

# Westcott Village

Magazine

May 2024



Abinger Nursery.....	33
Advertisements Index .....	60-61
Brockham Choral.....	59
Coldharbour Fete.....	34
Cookie Club.....	8
Dorking Arts Society.....	49
Dorking Group of Artists.....	34
Dorking Local History Group.....	53
Dorking Museum .....	43-45
Dorking Rock Choir Concert.....	15
Floodlighting .....	9
From Holy Trinity.....	4-5
Green Westcott.....	55-57
Holy Trinity Services .....	6-7
Mid Surrey Community Fridge Van...17	
Mole Valley Community Fund.....	39
Music in Dorking.....	31
Parish Registers.....	9
QRMW .....	50-51
Riverbank Surgery.....	61
RSPB.....	23
Spring Flowers.....	41
Surrey Hills All Saints School.....	35-37
Teddy Bears' Picnic.....	21
Westcott 100 Club.....	29
Westcott Coffee Morning.....	32
Westcott History Group.....	25-27
Westcott Village Association .....	11-15
Westcott Village Hall Hire.....	40
Westcott Village Hall Quiz Night.....	36
Westcott Village Hall Update.....	19-21
Westcott Village Hub CIC.....	59
Westcott Volunteer/Baby Meals.....	3
Westfest 2024.....	47
Westfest Fun Run .....	49
Who's Who in Westcott .....	62-63

Westcott has a population of over 2,000 and this is the only magazine written specifically for the Westcott area by the people of Westcott. It is hand delivered, free of charge, to every household and further copies are available at the church, local shops, pub and doctor's surgery.



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

**[editor@westcottmag.com](mailto:editor@westcottmag.com)**

But please note, publication will always be subject to space and at the discretion of the Editor.

Copy deadline for

**June** issue:

**8th May 2024**

This magazine, published by the Church in Westcott, is printed on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) accredited paper from a sustainable source. The views expressed are those of the individual writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Church, Editor or Westcott residents.



## FROM THE EDITOR



We have finally got to the season of the early summer fairs - starting with the Teddy Bears' Picnic on 6th May, see page 21 for details.

This helps raise money for Surrey Hills School so dig out your teddy and take him for a grand day out!

The village hall committee have a quiz night (with pie and mash) on 18th May to raise funds for the new village hall, why not get a team together and get competitive, or just have a catch up over some impossible questions

(until someone gives the answer and you think "Oh, I knew that"!)

The Westcott coffee morning is on the 1st this month, so I hope you're looking at this nice and early, and can get along for coffee and cakes, books and jigsaws and a good chat.

Hope you get to do something you enjoy over the next few weeks, whether it's one of the things in this magazine or just sitting under a tree enjoying the outdoors.

**Cath**  
[editor@westcottmag.com](mailto:editor@westcottmag.com)



### Westcott Baby/Volunteer Meals

Calling all new and expectant parents in Westcott, Did you know, the village of Westcott has a long tradition of delivering "baby meals"... contrary to the name, this is a hot meal for the family (rather than the new baby!), delivered to your door every evening for two weeks. It's a welcome respite from the chaos a new baby brings and a pretty unique service we are incredibly proud of. We have a list of 40+ volunteer cooks in the village who will buy, cook and deliver a meal. Many of the residents of Westcott will tell you how incredible it was to have people from their community arriving on the doorstep with dinner every day as they struggled to adjust to life with a new baby, and what's more, we love to do it! If you're living in Westcott and expecting a baby or know someone who is, PLEASE get in touch we'd love to help!

By the way - if Westcott residents need meals while adjusting to a family crisis, illness or discharge from hospital we can also help. Please get in touch.

Anna & the Westcott Volunteer Cooks team.

**Anna Kemkers 07710425487**

# ...FROM THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT



## A GROWTH MINDSET

What a delight it is to be in the growing season again! After the dormant winter months, we are at last enjoying a resurgence of life in our gardens and in the hedgerows, familiar plants reappearing like old friends. Growth is one of the seven characteristics of living things and, though we may have stopped growing physically many years ago (and some of us may even be shrinking!), I'd suggest we all have the capacity to grow in other ways, whether we're 5 or 95. Psychologists and life coaches talk about the importance of a growth mindset – a belief that we can improve our capacities and talents over time. Conversely, a fixed mindset is the limiting belief that we cannot learn and improve ourselves. I wonder which of those you most identify with.

“THE CHRISTIAN FAITH OFFERS US THAT HOPE, FIRSTLY BECAUSE IT SPEAKS OF A GOD WHO NEVER GIVES UP ON US, AND SECONDLY BECAUSE IT OFFERS US THE HELP WE NEED TO GROW.”



Of course, thousands of self-help books on this subject have been published over the years, a number of which can be found on my own shelves. I'm all for gleaning inspiration and ideas from those who've delved into this field, but I can't say in all honesty that they have radically changed my life. Working on our own self-development, our personal growth, can at times feel like a slow and painful task, particularly if we are attempting to overcome unhelpful attitudes or patterns of behaviour, and cultivate positive ones. Such a task requires honesty and the courage to take a long, hard look at ourselves, to acknowledge our own weaknesses and vulnerabilities. It involves motivation, effort, perseverance and wisdom, all of which we may find within ourselves.

## ...FROM THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

---

But what if our inner resources aren't enough? What if, despite our best intentions, our efforts don't bring about the changes we'd hoped for? Our disappointment can easily cause us to give up on ourselves, to lose faith in our ability to grow. If, however, our faith lies in a source (something or someone) beyond ourselves, there might yet be room for hope. The Christian faith offers us that hope, firstly because it speaks of a God who never gives up on us, and secondly because it offers us the help we need to grow. And that growth comes from rooting ourselves in Jesus Christ – the one who described himself as 'the true vine' and his followers as the branches.

He longs that each of us should, in relationship with him, become our 'best self', to use another popular phrase, growing and bearing fruit.

At the end of this month, the Christian church celebrates Pentecost – the coming of God's promised Holy Spirit. Two thousand years ago, that Spirit transformed a small group of timid, disorientated disciples into dynamic, gifted and fearless leaders, who went on to share a message of hope and launch a movement that would ultimately reshape the spiritual landscape of the world. And that same Spirit can still bring hope and transformation today.

Heather Shakespeare





# MAY SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY



**8.30am** Book of Common Prayer Communion, A warm welcome in our beautiful, traditional service.

**10.15am** Friendly, relaxed service, using Common Worship and a range of music styles. This service is also livestreamed on Zoom.



**For 10:15am Zoom service connection**, please scan this QR code, or visit the Online Services page of [thechurchinwestcott.org.uk](http://thechurchinwestcott.org.uk) and follow the link.

*The church is open every day, 9am-4pm for private prayer & reflection*

DATE	THEME	8:30AM	10:15AM
5th May	To Be Confirmed	Book of Common Prayer Communion	All Age Morning Worship
12th May	Ascension	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Communion with Sunday Club
19th May	Pentecost and APCM	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Communion with Sunday Club
26th May	Faith and Science	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Communion with Sunday Club



## MARKING LIFE EVENTS

All who live in Westcott or have a connection here are very welcome to have christenings, funerals, weddings in Holy Trinity. Contact [vicar@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk](mailto:vicar@holytrinitywestcott.org.uk) for more information.

# MIDWEEK PRAYER & WORSHIP

Wednesdays

10am

Communion at St John's

BUILDING  
FRIENDSHIPS



SHARING  
LIFE

2nd Tuesday of the month

7.30 - 8.30pm

## Worship Nights 2024

Evenings of reflective worship,  
based upon traditional evening prayer  
or contemporary worship music.

See website/facebook for details. Holy Trinity Church Westcott



### Holy Trinity Church

A Sacred Place of Peace & Prayer,  
Open to All

Holy Trinity Church is open for you to visit,  
for private prayer  
or reflection

Every Day 9:00am-4:00pm

Come to enjoy the beauty and peace,  
pray, reflect, breathe, be.

All are welcome

# THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

## Join a Life Group

Small groups of people who meet online or in person every 2 weeks to chat and pray about life & faith.

Life groups:

- explore ways we can bring God's love, justice and joy into our relationships with other people and creation, into our leisure and into our work
- give you an opportunity to explore the Bible and consider what it says
- use worship, simple contemplation and prayer to help us encounter God

Contact: Tim Armstrong, Vicar, [vicar@holyltrinitywestcott.org.uk](mailto:vicar@holyltrinitywestcott.org.uk) for more information

BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS SHARING LIFE



Westcott's baby & toddler group

snacks  
crafts  
games  
music  
friendship  
fun

# COOKIE CLUB

parents  
grandparents  
guardians...  
all welcome!

St John's Hall, Westcott  
9-11am every Thursday during term time  
£2 voluntary donation





# THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

---

The Church in Westcott is part of the Westcott Good Neighbour Scheme and we are always here for a chat, prayer, pastoral need.

**Debt advice:** Paul Stacey (paulstacey88@gmail.com)

**Holy Trinity Pastoral Assistants:** Mark Shakespeare (01306 888010), Ali Mabley (alimabley.htw@gmail.com)

For help, or more information, please contact  
Tim Armstrong, Vicar: vicar@holyltrinitywestcott.org.uk  
or visit thechurchinwestcott.org.uk

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

---

### Marriage:

15th March 2024

Harley Charles Lillywhite and Olivia Alice Shakespeare



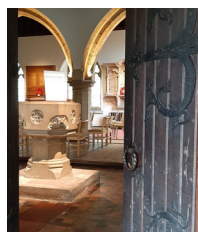
## FLOODLIGHTING

---

Many thanks to Jane Clarke for sponsoring the church floodlighting for May to celebrate her dear mother's 95th birthday.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, please contact Sarah Massey at admin@holyltrinitywestcott.org.uk.

