

Albury Parish News

December 2022

Number 393



**Serving the local communities of Albury,
Albury Heath, Brook, Farley Green,
Little London and Newlands Corner**

**Services in Albury and Farley Green for December at
the Parish Church, Church Lane, Albury unless stated.
The 9.30 services are livestreamed**

4	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion Using the Book of Common Prayer
	9.30 a.m. All age Worship 'Prepare the way of the Lord'
11	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 'Keep on believing'
	4.00 p.m. Messy Church Intergenerational worship for Messy Christmas
18	9.30 a.m. All age worship 'The plan starts'
	5.00 p.m. Carols in the Old Church <i>in Albury Park - dress warm and bring a torch</i>
24	4.00 p.m. Christingle service with children's nativity scene and candles
25	9.30 a.m. All-age Christmas 'It's real!'
	11.00 a.m. Communion at St Michael's In the Barn Church at Farley Green. Please park on the Green.

All are welcome in church.

For the livestreaming link please visit www.alburychurches.org

Every Friday in term-time pre-schoolers and those who look after them are welcome to 'Little Fishes' at St Michael's, Farley Green - a time of chat and play with simple worship. Details from pennycrandall@hotmail.com.

Front cover: Albury Parish Church in the snow
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From the Minister

Since we were little, I think one of the things that's attracted me about Christmas is that for a few days you enter into a kind of alternative reality. A reality where there is always beautiful snow without hazards, lovely twinkly lights, plenty of nice food, people in a good mood (well, most people), and the whole thing presided over by a jolly man in a red or green suit depending on how old fashioned you are.

Of course we understand that there is a real world out there, in which things are not nearly so jolly - even in this country, let alone what it's like for certain other parts of the world. But part of the appeal of Christmas is surely the excuse to escape from all that for a few days if we can. A lot of informed opinion suggests that if life is stressful, it's valuable to unwind for a bit: to rest, recover strength, regain perspective.

It can be taken too far. To exist in permanent escape is bad for us, and shouldn't be a satisfying way of living. And if it gets to pursuing escape so enthusiastically that you put your safety or health at risk (there are many ways you can do this, and I'm sure you don't need me to list them for you) does seem rather to defeat the object.

A beautiful irony of Christmas is that our escape bolthole began as a celebration of the very reverse. For Christians, Christmas begins with the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, who did a reverse escape: God himself, sovereign, powerful beyond measure, coming to live with humans in the mess we made of his creation. Subject to stress, discomfort, enemies, hunger, and every kind of pain - from insects that bite you to soldiers who kill you. And kill him they would; yet into his own death he would absorb all the ways our life can get poisoned by the evil lurking around every corner of existence. He came to our kind of death so that we could receive his kind of life.

For many people the problem is not whether God could do this - if God is there, he can surely do this - but whether God is there at all. And that is something words don't prove.

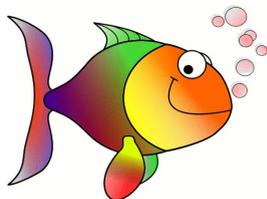
There are other things words don't prove - love, happiness, hope are examples - but we accept their reality because they affect our lives and we see the effect in other lives. We ought to give God the same chance. If the central part of this story is that he stepped into our existence to give us a way to reach his, could we not at least find out more of the story before we dismiss it?

So this Christmas, let's escape if we must, and rest, ready for 2023. But let's then return and make a go of it. And remember the one for whom Christmas was the reverse of escape.

All blessings

Andrew Pearson, Minister for Albury

Little Fishes



Little Fishes is now meeting in the Barn Church every Friday morning in termtime at 9.30 a.m. for a story, prayer, songs, colouring and crafts.

For further details, please email pennycrandall@hotmail.com

Hark & Ride

If you would like a lift to church when services resume, then please phone 01483 202210 or 01483 203208

If you can help in this way occasionally, please contact Theresa Channer on 202210 or Penny Randall on 203208

Albury Café

Closed due to the Corona virus outbreak.



We hope to be back soon.



Tea and Chat



**at 3pm,
@ 26 Weston Fields
All welcome**



Defibrillator Information

The Parish Council have installed defibrillators at the following locations.

Albury Memorial Library Little London (William 1V) Newlands Corner
Farley Green (Bus Shelter) Main Door, St Peter and St Pauls, Church Lane



St Michael's Barn Church became the dropping-off venue last month for donations towards the Guildford Food Bank. With the lure of delicious coffee and cake, the Friends of St Michael's were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Albury community who gave not only a tremendous selection of food items but participated in a raffle, resulting in the Friends being able to make an additional donation of £145. Many thanks to you all.

We hope to continue with these collections from time to time during 2023.

Liz Cooper, Trustee

The Friends of St Michael's Barn Church

'Never forget'

November's Messy Church took place on Remembrance Sunday, and young and old thought about the importance of remembering. We made a prayer wall with prayers for peace, played Kim's game, and heard an old story in which a man solved a problem by giving up a camel, but found his camel could be given back to him after all.

As usual a lovely tea finished the proceedings.

December's 'Messy Christmas' is on 11 December. Look for the advert in this magazine (page 6)!

Andrew Pearson

Hear Here

The Hearing Champions clinic in Shere Surgery is now up and running again.

