

Albury Parish News

October 2023

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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 October 2023
at the Parish Church, Church Lane, Albury
unless stated
All age/worship for everyone at 9.30 is livestreamed**

<u>9</u>	8.00 am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer
	9.30 a.m. Harvest Festival for everyone 'Enough for all'
8	9.30 a.m. Communion Service 'The engines cannae take it, Captain!'
	4.00 p.m. Messy Church Intergenerational worship and activity
15	8.00 am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer
	9.30 a.m. Worship for everyone 'Joining the dots'
22	9.30 a.m. Communion Service
29	Morning Worship With special guest speaker Brenda Wray

All are welcome in church. For the livestreaming link on relevant Sundays, 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' [at St Michael's Farley Green](#) - a time of chat and play with simple worship. Details from pennycrandall@hotmail.com.

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From the Minister

It was many years ago. Perhaps I should say ‘many, many’, because my brother and I were pre-secondary school age. We both had hamsters. He would sometimes let his have a little run in the garden, I think in a little enclosure. Until one day the enclosure wasn’t good enough, and the hamster legged it.

If you’ve never had a small important beastie escape, it’s difficult to get across the anxiety. Was he gone for ever? Would he get plucked off the ground by a bird of prey or carried off by a fox? As darkness fell, hope faded. My parents were trying to work out how to get my brother to accept that his hamster had gone.

I claim no credit for what happened next, because it certainly wasn’t through any great ability of mine, but I thought I would have one more go. I said a little prayer, and took a torch up the garden. I shone it under hedges and trees, on grass and across the compost heap. Nothing. And then I shone it over the neighbour’s fence. The hamster was sitting on a stone cleaning its whiskers, seemingly oblivious to the fact that it was now lit up like the star act at the Palladium.

I scrambled over the fence, approached very carefully, and put my hands round the errant pet. Only then did he seem at all startled - but it was too late. I had ‘im. You can imagine my mother’s astonishment when she called up the garden that it was time to give it up and come in, and I shouted back ‘I’ve got him!’

Now I’m not about to turn this letter into a note on the power of prayer - though you have to admit it was an astonishing episode - but I do want to say something about the way things can turn up even when it doesn’t look likely.

After the last Messy Church I was chatting to one of the mums on the organising team, and we agreed it had been a good time, but I was reflecting that at times it felt pretty chaotic (this is not unusual for me, let alone at Messy Church). And she said something very wise. ‘But that’s life, isn’t it? Lives are chaotic. And then we find God’s there.’

And that is so, so true. The pace and complexity of life is increasing; we look for God but wonder if we will manage ever to get close; and then suddenly he is there in the chaos. Maybe for a moment of realisation. Maybe for a touch of peace directly from him. Maybe for a word of understanding from a being of order and power, no matter what the noise and confusion of our disorganized lives.

Isaiah said, ‘Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.’ I find that encouraging. Chaos in our lives needn’t stop us looking for God.

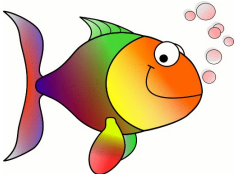
All blessings

Andrew Pearson, Resident Minister



**Don’t forget that the clocks go back on
October 29th.**

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

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

Hear Here

The Hear Here clinic runs once a month in Shere Surgery, from 1 till 3pm on a Tuesday afternoon, usually the first or second Tuesday in the month. This is a volunteer led service intended for those with NHS hearing aids needing minor repairs or new batteries. Please remember to bring your NHS booklet if you have one.

To book an appointment please call the surgery on 01483 202066.

Dates for upcoming session: 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December

Penny Randall

The Albury Parish Neighbourhood Plan



In response to the need for new affordable housing, as identified by the Parish Housing Needs Survey, the APNP Steering Group will shortly begin a formal assessment of sites.

Landowners wishing to include land for consideration, which can provide affordable housing in perpetuity, should email the Chair of the Steering Group sandra.dennis@alburyparish.org by no later than October 31st, 2023.

The outcome of the assessment will be the subject of public consultation in 2024.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal November 2023

I am delighted to inform readers that I have found a very willing volunteer for the role of Honorary Poppy Organiser for the villages of Albury, Farley Green, Gomshall and Shere. He is Mr Ron Slater who lives in Chilworth but is married to a long time resident of Gomshall, Chris Osborn, so they both know the area extremely well. Ron has also spent 12 years of his working life in the RAF so is an ideal person to take over from me. His telephone number is 01483 495994 and his email address ron13slater@talktalk.net

Most of my house to house collectors are willing to carry on so I will let Ron have their details. However, he still needs house to house collectors urgently this year for the roads mentioned below so Ron would be very pleased to hear from anyone who feels that they can assist. It is a very worthwhile charity and collectors are usually warmly welcomed when they call.

I wish Ron much satisfaction and enjoyment in his new role and I also send a very big thank you to all those residents who have contributed to the Royal British Legion during the last ten years and also to the wonderful band of house to house collectors, those who helped me count the money raised and the pubs and shops, plus Shere school, who all kindly agreed to display collection tins on their premises. Many, many thanks and best wishes to you all.

Lesley Childs

House to House collectors required for the following roads:

Guildford Lane, Albury

Water Lane, Albury

Blythwood Care Shoebox Appeal



Your shoe box can be for a child, a teenager, a man or a woman. Shoeboxes will go to Ukraine, Albania, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and other countries in Eastern Europe.

Each box should contain toothbrush, toothpaste, hat, scarf, gloves, soap, underwear (socks, tights), sweets and a small gift. Other items you could include could be toiletries, sewing equipment, candles, screwdrivers, pliers, stationery and small items of clothing.

Details are in the appeal leaflet. Shoeboxes are also available. Information can be found at www.blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal/.

Shoe boxes need to ready by the end of October. For any further information, boxes or leaflets, please contact Sally Stevens on 07979 973815.

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 2023.- 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.

Harvest & North Guildford Food Bank

Harvest is fast approaching again!... So I am contacting you to see if you are planning to hold harvest celebrations this year - and if so, whether you might be willing & able to include the Food Bank in any communications that you have with your church family. Sadly it seems that it will continue to be challenging for our clients in the time ahead - but people have been so generous in terms of donating to the Food Bank already, so we would completely understand if you are directing your giving elsewhere at the moment.