(Suggested donation of £75 to Westcott Church Funds.)



Would you like to  
*make a real difference*  
to people's lives?



If so, come and work for Home Instead Epsom and Mole Valley, a 5 star employer, rated as outstanding by the Care Quality Commission.



## Dorking, Westcott, Westhumble, Capel

- £23.50 - £28.30 per visit
- Petrol allowance and paid travel time
- Minimum call time - 2 hours
- Excellent training provided



Benefits include: Pension scheme, health scheme, holiday pay, shop discounts

Call: **01372 741 544**  
email [maggie.adenmosun@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:maggie.adenmosun@homeinstead.co.uk)  
[www.homeinstead.co.uk/epsom-mole-valley](http://www.homeinstead.co.uk/epsom-mole-valley)



Each Home Instead franchise is independently owned and operated. Copyright © Home Instead® 2023.

## Attune Reflexology Dorking

Reflexology is an ancient holistic therapy that has the ability to deeply relax your body and mind. Clients come for a course of treatment to help manage a range of disorders including stress and anxiety, menopause symptoms, high blood pressure, low mood, migraine, Long Covid aches & pains and grief.

Specific areas of the feet relate to different organs, systems and areas of the body. Treatment is given to the soles, sides and tops of your feet and ankles. Strangely it's not ticklish, as the pressure is firm. I treat you while you lie back in my very comfortable reclining chair, you are fully clothed under warm blankets.

My private, comfortable treatment room is in Wotton just outside Dorking. There is plenty of parking available and 2 steps into my room.

Reflexology also makes a fantastic gift for family, friends and colleagues. Gift vouchers and e cards are available.

You can read lots of glowing reviews from happy clients on my Google business page Attune Reflexology Dorking and further details of all treatment packages and prices on my website.

Follow me on Instagram & Facebook.

Tel 07811 526156 @attunereflexdorking



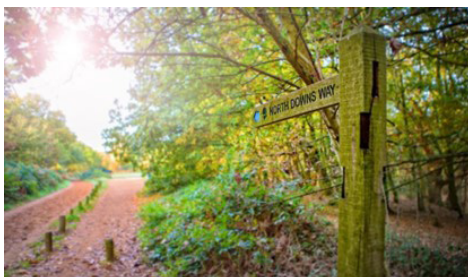
There are several people to thank this month, starting with all those who took the time to submit comments and observations for the Surrey County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation. As a result, we were able to submit a very comprehensive consultation response to Surrey CC, which has been positively received. A copy of the response can be viewed on the Westcott Village website under News on <https://westcottvillage.com/wva-latest-news/>. Key elements include the footpaths along the A25, the Greensand Way footpath from Milton Street to School Lane, the footpath from Masters House north to Springfield Road, the cycle route & footpath from Westcott to Dorking, the by-way along Wolvens Lane, as well as plenty of others.

This work also links to Surrey CC's and MVDC's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan which is a long term (10 years plus) plan focused on making short journeys more attractive to assist with practical and commuting trips, rather than purely leisure. Although Stage 2 of this work

is yet to be funded by MVDC and so progress at present has stalled.

We were also really pleased to have six volunteers respond to our call to join the Steering Group for the Review of the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNDP). The Steering Group met for the first time in April to start scoping out the project which is likely to take 18 months to complete. When the current Plan, which runs until 2026, was put together, over 75% of Westcott households completed a survey to help define the needs of the village and in a subsequent village referendum 91% then voted in favour of adopting the draft WNDP. To achieve this level of engagement again for the updated plan will require an army of volunteers with a variety of skills. If you think you are someone who can lend a few hours of time for the greater good of your village please get in touch via [contact@westcottvillage.com](mailto:contact@westcottvillage.com) so we can discuss roles which suit your skills and available time.

We have also been working on a consultation response for MVDC's proposed modifications to the emerging Local Plan which is now being progressed once more. The most significant modification is the proposal by MVDC to increase the target number of dwellings which Westcott is required to provide from





James Croft  
IMAGES

Westcott based Wedding Photographer



[www.jamescroftimages.com](http://www.jamescroftimages.com)



DENBIES  
WINE ESTATE

# Denbies Wine Estate

The Vineyard Hotel | Tours & Tastings | Dining  
Art Gallery | Experience Days | Wine & Gift Shop

Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6AA | [denbies.co.uk](http://denbies.co.uk) | 01306 876616



68 in the original 2020-2037 period to 123 in a revised 2020-2038 period. The WVA is not anti-development and we firmly believe that more housing is needed but targets must be realistic and deliverable, ensuring housing is built in sustainable locations and includes the provision of much needed genuinely affordable housing. So far, we do not believe MVDC has provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that their assumptions are either sound or sustainable. We are also lobbying our local councillors to make sure that our views are heard.

Our thank you theme continues with thanks to Chris Dale who has volunteered to take on the role of Speedwatch Co-ordinator for the village and he is now looking for volunteers to join him. Residents regularly tell us that traffic noise and road safety are two big concerns and we know that Speedwatch activity has a tangible, positive impact on both of these but we can't do it without residents volunteering to take part. Speedwatch sessions are only run in dry weather for 1 or 2 hours at a time, so even if you just volunteer

for one session a month you will be making a big difference. Please get in touch with Chris Dale by email and volunteer to join the team on [email. cd@sky.com](mailto:cd@sky.com)

We have recently been given a list of the *Surrey Police - Mole Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team* contacts with individual contact names and emails for Police Officers who have specific Westcott and local area responsibility. If you need to get in touch with them the list can be found on the Westcott Village website under Our Community <https://westcottvillage.com/our-community/>

Finally, the **Westcott Village Association AGM 2024** will be held on Thursday 27th June 2024 at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, please pop the date in the diary and come and join us.

The WVA Committee continues to thrive and energetically drive forward a full agenda and we are particularly keen to swell our ranks and have more people join the Committee to enable us to deliver the priorities ahead and broaden our activities. Sadly, Edwin Harland who has served as the WVA's Treasurer for many years and Sally Hewetson who has been the focus for WVA membership, are both standing down at the AGM to enable them to focus on other volunteering commitments. We are



# Open Morning

*Thursday 13 June 2024 at 9.30 am*



Nursery | Prep | Senior

*Register now for a  
pupil-guided tour*



[www.manorhouseschool.org](http://www.manorhouseschool.org) | 01372 457077 | [admissions@manorhouseschool.org](mailto:admissions@manorhouseschool.org)



enormously grateful to both of them for everything they have done over the years to support the WVA and hope to entice them back on to the Committee again in the future. In the meantime, we are delighted to already have a volunteer from within the village who is keen to stand for election at the AGM as a new Treasurer and we are keen to encourage anyone else who is interested in joining us to get in touch via [contact@westcottvillage.com](mailto:contact@westcottvillage.com) or

come along to the AGM and have a chat.

An AGM Agenda, Trustees' Report and Accounts will be published on the Westcott Village website prior to the meeting. We look forward to welcoming you all to the AGM.

**Westcott Village Association Committee**  
**Paul Goddard, Edwin Harland, James Leaver, Sally Hewetson, Nick Lund and Jo Astor**



**ROCK CHOIR**

## Dorking Rock Choir

**LIVE at Holy Trinity Church, Westcott, RH4 3LZ**

**Friday 7th June 2024 | 19:30 - 21:30 Showtime**  
**(Doors Open at 18:30)**

**Tickets just £10**

Search Westcott Village Hall Rock Choir' on Eventbrite.com  
Go to link <https://WVHRockChoir.eventbrite.com>  
or simply scan the QR code below



Profits in aid of the Westcott Village Hall Development Fund



www.surreyhillsdogtraining.com  
 info@surreyhillsdogtraining.com  
 John Venn  
 Tel: 07880 707467

IMDT accredited trainer using proven science based methods of positive, ethical, reward based training.

Locally based my aim is to provide you with informative - practical – fun learning, services include:

- Preparing for your new arrival - home set up
- Puppy through to adult training.
- Group classes and bespoke 1-2-1 training
- Behaviour consultations
- Focused training workshops
- Trusted trainer for Therapy Dog Training UK
- Hoopers classes



## MARGRAVE SOLICITORS LLP

The Old Post Office, 130 Epsom Road  
 Guildford, Surrey GU1 2PT

- Wills, Trusts and Probate
- Lasting Powers of Attorneys
- Court of Protection matters
  - Care Fee advice
- Advising Attorneys / Deputies
  - Non-mortgage related residential conveyancing



Wills & Inheritance Quality

**01483 562722**

enquiries@margravellp.co.uk  
 www.margravellp.co.uk

Authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority  
 SRA number 533213

## Dorking Pest Control Services

Local Authority Approved Contractors

[www.dorkingpestcontrol.com](http://www.dorkingpestcontrol.com)



### Our Services Include:

Wasps, Bee Swarms, Hornets, Rats, Mice, Squirrels, Fleas, Flies, Ants, Cockroaches, Bed Bugs, Rabbits, Moles, Foxes and Deer.

- Domestic, Commercial and Industrial
- Contract Work
- Preventative Control Programmes

**Experts in pest control throughout Surrey**

Office: 01306 743001

Ivor: 07710 117491

Chris: 07971 519415

[www.dorkingpestcontrol.com](http://www.dorkingpestcontrol.com)



**FENCING & TREE SURGERY**  
 SPECIALISTS

- Felling • Tree Surgery
- Pruning • Hedge • Cutting
- All Types of Fencing Supplied & Erected
- Fully Insured Free Estimates

**Tel: 01403 824048**

**Mobile: 07714 689 824**



**CHEAP HARDWOOD LOGS FOR SALE**

[www.gb fencing and treesurgery.co.uk](http://www.gb fencing and treesurgery.co.uk)



**MID SURREY**  
COMMUNITY FRIDGES

The Mid Surrey Community Fridge van now visits Westcott  
**every Tuesday opening at 2:15pm**

It stays in the village for up to half an hour from opening at  
**St John's Chapel in Chapel Lane**

Many come early to queue and chat –  
it's a good catch up!

