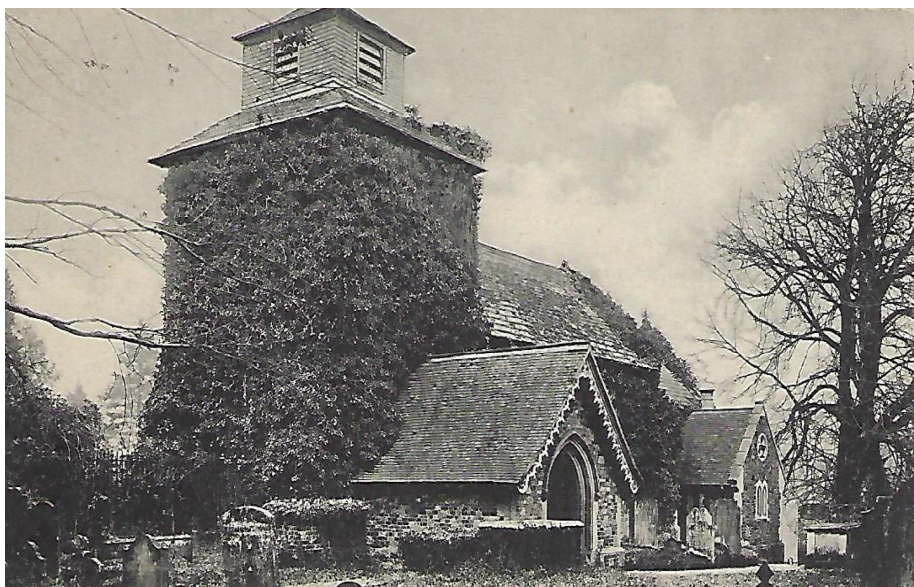


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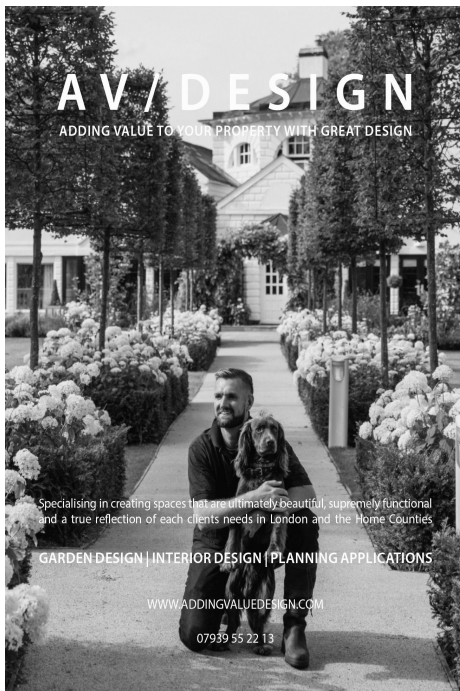


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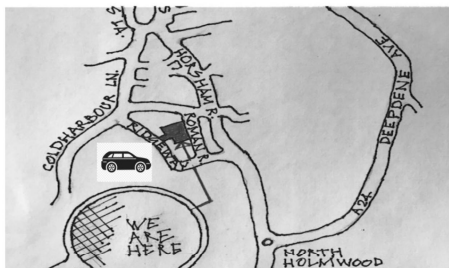
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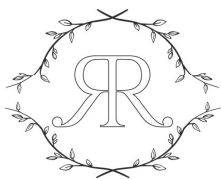
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Forthcoming events

APRIL

4th

EASTER SUNDAY

7th

Shere Parish Council meeting

26th

SALV Spring Open Meeting

MAY

11th

Shere Parish Annual Council Meeting

27th

Shere Annual Parish Meeting

JUNE

5th

QRMW 7th anniversary

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7th – Francis Cave 14th Boo Emrich
21st – Alison Taylor 28th – Michael Rowsell

St Mary's Holmbury Church Flower Rota – March

LENT



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Sunday 7th <i>3rd of Lent</i>	10.00am	Holy Communion (<i>said</i>)
Sunday 14th <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10.00am	Holy Communion (<i>said</i>)
Sunday 21st <i>5th of Lent</i>	10.00am	Morning Prayer with Rt. Revd. Jo Wells, Bishop of Dorking
Sunday 28th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.00am	Holy Communion (<i>said</i>)
Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion and meditation

FROM THE EDITOR

What an extraordinary start to the year for the Parish News! No hand deliveries and having to go digital in a matter of hours. Quite a challenge to those of us involved! What has come out of it is how valued the Parish News is, not just as something to pass the time with a cup of coffee, a value in itself, but as a connection with other villagers. This month we will be printing 150 copies to be left in the two Church porches for people to collect themselves. The previous 70 paper copies ran out in 7 days. If you think your neighbour doesn't know, please do tell them the copies are there and a link to a digital copy can be sent, whether they are a subscriber or not. I hope those people who have not had a copy in the past will become subscribers, either digitally or with a paper copy, when we are able to return to hand delivery.