However, if you would like to support us, we are suggesting 2 ways of giving:

- Produce - such as tinned foods, household goods or toiletries
- Time - we are looking for a few more people to help either pack, sort or deliver food, particularly in the busy lead up to Christmas

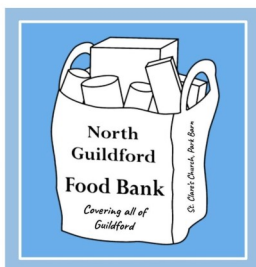
Needless to say, we would also always appreciate prayer & do value this support too.

If you decide to collect produce for us, that's great - but it would be helpful if you could come back to me with the approximate date of your harvest service and allow me to supply you with a list of goods that we could use. This would help us greatly to balance what we need across our various supporters - and avoid us having a mountain of baked beans and pasta, but no pasta sauce or laundry detergent! We would also ask for your help in dropping any collection off at St Clare's Church, Park Barn (our current base) at a time that we can be there with a team to organise and sort any donations. Generally this would be a Monday morning.

There is further information below and overleaf. You will see from these that between January and the end of August this year we provided 1015 food parcels to clients, feeding 2746 people (1,554 Adults and 1,192 Children), and over the same period we have given out £13,265 worth of fuel vouchers (via the Fuel Bank Foundation)

Thank you so much for your support!

Zoe



Thank you for your support in 2023

We wish to thank all of you for your continued support and generous donations. So far this year between January - August, with the help of the Fuel Bank Foundation, we have given out a total worth of £13,265.00 of fuel vouchers to clients.

Overall Total of vouchers successfully distributed to clients: 344

Winter Rates:

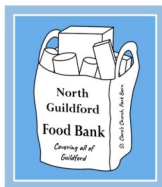
During the winter months, we are able to provide clients with £49 vouchers towards their Gas and Electricity.

So far this year, we have successfully given out a total of 155 of these vouchers to clients

Summer Rates:

During the summer months, we are able to provide clients with £30 vouchers towards their Gas and Electricity.

So far this year, we have successfully given out a total of 189 of these vouchers to clients



Thank you for your support in 2023

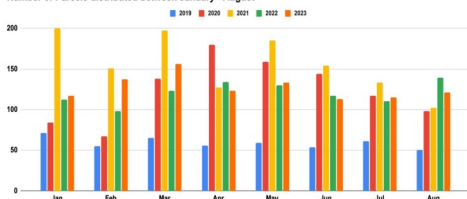
On behalf of all of our clients we want to say a huge thank you for the support that you give to the North Guildford Food Bank. Without our loyal supporters and volunteers we could not provide the support we do.

Clients are referred to the food bank for many different reasons, the chart below shows the most common reasons identified by referrers.

Total number of parcels distributed in 2023	1015
Total number of people fed	2746
Adults	1554
Children	1192

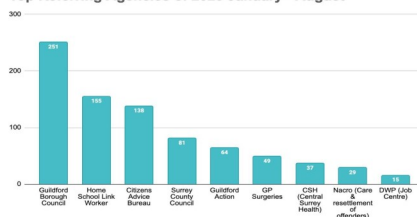


Number of Parcels distributed between January - August



The number of food parcels we have provided so far this year remains roughly double the number we provided pre-covid, we are also seeing an increase in number of clients from last year.

Top Referring Agencies of 2023 January - August



There are nearly 200 agencies that refer clients to the food bank, Guildford Borough Council and Home School Link Workers (across multiple local schools) are our top referring groups.

Eco tips for October

Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year. Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.

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

Donate, reuse, rewear and restyle during #SecondHandSeptember or any other month in the year! Reduce the demand for new clothes and the damage to our planet by taking part in this Oxfam initiative. Find out how what we buy - or don't buy - can make a big difference.

www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action/oxfam-blog/new-shocking-facts-about-the-impact-of-fast-fashion-on-our-climate/

Charity Quiz to raise funds for Cancer Centre

Royal Surrey Charity is raising funds locally by holding a quiz and ploughman's supper at Albury Village Hall on 20th October.

A new centre to expand cancer and surgical services at the NHS Royal Surrey Hospital will use the latest technology to improve patient experience and recovery time and lead to 7000 more treatments each year.

Ring 07932 411108 or email friendsofrschcasic@gmail.com for more information.

Toni Hourahane

Messy Church Went Wild

Take more than 30 children and adults and set them out on trails and discovery in the churchyard. Give them seeds to scatter and plant, and make paper helicopters to show how some trees spread. Make a trail of places to the natural world in action. Tell stories, talk to God. And you have Messy Church goes Wild.

We really enjoyed this and the rain let us carry on despite coming worryingly close at times!

October Messy Church might be part outside, but we're not banking on it. It will be good whatever. Meet at the Parish Church in Church Lane at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 8 October. It'll help to let sheena.pearson@btopenworld.com know you are coming so we can have enough things ready.



Goings on near Base Camp



The helicopters get ready to fly!



Nativity Crib Journey 2023

The nativity cribs will make their journeys in and around the parish again this year! They will start on Advent Sunday (December 3rd) and finish at the Christingle service (December 24th), both services in the Parish Church.

The nativity knitters are already working on producing the mini sheep that will travel with the crib. One stopping with each household that hosts the crib.

We will be in touch in October and November ready to receive your requests to host the crib.



sheena.pearson@btopenworld.com

News from the Barn Church

Last months' collection of your donations for the North Guildford Food Bank were much appreciated; many thanks once again for your generosity.

The recent working party groups achieved much in two sessions; mostly small jobs but 'many hands make light work' and we now have a hot water supply with grateful thanks to Simon without whom we would still be struggling to wash the dishes! The front door has had a fresh, sparkling makeover behind which is a brand new draught-excluding curtain; pews dusted and polished, brass cleaned, and cobwebs removed. Volunteers for our next session (to be arranged) would be very welcome - an hour of your time makes such a difference for getting those niggly jobs done.

Our next major fund-raising event is the Wine & Cheese Evening kindly hosted by Hannah Godfrey and Albury Fisheries at £22 per person on September 1st. Spaces are limited so please contact treasurer@thebarnchurch.co.uk to secure a place with your payment.

Dates for your Diary:

Quiz Night £8	21 October
Artisan Christmas Gift Fair	12 November
Community Food Bank Café	18 November
Bridge Evening £8	2 December
Christmas workshops	11/12 December
Bubbles in the Barn 2024	12 January

Liz Cooper, Trustee

*Friends of St Michael's Barn Church:
secretary@thebarnchurch.co.uk*



Quiz Night at the Barn Church

**Saturday 21st October 2023
at 7.30pm**



St Michael's Barn Church

Fun quiz night to raise funds for restoration works at St Michael's Barn Church Farley Green, and help maintain this wonderful community space.