Please come along and stop this food going to landfill

If you can make a small donation, it would be appreciated  
Mid Surrey Community Fridge  
relies upon these donations  
(£2.50 is suggested)

Bring your shopping bags,  
bring your friends,  
pick up for your neighbour



# TONY WINCH

CARPENTER, JOINER  
& CABINET MAKER

[www.tonywinch.com](http://www.tonywinch.com)

01306 742373

07969 016 924

 **Colin Campbell**  
Local Electrician

- Registered Part P ●
- Approved Contractor ●



T: 01306 883 126

M: 07770 760 581

[colincampbell146@btinternet.com](mailto:colincampbell146@btinternet.com)



HANDYMAN

Have you been  
putting off jobs?

Martin the Handyman  
can do them for you.

Call: 07770692499

Email: [martinfinnis@gmail.com](mailto:martinfinnis@gmail.com)

**FREE ESTIMATES**  
FULL LIABILITY INSURANCE  
NO JOB TOO SMALL



**The Tree Associates (Surrey) Ltd**

Arboricultural Experts  
Westcott based

We are a local tree surgery company offering all aspects of tree works by our qualified and fully insured team.

- Tree surgery
- Hedge cutting
- Felling
- Consultancy
- Stump removal
- Oak Processionary Moth treatment & nest removal
- Planting

[info@ttasurreyltd.co.uk](mailto:info@ttasurreyltd.co.uk)

0800 1978490

Sundown Cottage, Guildford Road, Westcott, Surrey, RH4 3QE

# EDE BROS

· REMOVALS · STORAGE · SHIPPING ·

01306 711293  
[edebros.co.uk](http://edebros.co.uk)

- Established 1926, Capel-based and family owned
- For **STRESS-FREE** local, national and worldwide moves
- Contact us for your **FREE** estimate...





# WESTCOTT VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



Although we are still waiting for Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) Planning Department to formally respond to our request for pre-application advice, we have now received an informal response and they have also confirmed what supporting documents they require us to submit with our planning application. Surrey County Council (SCC) has also responded in relation to highways. We can now confirm that our indicative scheme proposals for the pre-app were based on 'Option C' for each site as presented in the community consultation last November. This reflected the strong preferences expressed by our village. Option C is for the new community building to be on the Institute Road site and to fund the majority of the rebuilding costs by using the sale proceeds of the land for nine 2 and 3 bedroom houses to be built on the Furlong Road site.

We are pleased to report that the comments received from MVDC and SCC so far are positive and reinforce village preferences. Assuming the formal response from MVDC is forthcoming by our next Trustee meeting, the Trustees hope to instruct the preparation of a planning application for submission by the end of June. We will be inviting immediate neighbours of the two sites to briefings before the planning application is submitted and we will keep the broader community and our existing users informed via <https://www.westcottvillagehall.com/> and other digital communication channels.

The planning application will include an indicative internal layout of the new community building. This is not fixed however and the developed internal design will be the subject of further consultation with the village and existing users after planning consent has been secured.

## **Funding the new community building**

As we have previously said the charity has budgeted sufficient funds to meet the cost of submitting the planning application and this position remains unchanged. An approval of our planning application is our route to unlocking the residential land value of the Furlong Road site that the trustees would then need to sell. We expect the proceeds of this sale will provide the majority of the funding for the new community building and we have a clear strategy to secure top-up grant funding for this building project.

## **Shorter-term Fundraising and Community Support**

It is a priority for the trustees that we maintain funds for the operation and management of the Village Hall to ensure that it remains open for business until we replace the building. We need to raise £6,000 in 2024 to replenish our

**Lawn Mowing**  
**Lawn Treatments**  
**Garden Tidy Ups**  
**Turfing**  
**Hedge Cutting**  
**Pressure washing**

**Phil's Mowing**  
 DORKING

Dorking and surrounding areas  
**07905 160765**  
[phil@philsmowingdorking.co.uk](mailto:phil@philsmowingdorking.co.uk)

## Sherlock Funeral Service

130-year-old, independent,  
 family business.

- Funeral Directors & Monumental Masons
- Private Service Chapel & Rest Rooms
- Home visits if required
- Pre-paid Funeral Plans

Trellis House  
 190 South Street  
 Dorking RH4 2ES  
 T: 01306 882266  
 E: [office@sherlockandsons.co.uk](mailto:office@sherlockandsons.co.uk)



Sherlock Funeral Service  
 is a part of Stoneman  
 Funeral Service as of  
 2010.



**Anthony Wakefield & Company**  
*Fine Art & General Insurance Brokers*

**01306 740 555**

**With you every step  
 of the way**

- ✓ Home and Household
- ✓ Business
- ✓ Listed Buildings
- ✓ Valuables, Antiques & Art

[www.anthonywakefield.com](http://www.anthonywakefield.com)

Anthony Wakefield & Company Ltd is authorised & regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority with reference: 307545.  
 Company number: 01756254. Our registered office is 4 Guildford Road, Westcott, Surrey RH4 3NR.

# WESTCOTT VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



operational fund to a prudent level. To raise money the trustees held a Table Top sale on Saturday 18th April, and there is still time to get involved in the Quiz night on Saturday 18th May and the Rock Choir night on Friday 7th June. Adverts are in the village magazine with QR codes for online ticket purchases.

These fundraising events are really important for us. We will use all money raised to maintain and operate the current village hall. The fund-raising events will also be used to demonstrate to external funding organisations that the village is engaged and part of this process. You can help us by getting involved and supporting us by buying tickets. Alternatively, please feel free to book the hall for your own event!



**Sally Hewetson**  
Interim Chair

Bring your Teddy to Abinger Hammer on 6th May and join all the bears that have gone down to the woods today for a picnic and lots of family fun!

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY  
6<sup>TH</sup> MAY | 12-4PM  
ABINGER HAMMER STREAM**

**THE 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
TEDDY BEARS'  
PICNIC**

Teddy Bear Competition • Duck Races • Face Painting  
BBQ • Bouncy Castle • Tea & Cakes • lots more!

[f /Teddy-Bears-Picnic-Abinger-Hammer](#)

Surrey Hills Peaslake Primary School  
Charity number 1039412 & 1137546

# J.CASEY DECORATING & BUILDING SERVICES

PAINTING/PLASTERING/TILING/  
PLUMBING/CARPENTRY & GENERAL  
REFURB

Office 07733 452 904

Email [jcdbs15@gmail.com](mailto:jcdbs15@gmail.com)



**RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL  
AGRICULTURAL • SCHOOLS • ACOUSTIC  
HOARDING • GATES • SECURITY**

**RICHARDSON & BRADS FENCING LTD**

**T: 01306 640 143 - 01483 414 745**

**E: [INFO@RBFENCINGLTD.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@RBFENCINGLTD.CO.UK)**

**W: [WWW.RBFENCINGLTD.CO.UK](http://WWW.RBFENCINGLTD.CO.UK)**

**A: 168 SOUTH STREET, DORKING, SURREY, RH4 2ES**



## The Cuckoo

Identifying birds by their songs can be tricky; but you know at least one – the male cuckoo, which calls its name across our local commons in early summer. The female voice is an excited trilling also described as bubbling. As April arrivals with a distinctive call “Cuck – Koo” and the habit of conning other smaller birds into rearing its chicks, the cuckoo has a major place in our folklore. From letters to the Times, music by Delius and the old country saying ‘The hawk never strikes when the cuckoo calls’, it is known even to those with little interest in wildlife.



A slim, grey, long-tailed bird with a small head, its general appearance can be confused with a hawk. It perches almost horizontally and flies with very rapid shallow wingbeats, often low and far. Many mornings on Bookham Common I've hopefully watched a fly past only to have the

bird disappear in the distance before landing. On Thursley Common, a more obliging bird had been encouraged by photographers who fed him and over the past eleven years had become known as Colin. Unfortunately Colin didn't make it back to Thursley last spring but perhaps another male will take over this well fed spot.

Cuckoo are in trouble, almost certainly from changing climate and habitats on their long migrations to tropical Africa. The availability of satellite tracking kit small enough to attach to birds has told us a lot more about the journeys these birds make. You can follow the journeys and discover a lot more about cuckoos at <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/cuckoo-tracking-project>

RSPB Dorking and District Local Group covers the local area (including Dorking, Leatherhead, Bookham, Epsom and Ewell). We offer regular walks, both at weekends and midweek and meetings in person and online to provide the chance to learn more about nature in a friendly way. Check out our activities on Facebook @ “RSPB Dorking and District” or our website <https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/groups/dorkinganddistrict/>

**Jonathan Groves**



Faye and her team are friendly, reliable cleaners who can solve all your household chores.

Working in Westcott for 12 years.  
Local references available.