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The local interview this month is with James Friend, who is a churchwarden at Wotton. James is recovering at home from Covid 19, as he has been for the past ten months. A reminder, if one was needed, that this disease can have devastating long term consequences. We did the interview in the form of question and answer so James and I could do the interview safely by email, and so as not to tire him unduly. I hope it didn't, and I am very grateful to him for doing it.

Readers will remember that we were able to send money from our Parish News Christmas collection to both Dorking Food Bank and to QEF at

Leatherhead, who are helping people with those long term Covid 19 effects. They have written to thank us.

The cover this month was provided by Rosemary and Donald Wakeford who have kindly sent me copies of old postcards of Wotton which I hadn't seen before. I was delighted to get them, as I was to get some wonderful photographs taken by Kevin Freeman of the Hurtwood and its fauna in the snow. I particularly liked the one of the deer, but that's because our garden is securely (fingers crossed) fenced against them and I only see them when I am out walking. Those of you who are serious gardeners may not be so keen! His snowman and hellebores photos are also reproduced in this issue.

It must be difficult to be moving to a new community at the moment, so we extend a particularly warm welcome to Melissa Faulding, Michael Norris and Beau Norris who have come to live at Foxglove Cottage in Holmbury. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

SF

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FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends,

This last week contained a first for me – I attended a meeting to do with gardening (albeit online). I had a strong feeling of ‘impostor syndrome’, not being one of the many people locally who are expert gardeners. But I was there because we were discussing possible plans for social events in the summer, and the Flower Show working group and the church could see it would be far more sensible if there was a bit of working together.

Of course, nothing can be planned now that is certain to happen, but I think we have all got used to that. However, we all agreed that it will be fantastic just for people to get together. In Holmbury, while the Flower Show working group are working towards a summer Flower Show, the church is also planning to organise a Vintage Fête (which **MUST** include ‘splat the rat’) to raise money for charity, and hope many people will volunteer ideas and be involved. Everyone was saying that there is simply an appetite to be together, though we all know that any easing of restrictions must be cautious, as there is no desire whatsoever for another false dawn.

Community get-togethers used to be regular, normal occurrences. Many, many times in rural Norfolk, I asked an elderly person how they had first met their partner, and got the answer ‘at the weekly village dance’. Talking to people who have been in these 2 villages a long time, it’s been good to hear about annual events in the past like the New Year’s dance, the Wives’ group Christmas party for the over 65s, and the WI May market. There was a time when Barn Dances in the Village Hall were excellent occasions for people to enjoy themselves and to raise money for charity (such as the Vietnamese Boat People) and for improvements to the Hall itself. And where there is a village school, that in itself generates a lot of people just meeting each other at the school gate. That is all quite apart from the number of groups that used to exist that no longer do.

It’s **still** a notable feature of village life at its best in this country that people do have events that bring people together. The Wotton Fête is

legendary and seems to involve as wide a group of local people as possible, likewise the Wotton Flower Show Cream Teas in May and the Wotton Flower Show itself. The annual bonfire in Holmbury with the associated children's fancy dress parade, the Flower Shows and the annual village quiz are still firmly on the social calendar. And it was exactly this time last year that we had a pancake party in the village hall and had about 70 people passing through.

The value of these things may go deeper than we all realise. The former Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, writes about how our lifestyles since the 1960s have steadily become less rooted in the local community, simply because increased wealth and technology have created so many more opportunities to find and experience things that are 'tailor made' for us, things that people before 1960 could never even have dreamed of. That is a wonderful feature of living in this present age. And yet, we do still need local community so much. People round about who know who we are and in some kind of way will look out for us, even if we're not close friends.

I love the fact that Jesus' first miracle was at a village wedding (a major event for the whole community in that era and culture). And that the first time he met with some serious criticism was when he and his disciples were having a meal together with some of the local people who were regarded as 'not the best types' – the question in some people's minds was "How could he even think of bringing these 2 groups together?". Even on the cross, among his last words were when he looked at his grief-stricken mother and his close friend John, said they were to treat each other as family from then on, and we're told that John looked after Mary in his home from that time onwards. Jesus regularly brought people together. So, let's hope these village traditions last for a long time to come. And as a church, we certainly want to do what we can to facilitate bringing people together.

With very best wishes,

David

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LOCAL PEOPLE – JAMES FRIEND

SF – Where were you born?

“Although our family roots are really in Woodford Green in Essex, only my Aunt remains there, the rest of us have moved away. I was born in Swindon, in the hospital that you used to be able to see from the M4 but which was replaced a few years ago by the brand new Great Western Hospital. My father was a teacher, originally of Geography, but latterly Head of the Lower School at the Comprehensive that I went to in Totnes, South Devon. My mother was a housewife. I’ve one younger brother who coincidentally moved to Reigate, so we are not far apart now. We see much more of each other now since our father passed away six months ago. Our mother now lives in Storrington, West Sussex having moved up from Devon a few years after Father’s retirement.

