Albury Parish News

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

Services in Albury and Farley Green for April 2023

at the Parish Church, Church Lane, Albury. The 9.30 services are livestreamed on the first and third Sundays

2 Palm Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer			
	9.30 a.m. All Age Worship			
	'Just one of the crowd?'			
6	7.30 p.m. at St Michael's Farley Green			
Maundy Thursday 7	The Lord's Supper - sharing Communion 2.00 p.m. at the Old Church, Albury Park			
Good Friday 9	Reflections at the Cross, with music 8.00 am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer			
	9.30 a.m. All Age Worship and celebration			
	11.00 a.m. at St Michael's Farley Green			
	A Communion Service for Easter			
16	9.30 a.m. Communion Service			
	4.00 p.m. Messy Church for Easter			
23	9.30 a.m. Communion Service with the Rector			
	'The beginnings of confidence'			
30	9.30 a.m. Morning Worship with Rosemary Mason - 'Church is unique'			

All are welcome in church. For the livestreaming, if you cannot get there in person, please visit www.alburychurches.org

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

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From the Minister

As I write, the Oscars have just finished. The little golden statuettes have disappeared for another year, the dazzling dresses and sharp suits are back on the peg.

I admit that I didn't watch any of it. I am vaguely interested to know who won what, but that's about it. (Don't tell the Benefice Rector, as he is a bona fide film buff.) I do acknowledge, though, that it all demonstrates the influence of film.

Sometimes this takes unexpected directions. The original Star Wars film in 1977, which won six Oscars, also spawned a host of odd impacts on peoples' lives. In the 2001 UK National Census, over 390,000 people put down 'Jedi' as their religion. Some did it as a protest, some to ridicule religion, probably a lot as a simple joke. (The amazing growth of the Jedi movement has now stalled.)

It was never really a serious venture. But if you read social media, or comments on news stories, it's very clear that a lot of people regard faith - in anything like God - as a delusion of no more value than identifying as Jedi. Many people are quite charitably minded about those have a faith, but a lot write it off in no uncertain terms as escapist foolery.

I can only speak for my own faith, Christianity, but I have to argue that Christianity is founded on the very reverse of escapism. Following Jesus never began as a way out of hardship or danger. Jesus was not a noble, or a respected philosopher, or a holder of high military or civil office. He developed a reputation for making friends with those of ill repute. His teaching dealt with everyday life, not high-flown ideas. He died in apparent disgrace.

Yet despite the hardship, lack of top-level influence, and humiliating end, his life has influenced more people than any political movement or philosophy.

Which doesn't make sense. In the beginning, becoming a Christian carried no more social kudos than Jesus had carried himself, in other words virtually none, yet the early years saw one of the most explosive periods of growth. Later, in a number of countries for many years Christianity did become highly respectable, and people forgot its early, lowly roots, but the pendulum has swung, and in various Western countries today, it's far from helpful to admit to being a Christian in a public career and plenty of people will remind you of the worst mistakes that parts of the Church have made, and still do.

Yet people still follow Jesus. There are doubtless many reasons, but try these: first, that what Jesus preached about human nature, being forgiven, and the way to live, actually works, and brings about good. Second, the discovery, not just that his ideas live on after him - that's not unique - but that a Roman cross and nails only led to a vacated tomb, and a life set loose in the world for ever. A life still seeking people out. Happy Easter.

All blessings Andrew Pearson, Resident Minister

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

A Messy Shave

Messy Church on 12 March might have been slightly bemused to be treated to the sight of the church minister demonstrating various shaving methods he had picked up from his dad and grandad. A bowl of warm water was produced with brush and soap, a towel fastened around the neck, and various sorts of razors brought out. His beard, however, was miraculously intact at the end of the demonstration.

It was all part of 'Where I belong' - thinking about who God can make us with what we learn and the skills we pick up. Jeff Bartholomew recounted how the young Jesus escaped his parents to go and learn in the temple, we constructed a prayer map, and worked at interesting crafts before finishing with a lovely tea.

The next Messy Church is just after Easter, on 16 April. If you'd like to be there, please email sheena.pearson@btopenworld.com and we'll make sure there's tea!

Albury Produce Show & Barn Dance Saturday July 15th 2023

New Committee members needed

Secretarial/ Admin skills would be really helpful.

It's not very time consuming, just a handful of preparation meetings and help on the day. It's a rewarding community event working with a friendly team!

Contact Julian Harley Chairman APA on julian.harley@btclick.com or 07774 636855

Albury Produce Association SPRING PLANT SALE Saturday 29 April 2023 10.30-12.30

Vale End, Albury
Bring and buy
Stunning Gardens
Spring Hamper Raffle
Refreshments
Easy Parking

Coronation Lunch

Please note change of venue

The Parish Coronation Lunch will now be held on the green at

FARLEY GREEN
On Sunday 7th May
12.30 to 4.00pm

Bring a picnic or enjoy some pizza and a drink from
The Hurtwood Inn mobile Pizza and Bar horsebox
Our local band *The Surrey Pumas* will be playing some great music for us

We will have a Loseley Ice Cream van there as well

There will be some activities arranged for young people

Come and celebrate and have a fun afternoon

Everyone welcome

Please note we don't want to charge for this event, but there will be the opportunity to contribute to the costs on the day

Holiday Club 2023

Save the dates! Shere, Albury and Chilworth's Holiday Club for children 5-11 will be operating again in Shere Village Hall 10.00-13.00 on 21-24 August 2023.