**Phone 07590 276238**

## Becky's Professional Dog Grooming

City & Guilds Qualified



- Bathing
- Clipping
- Nails
- Stripping



Beare Green, Dorking

**Becky Robinson - 07739 263244**  
[www.doggroomingdorking.co.uk](http://www.doggroomingdorking.co.uk)

# ACQUIS

Chartered Accountants

ACCOUNTANCY AND TAXATION ADVICE

TAILORED PACKAGES FOR NEW BUSINESSES

HELP WITH YOUR PERSONAL TAX

*A small and caring professional team delivering dependable service and peace of mind*

For more information please contact us on

**01306 881884** or email [info@acquis.co.uk](mailto:info@acquis.co.uk)

The Atrium • Curtis Road • Dorking • Surrey • RH4 1XA



[www.acquis.co.uk](http://www.acquis.co.uk)



## DO YOU HAVE A PEST PROBLEM?

Our technicians are fully trained in the removal of:

**RATS • MICE • WASPS • SQUIRRELS  
FLIES • MOLES • COCKROACHES**  
for

Domestic & Commercial, Schools,  
Housing Associations & Agriculture

Call **FREE** on **01483 203823**

**LICENSED WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

[info@emwoodpestcontrol.com](mailto:info@emwoodpestcontrol.com)  
[www.emwoodpestcontrol.com](http://www.emwoodpestcontrol.com)



## A-Star Taxis

**01306 882299**  
[info@astartaxi.co.uk](mailto:info@astartaxi.co.uk)

**ALL OCCASIONS  
ANY LOCATION**



**AIRPORTS ★ HOTELS ★ PUBS ★ RESIDENTIAL  
CLUBS ★ 7 SEATER ★ 6 SEATER ★ ESTATE  
SALOON ★ PRESTIGE ★ WHEELCHAIR ACCESS**

## IRONING SERVICE

**No time for ironing?**

Let us help with our friendly ironing services

- Collection & delivery
- Quick turnaround
- Every care taken

Tel Jane on **01306 737176**  
or **07976 050 808**



[www.professionalironingservice.com](http://www.professionalironingservice.com)

# WESTCOTT HISTORY GROUP

## Air Ambulance: Kent Surrey and Sussex



On Tuesday 12th March Keith Smith (a KSS Volunteer) gave us an illustrated talk about the activities of the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Charity based at Redhill aerodrome. He said there were 21 similar organisations in the UK and this organisation compares with the best in Europe. It has 150 volunteers like him to support the charity and three helicopters with professional operating staff of 12-18 pilots and 25 maintenance experts. Their concern is 'saving lives and ensuring the best possible outcome of every incident'.

The charity started in Kent, and Surrey and Sussex joined it in 2007. Training takes place at the Redhill base. The aerodrome began operations with the Redhill Flying Club in 1933 and after WWII Bristow Helicopters established a large base here between 1960-1999 when they were involved in North Sea operations. During the war from 1937 to 1946 the RAF used it for training and operations. Several squadrons

of Spitfires were based here as well as supporting aircraft. It has several grass runways and one hard runway of a little under one kilometre as well as a helicopter landing pad and associated hangars. Applications to extend the runways have always been refused.

As well as Redhill there are bases at Cox Hill and Rochester with the dispatcher organisation at Gillingham. They serve a population of 4.8 million in this area and some 9 million including transient travellers. In 2023 they responded to 3300 emergency incidents of which just over 2000 were taken to hospital, meaning 9 incidents on average every day.

They have three AW169 helicopters to ensure that there are always two available in service and they fly with two pilots, a doctor and a paramedic. The pilots are not employees of the charity – the doctors serve for about 6 to 9 months at a time and the paramedics for 3 to 4 years. The helicopters can fly at 70 mph, important bearing in mind that their job is saving lives when every second counts. The helicopters can fly in automatic mode in bad weather over the South Downs back to Redhill and can reach any part of Kent, Surrey or Sussex in under 30 minutes. Keith displayed a map covering the four counties showing the location of all the recent incidents which illustrated the wide area of operations. The



# SHERE KITCHENS

## Bespoke... Naturally

Every Shere Kitchen is unique and built to last. We work collaboratively with each client to develop a truly bespoke design. Beautiful materials are blended with fine craftsmanship at our workshop. Extensions, new builds or listed buildings.

**Contact us to arrange a complimentary consultation.**

T 01483 202 143

M 07506 699 887

[www.sherekitchens.co.uk](http://www.sherekitchens.co.uk)

BESPOKE · NATURALLY

Celebrate  
170 YEARS

GROWING WATERCRESS

Join us around the pond for a  
day of watercress fun!

SATURDAY | MAY 11 | 10AM - 4PM

[kingfisherfarmshop.com/surrey-day](http://kingfisherfarmshop.com/surrey-day)



*'Kingfisher'*

Farm Shop  
Flower Shop



## WESTCOTT HISTORY GROUP (cont.)



charity also has 4 Volvo XC90 cars for rapid response where needed.



The types of incident to which they responded in 2023 can be listed as follows:- 28% road traffic accidents, 28% medical emergencies, 20% accidents, 9% assault cases, 8% self-harm (intentional) cases, 2% sport and leisure and 1% transfer between hospitals working with the NHS.

They are trying to develop their aviation ambulance capability all the time and have weekly meetings to try and progress this policy. When the helicopter is on the ground they can carry out operations including Medfield Brain Scanner, whole blood transfer and others. They are also working on developing patient and family after care service.

The charity spends some £18.8 million per year to provide their life-saving service. Of this total some 88% is raised from public

contributions. You are encouraged to make a contribution to their website at [www.aaks.org.uk](http://www.aaks.org.uk), or scan the QR code below.

Our next event will be a talk by David Rose on 'Surrey Villages, Past and Present' on Tuesday 21st May at our usual venue in St Johns Church Hall at 8pm. The WLHG committee encourages suggestions for talks and relevant articles from the members. Contact by email at [westcottlocalhistory@gmail.com](mailto:westcottlocalhistory@gmail.com) and for local information at our website – [www.westcottlocalhistory.org](http://www.westcottlocalhistory.org)

**Roger Christian**

**KSS**  
AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY  
KENT SURREY SUSSEX

**URGENT APPEAL**  
WE NEED YOUR HELP MORE THAN EVER

**HELP US BUY IT FOR LIFE**  
For family. For friends. For life.

Help us raise the final £1 million we need to buy our air ambulance so we can save even more lives

**Please donate today**  
SCAN the QR code to donate  
VISIT [aaks.org.uk/helicopter](http://aaks.org.uk/helicopter)  
CALL 0330 002 1842

FR Incorporated in the UK REGULATED Registered Charity No. 1021367

SCAN TO DONATE ONLINE

# remedial roofing

• provided or intended for people with roof issues and deficiencies.  
"remedial roofing"

We specialise in:

New roofs,  
slate & tiled roof  
specialists

All roof repairs,  
moss removal &  
gutter clearance

Flat roofs,  
traditional felt &  
GRP fibreglass

New uPVC  
Fascia, soffit &  
guttering

ALL WORK  
GUARANTEED



Recommended, vetted & monitored local traders and service providers. Recommended by previous customers, vetted by Checkatrade, monitored via customer feedback. Obtain an up-to-date report of remedial roofing on [www.checkatrade.com](http://www.checkatrade.com)

Average Score 10/10

**Checkatrade**  
Where reputation matters

**Confederation of Roofing Contractors**  
The Premier Roofing Trade Association in the UK

**All Members Offer**  
Insurance Backed Guarantees

APPROVED MEMBER

Call us today for a FREE quotation on:

01306 304736 | 07852 833802

info@remedialroofing.co.uk

www.remedialroofing.co.uk

**SURREY**  
**TRADING STANDARDS**  
APPROVED

## SOFT INTERIORS BY JOSEPHINE

BESPOKE HIGH  
QUALITY CURTAINS, ROMAN BLINDS AND  
SOFT FURNISHINGS

PERSONAL AND FRIENDLY ADVICE ON  
DESIGN

FITTING SERVICE AVAILABLE

TELEPHONE: 01306 644802 (Home)

07767 771777 (Mobile)

EMAIL: [josofteriors@gmail.com](mailto:josofteriors@gmail.com)

**BUY, SELL or LET**  
your property with...



Local People • Local Knowledge • Local Experts

**Seymours Dorking**

**01306 776674**

[sales@seymours-dorking.co.uk](mailto:sales@seymours-dorking.co.uk)

[lettings@seymours-dorking.co.uk](mailto:lettings@seymours-dorking.co.uk)

27 South Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2JZ

[www.seymours-estates.co.uk](http://www.seymours-estates.co.uk)

www.primelocation.com

zoopla

rightmove

estate agent

agent

agent

# Westcott 100 Club

The Westcott 100 Club held its 34th quarterly draw at St John's Chapel after the Westcott Local History Group's talk on 12th March. The speaker, Keith Smith from Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex did the honours. The winning numbers are 127 (£112.50) and 125 (£56.25).

Since our first draw in December 2015, we have awarded nearly £8,000 in prizes and donated over £10,000 in grants to good causes in the village. Our next draw will be held in June.

We have further funds available for the next round of applications. It's open to any Westcott club, society or individual – just give us a shout and we'll be happy to have a discussion with you.

For more information on joining the scheme or for the process for applying for funds from the scheme, please email us at [westcott.100.club@gmail.com](mailto:westcott.100.club@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Alda Andreotti (Chair),  
Edwin Harland (Treasurer),  
Richard Packer (Secretary)*

*The Westcott 100 Club is a Small Society Lottery registered with Mole Valley DC no. 48965.*

## STRONG IN BODY AND MIND



**1-2-1 PERSONAL TRAINING**  
in Westcott and the Surrey Hills

**YOU  
CAN**

**GET** fitter, stronger and healthier  
**FEEL** more energised and resilient  
**BE** motivated and supported



- Private gym
- Bespoke training programmes
- FREE initial consultation

CONTACT:

📞 07940 540224

✉ hello@msptfitness.com

[www.msptfitness.com](http://www.msptfitness.com)

Take charge  
of your health  
and well-being  
**TODAY!**



**HANNAH SCHELLANDER**  
CLINICAL HYPNOTHERAPY & TRAUMA THERAPY

**ANXIETY & PANIC ATTACKS**

**FEARS & PHOBIAS**

**TRAUMA & PTSD**

**CONFIDENCE**

**SLEEP PROBLEMS**

**UNWANTED HABITS**

**WEIGHT MANAGEMENT**

07846 508117

[WWW.HANNAHSCHELLANDER.COM](http://WWW.HANNAHSCHELLANDER.COM)



**BRAMLEY**  
EST. **HOUSE** 1984

RESIDENTIAL REST HOME

Westcott Street, Westcott  
Dorking RH4 3NX



Bramley House is a residential home from home set in beautiful grounds nestled in the heart of the Surrey Hills. We pride ourselves on tailoring to all levels of residential care needs from respite breaks and companionship reasons through to dementia and more complex requirements.