Sessions run from **10.30 till 12.30** once a month, usually on the first or second Thursday. This is a volunteer-led service intended for those with NHS hearing aids needing minor repairs or new batteries. Remember to bring your NHS booklet!

Please note that due to covid we are no longer able to run a drop in service, so if you would like to come please call the surgery on 01483 202066 to book an appointment.

Dates for upcoming sessions are : 1st December, the beginning of January and February, dates as yet to be confirmed

Penny Randall

Messy Christmas



December 11th at 4pm

This is a short informal and relaxed service ideal for all ages, with an 'on the spot' nativity play, 'Amazing Days', for everyone to join in with.

There will be songs with musical instruments and craft activities.

Children, please come dressed as Mary, Joseph, shepherd, angel or king.

We will finish with tea for the children and a cuppa and cake for adults.

Please let Sheena know by December 3rd if you are coming.

There will be parking at the Bowling club available.

Everyone welcome

St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church

Church Lane

Albury

Your garden in December

December 21st is the winter solstice, start of winter and the shortest day of the year. You can now look forward to the days getting longer, or do they just seem longer in the inclement weather. December 17th was the Roman festival of Saturnalia celebrating the god of agriculture (I suppose close to gardening). This eventually developed into a seven day period of feasting, drunkenness and merrymaking. A bit like Christmas in these secular days.

In the vegetable garden, it is time to harvest the last of the root crops. Parsnips and carrots can be stored over winter in buckets of damp sand. Consider those root vegetables that have forked and resemble unseemly body parts. Ponder whether to post them online. Leeks and sprouts should also be ready to pick. There is nothing quite like gathering sprouts on a cold and frosty morning. Your fingers are numb, your back is sore and you wonder if anyone is going to eat them at your Christmas festivities.

Prune grape vines and maples after leaf fall and before Christmas to prevent bleeding, the plant rather than the gardener. After all, they don't have thorns. You can plant bareroot shrubs and trees at this time of the year. The soil is still relatively warm and the likelihood of rain during the winter allows the plants to establish more quickly.

If you have a pond, remove any fallen leaves. Should the pond freeze, any inmates could suffocate. Melt a hole in the ice with a hot pan, breaking the ice can send shock waves through the water which is detrimental.

Clean, tidy and weed the greenhouse. Check any heater that is to be used in the greenhouse. If you don't want to heat the whole greenhouse, make a tent with fleece and put your slightly tender plants inside. A heated mat could also be used if you have some really tender plants.

Time to check all outside pipes and taps. Make sure they are insulated. There is nothing more annoying than leaky pipes or frozen taps. Put your hose away in a frost free shed or make sure it is drained.

Keep gathering fallen leaves. The mild autumn has meant many trees have retained their leaves. Wet leaves on paths are an invitation to slips, slides, grazes, bruises and worse, nothing like Torvill and Dean's graceful movements.

The end of the year is a good time to look at the successes and failures of the year. As global warming becomes apparent, weather patterns will change. This year, we had three frosts in June and the first frost was in September. An spell of really dry weather in August turned grass brown (no mowing) and killed one of our conifers. Every year is different and the success of previously successful crops and plants may not be repeated. Last year, tomatoes and potatoes were affected by blight, this year aubergines and tomatoes were abundant. The nasturtiums which were decimated by cabbage white caterpillars have recovered and are now flowering and trying to take over the paths and fencing in spite of the frost. Next year, they will self seed all over the place.

Spend time in the potting shed with the seed catalogues and gardening tomes. Envisage a garden without pests and weeds....

Have a very happy Christmas and an amazing garden next year.

Food Banks Need Your Help More Than Ever In 2022! Not Just Food.



Hunger in the UK isn't about food. It's lack of income and the main drivers of foodbank use are:-

- Problems with the benefits system (delays, inadequacy and deductions)
- Challenging life experiences or ill health
- Lack of informal or formal support
- Now in 2022 - soaring energy, food and general cost of living prices.

How You Can Help? What items you can donate?

Think about food stuffs that do not require heating e.g.

Cereal	UHT Milk	Tinned Fish	Tinned Fruit
Biscuits	Tinned Beans	Long Life Fruit Juices	

Other Items / Ways you can Help?

Household Cleaning Products	Sanitary Items	Nappies/Baby Wipes
Cooking Oils	Tinned Soups/Meat /Stews	
Condiments / Spices	Pasta	Rice Pasta Sauce

You can give money in an Envelope to help Guildford Food Banks to put money on users' Fuel Cards - **Just mark your envelope and give to Harry in Pratts Stores.**

DONATION POINTS IN ALBURY.

Pratts Stores in Albury Village:- contact Harry on 01483 202123 to donate £5/£10 by card, and Harry will select items for you to place in the Food Bank Collection Box.

OR purchase items from Harry to donate to the Food Bank.

OR in St Peter & St Paul's Church in Albury in the Lobby- on Saturdays 10am - 4pm or Sunday mornings, 9am - 11am.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

DIANN ARNFELD 01483 203464.