“My primary schooling was in Dartington and wasn’t exactly a typical experience – the school tried to compete with the neighbouring Steiner School which meant a slightly ad hoc new age 1970’s / 1980’s curriculum. For folks unfamiliar with Totnes and Dartington it is very much the new age capital of the country. Our first home there is now a Crystal Healing Centre. Maths was taught by someone who really influenced me – Dr Deans from Exeter University, whilst he piloted and tested what is now referred to as the Singapore method. This means I tend to come to problem solving in some strange ways. It must have had some impact on me as I did the usual mix of Maths, Physics, Chemistry and a bit of Geology for A Levels. Our A level Maths teacher, who had taught us through GCSEs too, left early in the start of A Level. We taught ourselves after that as none of the other Maths teachers could follow what we were doing! Pretty much all I ever use from my secondary education is the small amount of French I learnt – which I then augmented working in Private Banking in Geneva for a while in the late 1990s. We go to France fairly regularly (when we can) with the language supported by Catherine’s French degree – both our children are far better at languages than I will ever be. At school, I ran the school bank – essentially a marketing exercise by Midland Bank at that time, and that was a field I returned to later.

“After school I went straight to Royal Holloway (then Royal Holloway and Bedford New College) University of London in Englefield Green, Egham. At that time it had around 1,400 students – around 800 fewer than we had at my Secondary School. It was a very easy transition and easy to get to know each other. I rarely went back to Devon after that, working for Barclays Bank throughout my three years of study as I needed the money. In general that meant living back with



Royal Holloway College

family friends in Woodford which I really enjoyed. I took a short time out to study at a Liberal Arts college in Pennsylvania but frankly didn't learn much at all – the topics were really at no more than our GCSE levels and so, after some time in conversation with their chaplain, I returned to Royal Holloway rather more quickly than I might otherwise have done. It's taught me to change things in my life when they aren't adding value to me or to others and to focus on what matters most to me. After University I joined Lloyds Bank first of in Brighton, living with Cath's parents in nearby Southwick, whilst she was on her year in France for her degree, before I moved back to working in the City of London, and initially living back in Woodford once more.

SF - How did you come to live in Wotton/Westcott?

“I was living with my closest friends back in Englefield Green whilst working for Lloyds Bank in Commercial London's Old Bond Street. On graduation, Cath started working for Allders in their international duty free business based at both Gatwick and Heathrow. We started house hunting where the lines fanning out from our jobs intersected. Fetcham wasn't for us, Leatherhead neither, and then we found a little home in the centre of Westcott and have been in the village ever since. After four years and with thinking about family, we moved to the last house in the village before it becomes Wotton – a much easier walk to St John's on a Sunday morning. Four years ago we moved almost exactly half way back



The Rookery (as it was)

to where we had been before. It's a good way to spend money on Stamp Duty. It took us a couple of years in Westcott to realise that St Mary's Holmbury had previously been a beacon in our lives. On the Christmas journeys home from Englefield

taken us on a route off the A25 and via Felday Road through the hills to Ockley and the A24. Cath simply adores me for my night time navigation skills – rather than sticking to more recognisable routes such as the handily placed M25!"

SF - How did you meet Cath?

"Cath and I met at Royal Holloway. I completed my Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award during my A Levels – although I had to do mine with the nearby Grammar School as the comprehensive struggled to resource it. When I arrived at Royal Holloway I became at first the Treasurer and then Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Society – the only one at that time in the University of London. Whilst running that we did a night orienteering exercise with Surrey County Council on Box Hill during which the participating Cath managed to get utterly lost in the dark and rain. I think I probably wasn't in the best of moods when we found her. It was though a theme to continue in our lives, we were engaged shortly thereafter."

SF -What interests you?

"Folks will know I'm a local councillor. I got into it really through my belief in the importance of education and having been Chair of School Governors at Westcott and then Surrey Hills. A church school education brings to folks something very special in the fabric of life. I am also a

Green to Southwick, my sense of adventure had

trustee of a local charity supporting people who work in homelessness and also of Westcott Sports Club where perhaps my off- the-field contributions are stronger than my on-field ones.



Bowling for Westcott

I've played cricket since I was a boy, first for Totnes, then at Royal Holloway, then for both Woodford Green and Woodford Wells, then for a travelling band called the Wandering Minstrels (who have an indirect connection to the Whyte Effect choir that come to Wotton from time to time) and then for Westcott when my banking life wasn't taking me overseas.