- 24 hour care and support
- 16 delightful rooms
- Friendly caring staff
- Freshly prepared meals
- Permanent & respite stay
- Varied activities and outings

Tel: 01306 740003 • Email: [info@bramleyhouse.net](mailto:info@bramleyhouse.net)  
Web: [www.bramleyhouse.net](http://www.bramleyhouse.net)





## MUSIC IN DORKING



1st at 6.45, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £19, 01306 881717

5th at 2.00, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £19, 01306 881717

11th at 7.30, cello & piano at Dorking Halls, £21-26, 01306 740619

18th at 5.30, Dorking Chamber Orchestra at St Nicolas's church, Bookham, £15

22nd at 7.15, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £19, 01306 881717

25th at 7.30, Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall, £16

The highlight of the month will undoubtedly be the final concert of the season for the Dorking Concertgoers – a recital by Sheku and Isata Kanneh-Mason, the distinguished cellist and pianist. Brother and sister Sheku and Isata come from an extraordinary musical family which has been much in the news and they need no introduction. Their programme is an ambitious one, comprising four major cello sonatas by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Chopin and Fauré. Perhaps not surprisingly, this concert was sold out long ago.

The Dorking Chamber Orchestra, performing in Bookham, has a programme of melodious music to celebrate the spring. They open with Fauré's *Pavane* and follow this with Mozart's lovely clarinet concerto with Andrew Meredith as the soloist. The second half begins with Schubert's ballet music for *Rosamunde* and concludes with one of Mozart's finest symphonies, *no.40 in G minor*.

The Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra, playing in Ashted, opens its programme with Wagner's *Siegfried Idyll*, a lovely short work using themes from his opera *Siegfried* and written as a birthday greeting for his wife. Then comes Richard Strauss's first horn concerto, a brilliant and virtuosic early work, and the concert finishes with Gounod's first symphony, rarely heard but a delightful piece.

The Dorking Halls has two screenings of Bizet's opera *Carmen* from the Royal Opera House, the first being a live relay, and also a screening of a ballet, *The Winter's Tale*, from the Royal Ballet with music by Joby Talbot.

**Ian Codd**



# WESTCOTT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
at  
The Village Hall  
10.30 - 12.00 midday*



*Tea or Cafetiere Coffee and Biscuit £1.50  
Jigsaws and Books £1.00 each  
also  
Sandra's delicious cakes*



*Do come and join us*



Residential Architects and Interior Designers with offices in Westcott, Surrey and Hove, East Sussex

We work hard to apply a wealth of experience to residential projects with design flair and bespoke solutions. What makes us unique is our passion for high quality architecture that is both beautiful and sustainable.

Contact:

[www.lcmarchitects.co.uk](http://www.lcmarchitects.co.uk)

[info@lcmarchitects.co.uk](mailto:info@lcmarchitects.co.uk)

Westcott Office  
Tel: 0777 7656034

Brighton/Hove Office  
Tel: 0794 6682103



# LCM

## Architects

# ABINGER NURSERY

If ever you were looking for the original children's entertainer, story teller and mesmeriser then that would be the star of our Tuesday afternoons – the one and only Dena. The made up songs and rhymes and jiggly fingers just captured our imaginations every time we sat to listen. And the nurturing helping hand and guidance of someone who has a wealth of experience in childcare was second to none. We will miss you Dena! Thank you so much for the years of hard work and fun you gave us. Keep popping in!!



eggs and eager children! A spread worthy of Prue Leith and a Paul Hollywood handshake was entered so thank you to all our Star Bakers and Judges. Thank you also to everyone who contributed and came along to have fun and raise important funds to support our learning journeys.



We held a delicious tea party to wish Dena well and feasted on homemade (well of course!) scones as a treat. Not the first baking event of the year what with the super success of another Great Abinger Bake Off taking place. The rain managed to stay mostly away



and the chocolate Tombola was brimming with bunnies,

Our Vegetable Patch in the pub has been visited by our green (or mainly brown) fingers recently in preparation for growing season. There is lots of very important digging and weeding to be done which we enjoy immensely and can't wait to get stuck in with the planting. Thank you once again to the Abinger Hatch for this perfect patch – we hope to produce the lushest of veggies this year!!

If you have a child looking to start Nursery please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please call 07842 978823 or email [abingercommonnursery@gmail.com](mailto:abingercommonnursery@gmail.com) We can't wait to show you around!

**Kate Fairbrass**



*Dorking Group of Artists  
Spring Exhibition:*

*Betchworth Village Hall, Station Rd,  
Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7DF*

*Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th May 10:00 - 17:00,  
Monday May 6th 10:00 - 16:00*



*The Dorking Group of Artists, are delighted to be returning to Betchworth Village Hall for their popular Spring exhibition. The original art in our exhibition is all for sale at affordable prices and the paintings demonstrate a wide range of different subjects, styles and media. Entrance to the exhibition is free. Betchworth Village Hall is opposite Knights Garden Centre.*

*For more information see [www.dga.org.uk](http://www.dga.org.uk),  
Facebook @dga4art, or [contact@dga.org.uk](mailto:contact@dga.org.uk).*

*Angela Hall, Chair, Dorking Group of Artists  
Email: [jackycowdrey@hotmail.com](mailto:jackycowdrey@hotmail.com)*



# DORI VANA PLUMBING

Bathroom renovations  
and all plumbing services



07977 220465 / 01306 887282  
[dvanaplumbing@gmail.com](mailto:dvanaplumbing@gmail.com)

## THE COLDHARBOUR VILLAGE FETE



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**2.00 p.m. at the**

**Coldharbour Memorial Ground**

Live Music, Punch & Judy, Tug-o-War,  
Magic Show, Raffle, Face Painting, Gifts,  
Books, Produce, Tombola, Fun Games,  
Teas, Beer, Pimms, BBQ  
Fun Dog Show



Lots of Fun for Everyone

RH5 6HF



## Bees



parading around the playground.

Just a small sample of our fabulous Easter Bonnet designs, Bees enjoyed showing parents their amazing creations while

## Butterflies

Butterflies have really enjoyed finding out all about the history of toys. We started with a workshop from Horsham Museum where we were able to investigate a whole range of artefacts. We were especially fascinated by a doll made out of wax (super creepy was the general conclusion!) and Meccano, which was marketed as just for boys! We have learnt how toys have changed over the past 100 years and thought about what kind of toys are more environmentally friendly. We then designed and made



hand puppets and are super proud of the results! Thank you to everyone who came in to help us sew - we couldn't do it without you!

## Hedgehogs



Hedgehogs had a brilliant day at Hever Castle! They started their day with a tour of the Italian gardens where they learnt about lots of different statues

and Roman structures. They then made their own Aqueducts out of tubes and blocks. At lunch time, we were joined by some friendly ducks!



After lunch we had chance to explore the maze (several times!), go inside the castle and even visit the playgrounds.

## Rabbits

We have had a fantastic month in Rabbits class, we have been busy at forest school, making sling shot cars, writing letters and learning about fractions and decimals! The children have absolutely loved their forest school sessions. They have been very engaged with den building, looking at a range of habitats, fire starting and melting marshmallows! As well as this, our DT project this half term has been to



# Westcott Village Hall

1 Institute Road, RH4 3NP

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Doors open 6:45pm

Bar & Raffle

Tickets  
£15

Profits go to the  
Westcott Village  
Hall  
Development  
Fund

Book via



QR code

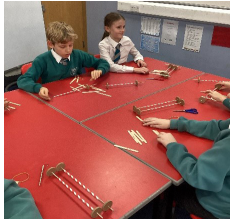
Link <https://WVHQuizNight.eventbrite.com>

Or pop in at Jon and Mum



Westcott  
Village Hall

design and make sling shot cars. They each carefully considered their designs and have now put them together with extra care, ready for our races.



They also worked very hard on writing letters to our local community, letting them know that we were going to be floating paper boats down the Milton Street stream after the Easter holidays. They have also now completed their maths units on fractions and decimals, which they all worked incredibly hard on.

## Owls and Otters



Children in Years 5 and 6 (Owls and Otters Class) carried out Geography Fieldwork on the Milton Brook.

We measured width, average depth and speed as well as recording river processes and features at two sites to compare the difference between an artificially straightened stream and a natural stream. We considered the effect the



straightening of the channel would have on flooding and interviewed a local resident about this. Once back in class, we drew cross sections of the channels at both sites so we could compare the shape and size of the channel more easily.

## World Book Day

Everyone had a great time on World Book Day this year.



As usual, children and adults were invited to dress as a character from a book. In addition, children brought in a 'story in a jar' to share with their class. Children were able to showcase their jar to the class and explain why they had put the various items in their jar to represent their chosen book. A winner from each class won a £5 book token and the jars are now displayed in the classes or in the library. Children were also invited to bring in a book that they no longer wanted and to swap it with another one. On the Monday preceding World Book Day, we launched a 'class to class' book which was created over the week and read out in the celebration worship that week. It was interesting to see how a simple picture of two children climbing over a mountain or hill inspired such a detailed story.