SALV Open Evening: when to worry - or not

Any hypochondriac attending SALV's AGM and Open Evening in Shere Village Hall on October 26 might not have had the best of evenings! Under the banner of *Red Flags - Knowing When to Worry*, the presentation by four of our doctors from Shere Surgery covered the widest possible range of symptoms that might affect any of us, but ultimately proved reassuring by showing how a calm and sensible reaction to our anxieties was always justified by the ensuing medical tests. In other words, nine times out of ten we had absolutely no need to worry.

The evening began with a quick AGM of SALV (the Shere And Local Villages health trust), during which Chairman Adrian O'Loughlin announced that early plans were taking shape for building a new wing of the Surgery in Gomshall Lane - currently severely overcrowded as the practice expands - to be called the Graham Tyrrell Wing, in memory of the inspirational Head of Practice, Graham, who died recently. Adrian paid tribute to him as well as to SALV's late Treasurer, Terry Edwards, who also died this autumn; both deaths had constituted a severe loss to the community, Adrian said. One good thing to emerge from Terry's loss was that his daughter Sue, also an accountant, had volunteered to take over his role at SALV, and the Trustees had been delighted to confirm this appointment.

The amount of hard work and preparation that Drs Charlotte Knight, Emma Watts, Douglas Wardrop and Helen Barnes had put into their presentation was phenomenal. The audience of nearly 70 friends and supporters of SALV were given an overview and then detailed analysis of the most common illnesses and diseases in the community and how we should react if we felt we had any relevant symptoms: cancers of various kinds, sudden pains or noticeable changes in our bodies, when we should talk to the Surgery, when to go straight to A&E or even when to call 999. The short talks were interspersed with equally crisp videos presented by the doctors - a fascinating glimpse inside the technological wonder that is Brenda the Vendor (the wall dispensing machine donated by SALV), a look at the Surgery's new "phone booth" consulting pods so vital for the operation of the AskmyGP service (also provided by SALV), and "Team Shere" at the Surgery celebrating the recent award from the Royal Society for Public Health for the Homelessness Project, which has 15 local homeless people registered on its list and is now expanding across a wider area.

Other recent initiatives being run by the Surgery include the Family History Cancer Screening Project, in partnership with St George's Hospital Genetics Department, and closer collaboration with dispensing wholesalers in an effort to get prescription drugs at the best possible price for rural dispensaries. All in all, the evening constituted a fascinating look at health problems that might affect - but probably won't! - any of us over the years, together with an update on the wide-ranging and pioneering work on so many fronts being conducted by our brilliant Shere Surgery.

In the best SALV tradition, after a short Q&A session, the audience finally mingled with the doctors and Surgery team for a sociable chat over a glass or two of wine that some might have felt they needed (but probably didn't)!

Tim Austin

Open invitation to

**BUBBLES AT THE
BARN**

Friday 20 January
6.30 – 8.30 pm

St Michael's Barn Church
Farley Green

Join your neighbours for some
bubbles and nibbles

Complimentary drink on arrival



Please note - Parking is in designated area on the Green.

The Friends of St Michael's Barn Church

PARISH OF ALBURY HENRY SMITH CHARITY

The local Committee of the Henry Smith Charity distributes small gifts of money every year to those in financial need, or who need help because of illness, disability, or age. Covid19 and a big rise in the cost of energy has brought hardship to many more Parishioners.

If you know of somebody in the Parish of Albury (which includes Newlands Corner, Brook, Little London, and Farley Green) who is experiencing financial need and not already on the list of recipients, or if you are in that position yourself, please write to the Committee at the address below for a simple application form or alternatively contact by email: floyd@rfandco.com.

The sums of money are not large but can be helpful for small needs.

Please contact:

Linda Floyd

The Secretary of the Albury Committee

Henry Smith Charity

29 Roseacre Gardens

Chilworth

GUILDFORD GU4 8RQ



Albury Autumn Fair

Saturday 22nd October saw the return of the Albury Autumn Fair at a later time of 3pm. Instead of the traditional soup we had an ample supply of delicious cakes. There was a great variety of stalls to shop from, scarves, pewter gifts, jewellery, smellies and much more. We raised £272 for the church from the bottle tombola, refreshments, donations and stalls. It was lovely to see old friends re-unite with a cup of tea and chat for the afternoon.

I'm waiting for confirmation from the parish council but I am hoping that the fair will return on Saturday 21st October next year.

Ali Kerlake

Santa

I am terrified of the Santa at the shopping centre where I work. Our HR lady talked it over with me, and has discovered I am Claustrophobic.

Shoeboxes for Serbia

For about fifteen years, Albury Church has sent Christmas gifts in shoeboxes to children and adults who face a hard Christmas. Most recently we've done this through Blythwood Care (<https://blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal>), who help vulnerable people in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Serbia, regardless of ethnicity or faith background.

This year Albury's generosity brought in between thirty and forty boxes, and on 31st October we took them over to Blythwood Care's collection point, from where they will find their way, this year, to Serbia.

It's not that cheap to fill a shoebox, but it means a great deal to the people who receive them. Thank you everyone who donated a box, and there will be another chance next year.

Andrew Pearson

Thirty Years at the organ

It's thirty years since a fresh-faced young man called David Hughes was engaged to be Albury's church organist, and he's still here!

David's sterling service to the parish was marked by a special presentation in the church on 20th November, when he received a book of organ music, a book about Herbert Howells and his music, both chosen by him, and a framed certificate of thanks.