"In all that time I was never really much good at it, but playing at Westcott gave me probably the greatest friendship of my life with the relationship with Len Edwards. I will never forget walking into St John's on my first time there and seeing Len sitting in the back row. (Cath and I were married at Holy Trinity Westcott in 1997 but it was a tad "big" for

me at the time and I had started to think about needing another type of church experience) His first words to me being “If you are coming to my church, boy, then you had better sit next to me”. Cath was in Redhill hospital at the time in one of her many admissions before Mattie was born. I was so grateful that later that same day I found myself having the first proper meal that I’d had for a while as Len insisted I joined him and the rest of the St John’s congregation for Harvest Lunch. That, to this day, remains the highlight of the church year for me (closely followed by Christingle and the Fete!).”

SF – Do you have any hobbies?

“My main hobby is Hospital Radio. Back when I was doing my own D of E award, I started broadcasting and served Totnes League of Friends Radio as their Treasurer, as well as presenting the weekly Hymn programme amongst other things (including developing a wide regard for the music of Gentleman Jim Reeves). When I was working in London and living in Englefield Green I joined Hospital Radio Wey, at first presenting the Maternity Request Show and then Saturday Sportscene. I’m still doing Sportscene either from the studio or from local football matches (when COVID allows) some 27 years later.

SF – Anything else?

“My other passion is really around the environment – something drummed into me from my New Age primary schooling. I love to up-cycle things in little projects, from beds to children’s easels, pretty much anything can find a new use. COVID has given me the gift of some time to do these projects and also keeping my oxygen levels up by walking in the hills – taking me back again to D of E days and walking on Dartmoor especially. I’d love to get some time to do more walking around the country and reunite myself with Dartmoor one day. It’s a place I used to know like the back of my hand.”

SF – Thank you so much for this.

SF

GARDENING NOTES

When our kids were really young we joined a club called the Humpty Dumpty club, an organisation that sent out a monthly "to do, make and read" package. The one thing that I can remember is the Humpty Dumpty calendar, a clock face with 12 months



and four seasons. To drag this diatribe out a little longer, Summer was June, July and August, Autumn was September, October and November, Winter was December, January and February and - here's the point, Spring was March, April and May. Why go to all this trouble to mention it? Well, beware of rushing out into the garden and whacking in your seeds on St David's day, it's only the very start of Spring and there may well be some cold weather yet to come. "In like a lion, out like a lamb" is an adage well worth taking notice of. So, especially in our area, I would be wary of putting in anything that is just a tad on the delicate side, so crack on with broad beans and early peas, onions and shallots, beetroot and maybe parsnips and carrots but definitely hang fire on French and Runner beans, tomatoes and the curbits (courgettes cucumbers etc.). Radishes and lettuces can go in under cover and should be up pretty quickly. The old boys (I guess I am now one of those!) would sprinkle a few radish seeds in their rows of parsnips. Parsnips are slow to germinate (frustratingly - you are never sure whether they are slow or dead), so the radishes not only show where the parsnips have been planted, but give an early crop too. The speed at which they grow and are ready for eating makes them a wonderful vegetable to get youngsters interested in growing with only one problem - kids tend not to like them, but they won't know that until they try them! Incidentally, parsnip seeds are really only worth planting fresh, so avoid planting last year's seeds, they will give very poor germination. As you are almost certain to have a couple of uneaten parsnips on your plot, why not try and grow your own seeds for next year? I might just be a bit biased, but they look quite interesting and

will give you a fine crop of seeds (even if the plant will probably get to be taller than you!) Last year I wasn't quite careful enough in cropping the seeds and as a result, got self-sown parsnips all over the lotty, Not untypically the self-seeded ones did better than the ones I planted in my nice straight rows.

If, like me, you got caught out with the snow and now need to rebuild your fruit cage, it's worth reminding you that gooseberries are early to flower and set fruit, so prioritise protecting them. I'm almost resigned to sacrificing my redcurrants to the blackbirds, but only on the proviso that they leave the gooseberries alone. I have found that careful netting of these work so much better than leaving them uncovered with signs directing birds to the redcurrants. I can't blame them though, I suspect that were the roles reversed, I'd ignore the signs too - and I can read!

Towards the end of the month, the clocks go forward, so you will have an extra hour of daylight available in the evening. Less of a need to rush home after work to get things done - were it not for the fact that most of us are already home! Looking on the bright side though, things are bursting back into life and elsewhere in this edition you will find details of the potato growing competition, open to all kids in the village (with help from parents and possibly grandparents too!) We are hoping that there will be some kind of flower show this summer, but I'm sure it is not beyond the wit of man to arrange a weighing in even if we are forbidden from meeting up.

This year I took a chance on leaving my dahlias in and covering them with a cloche for protection. Then came the snow, then the frosts, so I am now thinking in terms of buying some new ones in after all. I have a particular favourite called Evelyn, of which I have (had?) three good plants, so I am hoping a cloche has been good enough. Lesson learned, next year, dig up at least one to store in a shed..... It is said that you learn by your mistakes, but as I have remarked before, it's well worth writing down what has happened to you. Memory is a bit selective!

