even the Sheriff put in an appearance! (Though thankfully the dance floor kept everyone on the right side of the law).



Apparently most people in the village already own at least a pair of cowboy boots or a cowboy hat as everyone rose to the occasion and came impeccably dressed. The dance floor was heaving as the amazing Coral and Mia led the troops in some classic line dances ending up with a show stopping couple dance. Lassies Hayley and Henny took to the floor to help perfect the steps with sawdust coming from their heels! All ages grinned



from ear to ear as they mastered the grapevine (you know who you are) and the hip swinging lassoing!

It really was a fabulous evening and we raised lots of money (total pending at time of going to print!) to support the nursery so we are very grateful to everyone who came. We are also hugely thankful to the Hatch for the venue and facilities and to Club Pizza (catch them at Albury Village Hall Thursdays from 4-8pm) for providing delicious freshly cooked pizzas. One of the things that makes our nursery so special is the community of parents and the village we are set in – so thank you hugely for being part of that!

If you have a child looking to start nursery please don't hesitate to get in touch –we still have a few spaces available and the government have now introduced 15 hours of free childcare for working parents of 2 year olds. Please call 07842 978823 or email abingercommonnursery@gmail.com We can't wait to show you around!

Kate Fairbrass



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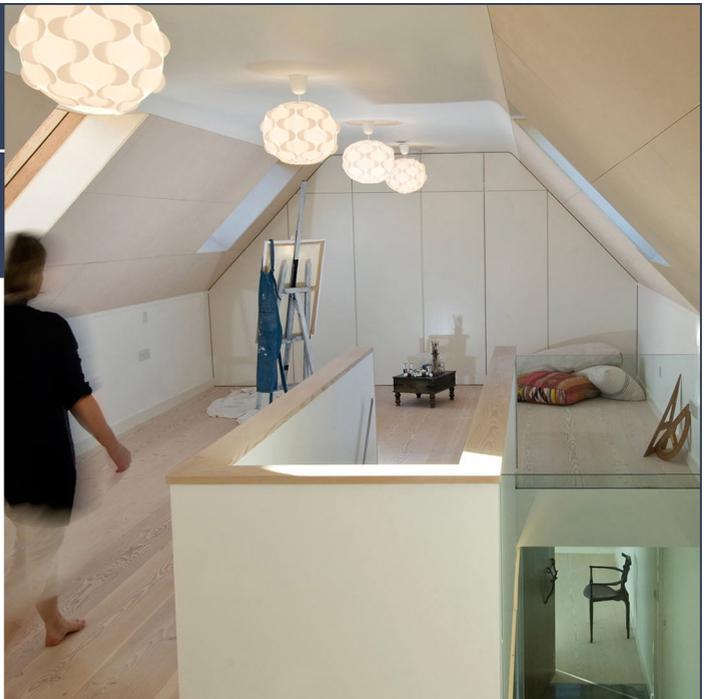
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Staying with planning matters, by the time you are reading this Mole Valley District Council will have decided whether to adopt the new Mole Valley Local Plan 2020-2039. If agreed it will come in to immediate effect and be used to shape development in the district through until 2039 and as the basis for deciding all planning applications. Once adopted a copy of the new Local Plan will be saved to the Planning section of the Westcott Village website.

Central to the future development of our own village, the Review of the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNDP) will get underway in earnest in November with the inaugural meeting of the **Westcott Neighbourhood Forum on Tuesday 12th November 7.30pm at St John's**. EVERYONE IS INVITED. The Forum is an essential part of the process whose members will lead the review of the WNDP, it must be made up of at least 21 people and should be representative of the community. Several people have already expressed an interest in taking part but we still need more people to step forward as we are keen for businesses, landowners and all geographic areas of the village to be represented. The WNDP shapes the future of our village and our community and is used in determining planning applications so it is an important piece of work. Please come along on the 12th November to find out more.