The service was also attended by friends and family, and David was able to reply suitably. Our thanks to David for his long, cheerful and willing service.

Andrew Pearson

Safe driving this winter

The temperatures are dropping now, and if you are going away for Christmas, it is a good idea to nurture your car battery. Cold, damp weather can cause problems for it. The RAC recommends the following to take best care of your battery:

Before you switch off your engine at the end of a journey, turn off the lights, wipers, and heaters. This prevents any unnecessary drain on the battery next time you start the car.

Check that everything is switched off before you turn on the ignition.

Avoid using the heater longer than necessary, as it puts high demands on the vehicle's battery. Check that you don't leave interior lights, satnavs or phone chargers connected. If possible, park in a garage.

From the Parish Pump

Parish People - Mrs Mary Claus



Santa Claus, Saint Nicholas, whatever you want to call him, he's been a figurehead of Christmas for as long as anyone today can remember. But as we've seen in previous years, the Santa we know is simply a cog in a much larger Christmas wheel, and this year we're interviewing someone who doesn't get nearly enough credit for what she does. Yes, you guessed it, it's Mrs Claus!

INTERVIEWER: Thanks again for joining us here today, Mrs Claus.

MRS CLAUS: It's pronounced *cl-ow-ss*, and please, call me Mary. And it's no problem at all! It's about time people realised quite how much I do for this season!

INTERVIEWER: Well, that leads in nicely to something I'm sure everyone wants to hear: what do you do?

MRS CLAUS: More things than I have the time to! You see, I oversee every other worker in the Christmas business. My schedule involves a lot of making lists of tasks that need to be completed and giving out those tasks to whichever elf is on hand. The problem is, we never seem to have enough people, even with magic, so it's not an uncommon sight to see me out on my hands and knees repairing a sleigh or wrapping a present!

INTERVIEWER: That's interesting. Why do you never have enough workers?

MRS CLAUS: Exactly how easy do you think it is to find a magical being? And not just any magical being, a well educated magical being with the correct qualifications to carry out these extremely important tasks? We've had it a lot easier since taking on apprenticeships from young gnomes and the like as well as university graduates, but that still requires a complex vetting process and a whole lot of training.

INTERVIEWER: I hadn't thought of that! Next, the burning question I've always had is - what is it like being Santa's wife?

MRS CLAUS: Well, you tell me. He expects me to wash that huge suit of his every single day - as if we don't have a magical washing machine, how hard is it to clean up after yourself? - and there's nothing I find less fun than getting reindeer poo out of white fur. He does almost all the rest of the cooking and cleaning, though. He understands how hard I work, and we do get along rather nicely. Nicholas is a nice fellow, and what with spending eternity with him, he needs to be!

INTERVIEWER: I'm sure Santa will be taking notes! Now, I don't know if this is your field, but what do the elves, gnomes, pixies and such like do when they're not working?

MRS CLAUS: Oh, everything's my field. You name it, I work in it. When they aren't working, the creatures are free to do whatever they want. We try not to work them too hard. They live at the North Pole twelve months a year, so their lives are here.

The working day ends at 5pm (that's Magic Time) and after that they'll go off to their families. They might go to the pubs, or the cinema, or the theatre if something's on (currently we've got a troupe of gnomes performing A Midsummer Night's Dream: if you have time to pop in, they're really excellent.) Think what you do when you get home from work: that's what they do. They lead very ordinary lives for magical creatures!

INTERVIEWER: And what do you do when work ends?

MRS CLAUS: Well, I have a few hobbies. I like to play a little football: we've got a whole magic league up here. Currently the pixies are coming in first, followed by the fairies, but I have high hopes: the Boring Old Human team has an excellent side this year! I came up with that name, of course. Our clubhouse even has a B.O.H themed sandwich - bacon, olive and ham on rye! I also like to see my friends, or do a little baking.

INTERVIEWER: Do you keep up on the happenings of the human world?

MRS CLAUS: Oh, who doesn't, really? You're all such fabulous entertainment, and I mean that in a good way. I do love to see what scandalous things you people have done this week, and what good, too! It's always nice to be reminded how wonderful the people that we do all this for are.

INTERVIEWER: How lovely! What would you say is the best thing about Christmas for you?

MRS CLAUS: That's like asking me to choose between my fingers and my toes! Best thing about Christmas indeed! Truly, I don't think Christmas can be broken down into separate 'things,' it is simply one great big celebration. Try and dissect it and you spoil the whole holiday altogether. But if I had to choose, my favourite thing is the traditional gingerbread masquerade in the nearby elf village of Elfingile. We bake sheets of gingerbread in the shape of masks (enchanted so they don't break, of course), decorate them with colourful icing, and hold an annual dance! The best part is that you can eat the masks at the end!

INTERVIEWER: What do you personally do for Christmas Day?

MRS CLAUS: Well, when Nick gets back from delivering the presents, it's about four in magic time. So he'll sleep for about three hours while I deliver *our* presents to our friends and family, and then he'll wake up and we'll have a nice breakfast, usually of bread and jam, given he's sick to death of mince pies! We'll feed the reindeer a veritable feast - he spoils those animals, I tell you - and we'll go around the villages talking to the locals. Nick's always something of a celebrity! We'll have a traditional lunch in the Faerholm Town Hall - it's what most people choose to do, because it's such a social event - and after that, we'll go home and celebrate privately together with a nice glass of mulled wine and a Christmas movie!