Cost £8 per person, or book a table for six people £48.

Register your interest and book a table 07909 764613

Limited space, so book early

Bring your own refreshments. Please park where indicated on the Green.

Your garden in October

The Anglo Saxon word for October is Winterfylleth, winter starts on the first full moon of the month. This falls on 28th of the month and is also known as Hunters Moon. This year, it is the day before the clocks go back to GMT. By October 31, your harvest should be home, your beer brewed and your fatted calf in the freezer. Most current Halloween customs are imported from America. However, as English folk, you should be carving mangel-worzels rather than pumpkins. Ladies put a candle inside their mangel-wurzel to illuminate the way to the nearest pub where they could retrieve their drunken husbands.

In the garden, you should lift your pumpkins before the first frost. The warm weather that occurred towards the end of last month should have ripened them. They can be stored in a frost free place and some varieties will keep for up to six months. Check regularly for signs of softening, the top may look perfectly fine, but the base of the pumpkin may have liquified leaving a nasty mess to clear up.

Storing your harvest can be tricky if you don't have a root cellar, or even a regular cellar if it dry and cool. Should you have one that isn't full of the accumulated treasures that might come in handy one day, remember that temperature and humidity are the key factors and sadly, different vegetables require different conditions. Wherever you are storing your produce, check regularly, it only needs one bad one to ruin your entire crop. These days, it isn't a disaster, you can pop out to your local store and buy replacements. You are unlikely to starve. In previous centuries, this wasn't the case and currently, some people are so certain that bad times are coming, that they stock vast quantities of food just in case.

As you prepare your garden for winter, remember to have a few untidy areas for wildlife. Many creatures hibernate during the cold months, and some of them are gardeners. In the vegetable garden, you may opt for green manure plants to cover the soil, or you may use landscape fabric so the weeds don't take over. They will quite happily live there and germinate next spring when you uncover the soil to start planting. Now is the time to plant garlic, onion sets, broad beans and peas, and plant out spring cabbage seedlings. Arrange to have your mower serviced if the grass ever stops growing.

Rake up leaves and store in bin bags to make leaf mould. Tidy away hoses and any automatic watering systems that aren't inside so they don't freeze and split. Look around for all your gardening tools. Clean them and put them away securely. It is a good idea to have them hanging up in your tool shed, the empty spaces will tell you in no uncertain terms to get out and find the missing ones. Think of the parable of the Lost Sheep. You can return rejoicing with the missing one on your shoulder and possibly throw a small party in your potting shed to celebrate with your fellow gardeners.

As winter approaches, the postman will deliver seed catalogues for your education and delight. Their potatoes and tomatoes will not have curled up their leaves with blight, their cabbages will not have lacy leaves and unwanted residents, their sprouts will grow tall and straight with no sign of a supporting cane, and not at a jaunty angle like yours. Their sprouts will appear regularly up the stem with no sign of aphids nestling in amongst the leaves and all flowers will all be perfect.

Happy gardening

Parish People - Jack Robson - Part One



Jack Frank Joseph Robson BSc(hons) had an early career in youth work with a Christian basis before joining Emerge Advocacy, a charity supporting young people aged ten to twenty-five years attending A&E, due to self harm, a suicide attempt, or an emotional crisis. The charity works closely with various hospitals and Jack is currently the project lead for its work at Royal Surrey. On 18 June this year, he visited our Parish Church and spoke about the charity. He now tells me more about himself and coming to faith.

I was born in 1994, by coincidence at the Royal Surrey. My early years were spent at the family home in Haslemere. My mother, Diann, came from a little village called Carcroft, near Doncaster. Her upbringing, in a mining community, was very different from mine. Her father had been a miner, but at some stage he had a milk round with a donkey driven cart. He often picked up stray dogs and brought them home to be cared for. My mother was one of the first in her family to break away from Yorkshire, travelling to France and Switzerland, working as an equivalent to a teacher's assistant. She worked with disadvantaged children, many with physical disabilities, but some with learning problems. She then came home to the UK and trained as a teacher and moved to London, where she taught French and German. She then taught in various schools in and around Haslemere, after my parents moved there following their marriage. She became Head of Department at Woolmer Hill School but took a less demanding job after the birth of her only biological child, myself. Her last job was at King Edward's at Witley. She continued to teach there until the end of her life, but sadly died when I was eleven years old. The funeral and wake were both held at the school, where everyone was very kind to us.

Q. How did you cope without your mother?

A. Sadly, my paternal grandmother died only a week after my mother, leaving my Dad with a second bereavement. My two big brothers moved back home for a short while to help out. I was just coming to the end of my primary education and thought it wonderful having a big brother to take me to school and collect me. My Dad did a really good job as a single parent and had to suffer our various disagreements during my disruptive teenage years. Our bereavements were quickly followed by my move to secondary school, by which time my brothers had returned to their homes and my Dad was the only person on whom to lash out and express my anger. I treated him rather badly at that stage, but he was an experienced parent having been a father to four children as well as a teacher of all ages from GCSE to undergraduates. He was a university lecturer at that time. He coped very well.

Q. Tell me more about your father?

A. My Dad, Martin John Robson, grew up in Newcastle. He was a wartime baby, born in 1940, so in his sixties by the time my Mum died. His family

lived in Newcastle, with their ancestry traced to the border country. In his mid-teens, my Dad left his school in Newcastle and studied geology in Edinburgh and eventually obtained a PhD before moving to London. There he worked in the chemistry and geology industries. He had his first marriage, fathered two sons, my half brothers Dominic and Barney, with whom I am on very good terms. He then retrained as a teacher and went to the Elliott School, Putney, at the time a somewhat infamous London school. That is where he met my mother, who taught his two boys. My parents then lived in London for some years before adopting two more children and moving to Haslemere. They had not expected to have children of their own, so I was something of a surprise. So, I have two older brothers, now in their fifties, then there was a girl, my sister, Nicola, and finally a boy, the brother above me, Daniel, who would now be 40 but sadly died. So, I'm the baby at nearly 30 and never knew my siblings as children.