**Mrs Fyson**  
**Headteacher**



A club FOR everyone



TENNIS ● SQUASH ● GYM ● SOCIAL

DORKING LAWN TENNIS  
& SQUASH CLUB

[www.dltsc.co.uk](http://www.dltsc.co.uk)

e: [enquiries@dltsc.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@dltsc.co.uk)

t: 01306 889009

Ridgeway Road, Dorking RH4 3AT



MAIN SPONSOR

JACKSON-STOPS





I was very grateful to the Village Association for inviting me to talk about a new initiative in Mole Valley. A small team of enthusiastic and socially minded volunteers has been put together to set up the *Mole Valley Community Fund (MVCF)*. This is part of the Community Foundation for Surrey (a registered charity) which is one of 47 Community Foundations across the country set up over the last 20 years. It has been one of the fastest growing philanthropic movements in the country and has generated many thousands of pounds which have been used to improve the lives of individuals within local communities.

In simple terms MVCF aims to raise money from companies and organisations, individuals, families and trust funds to establish an Area Fund which will then be used to support grant applications from within the local community to support or launch local projects. Within Surrey there are some long established Community Funds, including Guildford, who in the last 10 years have raised £1.3m with a further £0.75m in endowment investments. In the first three months of this year MVCF has raised £12,500 – a good start, but with a long way to go before we can claim to be changing the lives of residents within the area.

In order to get this new initiative off the ground we need your help;

- We need volunteers who have

Marketing and Communications skills to set up and manage our social media, and volunteers who have a commercial background to generate corporate sponsors.

- We need people who are willing to give their time and talents to help organise fund raising events; and
- We need as many people as possible to spread the word about what we are setting up and hope to achieve.

Without the necessary funds to support Grant Applications none of this will be possible, and so we also need the community to find ways of generating an income stream for the Fund. We are fortunate to live in an affluent part of the country, but we also have a need to fund some fantastic projects which will change the lives of adults and young people alike. Encouraging business contacts, family and friends to consider giving to the MCVF is something we can all play a part in. The QR code will take you to the Community Foundation for Surrey website where there is much more information.

Please go online to learn more about supporting the fund and applications for grants.



If you would like to talk to me, please contact me at [timway.westcott@gmail.com](mailto:timway.westcott@gmail.com).

**Tim Way**



# Westcott Village Hall

## The Perfect Venue for any event

The Westcott Village Hall, previously the Reading Room, is in the heart of the village of Westcott, in the Surrey Hills close to Dorking. It is a flexible space with diverse amenities available for hosting classes, meetings and functions.

### About the venue:

- 1 x large hall (100 pax)
- 1 x meeting room (8 pax)
- Drop down projector screen
- Modern audio system
- Wi-Fi
- Male and female cloak rooms
- High capacity gas heating
- Large car park onsite

### Hire rates:

- Mornings - £19 - £32
- Afternoons - £24 - £61
- Evenings - £35 - £69
- Kitchen (fully equipped) - £25
- Sale of alcohol licence - £20

Mobile: 07967 286636

Email: [info@westcottvillagehall.com](mailto:info@westcottvillagehall.com)

[www.westcottvillagehall.com](http://www.westcottvillagehall.com)

# SPRING FLOWERS



This picture was taken by James Friend between Westcott and Wotton, I do love a forget-me-not, even as they take over my garden!



These photos of Deerleap (above) and The Burrell (left) were taken by Melanie Jane Banner and prove that spring is definitely here with a flurry of white petals!

# Dorking Decorators

PROFESSIONAL PAINTERS & DECORATORS

Established Local Family Business

- Over 20 Years Experience
- Internal & External
- Commercial & Domestic
- Friendly, First Class Service
- Surrey / Sussex / Greater London



**01306 640418**

[www.dorkingdecorators.co.uk](http://www.dorkingdecorators.co.uk)



Surrey Downs Tree Care is based in Westcott with over 30 years of experience

All aspects of tree care and hedge management undertaken

Contact us on 01306 875146 or 07855232552

Email [Surreydownstc@gmail.com](mailto:Surreydownstc@gmail.com)

• Quality Flowers • Personal Service • Customer Satisfaction •

## FLOWERS by ELAINE

• Wedding Specialists •

- Qualified Florists • Fresh Flowers & Plants • Local Delivery •
- Varied Gift Selection • Corporate Functions • Special Occasions •
- Funeral Tribute Specialists • Interflora Worldwide •

66 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1AY  
T: 01306 883511 • E: [fbe@btconnect.com](mailto:fbe@btconnect.com)  
[www.flowersbyelaine.co.uk](http://www.flowersbyelaine.co.uk)

# WESTCOTT GARAGE

Guildford Road • Westcott RH4 3QE

**01306 885379**

- ⊗ Friendly village garage
- ⊗ Superb service
- ⊗ Good value
- ⊗ MoT's arranged
- ⊗ Member of Guild of Master Craftsmen





## DORKING MUSEUM

### **A Call to Arms: The History of the Surrey Yeomanry:**

There is a last chance to see the Museum's current exhibition, which follows the history of the Surrey Yeomanry from its original formation as a voluntary unit in 1794 during the war against Revolutionary France. It was based in Dorking during the First World War, when many of its members served in India and the Middle East.



The exhibition includes historic uniform jackets, weaponry and profiles of some who served. The exhibition will close on 25th May.

### **Sweeping Through History: 100 years of Johnston Sweepers:**

Opening on 30th May, the Museum's new exhibition celebrates the 100th anniversary of Johnston Brothers moving to Dorking. Over the past 100 years the company has employed many local people, becoming a world leading designer and manufacturer of truck-mounted road sweepers with machines in 120 countries around the world all produced in Dorking: an essential tool in the battle to keep our environment clean. It was acquired by Bucher Industries in 2005. The exhibition tells the Johnston story

and the company's connections to the industrial history of Dorking.

### **Family Activities at Dorking Library:**

*Tuesday 28th May, 10am-noon:* for Local and Community History Month, families are invited to come and put objects from the Museum in age order and guess what the mystery items were used for (aimed at 4–11-year-olds). *Thursday 30th May, 10am-1pm:* *Spy School:* The secrets of the World War 2 spies revealed.

Send a message in Morse code, make invisible



ink, create hidden maps and a home-made compass. Try secret disguises and camouflage. Includes an exhibition (aimed at all ages) about a World War 2 secret spy school on Box Hill. Both are held at Dorking Library, St Martin's Walk.

### **Walking in Dorking:**

The Museum's popular programme of guided walks. On the edge of town, a Betchworth Castle tour includes exclusive access to the Castle enclosure: Sunday 12th May, 2pm, from the gateway opposite Hillier garden centre on the A25 Reigate Road. The Deepdene Trail walk takes in the grotto, woodland walks, parterre and temple, and offers exclusive access to the grade 2\* listed Hope family Mausoleum: Sunday 19th May, 2pm, from Dorking Golf Club clubhouse.



## Strength & wisdom in law & business since 1848

---

We are a multi-office Law Firm servicing the needs of our clients throughout London, the South East, across the United Kingdom and Worldwide.

Family & Divorce Law

Media Law

Litigation & Mediation

Employment Law

Private Client

Property

Crisis Management

Reputation Protection

Company Corporate

Fraud & Private Crime

---



**Branch offices in: -**

Dorking | Soho | Camberwell Green | Chigwell

**Switchboard:** 01306 884432

**[www.meaby.co.uk](http://www.meaby.co.uk)**

 @MeabyandCo  meaby-&-co  MeabyandCo

## DORKING MUSEUM (cont.)

In the town centre, starting at the Museum, see Dorking as you have never seen it before on the guided walk of Hidden Historic Dorking: Sunday 12th May, 11am. The Family Treasure Hunt for young history detectives offers a prize for all participating children: Tuesday 28th May, 2pm. The Blue Plaques and Statues walk tells of famous people



who lived or were active in Dorking, revealing a diverse range of interests and

achievements across more than two centuries: Sunday 12th May, 2pm, from opposite Dorking Halls.

All walks should be booked in advance at [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/). Walks may also be arranged for private groups: see website for details, enquiries and group booking.

**South Street Cavestours:** One of Dorking's most popular attractions, the 17th century South Street Caves lie beneath Dorking's busy streets, complete with graffiti carved into the walls, the oldest dating back to 1666. A series of staircases, galleries, wine



vaults and chambers lead down to the 'Mystery Chamber', 50 feet below street level. Guided tours on the last Saturday of each month: 25th May, tours start at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm, lasting 45 minutes, led by a trained guide. For details and open day bookings see [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/south-street-caves/](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/south-street-caves/). Private group bookings may also be made.

**Get involved:** The Museum is looking for new volunteers who can spare a few hours a month at the front desk or in a range of other roles with flexible working in the Museum, in the community or from home. Current opportunities in events, digital communications / website, school / youth visits, artefacts and recruitment and training. See [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities) for further details.

**Enhance your visit:** Explore more ways to enjoy Dorking Museum from anywhere, anytime with Bloomberg Connects, the free arts and culture app. Use the app to find out more about our collection. The QR code at the Museum or on [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/digital-guide/](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/digital-guide/) will take you straight to our beautiful guide.

Dorking Museum, 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. Open Thursdays 1pm-4pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10am-4pm, free entry. [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk). 01306 876591.

# JAZZ2

SOPHISTICATED DINNER JAZZ



## THE BEST OF SOPHISTICATED, MELODIC JAZZ

*Add a little musical magic to your garden party/ anniversary/charity event or any kind of celebration, indoors or outdoors....*

Featuring **Ralph Sutton** (piano) **Cathy Williams** (vocals), let JAZZ2 entertain you and your guests with the best in sophisticated, melodic jazz....