INTERVIEWER: What do you think of those? Christmas movies? I mean do they show an accurate representation of North Pole life?

MRS CLAUS: Of course not! Most of them seem to think Nick's some cheery fat fellow who does the whole Christmas thing with no help whatsoever. And me?

Downright insulting. I also seem to be thought of as cheery and fat, and no good for anything other than baking pies. We always have a good chuckle, though, at how wrong they are about us.

INTERVIEWER: Just a couple more questions for you now! Do you think humans could do anything to help with Christmas?

MRS CLAUS: Honestly, no! We do what we do for the love and joy of it, and for seeing the expressions on your faces when we give you a holiday to be happy about! If you helped, it wouldn't be as fun because you'd know what to expect. Besides, we like to use our eternal lives for something. Giving gifts (as I'm sure you all know, doing it every year!) is such a wonderful thing to do. Just sit back, relax and enjoy the holiday!

INTERVIEWER: And finally, do you love what you do?

MRS CLAUS: If I didn't, I'd be extremely silly! I've got a good husband, a challenging yet fun job, a beautiful place to live and the opportunity to change people's lives for the better! What could be more wonderful?

INTERVIEWER: Nothing, I suppose! It's been wonderful to have you here today, Mary!

MRS CLAUS: It's been wonderful to talk to you! MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Written and illustrated by Ivy Harrison (aged 14)

Sudoku

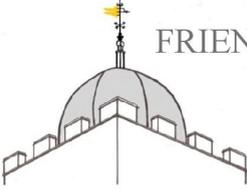
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FRIENDS of ALBURY OLD SAXON CHURCH

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The Friends are really excited to be continuing the winter tradition of presenting magical, family-friendly theatre in Albury's historic Saxon Church.



Saturday December 17 will see the last two performances of **'The Nutcracker and the Mouse King'** adapted from the original much-loved story by E.T.A. Hoffman, performed by our favourite group of thespians... **This Is My Theatre.**



This production will, of course, be performed in their usual professional and inimitable way - one that is packed with action, music, merriment and plenty of Christmas magic that will be sure to warm hearts and spread joy this festive season!

"It is nearly Christmas and Maria and her brother Frederick can hardly wait to tear open their presents. But an early gift from their Godfather of a beautiful, wooden Nutcracker soldier to Maria was hardly what she had expected.

Little does Maria know that this small wooden figure was once a real child, not much older than herself, turned to wood for daring to cross the evil Mouse-King. But just before midnight, when the magic of Christmas is strongest, Maria's beloved Nutcracker comes to life in order to march into battle and fulfil a deadly mission! Can Maria help the Nutcracker to defeat the horrid Mouse-King and break the curse once and for all?"



Come along & enjoy the Matinée at 3:00pm or their final performance for the year at 7:00pm.

Tickets with a discount for Friends from: www.thisismytheatre.com

Merry Christmas Everyone!

The Friends Group of Trustees



**The Friends of St Michael's Church,
Farley Green**
invite you to

Create a Stylish Christmas Decoration

We are organising three Christmas workshops in St Michael's Church (aka Barn Church) this December to help you finish that perfect Christmas look!

We'll provide you with all the materials and locally sourced beautiful fresh seasonal foliage, dried seedheads, berries, fir cones and everything else you need to create your festive decoration under Sally Godfrey's friendly guidance.



Where? St Michael's Church (Barn Church), Farley Green

When? Wednesday 7 December from 10 am to 12 noon

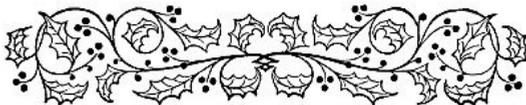
Wednesday 7 December from 7 – 9 pm **SOLD OUT**

Thursday 8 December from 1.30 – 3.30 pm

Costs? £40.00 (refreshments included)

Bookings are non-refundable and are confirmed on a first paid basis

To book your place, please email farleybarnevents@gmail.com



Organised by The Friends of St Michael's Barn Church

WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Chantries & Pewleys.

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Shalford Sales
01483 304344

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Chantry Woods from Pewley Down

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From Shere Surgery

As we approach the festive season we are aware that the cost of living crisis is affecting people across the country, including here in the villages.

- The Henry Smith Fund is an independent, local charity whose function is to provide financial help to people in need who are in the parish of Shere.
- This encompasses Gomshall, Holmbury St Mary, Peaslake, Shere, and a large part of Abinger Hammer.
- If you think they might be able to help, please contact Mrs Kim Keeble: clerk.hsfs@gmail.com *

At the surgery, we are delighted to have recruited a new Dispensary Technician, who will be starting in January. We also now have some volunteer 'Brenda Ambassadors' who will be helping those who are uncertain to use @BrendaVendor outside. The use of Brenda frees up our dispensing team to focus on dispensing medication. (If you have signed up as an ambassador I will be in contact soon). We have been plagued this month with delivery delays on our drugs due to a lack of drivers, and are hoping this will soon be addressed.