Q. What are your earliest memories?

A. Until I was five years old, we lived in a Victorian house in Haslemere, which I loved to explore. There was a staircase leading down to the cellar with a stairgate at the top, probably intended to keep me out. When a thunderstorm was imminent, the dog used to leap over the stairgate and hide in the cellar. We moved to a more contemporary home, which remained my base until setting up my own home, but it's that first house that had character and evokes happy memories. The back garden in the Victorian house was sloping, so not the best if you wanted a kick about but I enjoyed it all the same. My brother, Daniel, had a football goal set up towards the top of the garden. I remember one Saturday morning sitting on the steps out to the back garden, I must have been about three or four, and watching my Dad helping my brother slowly untangle the net from around a hedgehog that had become stuck overnight. I also loved having my parents read stories to me at bedtime, as I'm sure many of us did, and I regularly asked them for more. Rather than getting sleepy I sometimes eagerly woke up waiting to hear the rest of the story. If ever any of my parents' friends were over, however, I often enjoyed having them read instead. My absolute highlight about having Dad read to me though was that he often fell asleep. I would eventually have fallen asleep at some point during his storytelling, but somewhere before he had been able to get out of the beanbag on my bedroom floor he would fall asleep too. There were many moments I'd wake up to find him still asleep on my floor, and I rather enjoyed that. I can also vividly remember the day we moved. The dog my family had when I was born was still alive at this point and moved with us. I can recall walking into the house and being somewhat timid about this new place we were calling home. It wasn't anything like the Victorian house. Very quickly, however, I realised that my Mum was avidly trying to get into the conservatory. I then noticed that our dog was already inside the conservatory. As it turned out, Daniel had managed to lock her inside the conservatory, but, at this point in time, we still didn't have the conservatory keys. So on day one of being in this new house we had to call out the locksmith to come and rescue the dog.

Q. What does your father do now?

A. At age 83, he still lectures on occasion at Kingston University. He's not ready to give up. Over Christmas last year, he had 200 papers to mark, which was amazing. He reads a lot and is always studying and learning something new. He passionately believes that there is always something to learn. His love of studying was something I didn't understand in my teens, but now I really appreciate what he does. He's still a Dad to keep up with; always off on ten mile walks.

Q. Tell me about your own education?

A. My schooling was all in Haslemere. I had been offered a place at King Edward's School, while my mother was still alive and teaching there. After her death, I decided that I would prefer to stay with my own friends, so I went with many of them to the local state school called Woolmer Hill. I started there six months after the bereavement, with all the baggage that involved, and am really grateful for the encouragement I received from teachers that spurred me on to the extent that most of my GCSEs received A or A* passes. I then went to Godalming College, to study law, English and French for A Levels.

Q. How has Christianity affected your life?

A. Not at all until my early teens. My Dad isn't a person of faith, and as a family we weren't church goers. I discovered that my mother actually had a deep faith, but just didn't let it show or talk about it. At about year ten, a friend kept asking me to come with him to his church youth group. That was an ecumenical group hosted at 3 Counties Vineyard Church in Haslemere, in partnership with a number of other churches including Anglican and Methodist denominations. I kept saying 'no' but eventually agreed to come along. I asked lots of questions, but within one month I came to faith and Jesus became part of my life. It has made a real difference. I still had unanswered questions about death and grief but, on the other hand, faith gave me hope, and that's part of what changed me.

Q. After sixth form college?

A. I decided not to go straight to university but took a two year internship, doing youth work for St Stephen's Anglican Church, Haslemere. I worked with children all the way through from toddlers to 18 year olds, and was also involved in the musical side of worship. I worked with their youth group and became an assistant youth leader. It was entirely voluntary work. Alongside that, I took a discipleship course called 'DNA' which focussed on personal development, theology, and leadership skills.

Q. After the internship?

A. After my internship I was ready for further study. I had initially looked to study law, but switched to theology when I began applying. I had a place at Gloucester University to read theology. I was to start in September 2014 but, as the Summer of 2014 dawned, I decided this wasn't right for me and I went into the Autumn looking for work or further opportunities. Seemingly out of the blue, I was offered a job with another church, as a

paid member of staff this time, and began at the start of 2015. Shortly after starting this new job, I went to Burundi for a few weeks working with the Anglian Church there.

Q. Tell me more about Burundi?

A. During my time at St Stephen's Church, I began meeting with a member of the Diocese, William, fairly regularly to explore the potential for ordination in the Church of England. As I came to finish my internship, William was aware that I had decided not to head to university to study theology in the Autumn but instead had decided to look for further opportunities or jobs. Some of these included opportunities overseas. Unfortunately, many doors I pushed at that time didn't come to fruition, however, having been privy to my attempts to push doors, William told me about an upcoming trip he was taking to visit Burundi in early 2015. He invited me to join him and I eagerly said 'yes'. The majority of our time was spent in Bujumbura, the capital. I spent a lot of time visiting parish churches and preaching at a variety of services, from Sunday morning gatherings to Youth Groups. We also spent some further time in the country working with many Anglican pastors, attending a leaders' conference. Burundi was eye opening for many reasons, not least because it was my first-time setting foot in Africa. I learnt a lot about the relationship between faith and family while there, but I sadly also witnessed many moments where it seemed that faith had been weaponised against people for someone else's personal gain and benefit. There were many radically inspiring people I had the privilege to meet, who loved God and loved their country. They were working to see the betterment for all. However, I also bore witness to some incidents of selfishness and greed that led to the misuse of power, faith and the Church. I had to wrestle with these moments within myself and with God too, particularly when this stirred anger inside me.

It was through my visit to Burundi that I met my wife, Alice, so I'm rather glad that I went along and didn't jet off to university, after sixth form college. However, after 18 months with the church, I felt that it was time for further study. It was agreed that I would continue part time for the church, but also take a part time course in anthropology at Roehampton University.

Q. Was it easy to take a degree on a part time course?

A. The first two years of my course were done over three years, but then I decided to concentrate more on my course. So, I left the job at the church and took more casual work in a café to become a full time student for the final year. Covid hit before I had completed my course but by then I'd finished my course work and my dissertation. It only remained to attend a few lectures and sit the final examination. Both lectures and the exam were done on line and I graduated in August 2020 with first class honours. It was a memorable moment getting my results at that stage in Covid when one could have a group bubble and I was with friends on a walk from Haslemere to Godalming, keeping my phone handy as results

came through. The graduation ceremony had to be delayed for a further year.

Q. When did you marry?

- A. Having finally met in person in May 2015, after being introduced to one another through mutual friends and acquaintances in Burundi, Alice went off for a degree course at Bristol University, so courtship was somewhat long distance. Alice graduated in July 2018, and we married in August of that year, after which she worked for another local church whilst also embarking on the discipleship course, 'DNA'. Following that year, she then did teacher training and is now a qualified secondary school teacher. Her main subject is geography, but she can also teach science and maths.