There will be games, activities, songs and craft and a lively and fun time - all brought to you by the churches of Shere, Albury, and Chilworth. There will also be plenty of scope to help, both for adults and for teenagers.

More details will become available but now's the time to put the dates in your diaries if you would like to send children or to help.

Andrew Pearson

For MPs only

At the Pearly Gates, St Peter greeted a minister and a Member of Parliament and gave them their room keys. "Vicar, here are the keys to one of our nicest single rooms. And for you, Mr MP, the keys to our finest penthouse suite." When the vicar protested that this was unfair, St Peter explained: "Look, ministers are a ten a penny up here, but this is the first politician we've ever seen."

Do you need your prescription collecting from Shere Surgery?

Do you need a lift to and from Shere Surgery?

If the answer is "yes", please get in touch with Good Neighbours and we will do our best to help you with our band of merry volunteer drivers - we cover the villages of Shere, Albury, Gomshall and Peaslake. This service has been running for over 40 years and it is a really valuable resource for many members of the community so please give us a call if we can help you.

We are also keen to recruit some more volunteer drivers - it really isn't a big commitment, we may only call on you once every six weeks. Please get in touch with Jo or Helen if you feel you could help us.

Jo Kelly 01483 205446 or 07900 302794 Helen Esplen 01483 209522 or 07771537150

ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Serving Farley Green, Brook, Little London & Newlands Corner

Annual Parish Meeting:

Albury Parish Council will be holding the annual parish meeting on 24th April, 2023

at 7:30pm in the Vllage Hall

The chairman will give a brief report on Pairsh Council activity over the year,,

and there will also be reports from the Albury Estate, Albury Churches, and others.

Refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Redeemed!





16th April 4.00 p.m.

This is a short informal and relaxed service ideal for all ages.

There will be songs with musical instruments and craft activities.

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

Please let Sheena know by April 11th if you are coming.

Everyone welcome

St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church
Church Lane
Albury



Your garden in April

Eostremonath is the Anglo Saxon word for the month of Easter. The first of the month is All Fools Day, it is not known how old this tradition is, but it may be linked to the introduction of the Gregorian Calendar. There is the arrival of the cuckoo and swallows to look forward to during this month. When you are in the garden, either sheltering from the weather in your cosy potting shed or basking in an unseasonal warm day, the first time you hear the cuckoo is a time for celebration. By the time you have heard this monotonous noise for a day or so, less kind thoughts may be crossing your mind. Perhaps you were proficient with a catapult in your youth, you may have a licenced shot gun and are thinking of upgrading to AK-47, however, some noise cancelling earphones might be the more sensible choice.

It is traditional to plant seed potatoes on Good Friday. April 7th may be a bit early, even here in the South East. Even if the shoots are well earthed up or covered with a good layer of straw, they can be cut back by a hard frost. Here, the last frost date can be as late as 14th June. Plant them towards the end of April and they should be fine. The time between planting first earlies and harvesting is 10 -12 weeks. The potatoes are fairly small when harvested. Maincrop spuds will take about 20 weeks.

If you visit the garden centre over Easter, there will be an amazing selection of bedding plants and tender vegetables. Unless you have a heated greenhouse or conservatory, don't be tempted. You may be better off spending your hard earned cash on fleece and insect and bird protection mesh. Or just enjoy pottering about in the sales area before heading down to have a cuppa and some cake in the café.

Tie in rambling and climbing roses. A cold day is perfect for this as you are less likely to feel your hands as the thorns lacerate your fingers. Those long whippy growths can remove your hat or your toupée if you are wearing one. You really need a thornproof coat or riding mac to do the job properly and without the need of a tetanus shot. If you train the shoots horizontally, you should get more flowers.

As your garden springs into growth, you will need to fertilise. Blood, fish and bone is a good balanced fertiliser (as long as you don't think about where it comes from), and you should apply a good mulch as well. This can be your own compost, or you can buy various products depending on how you like your garden to appear. If you have dogs or adventurous toddlers, don't use cocoa bean mulch as it has a chocolate smell and is toxic for dogs. I don't know if it has been tested on children. The mulch will keep moisture in the soil and may keep down weeds as well.

If you feed birds, ensure all bird feeders are thoroughly cleaned every time you fill them up. Keep the bird bath topped up and clean. It is surprising how quickly the water gets contaminated with leaves and sludge. Birds can be your friends in the garden eating insects and snails, some less so meaning that you will need to use bird netting to stop them eating your brassicas, peas and pulling onion sets out of the ground.

Make sure your potting shed is tidy, a place for everything and everything in its place. I can hear your laughter from here.

Happy gardening

Albury Sports Club

Firstly we have the big Albury Party Night Event on Sat 29th April, which includes a 3 course dinner and an elaborate marquee, it is our big fundraiser every year and open to everyone. We normally have 300 people or so.