As part of the Green NHS initiative, we are starting to make some changes. Single use plastic eye drop pipettes were historically used for preservative free eye drops that wouldn't last in a bigger bottle. However, we now have really good preservative free products available in bigger bottles, so we have started initiating the swaps. We will also be looking at swapping asthma inhalers to more environmentally friendly versions. We will consult you on this as it happens, and your health remains the priority, so please don't worry, but the CO2 emissions from some products are staggering. One standard Ventolin inhaler creates emissions equivalent to 1420 miles per year in an average family car. When there are other equivalent brands producing less than half this, we have a moral responsibility to change.

Finally, a thank you to Hans Christmas Andersen Trees, who have donated us a tree for the waiting room. We hope you all have a healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Dispensary will be open as usual on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Dr Emma Watts

GP Partner

Shere Surgery & Dispensary

* Henry Smith

Please note different contact details for the Henry Smith Fund in Shere and the Henry Smith Charity for Albury (see page 11).

Editor

Mary's Meals

The Double the Love Campaign is back again

Until 31 January, every donation you give to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5 million!

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- 66,885 children in Madagascar;
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Thank you for whatever you are able to give.

Caroline Evans (MM Ambassador)

Visiting Father Christmas

A mother took her young daughter to visit Father Christmas in his grotto at the garden centre. He greeted the youngster merrily and asked: "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The little girl stared at him, open-mouthed with horror. "Didn't you get my email?!"



Since our last write-up, Nursery has continued to enjoy all the excitement that comes with the wonderful season of Autumn! We have enjoyed some spooky magical fun dressing up, creating our own skeleton cotton bud pictures, heading out on a Room on the Broom scavenger hunt in our woodland classroom and we also had a go at creating our own fruity, glittery perfumes and potions in the tuff tray.

Many of our little ones were excited about the prospect of Bonfire Night, so we took the opportunity to create our own colourful firework paintings and added plenty of extra glitter sparkle to them too! The sound effects whilst creating these masterpieces were fantastic!

We made our own little poppy wreath and learned about the meaning Remembrance Day, before going down to the Church to share our creation and mark this year's Remembrance Day with the children.

We have recently launched our new Peaslake Nursery website, it contains everything you need to know about our wonderful Nursery and some useful information for supporting your child's learning at home. We are now accepting registrations for January 2023, so if you are looking for a Nursery place for you child, please visit www.peaslakenursery.com

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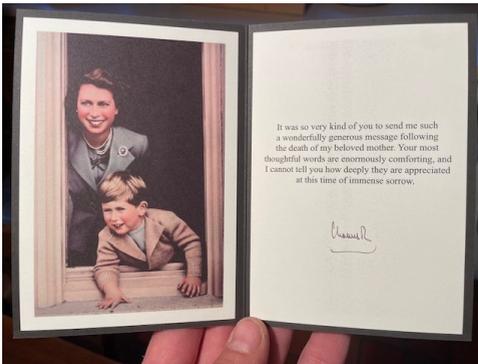
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QRMW update

As we draw close to the end of 2022 we look back on an eventful year with many mixed emotions. At QRMW, personally and nationally we have lost some special



people in our lives. Our wonderful Queen being one of them. We have kept in touch with the young Princes, William and Harry ever since we opened the Memorial Woodland and gained Charity Status. But when our wonderful Queen passed away on 8th September we felt for Prince Charles as he not only lost his Mother but immediately took on the role as King Charles III therefore we wrote to him with our heart felt condolences. We never expected a response but on 17th October an envelope was

delivered from Buckingham Palace which my lovely Postman insisted on handing over rather than putting through the letter box! I am delighted to share its contents with all of you (see photos).

On November 11th we held our annual Remembrance Service at the Woodland which was attended by local residents, Ex-servicemen and the children from St John's C of E School in Dorking plus our own Reverend David Grundy from Holmbury St Mary and Abinger Churches. This is always a special event as the leaves fall from the trees reminding us of the hundreds of thousands of servicemen and women who died in conflict so that we might be free.

As Christmas draws near we had our annual Christmas at the Woodland event which is always popular with local families whose children get the opportunity to explore the woodland whilst carrying out a treasure hunt followed by a visit to our very own Veteran Father Christmas. This is of course a fund raising event when monies from participation in the treasure hunt, raffle and Christmas stalls all goes into the Memorial Fund to assist those Veterans who are in need.

May I now wish you all A Very Happy Christmas and Good Health, Happiness and Good Fortune for the New Year ahead and look forward to meeting up with you at the Memorial Woodland in 2023 remember all are welcome to visit.

Paul Cooling
Chairman

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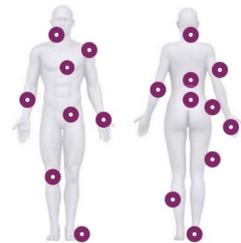
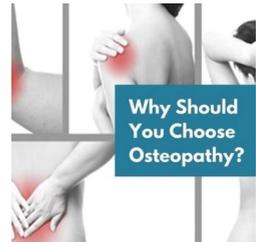
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Shere Village Cinema -

Book now for films in December and January

We are still having problems with getting licensing agreements to show certain films, that have been 'promised' on FilmBank media. This is the reason that we can't show ***Where the Crawdads Sing*** on Thursday 1st December - apologies for this (hopefully we will be able to show it at a later date). Instead, we will be showing: Fisherman's Friends - One for All, the follow-up to the film we showed at our Christmas event in 2019, and one which we think will be a popular choice. The lack of a 'licence agreement has also meant that we've not been able to confirm the film for our film event on 5th January 2023 - see below for further information.