Alice had never had a dog, but I already had one when we married. When I first got the dog, she lived in an all-male house, so I think she loved it when Alice entered her life, and at times it seemed she might have preferred Alice to me. We both love the outdoors and taking long walks. Having a dog was great in getting us out each and every day. We particularly used the weekends to go for some long walks in the local area. My dog died in 2020 and we fostered another dog a year later, which was said to be dying of cancer and wouldn't last more than six months. The cancer has gone, and that dog is still with us.

Q. What are your other hobbies?

- A. Music. I started learning the classical guitar at aged six and before that played simple tunes on the recorder, things like 'Three Blind Mice'. I very quickly began to progress through the grades on guitar and was soon encouraged to take up another instrument. We explored a few options, but I settled on the Bassoon. Before the age of ten, I was playing not only classical guitar at around Grade 4, but I also had begun to play Bassoon and quickly progressed through the grades.

Q. Were your parents musical?

- A. I think my Mum had at one time played the flute, but she was skilled playing the recorder and I remember growing up hearing her play her handmade recorder, which I've inherited. My Dad has a wide musical taste and still sings in a choir, and in his younger days dabbled in the cello. He has always had a love for music despite dropping the cello quite early on, and in my younger years he was a great encourager to me to pick up my instruments, practice and play. Still to this day, he is one of my greatest encouragers. I recently found a load of old notes he had made during some of my guitar lessons, when I was coming up to exam time. He would diligently listen to my guitar teacher and write down everything to ensure I had every possible tool at my hand to keep growing in my musical ability. I continued music lessons up to grade 7 when I was aged twelve. At that stage the lessons were moved to early Saturday morning, which didn't suit me, not least because of the time. It would have made Saturdays rather cramped, starting at 7am with the guitar, then moving on to swimming, and then sometimes tennis, all in the same morning. I thought I was good enough and gave up the lessons. I also learnt the bassoon up to grade 5,

but similarly, lessons were on a Saturday morning and again, roughly aged twelve I stopped these lessons too. I didn't play an instrument again until age 15, when I got involved in church music, and took up the guitar again. The old energy came back but I'm still not as good as I had been aged twelve. I now also play the saxophone and piano. I love using the piano, particularly when I'm writing music. I do some song writing and solo singing/playing and also play in bands. Many of the songs I write are overtly Jesus based, others have more subtle themes around my faith, but whatever the song I'm writing, I find each moment a wonderful opportunity for creative expression, whether someone will hear that song or not. To this day, I am still taking piano lessons, which I enjoy. Alice also had a musical background and plays the French Horn. Our house is filled with plenty of music, both us playing it personally, as well as putting on a record, and we thoroughly enjoy singing together.

Q. Tell me about Emerge Advocacy and your role?

A. That's too big a subject to cover in a simple answer. Come back next month, and I'll tell you all about it. In the meantime, why not have a look at our website emergeadvocacy.com?

Richard Floyd

WAKEY, WAKEY! IT'S PANTO TIME

(Well it's not that far off)

Hard to believe but summer's almost over (did it ever really start?) Fear not, however - Peaslake Players are ready to bring some sunshine into the winter months ahead. Yes, the Panto is back and this year it's going to be **'Sleeping Beauty'** (plus 'guests'), for which we'll be auditioning adults and juniors on the following dates:-

Tuesday, 3rd October - 7.30pm Juniors (13+)

Thursday, 5th October - 8.00pm Adults

VENUE: Peaslake Memorial Hall, Peaslake Village

Rehearsals will begin the week following the auditions and then twice weekly (once weekly for Juniors), breaking for Christmas and New Year, returning early January when we'll also be rehearsing on Sunday afternoons. The shows will run over the last weekend in January and first weekend in February.

We will also be looking for backstage help so there will be plenty of opportunities to join us in what will be yet another spectacular and fun-filled show. Full details of audition times and performance dates will be appearing shortly on our website - www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk - and on our Facebook page.

Ok, that's enough about 'Sleeping Beauty' - we wouldn't want you to doze off

*Katie Kinnes
for the Peaslake Players*

News from Shere Surgery

Surgery communication: By the time you read this the flu vaccination clinics will be in full swing. If you are not signed up for the SALV email cascade, please let us know so we can get you added. This (& twitter @ShereSurgery) is our quickest way to update you when things move swiftly. Emails are only sent out when there is something new to report that needs to be swiftly received.

Covid boosters: We will hopefully be vaccinating against Covid on site for the first time, having requested on site access to covid vaccination from the outset... if you have a flu vaccination appointment already booked then please keep it and we will book an extra appointment for the Covid vaccination. We are anticipating that from October we will be making combined vaccine appointments, and updates will be delivered via SALV cascade and twitter, together with a poster in the surgery window.

National Drug Shortages: We have ongoing problems with national stock shortages of different drugs. We have had to change doses for loads of our statin patients as drugs have not been available. This is consuming a huge amount of time for both dispensary and clinical teams as the problems are affecting hundreds of patients, so we apologise if it is taking a while to update you on your prescription. Sometimes we only find out that a medication has become unavailable when it doesn't arrive in the order, so this creates a delay. For further info on the background to drug shortages read the May newsletter on the website.

Blood Test Forms: The increase in outpatient appointments being offered remotely is causing a knock-on problem for us if the specialist forgets to send out the paper blood test request form in the post after the appointment. We have hoped for some time that the hospital would put requests on the online system we all share as that would solve the problem, but this is still not happening. We have had to insist in the past 6 months that any specialist blood tests that are booked need to be accompanied by the blood test form. Patients are caught in the middle, and we have sympathy for this, hence the explanation. If a specialist requests tests it remains within their responsibility to order, review and act upon them. We can take the blood locally for convenience, but we don't have the time to help the hospital with their admin and we have found that this is reducing the time we have to spend time with our patients, which is the part of our job that gives us satisfaction. We hope you understand. I would be more than happy to support anyone who would like to write to the hospital to question why their doctors aren't allowed access to the online blood test requesting system we have all shared for some years.

Missed Appointments: The audit into missed nurse appointments is ongoing. As of 31st July, 89 hours of nurse appointments have been wasted so far this year. For clarity, this refers to appointments where the patient failed to turn up and does not include patients who had to cancel. In 2019 we moved to AskmyGP for access to doctors. Whilst there is no system that suits everyone, it has been hugely successful in reducing the hours wasted by those who do not attend.

Personal Note: I'd like to thank Dr Douglas Wardrop for nominating me for Fellowship of the Royal College of GPs, which I have been awarded. I think this reflects us continuing to uphold the professional standards that Dr Tyrrell held dearly, and I see it as a positive reflection on the whole team. I'm confident that

there will be more of these announcements in the coming years. For those of you who follow my kayaking exploits, I am just back from the World Canoe Marathon Championships in Denmark where I represented GB in the Masters category. My crewboat partner and I came 4th after a hard catch-up slog of a race having been involved in a collision near the start that sank a USA boat...!