The link to buy tickets is https://buytickets.at/alburysportsclubltd and

"All of the money raised will help Albury Sports Club (incorporating Albury Football Club and Albury Cricket Club) to help with costs including the recent improvement of the newly renovated Clubhouse, the grass at Albury Heath and other facilities and improvements needed across the club. This will help us to provide sport for all in the community. Albury Sports Club is a registered Charity Number 08694361. Please have a great night and support this project. Buy tickets now and invite as many friends as possible.

The price includes fantastic food and great music in a spectacular marquee and dancing into the small hours. Whether you are associated with Albury Sports Club, local to the area or just looking for a night of fantastic food and dancing under the stars, the Albury Party is definitely a night not to be missed"

Also I would like to remind people that the clubhouse is open Wed, Sat and Sun 10am-4pm and that this supports Albury Sports Club, which is a charity providing sports for children and adults in the area. Every coffee helps and its also a lovely location for walks. (See page 36)

Carl Nunn





SALV SPRING OPEN EVENING

will be held
in ABINGER VILLAGE HALL
at 8pm on Wednesday 26th April
Speaker Dr Jonathan Slater

"Your skin, what you need to know"

We hope to welcome friends and supporters of SALV, plus other villagers. You are invited to enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink for an informal talk with the doctors and Surgery staff after the meeting

Hear Here

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

Sessions run from 1.00 till 3.00 p.m. once a month, usually on the first or second Tuesday. 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.

Date for upcoming sessions are: 4^{th} April, 2^{nd} May, 6^{th} June, 4^{th} July. , 1 till 3pm. Please note the change of day and time.

Penny Randall

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. As the weather warms up, it's worth considering what journeys can be made by walking or cycling. Could you get off a stop early to walk the rest of your journey, take a relaxing stroll home or hop on a bike and enjoy a cycle friendly route? If you prefer exploring outdoors on foot, find out if there's a local Ramblers group.

For more practical ways to enjoy nature and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian '

Food Banks Need Your Help More Than Ever In 2023! 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 ARNFIELD 01483 203464.

Parish People Andrew Winch - Part Two

- Q. Andrew, you have given us a fascinating story of your ancestors from Great Grandparents down to your father, who became Chairman of your company Winch Design. Tell me something about your own life?
- A. My mother married at age eighteen. She was 25 when I, her third son, arrived, by which time she'd given up her job and the family kept her pretty busy. We lived in Kensington, and we three went to Falkner House School in Notting Hill Gate. At age ten, I could neither read nor write. My parents took me to a consultant, who advised that I was severely dyslexic. I went to a special needs boarding school, which no longer



exists, called Hurst Court in Hastings. (The building became a conference centre in the seventies but was demolished in 2009 following a fire. The site has been redeveloped). Two years later, I wanted to follow my elder brothers to Wellington School. All dyslexic children find examinations difficult, and I was no exception. After attending a crammer and sitting the Common Entrance Examination three times, I did sufficiently well to be admitted to Wellington. For my first year, until my eldest brother left, my father discovered that having three sons at the school was financially challenging.

Q. Did you enjoy Wellington?

A. I wanted to go there only to have the security of my brothers, although after two years I would be the only one left. In other respects, it was the wrong school for me. I'm a creative person, unsuited to the academic application or discipline of a military school. I was no good at team games and could not get the hang of them. However, I became captain of sailing and captain of archery. Otherwise, I spent as much time as possible in the art school.

Q. Did you sit A levels?

A. I managed to scrape though my O levels and the headmaster thought that there was nothing more I would learn, and it was time to leave. However, I was determined to follow my brothers' examples and insisted on staying for A levels. I managed to pass geography and history with rather low grades, but obtained the top grades in art and history of art. It was after leaving school that my real art education began.

Q. Where?

A. I put together my portfolio and presented myself at St Martin's School of Art in Soho, which is now part of 'Central St Martin's College of Art & Design'. I took a foundation course in art and design. A one year, course learning what

art education is all about. That opened my eyes to the diversity of art, whether it is painting, printing, photography, sculpture, fashion, joinery, woodwork and so forth. I told my father that I wanted to be a sculptor. He said, 'No. You will make things but, unless anyone buys them, I will have to keep paying for you'. Instead, I was advised to take a course in three dimensional design. The technique is similar to sculpture but with a more commercial flavour so that you could end up as a furniture designer or interior designer. I took a three year degree course as a 3D designer at Kingston College of Art, now part of Kingston University. When it came to the third year, I was required to specialise. I did not wish to do interior design but wanted to design boats. I was told that the college had no tutor with that skill but, if I could find a suitable tutor, I could stay on and complete the course. I was lucky enough to discover Jon Bannenberg, an Australian who came to the UK in the sixties and became a pioneer of yacht designing, mentoring many of today's top designers. I should explain that I am not a naval architect and do not do the mathematical calculations. My forte is the design, the shape. It is a parallel skill. Jon had trained as a classical pianist in Sydney but, when he got to London exploring Kings Road and finding a life open and fun, he was inspired to become an interior designer and from that a yacht designer. I worked at his studios, and he taught me how to use the spline and weights, which give the curve, because there are no straight lines in yacht design. Every yacht must have flow. Jon taught me how to design the hull of a yacht, and its superstructure. He agreed to be my tutor, wrote me a letter and sent me off to do my course. At the end of my course, I asked Jon if I could join him, and he said: 'No. You must go and work in the vacht industry and learn about bigger boats.' A friend drew my attention to an advertisement in the Daily Telegraph. Somebody was looking for a two person crew to take a boat across the Atlantic. With my then girlfriend I put our names forward. We were accepted and sent down to Ibiza.