Our new website should have gone live by the time that you read this! So please go to (www.sherevillagecinema.com) to book your tickets online, and remember you need to re-register with the system, the first time use it. You can also buy tickets from the shops: Crumbs and/or the Surrey Hills Beer & Gin Company in Shere. All tickets, except where indicated, cost £5/adult and £3.50/child.

Please note that anyone who has an outstanding film ticket/credit(s) needs to use them by the end of the year (2022). We will be issuing new style tickets from January 2023, and the old ones will no longer be valid.

In December we will be showing - the following films:

Thursday 1st December - *Fisherman's Friends: One for All* - This sequel picks up a year or so after the 2019 film story left off. The band has stormed the UK charts with their sea shanties, but is now learning that 'fame, modest fortune and life on the road' can take a toll. The record company is also having doubts about keeping the group on their books as trends are changing. Singer Jim (James Purefoy) has hit the bottle after the death of his dad, Fisherman's co-founder Jago, at the end of the first film, and the group falls apart at a show at the Minack Theatre, Cornwall (fabulous scenery). This is deeper than the first film, with issues of bereavement, alcoholism and male depression, but the warmth of friendships, the family (particularly Maggie Steed as Jim's mother) and an accident, help to bring them together again. This is a heart-warming film and should leave you with a smile on your face. Classification: PG -13 (Running time: 1 hour 50 mins) Start time: **7.30pm.**

Sunday 11th December - *The Railway Children Return* - This sparky sequel imagines a new generation of railway children in 1944, a reboot devised and co-written by producer Jemma Rodgers and directed by Morgan Matthews. Jenny Agutter is back as her original character, 40 years older and now a kindly grandmother: her daughter (Sheridan Smith) is the headteacher of the local school and has a son called Thomas (Austin Haynes), whose dad is away in the RAF fighting the Germans. For full details, see November magazine or website. Classification: PG (Running time: 1h 38m) Start time: **7.30pm**

In January we will be showing - the following films:

Thursday 5th January - Our Winter Event! This will be an opportunity to dress up/

'dress for the occasion'. There will be a Gin bar as well as a pay bar for wine, beer and prosecco etc. We can't name our chosen film yet, as there has been a delay/hitch in getting the Licensing rights to show it. However, as soon as we are able to disclose the film title, it will be on our new website, in a 'dedicated' newsletter and on posters around the villages. The classification is likely to be: PG - 13. We will only have 70 tickets available to book, so keep your eyes peeled for updates, and book asap! Tickets will cost £12 each to include substantial canapes to be served before the show and during the interval at tables in the hall. **Note: the doors will open at 6.45pm, with the film starting at 7.30**

Sunday 15th January - *The Lost King* - is the fascinating true-life story of how an amateur historian, Philippa Langley (played by versatile Sally Hawkins) came to discover the final resting place of King Richard III, beneath a car park in Leicester. Philippa's research was met with incomprehension by friends and family and with scepticism by experts and academics. However, she succeeded in solving the over-500-year-old mystery and forced the experts (and royalty) to think again about one of the most controversial kings in England's history. Directed by Stephen Frears, and co-written by Steve Coogan, who also stars as her long-suffering estranged husband. This is an underdog story that has changed history! Classification: 12A (Running time is 1 hour 48 minutes) Start time: **7.30pm**

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All in the month of December

It was:

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100 years ago, on 8th December 1922 that Lucian Freud, German-born British figurative artist and draughtsman was born. One of the leading portrait artists of the 20th century.

Also 100 years ago, on 14th December 1922 that John Reith (later Lord Reith) was appointed as General Manager of the BBC.

Also 100 years ago, on 30th December 1922 that the Soviet Union was founded. Officially known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), it was dissolved in 1991.

90 years ago, on 25th December 1932 that the first Royal Christmas Message was broadcast on radio. King George V addressed the nation live from Sandringham.

80 years ago, on 1st December 1942 that the British Government published the Beveridge Report, which formed the basis of the welfare state.

Also 80 years ago, on 17th December 1942 that British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons about the mass executions of Jews by the Nazis in occupied Europe. Ministers and Members of Parliament condemned the massacres and held a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims.

65 years ago, on 25th December 1957 that Queen Elizabeth II's Christmas message was televised for the first time.

50 years ago, on 22nd December 1972 that 14 people were found alive in the Andes more than two months after their plane crashed. They had survived by eating dead passengers.

40 years ago, on 12th December 1982 that 30,000 women joined hands around the Greenham Common RAF base in Berkshire to protest against the siting of US Cruise missiles there.

25 years ago, on 11th December 1997 that Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams met Prime Minister Tony Blair at 10 Downing Street - the first Irish Republican leader to do so since Michael Collins in 1921.