Dr Emma Watts

GP Partner

Shere Surgery & Dispensary



SALV AUTUMN OPEN EVENING AND AGM

will be held in SHERE VILLAGE HALL

at 8pm on Wednesday 18th October

Dr Mike Hickman, Consultant Cardiologist

“Look after your heart”

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

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What's on in October

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5	7.30 p.m.	Shere Village Cinema Joyride	Shere village Hall	25
14	8.30 p.m.	John Peppard in the Lounge	Gomshall Village Club	21
15	7.30 p.m.	SVC The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frey	Shere Village Hall	25
18	8.00 p.m.	SALV Look after your Heart	Shere Village Hall	19
20	8.00 p.m.	Bingo	Gomshall Village Club	21
20		Charity Quiz and Supper	Albury Village Hall	8
21	7.00 p.m.	Sal's Poker Night	Gomshall Village Club	21
21	7.30 p.m.	Quiz Night at the Barn Church	St Michael's	10
28	8.00 p.m.	Quiz	Gomshall Village Club	21
29	2.30 p.m.	Children's Halloween Party	Gomshall Village Club	21

Peaslake Free School

We had the most lovely, warm weather to welcome us back to school and it was good to see how excited the children were to see each other and to hear their stories of holidays, including some exciting camping adventures during the Summer break.

The Peaslake Village Fair was particularly busy this year and it was good to catch up with so many parents and children who have fond memories of their time at Peaslake school. I was delighted to see different cohorts of children keeping up friendships made whilst they were at the school and to find out where they are on their journey now. Meanwhile our current parents worked really hard to make the field a huge success both in terms of fundraising and entertainment.

We have a busy term ahead with lots to look forward to both in school and within the community, starting with our Harvest Celebration in two weeks' time. We are also going to make the most of the last of the Summer sunshine and take our learning outdoors where possible.

We will be hosting an Open Morning on 12th October from 9.30 until 10.30. If your child is due to start school in September 2024, we'd be delighted to welcome you to look around the school and see the wonderful things we do here. We are also happy to arrange individual tours if the Open Morning date is inconvenient. Please contact the office to book either tour. info@peaslakefreeschool.com or 01306 730411

We look forward to meeting you.

Sara Dangerfield

Peaslake Nursery Hygge



We hope you've had a fantastic summer break. As the new term begins, we're excited to share some updates with you. Our learning environment has undergone some wonderful changes, including the development of our very cosy home corner.

Our Nursery team are now working towards a *Hygge in the Early Years* accreditation, and we are already feeling inspired. Our Hygge journey will support us in enhancing the warm and welcoming atmosphere that we strive to provide for your little ones. We are excited to see the benefits for our Nursery children,

their families and our Nursery team of blending this approach further into our

provision.

We look forward to a wonderful term ahead filled with learning and growth. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our magical little Nursery please contact us.

Louise Collins

Gomshall Village Club

Members are reminded October 1st is membership renewal time. Please pop in and renew your membership. People wishing to become members are more than welcome.

The **Blue Bishops**, a 4 piece band, recently getting back together after a break. They played to a very appreciative audience in the Lounge, including some new faces. Very good blues music that played some of their original work and some old favourites. We hope they will return sometime in the future.

The inaugural **Sal's Poker Night** was a very successful evening. Enthusiastic players taking part, however Sal came out winner on that evening. See if you can beat Sal at the next Sal's Poker Night.

Bingo Night not as many people taking part as last time but just as enjoyable. Will Babb always makes it an interesting and enjoyable evening. The result was nearly as puzzling as last time, as I won 2 of the 3 games!!

The Dancing shoes were on and singing voices were well tuned for our disco Karaoke night recently. We had a fun evening, with thanks to the DJ.

Going forward we have an extensive programme of events. We welcome new members who can take advantage of our Pool Table, our Billiards Room and our Dart Boards. We can even provide traditional games like domino's and cribbage. New members are always welcome.

Upcoming events:

Sat 14th Oct John Peppard in the Lounge 8.30pm

Fri 20th Oct Bingo 8pm

Sat 21st Oct Sal's Poker Night 7pm sharp

Sat 28th Oct Quiz 8pm

Sun 29th Oct Children's Halloween Party 2.30pm

Fri 3rd Nov Sal's Poker Night 7pm sharp

Sat 4th Nov Elvis in the Lounge 8.30pm

Fri 17th Nov Bingo 8pm

Sat 25th Nov Quiz 8pm

Marion Taylor-Cotter

QRMW Update

Where has 2023 gone - it seems in a flash, or is that just me getting older. Here we are now in September and already thinking about our events at the Memorial Woodland in November and December! However we must all take some time out to enjoy this beautiful woodland which is looking so lovely this time of year when the fungi are all over the place and the leaves on the trees turning a lovely shade of golden brown.

I have to mention a hugely successful event hosted by Wendy and Marco Landlords of the Crown and Anchor public house in Old Woking on Sunday 27th August. A children's fun day, beer festival and a fantastic music Festival which was organized by our very own Marathon Man Stewart Hornblow who managed to obtain a number of excellent bands and singers who gave up their bank holiday Sunday to perform throughout the afternoon and evening free of charge. But we also had the amazing added bonus of a guest appearance by the very only Bobby Davro! Bobby is a great supporter of Veteran's charities and gave us three hours of his time to entertain as only Bobby Davro can as well as mingle amongst the crowd and pose for many photos. The event was attended by approximately 500 people and the amazing amount of £2639.38 was raised for QRMW from the raffle, ticket sales, donations and 20% of the pubs takings for food and drink. Myself and Trustees of QRMW are very grateful to everyone who was involved in this fabulous day which has been confirmed WILL take place again next year on Sunday 25th August 2024.



Now looking forward to November and as usual we will be holding our Remembrance Service at the Woodland on Saturday 11th November and I would like to invite everyone to attend. We gather around the Monument at the memorial woodland at 10.40. Do please join us if you can. This is always a special service and attended by local school children, Veterans and all who wish to join us.