Q. Were you an experienced sailor?

A. At aged 19, I had constructed, from a kit, a 23 foot keel boat called a Sonata. It had a fibreglass hull and a fibreglass deck. I had raced it around the Solent and Isle of Wight, and taken it down to Falmouth. As a dyslexic, I found myself very happy on boats. It's still my happy place to be on the water. When I was four years old, my parents bought a weekend cottage at Bosham near Chichester, which is where we spent most of our weekends and holidays. I sailed with my father from age five and on my own from age nine, was racing by age 17, forming great friendships. I had a lot of encouragement from my father, who was himself a keen yachtsman until the day he died. He was very good at seeing the attributes and needs of all four of his children. With this experience behind me, I got the job of sailing this 52 foot sailing boat across the Atlantic. So, in 1979, age 22, I skippered this boat across the Atlantic, then left to drive around America, and spent four months in the Caribbean.

Q. What next?

A. I returned with no money, stayed with my parents and got a job in Jon Bannenberg 's office. I stayed with him for six and a half years as a design

manager of sailboat projects. I did four projects with him, from 80 foot to 112 foot, one of the biggest sailing boats at the time. Jane and I married in 1984 and our first daughter, Jessica, was born the following year. I then realised I would need to increase my income in order to make ends meet. I discussed the problem with Jon and explained that I either needed a bigger salary, or to start a business of my own, if I was to have the income that I needed. He was helpful in giving me the best of both worlds. I could remain as project manager on a freelance basis, whilst I looked for other contacts to establish my own business. This certainly eased my transition. The first jobs gained from own contacts were a Swan 36 in Finland and a Camper Nicholas 45 built in Gosport. Not the biggest boats but a good start to establishing my own name as a designer. From there I obtained more independent projects and generated the income to support a family, as Jessica was followed by a son, Alex, and another daughter Cathy. Initially my entire business was based only on sailing boats. With the recession of 1989, I realised that we would be out of business if we only worked on sailboats, which was then about ten percent of the boating market and now nearer five percent. So, I expanded into motorboats for which I could design the outside, the decks and the furniture. Our scope widened when we were asked to design a private jet and widened further when invited to do our first architectural project. The more that clients trusted us, the more new work and new clients were drawn in: that is how Jane and I grew the business. Personnel grew from just the two of us to around 80 when Jane retired six years ago. The business now employs 150.

Q. How did you prepare for retirement from a business, based on your personal creativity?

A. Obviously as personnel expanded, so did the company's range of skills and the firm was not dependent on one person. When Jane retired, we appointed a new Chairman, Clive Beharrell, and a new CEO, Aino Grapin. The big change in structure came with the ending of Covid restrictions. Once we were allowed to do so in June 2021, we held a big get together in a marquee outside the premises and announced the new structure. We formed the Winch Employee Ownership Trust, which gives employees the opportunity to share in ownership of the company. It follows the John Lewis pattern. Jane and I have no shares in the company. I have resigned from the operating board, but am still a trustee director. I work for the company five days per month. This structure, whereby employees own the company, is now gaining popularity.

Q. How has your life changed?

A. As the business expanded, life was at times exhilarating and at times stressful. The two reactions are very close. I travelled to clients and shipyards every week. I spent so much time waiting at airports that, for seven years, the company had its own King Air 250 (a twin turboprop plane), kept at Fairoaks Airport near Farnborough. I could be airborne within 50 minutes of leaving home, then with a small team working on a project on our way to France or Germany. Flying commercially, I would travel to USA, China or New Zealand for a day, to work on a project. During Covid, working mostly from home, we learnt to use the technology for remote meetings and to some extent these

continue. As the company has doubled its personnel, the amount of time spent on travel has halved.

Q. How do you see your role as a Trustee?

A. I've had to learn to stop giving instructions, now no longer on the operating board. I leave it to others to ask for my advice or help if they wish. I'm learning the role of trustee and am also a trustee of Chichester Harbour Trust.

I still go into the office because I like being involved and expect that will continue until I am in my mid seventies. My role is to watch the designs, and care for the business, not run the business.

The staff own the business. They cannot all run it as there is an operating board and a CEO, but they must go out to get business and fulfil it. The trustee board meets four or five times a year. It keeps a watching eye on the finance to see that profits are going in the right direction and has a role in fixing salaries and so forth. At a future date the staff could sell the business if they wished, but could only do so with the agreement of the trustees, who would veto a sale if they didn't think it to be the best course for the business and the staff. We have a new Chairman, Sir Nigel Carrington, who was the Vice Chancellor of University of the Arts London between 2008 and 2020 and was also MD of Mclaren Cars and Chairman of the Henry Moore Foundation. He is Chairman of our operational board. The chairman of the trustee board is another very interesting guy, Patrick Lewis, who was the last of the John Lewis family to be associated with the John Lewis business and retired last year as finance director of the John Lewis Group bringing to us 25 years' experience of the largest employee owned business in the world. Jane and I hope that this proves the way to structure a business, as it moves away from family ownership.