I do hope that you are coping (have coped?) with the latest lockdown. Hopefully by the time you read this, we'll all be allowed a little more lassitude and might be able to visit displays of daffodils, tulips and the

like. Are we able to claim Wisley is local? Hope so! Whatever else, I hope your garden and our lovely countryside provide you with consolation. Good luck with the new season.

Bob C

HOLMBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

Sadly, the second lockdown arrived just as the choir was beginning to get into the swing of socially distanced rehearsals at St Mary's Church, Holmbury St Mary. Members are keeping their voices in trim through Musical Evenings organized by their conductor, Amy Bebbington, looking back with nostalgia at works performed in previous concerts. These involve singing along with recordings and videos of our concerts. Reliving much loved works by composers such as Lauridsen, Whitaker, Vaughan Williams and many others only serves to whet our appetites for the day when real singing returns. Regular Quiz Nights are keeping us in social contact. Keep up with developments on future activities and concerts at our website (www.holmburychoral.org)

Javed Kumar

SHERE SURGERY

Spring has finally arrived, and with it hopefully promise of some healthier months ahead.

The Covid Vaccination Programme has been going really well, and 180 of you are now on the SALV email distribution list, receiving my updates when things change. At the time of



writing, we have had excellent uptake from the Over 80's, the Over 70's, the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, the Housebound & those with Learning Disabilities. We are continuing to work on our Homeless population and by the time you read this I hope we will be actively booking in anyone Over 60. I've spoken with a lot of pride about our hardworking team over the past year, but Reception and Admin deserve much recognition for the extra hours they have put in on the phones. Thank you for the positive feedback you gave from our virtual Twitter tour of the Surrey Hills on our Housebound Vaccination Day. We covered 140km of narrow roads in the Surrey Hills that day, against the deadline of vaccine expiry at 6pm. It was quite exciting, tiring, but lovely to see faces of those we haven't seen for so many months. We had a bit of fun stopping to take photos on the way and were pleased that this brought a bit of community cheer at a rather bleak time. We were followed online by 28,000 people at one point, from South West England to Scotland, including NHS England, which is staggering considering it was just supposed to be a bit of fun for our patients!

Second Covid Vaccinations: Keep your eye on the news as this has evolved over time, but once we are authorised to start giving second vaccinations, you will be contacted by the site that gave you your first. We are not expecting any involvement in this, and we won't be able to switch you to a different site. This is potentially subject to change, so keep an eye on Twitter, SALV updates, or posters at the Surgery. However, do not worry that you need to organise second vaccination, you will be contacted. Currently this is expected to be 12 weeks after the first.

Royal Surrey coped with the peak of the Second Wave really well, and we are so grateful to them, and to the Ambulance service, for helping to support our patients. Our thoughts are very much with the family members of our patients who sadly passed away during this time, but we are so grateful that the majority of our patients have recovered well.

SALV (Shere and Local Villages) Charity has been so supportive to us over the years, and over recent months I have been really grateful for the help with communication to the community. In the background, SALV have offered to buy us new seating for the surgery, which hopefully will be

arriving soon. Our current seating is not coping with the degree of cleaning required now and is starting to fatigue, which could be a problem for infection control. We are gradually redecorating the building inside to make it feel more warm and welcoming for our patients, and for our staff. Local photographer Michael Hutchinson is letting us use some of his images to create some high impact artwork for our reception area. We have a new surgery sign on its way to replace the faded green one, and a team of local volunteers are going to help clean the algae from the building. The pavement repairs and drainage issues in the road and disabled/ambulance bay will be addressed at the start of April thanks to a significant funding contribution from Shere Parish Council, to subsidise Surrey County Council shortfall.

SALV have booked their Spring Open Evening for Monday 26th April. The format for this will depend on social distancing at that point, but I would encourage anyone who hasn't attended before to come along. SALV have supported the surgery for many years, but it really feels that the past year has been different in so many ways. It would be nice to expand their reach to enable us to evolve our services going forward to meet the requirements of our community more effectively.

Dr Emma Watts

SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

As always, the children at Surrey Hills continue to be very busy and engaged in their learning whether they are at home or in school. We are all really looking forward to coming back together again and hopefully this will be before the end of the month.

Here are some highlights from the Spring Term.

Emerald Bubble

Last week, Emerald Bubble explored under the sea. This included reading stories 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' 'Commotion in the Ocean' and retelling the stories, thinking about how the characters are feeling, writing invitations and looking at rhyme! We've also had lots of fun in with Puffy the Puffer Fish blowing bubbles and been investigating Capacity and looking carefully at similarities and differences in our seashore display of shells.



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Ruby Bubble

We have had a brilliant week in Ruby Bubble. We have been improving our understanding of mass and using scales in maths, whilst in English we looked at features of instruction writing. Ruby Bubble thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptian method of mummification and have been writing up instructions in a Word document and making our very own death masks.