### Past Performances:

- ❖ Polesden Lacey Lazy Summer Sunday Jazz Afternoons
- ❖ Denbies Wine Estate
- ❖ 8-year residency at Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London
- ❖ Hilton Hotel, BT Tower, National Portrait Gallery, and many others in London

Music is great, sound quality is excellent, fees are very reasonable.....why wait?

Just call or email me for a chat about your requirements



[WWW.JAZZ2.COM](http://WWW.JAZZ2.COM)

RALPH SUTTON: 01306 886826 OR 07836 275102  
EMAIL AT [RALPH@JAZZ2.COM](mailto:RALPH@JAZZ2.COM)



## Ambient Electrical Services

- New electrical installations
- Lighting design / installations
- Full and partial reviews
- Consumer units upgrades
- Security / Garden lighting
- Smoke alarm installations
- Additions and alterations
- Electrical installation condition reports



[Checkatrade.com](http://Checkatrade.com)  
Where reputation matters



Office: 01306 252100 | Mobile: 07502 264108

Email: [mjsyred@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mjsyred@yahoo.co.uk) | [www.ambientelectricalservices.co.uk](http://www.ambientelectricalservices.co.uk)



The Westcott Village Fair

**WEST** *fest*   
 **OLYMPICS**

**SUNDAY** **23<sup>rd</sup>** **TWENTY TWENTY FOUR**  
**JUNE**

**Cradhurst** *new extended times*   
**Recreation Ground** **11.30-4.30** **PM**

 **FUN RUN ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ PIZZA ★ BBQ ★ BARISTA COFFEE**  
**HOT DOGS ★ GIN ★ BEER ★ DOG AGILITY ★ FUN DOG SHOW**  
**ARTISAN STALLS ★ FLAG PARADE ★ COCONUT SHY ★**  
**FREE GAMES ★ SILENT AUCTION ★ STATIC BIKE CHALLENGE**  
**★ JAZZ ★ MAYPOLE DISPLAY ★ BOTTLE TOMBOLA ★ TEA & CAKE**

 [facebook.com/WESTfestSurrey](https://www.facebook.com/WESTfestSurrey) 

Free entry. No on site parking.

# Bullimores



Accountants for Life

**Tax • Accounts • Probate  
Inheritance Tax &  
Executorship**

**T: 01306 880880**

**E: [partners@bullimores.co.uk](mailto:partners@bullimores.co.uk)**

**W: [www.bullimores.co.uk](http://www.bullimores.co.uk)**

Bullimores LLP licensed to carry out the reserved legal activity of non-contentious probate in England & Wales by the ICAEW

*Things I love about May -  
more sunshine, the smell  
of newly mown grass,  
seeing my seedlings come  
up large enough to plant  
them out in the garden!*

## Building Plans

### For Home Improvements & Extensions

Many local projects completed  
Planning & Building Regulations Approvals  
Fast Efficient Service

*"Established over 30 years"*

**MICHAEL LLOYD**

CEng MICE MIHT

**Phone: 01483 205479 or 07958 791402**

**For free consultation**

# ECO LOGS

**Cut, split & seasoned hardwoods  
from local woodland restoration**

**Bulk grab bags & kindling  
delivered**

**[www.ecologs.net](http://www.ecologs.net)**

**01306 712850 07765 214647**

## J.A. JOINERY

TRADITIONAL CARPENTRY & JOINERY

FRIENDLY, RELIABLE AND TRUSTWORTHY  
FOR FREE ESTIMATES & ADVICE

CALL JAMES ON

HOME: 01306 621193

MOB: 07989 585707

EMAIL: [james@aylingjoinery.co.uk](mailto:james@aylingjoinery.co.uk)

**[www.aylingjoinery.co.uk](http://www.aylingjoinery.co.uk)**



## LOCAL PAINTING AND DECORATING COMPANY

House Painting \* Windows \* Doors \*  
Ceilings \* Walls \* Frames  
Paper Hanging

*SURREY TRADING STANDARDS APPROVED*

*FREE WRITTEN QUOTATIONS*

*FULL LIABILITY INSURANCE*



Proud members of  
**Checkatrade.com**  
Where reputation matters

**07876 130 016**

[jhmsmthrs@aol.com](mailto:jhmsmthrs@aol.com)

[jspaintingandbuildingservices.co.uk](http://jspaintingandbuildingservices.co.uk)

Tuesday 14th May 10.30am

Delacroix's Liberty is the title of the Art Society's May lecture and looks in detail at Delacroix's most iconic painting - Liberty Leading the People. Lecturer Daphne Lawson explores this powerful work, placing it at the heart of French Romanticism and its role in the aftermath of the July Revolution.



The talk will take place in the Martineau Hall, Dorking Halls with coffee available from 9.30 am. Visitors are welcome for a fee of £7.50 but please contact Sue Bax on 01737 223932 (email - [sue.bax1@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.bax1@btinternet.com)) to book as seating is limited. For more information and details of the forthcoming programme, please visit [www.theartsocietydorking.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietydorking.org.uk)

**FUN**

**RUN**



**WEST** *fest*  
OLYMPICS

**SUNDAY 23 JUNE**

2km or 5km routes

Get into the Olympic spirit!

Fun warm-up with DJ G-Man

Walk, jog or run the route

Finishers podium for your Insta pics!

Sign up [Facebook.com/westfestsurrey](https://www.facebook.com/westfestsurrey)



**YOU ARE INVITED TO**



**THE QUICK RESPONSE MEMORIAL WOODLAND**  
Pasturewood Road, Holmbury St Mary RH5 6LG  
(Registered Charity No: 1174651)

**SATURDAY 1ST JUNE at 12.30**

**We are Celebrating Our  
10th ANNIVERSARY**

**SINCE THE OPENING OF THE MEMORIAL WOODLAND**

A Commemoration Service will also take place to honour the loved ones, and friends of a number of Veterans namely:

**John Newman WOII 2nd Bn Queen's Regt**

**Tony Earthy Drummer 3rd Bn Queen's Regt**

**John "Chad" Chapman Sgt 3rd Bn Queen's Regt**

**Eric Hensby WOII East Surrey Regt/6/7 Bn Queen's Regt**

**Martin Ferguson Sgt PWRR**

**Eddie Malpas Pte PWRR**

**Ken Furie WOII Queen's Regt/PWRR**

**John Wilson 3rd Bn Queen's Regt**

**Norman Cocking WO1 QOB/2nd Bn Queen's Regt**

**Professional classical singer Alexis Cooling-Hunt**

**Professional Piper Jock McCulloch**

**Guests of Honour: Lt.Col.Michael Rowney MBE and Blue Cooper BEM**

**BAR AND BBQ**

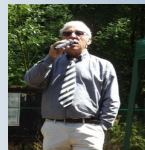
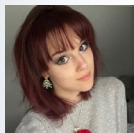
**RAFFLE, BOTTLE TOMBOLA**

**MERCHANDISE, CAKES AND CRAFTS**

**A NUMBER OF MILITARY VEHICLES WILL BE ON SHOW**

**REDHILL CORP OF DRUMS BAND**

**ENTERTAINMENT—VETERAN RODNEY DELL AND OTHERS TBA**



**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MEMORIAL FUND  
PLEASE BRING CASH AS CARDS DO NOT WORK IN THE WOODLAND**

Email : [qrmwcharity@gmail.com](mailto:qrmwcharity@gmail.com)

Tel: 07444094700

Facebook: QRMW Registered Charity 1174651

Web : [www.qrmw.org](http://www.qrmw.org)



We were so blessed when we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 24th March, after weeks of rain the day was bright and sunny and the atmosphere was amazing with so many parents and children enjoying themselves. The children had great fun with the new



Easter Egg Hunt we devised and the egg and spoon races were just great. The raffle was a great success as was the tombola, lucky dip and games and the BBQ was a great hit in the sunshine. An amazing £1011 (gross) was paid into the Memorial Fund to assist those Veterans in times of difficulty. A huge thanks goes to all those who donated eggs and raffle prizes and also to everyone who helped us make the event so successful on the day.

The woodland is looking so bright with green buds on trees and shrubs, everything is bursting into life and the birds are nesting in several of our bird boxes. One of our male pheasants sadly has an injury to his foot but it hasn't stopped him chasing the females who come to feed every day as soon as they hear my car pull into the car park.

So now it's full speed ahead with the organization of our 10th Anniversary

since the woodland officially opened which is taking place on Saturday 1st June. This is going to be a very special event and attended by a number of dignitaries as well as our local residents and veterans from all over the country. ALL are welcome to attend this event which will be really enjoyable commencing at 12.30 with the Redhill Band and Corp of Drums to get everyone in good spirits followed by a Commemoration Service for the families of 8 Veterans; saplings will be planted to honour them.

Professional Piper Jock McCulloch will play *Amazing Grace* at the end of the Service and my niece, a professional classical singer, will be singing *Ava Maria* and *Angelicus Cesar Franck*, which I know will be quite incredible under the canopy of the woodland. There will be a Pimms Stall, BBQ, Bottle Tombola and Grand Raffle, something for everyone. You must bring cash to spend because cards do not work in the memorial woodland! Parking will be at Bulmer Farm paddock and we will be running a shuttle service for the short journey between the Farm and the Woodland. Do put this date in your diaries, and I look forward to you joining us at the Memorial Woodland for what will be a day of reflection and celebration of life.

**Paul Cooling**  
**Chairman**

**The Quick Response Memorial Woodland**

**BRAY ESTATES**  
PROPERTY CONSULTANTS  
ESTD 1994

**CHARTERED SURVEYORS**

We are qualified and experienced chartered surveyors providing a personal tailored property consultancy service to our clients.