Q. Tell me about your charitable interests?

A. .We both support charities linked to sailing and the arts and, in Jane's case, Horatio's Garden for spine hospitals. Our big, interest is the Blue Marine Foundation, a charity formed some ten years ago dedicated to restoring the ocean to health by addressing overfishing, which is one of the world's biggest environmental problems.

Q. How does it go about that worthy aim?

A. It is an NGO, which creates marine reserves around the world. It was inspired by a book 'The End of the Line' by Charles Clover, which was turned into a movie that scared people. If forests in the UK or the Amazon are destroyed there is an outcry, but if the oceans are raped, stolen and destroyed there's no outcry because it is out of sight. Did you know that only five percent of the cod sold in UK is fished from UK waters. Blue Marine is now having a campaign called 'Bring Back British Cod'. I am trying to understand more about what is going wrong in the oceans and to support anything that gives us cleaner oceans, beaches and rivers.

On the arts side I work with 'QUEST' (Queen Elizabeth's Scholarship Trust). It is a charity started by the Queen Mother of which King Charles is now patron,

to support the artisans of British crafts. Winch Design sponsors two students each year to help them in the costs of their training, which in turn helps to keep skills within the UK. The scholarship scheme promotes these artisans skills, which might be marguetry, embroidery, carpet making, willow weaving, any of those things and allowing people who have a passion to undertake training. That's what OUEST does. It is a terrific charity and I enjoy working with them. You meet interesting people, who are enthusiastic about their skills. I am passionate about the craft people of the UK, who make things happen. I can design a boat, any form of space, a plane interior or a building, but it needs the craftsmen to build it.

Q. Which of your early ambitions have turned to fulfilment, and what remain unfulfilled?

Α. To skipper a yacht across the Atlantic was one dream fulfilled. A happy marriage and great family another. To grow a business, which hopefully can continue without me, another. What remains? I would like to go down in a submarine. I would like to go gliding. We are currently designing a submarine and I'm working on that. I wouldn't mind designing a spaceship, but have no ambition to travel in it. I would love to find a classic sailing yacht and work with a team to rebuild it. Steel, fibreglass, and aluminium don't have souls, but wood has a soul. It has been alive; whilst one may cut it one way, it may be strong in another direction. It would have to be a wooden sailing yacht. That's a future ambition, as well as teaching our grandchildren to sail in Chichester Harbour, where it all started for me.

Richard Floyd

Sudoku

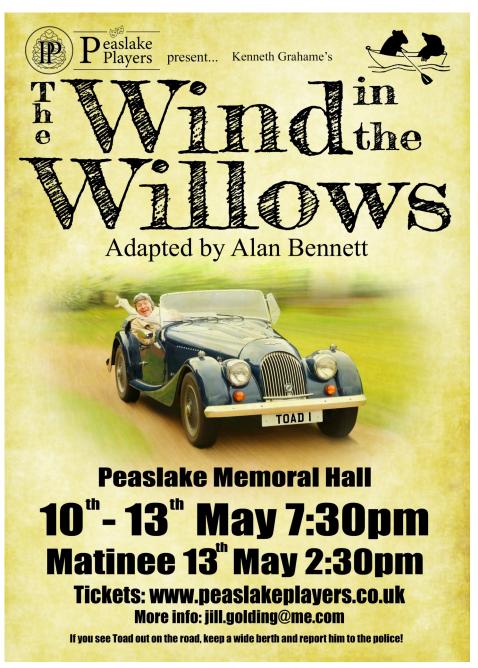
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The Peaslake Players present Alan Bennett's witty, magical, and amusing adaptation of Wind in the Willows.

Directed by Nick Boisseau

News from Shere Surgery

FIREARM LICENSING:

As you will be aware, there have been a few tragic incidents relating to licensed firearms over the past few years. Nationally, general practice has had varying involvement in firearms licensing over the past decade and as such, we currently have no reliable way of knowing who is a holder of a firearms licence.

Due to the sensitive nature of recent incidents, there is increasing scrutiny on those who are involved in the licensing process. As GPs, we have a responsibility to our entire community and feel the current recording and information-sharing framework is inadequate. We feel for our police service colleagues, as they are in a similar position, and a robust system would be helpful to them also.

We are concerned that the current process does not allow for safe identification of those who hold a firearms licence, as there is no robust method of recording this within the electronic medical record. A national solution to this (for general practice & police service) has not been forthcoming, hence we have decided as a partnership to lead the way by trying to create a more robust and safe system to identify those who hold a firearms licence.

For some years, GPs were not involved in providing medical information as part of the application/renewal procedure, so there is a large cohort for whom we have no firearms licensing information. Currently, we are asked to provide factual information from the medical record for those who make either a new application or a renewal. We continue to be happy to do this, but we are not consistently informed of the outcome. This creates a further cohort for whom we have no firearms licensing information.

In a rural area where firearms licensing is an important way of life, we absolutely want to continue to support our patients. However, as we feel frustrated that no national solution has been forthcoming, we would like to try to create a local solution that we could pilot. If successful, this could then be adopted nationally. We appreciate this may be an emotive area, but we really are looking for support to enable proper recording of firearms licensing status.