During the summer a planning application was submitted to develop 86 dwellings on Land at **Milton Court Lane**. The WVA submitted a letter of objection to the application based on a lack of ambition from the developer for the percentage of affordable homes being proposed and the limited level of net bio-diversity gain. In addition to concerns about the negative impact on highways, pedestrian and cycling access, along with the impact on the openness of the Green Belt



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You may have noticed that the WVA has once again put up **Remembrance Poppies** along the main road through the centre of the village to mark Remembrance Day and honour the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families. Remembrance Day this year is on Sunday 10th November.

With Christmas just around the corner we are looking forward to visiting the **WESTfestivity Christmas Fair** on Saturday 16th November at the Westcott Village Hall and the Church between 10am and 3pm. This is such a great village event with a wide variety of stalls and a lovely way to catch up with friends and neighbours so be sure to put the date in your diary and pop along.

The WVA will also be putting up the **Westcott Christmas Tree** on Saturday 7th December on the village green – if you can spare an hour or two that morning to help with the installation and decoration it would be really appreciated – drop a quick line to contact@westcottvillage.com It's a fun and rewarding way to spend the morning.

Finally, the long-awaited new vehicle activated speed limit sign has been installed on the green triangle near The Cricketers. This new sign was secured with funding from the Mole Valley Neighbourhood Fund (formerly known as the Community Infrastructure Levy) following an application made by the WVA. This means there are now working vehicle activated speed signs to remind drivers of the 30mph limit through the village as they approach on the A25 from both Dorking and Wotton.



As always do get in touch, we love hearing from you.

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Kathy Atherton, Museum Chairman, said: "The team has been working towards achieving this status for nearly five years and it is a major milestone in the Museum's journey. We are proud that the professionalism and commitment of our volunteers to high standards has been recognised by this award."

World Nursery Rhyme week at Dorking Library:

November's Museum family activity at Dorking Library, St. Martin's Square, is World Nursery Rhyme Week: Make nursery rhyme moving characters out of card, Saturday 16th November, 10am-noon, free, materials provided, aimed at (accompanied) 4-11-year-olds.

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DORKING MUSEUM (cont.)

Remembering Strawberry Studios:



The Museum is currently planning an exhibition in 2026 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the band 10cc establishing a recording studio in South Street Dorking, which was also used by other prominent artists over the next seven years. To mark this period of more recent cultural history, a blue plaque was unveiled on the site by founding member Graham Goldman in late October, and a magnificent mural by local artist Uncle Stubble was created on the Museum's external wall in West Street – an interpretation of the cover of the first album by 10cc recorded at Strawberry Studios, 'Deceptive Bends'.



South Street Caves: The Museum celebrated a record year of conducting tours of the South Street Caves – about 100 tours this season (which ended at the end of October), with nearly 1,000 visitors seeing the wonders of underground Dorking. The next season will start at Easter 2025.

Get involved: The Museum is looking for new volunteers who can spare a few hours a month at the front desk or in a variety of other roles with flexible working in the Museum, in the community or from home. The Family Activities and Education team has a range of activities in both formal and informal educational settings. The team is looking for additional volunteers with experience of teaching and learning, or who are familiar with working with young people, to help maintain and develop this important programme. Other opportunities are available in events management, digital communications, website editing and volunteer recruitment and training. See dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities for further details.

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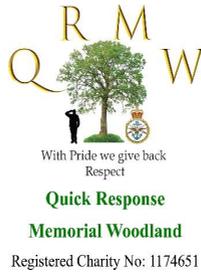


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Current Status of Species in Surrey



According to Surrey Wildlife Trust one third of the county's species are now either extinct or in danger of extinction, including several bee species. The State of Surrey's Nature report highlighted that, in 2017, 34% of invertebrates in Surrey were already extinct or heading towards extinction (Surrey Wildlife Trust, 2024). There is a fine balance in nature and when it is thrown out of kilter, other species suffer too. It is no surprise then that bird species will also be affected as

insect and invertebrate populations decline. The lesser spotted woodpecker and yellowhammer are among two birds currently experiencing severe population decline, along with hedgehogs and the hazel dormouse.