Amethyst Bubble

Amethyst Bubble have been developing their use of figurative language throughout recent weeks, creating poems on life on the Galapagos Islands. In art, Amethyst Bubble have been looking at varying how they add watercolour paints to their paper in order to create detailed leaves. Making sure the light colours were added first and then building the darker colours on top.



Remote Learning

We are now holding regular weekly Zoom briefings, between teachers and their class. This is working really well and allowing contact between all staff and the children. It is lovely to be able to chat with the children and keep a sense of community. There has been some amazing work being produced by the children at home. The children continue to make a great effort with their work and engagement in their remote learning. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents/carers for their continued support.

Miss Libby Welcome

At the beginning of the term, we welcomed Miss Libby to Surrey Hills All Saints, below is a short introduction from Miss Libby.



“Howdy, Hi! I currently teach the students in the dazzling Diamond Bubble. I look forward to this lockdown being lifted soon so I can teach the rest of Year 6 before they depart for secondary school in July 2021.

I am from Bellevue (just south of Omaha) Nebraska ... centre of the United States. I emigrated to Britain in 2002 where I began my English teaching career in Dagenham, Essex. Throughout the past 18 years, I have had the privilege of teaching all year groups in a variety of primary schools in London and Surrey. 12 years ago, I moved to splendid Surrey. Throughout my 21 total teaching years, I enjoy getting to know more areas and more fabulous families!

Outside of school, I get a thrill out of travelling (when we can), visiting fabulous friends and family (when we can) and laughing loads! I can be found immersed in a thrilling novel or two, especially now we are in lockdown. Four weeks at this lovely school thus far and I am enjoying

getting to know the families at Surrey Hills All Saints! I look forward to meeting you all, hopefully in the near future! Stay safe.”

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook. Here you can see daily life at Surrey Hills All Saints and can share in the amazing learning opportunities the children experience each day. We wish our local community well and hope everyone is staying safe. Twitter @SurreyAllSaints, Facebook@SurreyAllSaints

Mrs Ratcliff
Headteacher

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Thames Water - over the past year there have been water supply problems for some of our residents; either low water pressure or sometimes no water at all. During these incidents, residents have found Thames Water lacking in communication with regard to the cause of the problem, length of time of repair and access to bottled water during long outages. The Parish Council has challenged Thames Water on their lack of communication and also gone to the Community Council for Water for support. Unfortunately, although they will address individual incidences, they will not engage with us over their general lack of communication with residents.

The Parish Council is most concerned for our vulnerable and elderly residents. If you are or know of anyone on the **list below**, please register with **Thames Water Priority Service**
<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/extra-care/priority-services> or call [0800 009 3652](tel:08000093652)

- Are eligible for a pension
- Have restricted mobility or a physical disability
- Have a chronic or serious illness
- Need a consistent supply of water for a medical condition or equipment (such as kidney dialysis or skin conditions)
- Need foreign language or further communication support (such as dyslexia)
- Have problems making decisions that affect your daily life (such as dementia)
- Are registered blind or partially sighted are deaf or hard of hearing
- Are living with a mental health condition
- Are experiencing temporary life changes
- Are a family with young children under 5

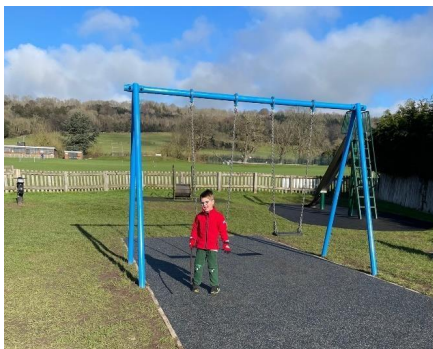
Litter – throughout the coronavirus pandemic, Shere and Peaslake have seen an increase in the number of visitors and unfortunately, leaving their rubbish behind. To help, the Parish Council is ordering six larger bins with recycling and normal waste. Guildford Borough Council have kindly provided grant aid for 50% of the cost, as they are over £1,000 each. Hopefully, they should be installed in the Spring. In the meantime, The Dabbling Duck and Shere Delights are purchasing two cup recycling units to be installed in Shere and the parish council is ordering an additional two for the villages.

Bringing the news to you – the parish council has a Website, Facebook Page, Twitter, Nextdoor account, soon an Instagram account and as you are reading this, a parish council report but there are still residents who we are not reaching. To try and get more news to you, we will be launching shortly a no-reply email. If you sign up with us by providing your email address, you will receive an email every time a news item or agenda and minutes are added to either our website or social media. You will be able to unsubscribe by clicking a link on the email and we will not pass your details on to anyone else or use them in any other way. You will not be able to reply to that email but can contact us using the normal

email address. If you would like to receive these emails, please let the office know -

clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk

Lastly, some uplifting news! – the new replacement swings in the Shere Play area have been installed and the motorbike springy has been repaired.