We are asking, in the first instance, if those who currently hold firearms licences could let us know (ideally including renewal date). We would then be able to code this in the medical notes, which would create a more robust system. We would also appreciate community feedback on the above, because between us we might be able to find a safer solution for firearms licensing.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please contact me via the surgery email if you have any additional suggestions.

Emma Watts



Peaslake School



"How is life up at Peaslake School?" I'm regularly asked. My usual response is that it's all very lovely but very busy which feels like a fairly uninformative answer. On reflection and when writing the news each month there really is so much going on at school that there isn't the time to go into detail. This past month for instance, apart from teaching the everyday core curriculum subjects, we've completed a "Let's Connect" activity, launched a fund raiser for a children's project in Kampala. Brooklands Museum in line with our transport topic in history, completed a week of fun activities for Book Week and enjoyed some

celebrations for Mother's Day. Not to mention the snow day, when we made the most of the opportunity to build giant snowmen with our friends!



Under the banner of "Let's Connect" during children's mental health week, we invited parents into school for a carousel of activities including games, creative arts and mindfulness. All designed to connect parents and children, school and community together. It was a lovely afternoon and quite literally our classrooms were left sparkling.

We launched a challenging fund-raising event for the SPACE project in Kampala at the beginning of March and over the next few weeks we will all be improving our fitness. Our Peaslake families are completing the task of covering the 4008 miles from Peaslake to Kampala, walking, cycling or running. If you know anyone completing the event and can sponsor them - it's for a very worthwhile cause: an ambitious project to build a safe space for children in Kampala to play, be creative and learn about their environment - keeping them off the streets. If you would like to donate, please go to https://www.gofundme.com/f/journey-from-peaslake-to-kampala



Our school trip to Brooklands Museum was fascinating, the children were guided expertly around the history of the motor industry. We saw and sat in some most amazing cars, looked at the first airplanes that required human power, and explored a range of double decker buses. We even made our own racing cars from clothes pegs and buttons!

Book Week is always lots of fun and a great way to get children engaged in different books. We kick- started the week sending out a Masked Reader video; the children and parents had to guess who was reading a different story each day and we revealed which member of staff it was at school. There was lots of speculation as to who was reading beneath the masks! We held a book share coffee morning so that children and parents could travel round the school sharing a variety of different books. A pyjama and hot chocolate reading session by the smartboard fireplace was very popular and several parents came in and read stories at the end of each day, a big thank you to them. It wouldn't have been Book Week without a day to come into school dressed up as our favourite book characters. The children looked amazing in their costumes and it's interesting to see what their favourite books are.

We held a special afternoon for our Mother's Day celebration. The children had made gifts in forest school and cards in the classroom which they presented along with songs and poems, tea and cake. We wanted all our mums to feel special and know how much they are appreciated.

At the time of writing, we are embarking on a Science week, but more of that next time.

Sara Dangerfield

Peaslake Nursery

As I write this article, I find myself reflecting on the truly magical day we had at Nursery yesterday. The arrival of snow was a wonderful treat for all our Nursery children and resulted in a day filled with fun and giggles! We built a snowman in our Nursery garden, threw snowballs and some children even treated the snow as a blank canvas to experiment with colour using powder paint and little sieves.

We have been busy making preparations for our special Mother's Day Tea Party next week, crafting, learning some new songs and we will be baking some delicious treats to share with our wonderful Nursery families.

Spring and Easter time is such a special time of year to spend with our Nursery children, as there is so much to see and learn about as the seasons change. We are excited to be welcoming some new families to the Nursery after the Easter break and we are looking forward to all the adventures that the Summer term will bring.

To find out more about our magical little Nursery and to arrange a visit to the Nursery or School, please contact the office on 01306 730411 or info@peaslakefreeschool.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

Louise Collins

Miscellaneous observations on daily life

You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.

Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.

First flight over Everest

It was 90 years ago, on 3rd April 1933, that the first flight over Mount Everest took place. British pilots the Marquis of Clydesdale and Donald McIntyre flew two biplanes over the summit.

The two Scots were financed by the striking and rather eccentric Lady Houston, who started life as a chorus girl but through judicious liaisons and marriages became one of the richest women in England - and one of the most generous, using much of her money for philanthropic projects, especially in the area of aviation.

The flight was organised by Major L V Stewart Blacker, who had retired from the Royal Flying Corps and was working as an arms manufacturer. He convinced the Royal Geographical Society it would be scientifically useful.

The three-hour excursion certainly provided valuable information concerning pilots at high altitude. Lord Clydesdale flew a modified Westland PV-3 biplane, accompanied by Blacker. Following them in a Westland PV-6 were McIntyre and photographer S R Bonnett. Both planes had open cabins.

At one point, Bonnett felt faint and found a fracture in his oxygen line, which he was able to repair without losing consciousness. In high winds, both planes soared a hundred feet over the summit.

Lord Clydesdale was awarded the Air Force Cross for his leadership of the expedition, and the footage shot by Bonnett was used to create the Academy Awardwinning documentary *Wings Over Everest*, now available on YouTube.

The Marquis's grandson repeated the flight in 2013 to celebrate its 80th anniversary. But commercial aircraft are now banned from flying over Everest.