Causes of Species Extinction

Some of the primary drivers of species extinction in Surrey are habitat loss, climate change, pollution, and invasive species. Urbanisation and agricultural expansion have led to the destruction of natural habitats, such as woodlands, wetlands, and grasslands. Habitats become fragmented and isolated from one another, making it difficult for wildlife to reproduce and survive (Surrey Wildlife Trust, 2024).

Climate change has made these issues worse, with even slight changes in temperature and rainfall patterns having huge impacts of the availability of food and water, which in turn alter breeding cycles and make species vulnerable to disease (Natural History Museum 2024). Pollution from pesticides and industrial activities contaminates soil and water, further threatening wildlife. Additionally, invasive species compete for resources with native flora and fauna, leading to further declines in biodiversity (Natural History Museum, 2024).

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Efforts to Mitigate Species Extinction

There are several initiatives underway to combat the extinction crisis in Surrey. The Surrey Wildlife Trust is aiming to protect 30% of land and sea for nature recovery by 2030. They are working closely with local councils, landowners and community groups to create diverse wildlife rich habitats along the North Downs, where they are hoping to restore the chalk grasslands, vital for some butterfly species.

Efforts are also being made to improve the ecological health of Surrey's rivers and wetlands which support the European eel which is currently another critically endangered species. They are hoping to improve water quality, remove the barriers to fish migration and restore natural river courses.

Public awareness and community involvement are crucial for the success of these conservation efforts. There are many local groups around who care deeply for the environment and are committed to making a difference within their communities.



Educational programs and citizen science projects such as wildlife monitoring and habitat restoration activities can be found across Surrey, with groups such as: Surrey Hills National Landscape; Surrey Wildlife Trust; and River Mole River Watch.

Conclusion

The extinction of species in Surrey is a pressing environmental issue that requires immediate and sustained action. Protecting and restoring Surrey's natural habitats is essential for preserving its unique biodiversity and ensuring the health and well-being of its ecosystems. Through concerted conservation efforts and community engagement, there is hope for reversing these trends. But with butterfly population levels being the worst ever recorded this year (Butterfly Conservation, 2024), I will leave you with the sobering words of Dr Fox from Butterfly Conservation who implores us to act by saying:

"Butterflies are a key indicator species; when they are in trouble we know that the wider environment is in trouble too. Nature is sounding the alarm call. We must act now if we are to turn the tide on these rapid declines and protect species for future generations."

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The podcast series is designed to help deepen our sense of belonging in the world and bring us into greater connection with the possibilities that can arise when we come together to act in service to life. It suggests that a good way to help bring the insights from each episode alive is to form a 'podcast club' and, with this in mind, I would love to hear from anyone

who might like to listen to and further explore the episodes together in a small group. Maybe take a listen to the start of Episode 1 and, if you would be interested in doing this, get in touch with me at info@greenwestcott.org

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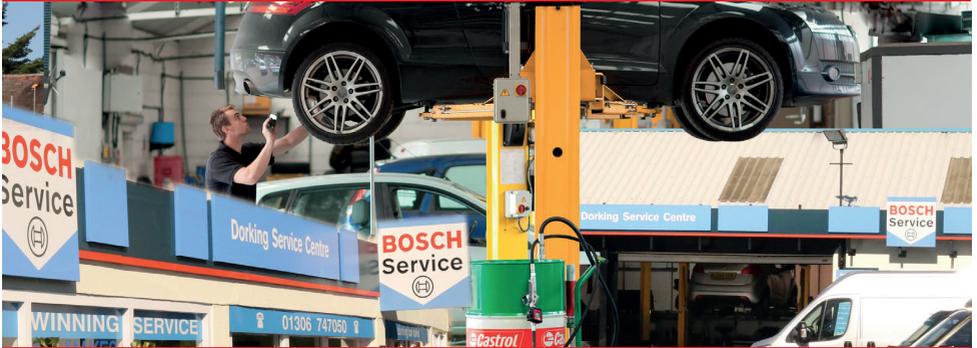
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