Next Council meeting – 7pm Thursday 4th March 2021, held remotely using Zoom – please email clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk if you would like to join to observe or speak about an item on the agenda.

*Suzanne Hoyland Clerk, Shere Parish Council
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BELMONT SCHOOL IS EXPANDING

Belmont is looking forward to its next development, the construction of the Aquileon Building, which will form the hub of its growing Senior School. The new building will contribute six new classrooms, two double height Art Studios, an IT suite, Photography



Department, Performing Arts studio for Drama, Dance and Performing Arts, a Wellbeing Centre and Tutorial Rooms.

Mrs Skrine, Headmistress of Belmont School comments, “After the challenges everyone has faced during the national pandemic, it is exciting to have something positive to look forward to. We are delighted to be able to invest in Belmont’s future and to develop our staff and facilities accordingly. In addition to this development work, we can announce that in September 2021, the existing Moon Hall building will be incorporated into the Belmont School estate as both schools work together to ensure the amicable end of the long-standing agreement between them, enabling each school to realise its own strategic developments for the future. With growing pupil numbers, the plan releases much needed space at Belmont and enables Moon Hall to consolidate onto its own single site.”

Belmont has released a fly-through video of the Aquileon Building on its website, which can be viewed at www.belmont-school.org. Details of the development plans can be followed on social media by searching #Belmontisexpanding.

Nicki Barriball
Marketing Manager

UPDATE ON THE QUICK RESPONSE MEMORIAL WOODLAND

Firstly I hope that everyone is keeping well and safe. This dreadful pandemic which has reached unprecedented levels especially in the South East of England and has seen a number of friends of QRMW taken from us. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this very sad time especially as we are for the second time in 12 months in the grips of another lockdown stopping us from visiting those who could do with some personal contact. But it must always be remembered a friendly voice on the end of the phone can be a lifesaver.

As we reached mid-January down came the snow turning our Memorial Woodland into a winter wonderland and so beautiful it was I felt compelled to share this photo here with you. Do also remember we may be in lockdown but if you live within the locality of the Woodland all are welcome to visit anytime.

It is with a heavy heart that I am sorry to have to advise due to the current lockdown, which looks like it may continue for quite some time and the restrictions imposed on our communities it will make gatherings of large groups out of the question for a while so the Trustees of QRMW have made the decision to cancel the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the woodland on 28th March. Whilst social distancing at the woodland is not an issue, large groups of children having fun, hunting for eggs, joining in egg and spoon races and rummaging on the stalls, the rules would be very difficult to keep to. I am truly sorry for the children and parents who I know enjoy this fun event plus the knock on effect for our Charity who benefit from the funds raised in order to help our Veterans in times of need. But we must keep everyone safe.

The good news however is that I am making good quality plain wooden bird boxes, the idea being for the children to decorate and paint themselves or adults maybe to fill these long lockdown days! All monies raised goes into the Memorial Woodland Fund to help our Veterans. What better way to keep your children occupied during these weeks of home schooling and holidays. If you are interested in purchasing one please contact Debbie by email: debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk.

So we look into the future with optimism and we are thankful for the joy of bird song all around us. Spring really is such an exciting time of year, right now the woodland is bustling, the birds are frantically nest building, the spring flowers giving us a wonderful splash of colour and the shrubs and trees bursting into life.

Not to be put off making future plans we are now working on our 7th Anniversary celebration since the opening of the woodland which will take place on Saturday 5th June. This year we have fantastic plans for the day at which Chelsea Pensioner David Hind will be our Guest of Honour.

A Commemoration Service will take place with several families



honouring their loved ones planting trees and a red camellia will be planted in honour of All Chelsea Pensioners. Standard Bearers will be present and the young Cadets from Frimley and Camberley Corp will line the entrance to the woodland together with a number of Chelsea Pensioners. We have

fabulous entertainment, The Vipers Military Band, The Willesden Church of the New Testament Gospel Choir and our own Veteran crooner Rodney Dell. There will be raffle and tombola stalls, a cake stall, BBQ and bar and some historical military vehicles will be on display in the car park, so do put the date in your diaries and pray it will not be thwarted by Covid. Keep safe everyone and I look forward to seeing you at the woodland whenever you feel like enjoying a peaceful couple of hours in the heart of the Surrey Hills.

*Paul Cooling
Chairman
The Quick Response Memorial Woodland*

FRIENDS OF THE HURTWOOD

The Friends of the Hurtwood are looking for a new Chair. The incumbent is moving out of the area, so a new Chair is sought for the charity the Friends of the Hurtwood (FotH). The main task of the FotH is to preserve and manage public access and protect and improve the environment of the area known as the Hurtwood - over 2000 acres of heath and woodland in the Surrey Hills to the south of the Tillingbourne

Valley between Wotton and Albury, with panoramic views, hill forts and scheduled monuments.