The two pilots had to make a second flight (against orders) to obtain the promised photographs - but those pictures were used 20 years later to help guide climbers Hillary and Tenzing to the summit.

From the Parish Pump

Peaslake Open Gardens 2023



Please pop 12-4.30pm on 11th June into your diaries and join us for what is shaping up to be a fabulous afternoon.

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Update on QRMW

Its so lovely to see the Spring flowers in bloom throughout the woodland and the buds on the trees and George who is now the dominant pheasant in the woodland is making lots of noise to ward off the other males!

By the time you read this article it will be April and we will have had our Easter Egg Hunt which is taking place on 2nd April. Obviously the articles for the magazine have to be with the printer early in March, before our event takes place so I will update you all on how it went next month. At the time I am writing this we are all busy preparing for the event, collecting Easter Eggs and items for the raffle, tombola and craft stall plus I am wracking my brain working out another different and fun Easter Egg Hunt for the children!

With April upon us when you are reading this we are already planning our annual Anniversary event and Commemoration Service which will take place at the Woodland on Saturday 10th June. This is always a very special day and this year will be no exception. We have the Redhill Corp of Drums and Band who are excellent and will play some lively tunes for us plus of course suitable music and The Last Post for the Commemoration Service when three families will be honouring their loved ones by planting saplings in their memory. We will have a BBQ and bar plus fabulous Raffle and other stalls with something for everyone. One of our Veterans who is a professional singer will be performing as well. The day commences at 12.30 and Belmont School have again very kindly offered their parking facilities so there will be plenty of parking available. Do put this date in your diaries I know you will enjoy it and **EVERYONE** is welcome.

It does mean a considerable amount of work tidying up the woodland in readiness for the 10th June especially when the growing season is in full swing. So in that connection if anyone is available to help for an hour or two towards the end of May we would really appreciate it. Do contact Debbie and she can let you know when we are there (Email: debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk or Tel: 07778873806). Many hands make light work!

I try to be at the woodland every day, hospital visits allowing and if I am there the kettle is always on, so do call in for a chat and a cuppa if you are passing and see my car in the car park. But the woodland is open 24/7 so if I am not there you can park at the front and walk in through the side gate. As the temperatures get warmer bring a picnic and enjoy the tranquility and the birds in our little piece of heaven in the Surrey Hills.

God Bless and I look forward to seeing you all this Summer.

Paul Cooling Chairman The Quick Response Memorial Woodland Registered Charity No 117465

- HARRY EDWARDS -

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April sees the first of our 2023 fairs at the Sanctuary. Further details below - we would love to see you!

Also coming up in April...

Saturday 1st April 7.30pm Healing Circle on Zoom

Online healing event

Zoom Meeting ID: 355 462 8759

Thursdays 6th and 16th April 11am

Bluebells Cancer Support Group at the Sanctuary

Have you been affected by cancer? Here at Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary we run a friendly, sharing support group for anyone affected by cancer.

Come for a supportive chat and cuppa. You can share as much or as little as you are comfortable with. You don't have to say anything if you don't want to but sharing hints and tips can help you feel more connected and it helps to be part of a caring, supportive group.

If you would like to attend please contact Alison.mcwhinnie@burrowslea.org.uk

12th April One Day Retreat

Our One Day Retreats offer an opportunity to relax in the peaceful environment of the Sanctuary. For further information and to book please call 01483 205620 or email enquiries@burrowslea.org.uk

Sunday 16th April 7.30pm Healing for You on Facebook

Online healing event on facebook @HarryEdwardsHealingSanctury

Thursday 20th April 11 am The Sanctuary Bereavement Café

A welcoming and supportive café for anyone affected by bereavement. Experiencing grief can be a lonely and isolating time, there is no normal or right way to grieve, your grief journey is unique. Come for a chat and a cuppa in a relaxed setting with others who have also been bereaved. Meeting people going through similar experiences can be very supportive.

Saturday 22nd April Spring Fair 10.30am to 3.30pm

Enjoy a great day out with you family - and don't forget to bring your dogs!

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Sunday 23rd April 7.30pm

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25th to 28th April 4 day Retreat

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Thursday 27th April 7.30pm on Zoom - The Language of Disease

The way in which we talk about an illness shapes our thoughts and feelings - which in turn affects our bodies.

We often underestimate the powerful two-way communication system linking the mind, the immune system and a pathway in which our emotions, hopes and fears affect the body's ability to defend itself.

The power of a name lies in its ability to evoke an image - and that image we hold can make a difference between getting better - or getting worse!

This webinar will show you how important it is to language illness in a positive way - helping our recovery.

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This is a joint event between The Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary and Healing in America.

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Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

Alison McWhinnie The Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary www.harryedwardshealingsanctuary.org.uk

Shere Village Cinema -Book now for films in April and May 2023

We have already had 3 packed houses (over 100 people at each of these films) since Christmas, so thank you for supporting the cinema. To book tickets please go to the website (www.sherevillagecinema.com), or buy 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. Hopefully, most people have managed to register for the new website and are able to book tickets (and ice creams) online. However, if you are still having problems, please send a message to: info@sherevillagecinema.com or phone Jill: 07833208158, and we will do what we can to help.