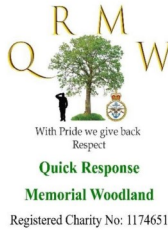
Then its full steam ahead towards year end but Christmas comes first of course and we will be holding our usual Christmas at the Woodland for adults and children. Father Christmas will visit to talk to the children and hand out a small gift for those children who are registered, but before he arrives there is a Treasure Hunt around the woodland for the children who will receive a goody bag when they complete the hunt. The charge is £8 per child to register join in the treasure hunt and receive the goody bag and visit Father Christmas to receive a gift. There is no charge for Parents and guardians but do bring some CASH (credit card machines don't work at the woodland!) as there will be an excellent Christmas raffle, children's lucky dip and other stalls plus hot drinks and hot dogs for sale. Do register the children early as places are limited and we must let Father Christmas know how many children he has to ask his elves to make presents for!

That all seems a way off as I write this but I will repeat my first words in this update - Where has 2023 gone! I look forward to seeing you at the woodland at anytime you feel like coming it is always open even if I am not there but if I am

then the kettle will be on and the museum open for you to view.

*Paul Cooling
Chairman*

*The Quick Response Memorial Woodland
Registered Charity No 1174651*



ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

SATURDAY 11th November 2023

At

THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT MEMORIAL WOODLAND
Pasturewood Road, Holmbury St Mary RH5 6LG



MEET AT THE MEMORIAL 10.40

ALL ARE WELCOME

Hot drinks will be served after the service

We will also have a selection of 'Poppy Day' items for sale

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Wherever You Are, We're Here For You



Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our Dog Show at the beginning of September. We had around 300 pupsters and their guardians. Plus a lovely lizard! There was much fun in the various dog show categories as well as animal



healing and interesting talks including from our Patron, world-renowned animal healer Elizabeth Whiter.

We have a variety of events in October but there are two in particular that you may be interested in.

On Sunday 8th October we welcome Wendy Erick who will be giving a Workshop on Angels from 10am to 4pm. This one day workshop gives a chance to consider how Angels may be included in your day to day life on a practical basis. Who are Angels? What is their role and how can they help you? What is the difference between an Archangel and an Angel? How can Angels bring vibrancy and colour into your life, particularly when things are going tough. What can an ancient biblical scripture tell us about Angels and their relevance today? You will learn on this workshop:

- What to consider when asking Angels for help
- How do you spot an Angel?
- The power of gratitude and impact on liminal space
- The power of numinous space and how to manage it
- Why do Angels love humans?
- Different ways of engaging with Angels and including them in your everyday life
- Creating and working with Angel 'to do' lists
- True stories of Angel Connections

Price: £70 per person. Places for this workshop can be booked through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/716546218027?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Our next animal event will be a Holistic Therapy Day for Dogs and their Guardians on Saturday 14th October. Treat your dog to a very special day when we will be

using holistic tools and techniques to help them feel emotionally balanced. This is the perfect day for you both to relax, unwind and really connect with each other. £60 per Dog with an accompanying guardian. For more information about this very special day please contact Val on 01483 205635.

Alison McWhinnie

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The Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary

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Shere Village Cinema (SVC)

Book now for films in October and November 2023



**SHERE
VILLAGE
CINEMA**

The film we showed in late August: *Everyone, Everywhere All At Once*, was a rather 'confusing' film to say the least! It was extremely difficult to follow the fast-acting plot across different time zones, and a number of people walked out near the start or didn't stay past half time (for the majority, who stayed to the end - the story wasn't a lot clearer)! It wasn't our best choice of film, but it received so many Oscars that the team thought we should show it. However, most of us who saw the film concluded that it was a case of the 'Emperor's New Clothes' - for those of you old enough to know the expression, and it only received 1 BAFTA (from the more discerning UK judges)! Hopefully our next films will be more popular/acceptable.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Autumn 'Bond' event - *No Time to Die* - we will hope to report on this in the November magazine. You will see that we will be showing 3 films in November, this is because we will only be showing 1 film in December to allow for the busy Christmas period, when many people including the committee are too busy to have time to go to the cinema! However, we will be having a special event on Sunday 10th December to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the SVC!

To sign up to our newsletter and/or to book tickets for future films please go to the website: www.sherevillagecinema.com). 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.

In October we will be showing - the following films:

Thursday 5th October - *Joyride* is a heart-warming and bittersweet tale of two unlikely travellers who find solace in each other while on the run from their pasts. Joy (Olivia Colman), an uptight solicitor is accidentally 'kidnapped' by 13-year-old Mully (Charlie Reid). However, they set out on a journey across the Irish countryside, learning to cope with unplanned disruptions and unexpected challenges. The film captures the beauty of the Irish landscape and is visually stunning, with breath-taking shots of the seaside and foggy hills. Where "Joyride" truly shines is in the performances of Reid and Colman, as Mully and Joy, they are both grieving the loss of their mothers and struggling to find their place in the

world. They form a bond that helps them cope with their pain and move forward, learning to rely on each other when other parental figures have failed them. Overall, it is a charming and emotional film that manages to balance its heavy themes with moments of levity and joy, and its powerful performances make for a memorable journey. Classification: R (Running time is 1 hour 34 minutes) Start time: 7.30pm

Sunday 15th October - (*Unfortunately the licence to show 'French Exit', that we advertised in last month's magazine isn't available yet*) So instead we will be showing: **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** - Retired pensioner Harold Fry lives in Kingsbridge with his wife Maureen, whose marriage to him has become despondent and quiet. One day, Harold receives a letter from his old friend, Queenie Hennessy, who is dying from cancer and is living in a hospice in Berwick-upon-Tweed. Harold then decides to walk the length of England to reach Berwick-upon-Tweed without the use of transport or support from Maureen. Along the way, he encounters a variety of people who show interest in his hiking achievement. Classification: 12A (Running time is 1 hour 48 minutes) Start time: 7.30pm

In November we will be showing the following 3 films:

Thursday 2 November - **The Eight Mountains** depicts a friendship between two men who spend their childhood together in a remote Alpine village and reconnect later as adults. The title is a reference to the concept in Buddhism and ancient Indian cosmology that the world is composed of nine mountains and eight seas, specifically eight concentric circular mountain ranges separated from one another by eight seas, with the ninth and tallest mountain, Mount Meru, at the centre. *In Italian with subtitles*. Classification: 12 (Running time is 2 hour 27 minutes) Start time: 7.30pm.

Sunday 19 November - **Barbie** - Stereotypical Barbie (Margot Robbie), and her fellow dolls reside in Barbie Land; a matriarchal society with different variations of Barbies, Kens, and discontinued models. Barbie and her beau Ken (Ryan Gosling) are having the time of their lives in the colourful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. Barbie, the most popular of all the Barbies in Barbie Land, begins experiencing an existential crisis. She must travel to the human world in order to understand herself and discover her true purpose. Her kinda-sorta boyfriend, Ken comes along for the ride because his own existence depends on Barbie acknowledging him. However, when Barbie and Ken get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. Both discover harsh truth - and make new friends -along the road to enlightenment. Classification: 12A (Running time is 1 hour 54 minutes) Start time: 7.30pm.