Also 25 years ago, on 11th December 1997 that the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at reducing greenhouse gases and combating global warming, was adopted at a conference in Japan. More than 190 countries have signed the agreement, which came into effect in February 2005.

20 years ago, on 7th December 2002 that Iraq submitted a weapons declaration to the United Nations in which it said it had no weapons of mass destruction. This was part of the prelude to the March 2003 Invasion of Iraq.

10 years ago, on 9th December 2012 that Patrick Moore, British astronomer, television presenter and musician died. Best known for hosting the astronomy series The Sky at Night (1957-2013) the longest-running TV series with the same presenter.

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On Saturday 5th November we were very honoured to welcome The Worshipful The Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Dennis Booth and the Mayoress Mrs Mary Booth to the Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary to officially unveil our blue plaque at our Winter Fair. A very special and lovely day.

We have a packed diary of events for you to enjoy in December. Do join us every day during Christmas week at 10am on facebook for The Healing Minute @HarryEdwardsHealingSanctuary. Our festive line-up includes:

Healing Circle Thursday 1st December 7.30pm on Zoom

Do join us if you can and experience the power of the Healing Circle. **Zoom Meeting ID: 355 462 8759**

Bluebells Cancer Support Group 1st and 15th December 11am at The Sanctuary

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Guided Healing Meditation with Lyndall Demere Sunday 4th December 7.30pm on Zoom

Do join us for a very powerful and restorative Guided Healing Meditation with Lyndall Demere from Carmel, California. **Zoom Meeting ID: 355 462 8759**

How to Change our Limiting Beliefs Thursday 8th December 7.30pm on Zoom

Understand how beliefs limit our potential and choices we make

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Carol Service Sanctuary Friday 9th December 7pm at The Sanctuary

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In conversation with Healers: Tara von Sprekelsen Sunday 11 December 10.30am on Zoom

You may have seen Tara on our Healing Minute or attended one of her amazing gong baths at the Sanctuary. Join us in the zoom room to find out more about Tara and her healing journey. **Zoom Meeting ID: 355 462 8759**

Healing for You Sunday 11th December and Wednesday 21st December 7.30pm on Zoom

Join Alan in the Zoom room when he will start with details of what to expect and then guides you through a beautiful meditation. Once we are all relaxed and present he will begin a 20 minute healing session, directing the healing energy to everyone in the group. Give yourself the attention you deserve join us for this very special group healing. **Zoom Meeting ID: 355 462 8759**

In Conversation with Healers: Dr Tim Ridge Monday 12th December 7.30pm on Zoom

Join us for a fascinating discussion with this lovely 6th generation GP and find out about his journey into healing. Dr Tim Ridge is a member of The Royal College of GPs. After completing his training at the London Hospital Medical College Tim was a 4th generation GP at the family practice from 1976 to 2014 having become Principal of the practice. Now retired from General Practice, Tim is the Chair of the Doctor Healer Network. Healers and medical professionals working together for the benefit of patients; let's talk about it! **Zoom Meeting ID: 355 462 8759**

Gong Bath with Tara Wednesday 14th December 10.30am at The Sanctuary

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4	12.30 p.m.	QRMW Christmas at the Woodland	Holmbury St Mary	22
7 & 8	10-12 a.m. 1.30–3.30 p.m.	Christmas Workshop	The Barn Church Farley Green17	
11	7.30p.m.	Shere Village Cinema The Railway Children Return	Shere Village Hall	25
17	3.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Friends of Albury Old Saxon Church present The Nutcracker and the Mouse King	Saxon Church, Albury Park	16 40
24	4.00 p.m.	Christingle	Albury Parish Church	2

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125 years ago, on 15th November 1897 that Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan, British politician was born. He was the Minister of Health 1945-51 who led the establishment of the National Health Service.

100 years ago, on 4th November 1922 that British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen. On 26th November he reached a second sealed doorway and discovered the famous treasures.

80 years ago, on 5th November 1942 that the WW2 Second Battle of El-Alamein ended. British troops led by Generals Alexander and Montgomery defeated Rommel's German forces in Egypt. On 10th November, Winston Churchill announced: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

75 years ago, on 20th November 1947 that the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, took place at Westminster Abbey in London.

60 years ago, on 20th November 1962 that the Cuban Missile crisis ended and US President John F Kennedy lifted the military blockade of Cuba.

Also 40 years ago, on 30th November 1982 that Michael Jackson's album *Thriller* was released.

30 years ago, on 11th November 1992 that the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. The first women were ordained in March 1994.

Also 30 years ago, on 20th November 1992 that the Windsor Castle fire broke out in a private chapel and spread to a large part of the building. Damage was extensive and took five years to repair, at a cost of £40 million. Buckingham Palace was opened to the public for the first time to help raise the money.

25 years ago, on 17th November 1997 that the Luxor massacre took place in Egypt. Islamic militants killed 62 people (mainly tourists) outside the Temple of Hatshepsut archaeological site in Deir el-Bahari.

20 years ago, on 11th November 2002 that Microsoft founder Bill Gates pledged \$100 million to help fight AIDS in India.

Also 20 years ago, on 15th November 2002 that Myra Hindley, one of the notorious 'Moors Murderers' (with Ian Brady) died.

15 years ago, on 19th November 2007 that Amazon released its first Kindle e-book reader.

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