In April we will be showing - the following films:

Thursday 13th April - See How They Run-

The film is centred on Agatha Christie's long-running play 'The Mousetrap', with a whodunnit buried inside an actual whodunnit. It not only gives Tom George's film many genres to satirise — it's a backstage drama, crime potboiler, police procedural all wrapped up in a farce. Inspector Stoppard (Sam Rockwell) sets out to solve the murder of an infamous film director (Adrian Brody) while forced to take an eager young Constable Stalker (Saoirse Ronan) with him. The real joy of the film is the rapport between the investigating 'plods' and there's a running joke about coppers named after playwrights. Rockwell brings grizzled, Walter Matthau-type charm to the inspector, but it's Ronan who shines brightest as an over-eager, bythe-notebook constable, star-struck by the suspects and taking everything at face value. A really fun murder mystery that succeeds at creating an engaging mystery and solid gag rate bolstered by some surprisingly dark and mature themes. Classification: PG-13 (Running time is I hour 38 minutes). Start time: 7.30pm

Sunday 23rd April 2023 - Living -

is set in the 1950s and stars Bill Nighy, as Mr Williams, a stiff venerable civil servant who spends his days processing planning applications for London's County Council. At work he is a benign authoritative presence, and a politely tolerated one at home, where he lives with his son and daughter-in-law. This all changes when he receives news which compels him to rethink his outlook on life, and he resolves to add 'colour to his monochrome existence'. This includes championing the efforts of a group of local mums to build a children's playground on a bombsite. *Living* is a remake of the 1952 Japanese film *Ikiru*, and is as 'heartbreakingly tender' as the original. It asks the same question: what makes life meaningful? Despite its potentially morbid subject matter, *Living* is a lovely, tender story about the value of human connection and the power of small gestures of kindness. Classification: 12 (Running time is: 1 hour 42 minutes). Start time: 7.30pm

In May we will be showing - the following films:

Sunday 21st May - Tár -

Kate Blanchett plays Lydia Tár, a world-famous conductor, of a major German

orchestra, about to record Mahler's Fifth Symphony. We meet her at the height of her powers, as she is being interviewed by Adam Gopnik of the New Yorker (played by Gopnik himself). "Her life looks beautiful, the flat she shares with her wife (Nina Hoss) could be an Art gallery, her jets are private, and her wardrobe is exquisite". However, it soon becomes clear that all is not as it seems, who is Tár, really? As the plot unfolds, the film becomes "as tense as a thriller", and "doesn't drag for a single second", driven by Kate Blanchett's "electrifying" performance. "The genius of *Tár* lies in the way that the film-making echoes the treacherously seductive and mercurial nature of its central character". Kate Blanchett has already won a 2023 BAFTA and a Golden Globe for her performance in *Tár*. Classification: 15 (Running time is 2 hours 38 minutes). Start time: **7.30pm**



In March, the cinema committee was delighted to donate £500 to the Shere & Peaslake Scout Group towards its new boiler in the Scout hut in Gomshall. The photo shows Mike Keeble (SVC treasurer) presenting the cheque to Scout leader Rob Arrow.

Thank you for your support. Do join us for our films in April and May if you can.

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Smile lines

Getting older is just one body part after another saying, 'Ha ha, you think that's bad? Watch this!'

What's on in April

Date	Time	Event	Location	Page
13	7.30 p.m.	Shere Village Cinema See how they run	Shere Village Hall	28
15	10-4.00 p.m.	Craft and Antique Fair	The Vintage Frog Gomshall	29
23	7.30 p.m.	Shere Village Cinema Living	Shere Village Hall	28
24	7.30 p.m.	Albury Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting	Albury Village Hall	7
26	8.00 p.m.	SALV Open Evening 'Your skin, what you need to know'	Abinger Village Hall	11
29	10.30-12.30	Albury Produce Association Spring Plant Sale	Vale End	5
29		Albury Sports Club Party Night	Albury Heath	10

Hedgehogs need your help this Spring

During the winter when hedgehogs hibernate, their heart rate drops from around 190 beats per minute to just about 20. They breathe only once every few minutes. So, to rouse themselves from that depth of torpor and get back into normal life takes a huge surge of energy.

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So why not put out some shallow dishes of meaty cat or dog food or cat biscuits and water? You can even buy or make special hedgehog feeders.

Hedgehogs have always been popular, but they are now sadly classed as 'vulnerable to extinction'. Numbers have been plummeting, and now there are less than one million left in the UK.

"With their coat of prickles and inquisitive nose, alongside a penchant for snuffling around our back gardens snaffling up slugs and earthworms, hedgehogs are a childhood memory of delight," said one scientist. "Sadly, hedgehogs might be banished to memories alone and lost as a source of wonder for our children and grandchildren.

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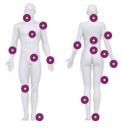
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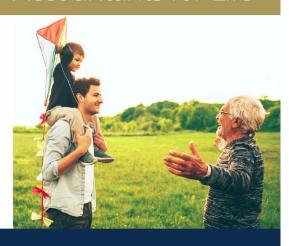
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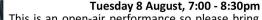
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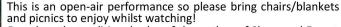


"He's more myself than I am. Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same."

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