Thursday 30 November - **Asteroid City** is a 2023 American comedy-drama film written, directed, and produced by Wes Anderson, from a story he wrote with Roman Coppola. It features an ensemble cast, including Jason Schwartzman, Scarlett Johansson, Tom Hanks, Tilda Swinton, Bryan Cranston, Edward Norton, Adrien Brody, Liev Schreiber, Steve Carell, Matt Dillon, Willem Dafoe, Margot Robbie, and Jeff Goldblum. Its metatextual plot simultaneously depicts the events of a Junior Stargazer convention in a retro-futuristic version of 1955, staged as a play, and the creation of the play. It is Anderson's homage to popular memory and mythology about extra-terrestrials and UFOs witnessed in the Southwestern desert, in close proximity

to atomic test sites during the post-war period of the American 20th century. Classification: PG-13 (Running time is 1 hour 45 minutes) Start time: 7.30pm.

Advance warning - on 10th December we will be celebrating our 10th anniversary with a special event! - Please save the date and look forward to exercising/ 'greasing' your vocal chords! Further information and details will be in the November magazine and in a special newsletter.

Thank you for your support. Do join us for our films in October, November and December if you can.

Shere Village Cinema Team

Peaslake Summer Fair 2023

After weeks of rain, we were hoping for that much awaited break and some sun for the bank holiday Monday, and weren't we lucky to get it! Monday morning came along crisp and cold and finally barely a cloud on the weather radar. The groups and stalls and village organisations all arrived with their stalls and wares in good time. Well before the official opening time of 1pm we had people trickling into the village, and by mid-afternoon the village was busy with interest and business. The music was playing and the burgers sizzling.

So many individuals to thank!

The B4SH team deserve a very special mention as they ran the Wi-Fi access for stall-holders this year. What with special antenna and clever access systems, they managed to reach parts of the village we have never reached before, and coverage was excellent. The team was on hand all afternoon to sort any issue as it arose, and we even managed to take card payments in the car park for the first time ever!

We must also thank our fair sponsors who this year were the Rider's Hub in Peaslake, who sponsored the entertainment, and Terracotta Estate Agents in Shere. Shere Cinema also made a very generous donation to the fair beneficiaries. And of course, thanks to all the local businesses and individuals who contributed prizes to the fair raffles, signs for the fair, space in their fields and time on the day!

The vibe and the music were fantastic this year with all new local bands showcasing on the Peaslake presents stage, including a sea-shanty group, a bluegrass group and singer-songwriter Anouska Assisi who kindly stepped in at the last minute on the Jasmine Cottage Lawn. Fair compere Brad helping to co-ordinate and direct and advertise all the various groups and stalls on offer.

The Villages Group did us proud with a superb array of delicious cakes and teas in the village hall, which by mid-afternoon was a welcome respite from the heat of the sun. Also in the Hall were Sandy Eve working with Kim Ferguson to show the history of our 100-year-old Village Hall and the planned hub extension project that we are fundraising towards.

The Badminton group did a very competitive rate on a pint of beer, the school mums a refreshing Pimm's, and the school dads a fabulous job of cooking delicious burgers to go with the liquid refreshments.

The school field was full and buzzing with activity - literally in the case of the

Guildford Beekeepers who brought their bees along! And with the fun activities for the youngsters to enjoy and a hugely well stocked toys and games stall for them to shop at. Bowling for bacon was also an enduringly popular activity. If you would like to get involved and run a stall for the children to enjoy next year, we have a long list of fun things that we have done in the past!

The Peaslake players did their iconic and quirky human fruit machine which drew in plenty of takers and surprisingly frequent winners. The church their usual raffle, & the fire station brought their fire-engine along which proved very popular with the youngsters, especially when they got to sound the siren!

The bookstall had thousands of donated books to browse through. And the bric-a-brac team had mountains of donated bric-a-brac. The hall's own bottle tombola also had a lovely array of donated booze. All these stalls draw a lot of interest and make a truly astonishing amount of money once things have been won, sold, or auctioned online. The organisers work hard to get the maximum in any way they can for the donated items. Please keep them coming in next year. We have so many books remaining that we are opening up a book-sale/swap scheme in the village hall.... details of access to be announced.

The Friends of the Hurtwood and Village Hall team between them managed all the road closures and car parking and signage required to keep traffic flowing and get the cars organised and parked. As well as the car parking volunteers also this year, we had volunteers on the key road closed points to facilitate flow and prevent parking along critical points on the road and this too worked very well. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to do an hour. We also had a new team on the information stand who sold a record number of raffle tickets!

The commercial stalls were a fabulous array of local talented craftspeople and food producers. Who knew we had so much creativity in the area! We were fully booked for stall space in the village, most stalls are local, but if you are a local person wanting a stall next year, please do get in touch early rather than later as the available space sells out very fast.

All in all, I would like to thank everyone involved in making this fair such a great success. There was a great vibe and only a very few hiccups to feed-forwards. It really does showcase how a village can work together for the good of all the individuals and community organisations involved, many of whom rely on the fair income to run all year long. Many of these groups have been running their stalls for years and just know how to get on with it and do their bit. It really is awesome to see people working together in this way and hopefully they all realise just how much their efforts are seen and appreciated. The fair committee are a group of individuals who work cooperatively behind the scenes to get the basics in place, sponsorship, advertising, programme production logistic etc. Some old hands and some new additions this year, and it's always a fun and rewarding experience to get the fair on the road. Special thanks to Julie & Peter Knight, Sam McCormick, Jane Williams, Lucy Taber, Stuart Pearson, Ted & Zoe Horton, David Mercer, Kevin and Deb Stevens, Sean Griffin, Jim Collin, Gerry Reffo and Marion Taylor Cotter. If you would like to join the team for next year please do get in touch.

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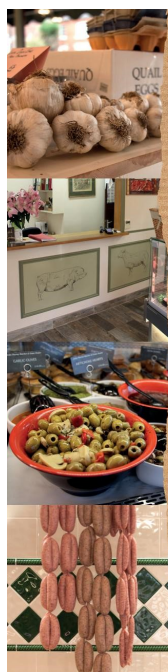


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by the 14th of the month please

Front cover photographs, articles, events
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Each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

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