The Hurtwood is privately owned common land with public access granted by the landowners. It's crossed by 60 miles of registered footpaths, bridleways and unofficial tracks plus 14 car



parks, popular with walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers. The Trust's £90,000 annual budget is funded by member subscriptions, local Councils, legacies, increasing public donations and the landowners themselves. It's governed by a Board of Directors who are local volunteers and land owners. They meet twice a year and organise an AGM. The Chair also leads the Management Committee, which meets every two months to oversee operations and advise the Board, including the management of the impact of the increasing and often conflicted public use. Day to day maintenance is done by an efficient and resourceful full time Ranger equipped with appropriate machinery who uses specialist sub-contractors as necessary. A twice yearly newsletter is produced for supporters.

Qualities/skills sought:

- local knowledge
- a demonstrated commitment to the charity's objectives
- energy and enthusiasm
- time, including meetings and activity in and out of office hours
- the ability to work constructively with the FotH team and its supporters
- a strategic thinker able to inspire and manage change
- the ability to communicate effectively, including across generations
- some familiarity with social media

- an understanding of company and charity governance and finance

For more information, please look at our website <https://foth.co.uk> If you're interested in this very worthwhile local venture and want to know more, you're welcome to contact David Wright on 01483 222464, Richard Green on 01483 273632 or Sue Darling on 01483 203420 for a chat without commitment.

As always, thanks to all supporters and if you enjoy walking or riding in the Hurtwood, please think of joining as a Friend or making a donation. <https://foth.co.uk>



Sue Darling
Trustee
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STAMP OUT LEPROSY

Please don't throw away any stamps! The Leprosy Mission has volunteers who sort through **used stamps** and sell them to collectors all over the world, so that the proceeds can go towards curing those with leprosy.

Leprosy is a preventable disease, though sadly there are still parts of the world where it causes untold misery. Once it has taken hold, it kills nerve endings, so a sufferer might, for example, be sleeping by a fire in a village and not feel that his foot is actually in the embers.





The Leprosy Mission works in 10 different countries, providing medical staff and training, as well as care for those disabled by leprosy.

There is now a box at the back of church, where people are invited to place used stamps. Every time this box is full, I will send the stamps on.

Judith Grundy

Coronavirus (COVID-19) absence: A quick guide for parents and carers

Shere Surgery & Dispensary

What to do if:	Actions needed	Back to School
My child has Coronavirus symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should NOT attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately on test results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When child's test comes back NEGATIVE and feels better
My Child tests positive for Coronavirus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should NOT attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms started or from day of test if no symptoms – <i>even if someone tests NEGATIVE during those 14 days.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They can return to school after 10 days and feel better, even if they have a cough or a loss of smell/taste as these symptoms can last for several weeks
Somebody in my household has Coronavirus symptoms* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should NOT attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When household member test is NEGATIVE and child does not have Coronavirus symptoms*
Somebody in my household has tested POSITIVE for Coronavirus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should NOT attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms started or from day of test if no symptoms – <i>even if someone tests NEGATIVE during those 14 days.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When child has completed 14 days of self-isolation even if they test NEGATIVE during the 14 days

*Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature (37.8C or above), a new continuous cough (i.e. coughing a lot for about an hour or 3 separate episodes of coughing in 24 hours, or a loss of your sense of smell or taste

References:

1. COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents/carers. Greater Manchester: Doing things differently
2. What to do if your child has coronavirus symptoms <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

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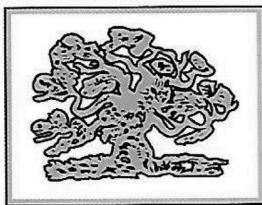
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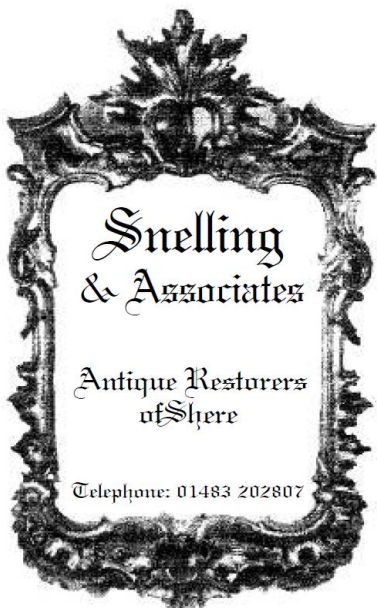
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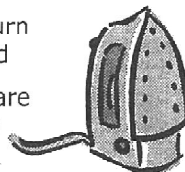
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Potholes - reporting	08456 009 009
Probation Officer, Dorking	01306 880744
RNLI – Robert Shanks	01306 621416
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Surrey Hills C of E Primary School	01306 730747
Victim Support East Surrey	01737 766323
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Wildlife Aid	01372 377332
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