We are equally at home in town or country and have all the necessary expertise and adaptability to succeed in satisfying our clients' requirements.

- **Chartered Surveyors** - fully qualified and regulated
- **Property Managers** - commercial, estate, and unique market, charities act, probate, divorce, lending etc
- **Registered Valuers** -
- **Fixers** - solving issues, building defects, adding value, general advice



01306 740837

office@brayestates.co.uk | www.brayestates.co.uk



**Dave Ford Tree Care**  
Professional Arborists

Tree Felling | Pruning | Planting |  
Stump Grinding | Hedgerow  
Management | Emergency Work |

Contact us for a free quotation:

T: 01306 888 441

E: info@davefordtreecare.co.uk

www.davefordtreecare.co.uk



**PAS Financial & Mortgage Solutions Ltd**

**For Mortgages and Protection**  
A local and friendly service, tailored to your needs based in Westcott



**T: 01306 881399 M: 07710 854040**

**E: paulstacey88@gmail.com**

28 Ashley Road • Westcott • Surrey • RH4 3QJ

PAS Financial & Mortgage Solutions Ltd is an Appointed Representative of Primis Mortgage Network which is a trading name of Advance Mortgage Funding Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

**M.F. Decorating & Building Maintenance**

We are a small family run business, second generation, with over 60 years experience, living and working locally in the village of Westcott



We follow all social distancing protocols

Our services include:

- Internal/external painting & decorating
- Wallpapering
- Building maintenance (internal & external)
- Plastering/plaster boarding
- Free estimates

For any enquiries please contact Adrian:  
Phone: 01306 882083 Mobile: 07958 712522  
Email: adrianfewings@googlemail.com

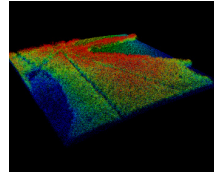


## Dorking Local History Group

The DLHG continues its popular programme of both live and Zoom talks on a fascinating range of topics. These are free to members, but non-members are welcome. Upcoming dates include:

- **Barnes Wallis's Civilian Inventions:** Live talk by Peter Hoar: best known for the 'bouncing bomb', most of Wallis's inventions were in civilian aircraft and communications technology. Monday 13th May at Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking RH4 3HB, 7.15 for 7.30pm, £2 at the door for non-members.

- **LiDAR in Surrey: its uses in archaeology:** Zoom talk: Anne Sassin explains Light Detection and Ranging and its revolutionising impact on Surrey archaeology. Monday 20th May, <https://www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup/>.



For further details of talks and other activities – or to join DLHG – go to <https://dlhg.org.uk>.



## Need Help with Information Technology?

If you are over 50 and live in the Mole Valley area, you can get help by using Age Concern's IT/Digital Learning sessions in either Dorking or Leatherhead. The sessions run on Tuesdays for 6 weeks.

Topics covered will include: browsing on the internet, keeping in touch, setting up and using your own email or Skype/Zoom accounts and how to shop on the internet, plus staying safe - all using your own Laptop/Smart phone/ iPad/Tablet, etc.

To register your interest please call 01306 899104 or 07442 017169, or by email [info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk](mailto:info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk)



Tracey's  
sewing room

Where beautiful things come  
together one stitch at a time

Haberdashery & Fabrics  
Sewing workshops  
Alterations  
Bespoke dress making  
Blinds, cushions & curtains

We are now open in Dorking

- Various Learn to Sew, Intermediate and Advanced Courses
- Bookings now available - we cater for all levels and ages
- Gift vouchers for sewing workshops or to spend in our shop

Visit us at No 1 North Street

Call Tracey on 07511079441

[www.traceyssewingroom.co.uk](http://www.traceyssewingroom.co.uk) [tracey@traceyssewingroom.co.uk](mailto:tracey@traceyssewingroom.co.uk)



Come & Visit

Pop Up . Lifestyle . Homewares  
Shopping Events

@curatedbydapperandsuave

[www.dapperandsuave.uk/curated-by](http://www.dapperandsuave.uk/curated-by)



Could you  
be a  
home care  
hero?

Home  
Counties  
Carers



Helping people at home



We are a close-knit family run Home Care provider.  
We are committed to providing our clients with a friendly & reliable service, with staff who genuinely care.

We greatly value our award-winning team of Home Care Heroes.  
We are looking for more Heroes to join our team now!

Are you friendly, reliable, trustworthy & competent?

Call Ros today on 07355 035 682

Or email [recruitment@homecountiescarers.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@homecountiescarers.co.uk)

[homecountiescarers.co.uk](http://homecountiescarers.co.uk)





# GREEN WESTCOTT

## Hedgerows – Nature’s Unsung Heroes

This Spring volunteers at Westcott Community Garden have been busy planting an edible ‘wild harvest’ hedge at St John’s churchyard. We applied to the Woodland Trust ‘Free trees for Schools and Communities’ programme and were fortunate to receive from them a variety of fruiting species: hazel; elder; dog rose; crabapple; rowan and blackthorn.



By planting this hedge we are hoping to help increase wildlife diversity in the churchyard, by providing shelter and a variety of flowers, nuts and berries for insects, birds and animals, as well as provide some foraging for us too! We are looking forward to learning how best to make good use of the harvests for preserves, jellies and drinks etc, whilst also doing our little bit to contribute towards increasing this important habitat.

### Why are hedgerows important?

Hedgerows - which are either single or multi-species hedges with incorporated features such as banks, walls, ditches or gateways - provide an important habitat for many species of plants and animals. Thick hedging provides



a good habitat for nesting birds and hibernating hedgehogs, while the base of a hedge gives shelter for small mammals, like dormice, and also for frogs and toads. The RSPB says that *“hedgerows may support up to 80% of our woodland birds, 50% of our mammals and 30% of our butterflies.”* Having a diversity of plant species that make up a hedgerow helps to support a greater variety of wildlife. Many declining species rely on them to survive. The hedgerows crisscrossing our countryside act as wildlife corridors, providing safe passage linking habitats together. *‘If the woods are the lungs of the land, the hedgerows are the arteries.’*

Richard Negus, working hedgelayer.



Hedgerows are important ‘pollution busters’, capturing carbon and absorbing other pollutants to help clean our air. They help prevent flooding and soil erosion by absorbing water and holding soil together.



# Get IT Fixed Get IT Connected

Expert Repair & Maintenance



**Call now on 01737 845980**

Brockham based. No call out charges.  
Fully transparent quotations with no hidden costs.

ChalkHill Systems  
[www.chalkhillsystems.co.uk](http://www.chalkhillsystems.co.uk)



We make technology work for you

## WT Exterior Cleaning

HONESTY • INTEGRITY • EXCELLENCE



BEFORE



AFTER

### JET-CLEANING

- Patio's
- Driveway's
- Roofs
- Decking
- Walls



BEFORE



AFTER

### GUTTERS CLEARED

Call William Tooth

OAP  
Discounts

**07984  
883 555**

Westcott, Dorking

Free  
Estimates

[www.wtexteriorcleaning.com](http://www.wtexteriorcleaning.com)

# Premier Gardens

## Garden Maintenance

Garden and Grounds maintenance throughout the year

- Complete lawn care & mowing
- Granular & liquid lawn fertilisers
- Moss control & complete weed treatment
- New poly-S technology
- Border maintenance
- Fruit trees pruned
- Hedge trimming
- Leaf clearing
- Hard stand jet washing
- Turfing & seeding
- Plants supplied and planting

*Complete garden and grounds maintenance and clearance*

For more details on all services and my 3-stage lawn-care programme see website

[www.premiergardensdorking.co.uk](http://www.premiergardensdorking.co.uk) • [davidpremiergardens@gmail.com](mailto:davidpremiergardens@gmail.com)

Mobile: **07887 511 515**



**STIHL**<sup>®</sup>  
**HAYTER**  
MAKERS OF THE FINEST MOWERS



## GREEN WESTCOTT (cont.)

They can also play a valuable role in lessening the amount of polluting fertilizers, pesticides and sediment that reach streams and rivers, by acting as a physical barrier and through increasing filtration into the ground. Hedges can help shield animals and crops from extreme weather – something that is an increasing risk.

### Managed habitat

Being entirely man-made, the creation and maintenance of hedgerows is a great example of a positive collaboration between humans and the natural world, being beneficial to each. Hedgerows attract a range of insects, birds and mammals which are natural predators to other creatures that may be damaging to crops. They also attract crop pollinators. The art of hedgelaying is a valuable ancient, rural skill, which is in need of more practitioners. Hedgelaying involves partially cutting live trees to enable them to be laid at an angle, to allow growing from the base. Laying a hedge encourages strong new growth which revitalises the hedge as a whole and helps to fill gaps



where parts have died off. This helps to create thicker hedges and also forms a year-round impenetrable barrier, whereas just constantly trimming hedges encourages growth on the outer edges but tends to cause the insides to hollow out and weaken.

A programme of hedge management over a period of about 20 years, ensuring that hedges in an area are at various different stages in the cycle, can help maximise the range of habitats suited to a wider variety of birds. Hedge cutting should not be done between 1st March and 31st August in order to protect nesting birds and should preferably take place in January or February, after most of the berries have been eaten by birds.

Hedge-planting, or restoration, can be a great community-building activity and those who have invested time in creating part of the living landscape are likely to have a keen interest in its future thriving. This time of year hedge surveying is another way to get to know local hedgerows better, whilst providing valuable information to help determine hedgerow health and management advice – find out more at [www.hedgerowsurvey.ptes.org](http://www.hedgerowsurvey.ptes.org)

National Hedgerow Week runs from 6th to 12th May – [www.hedgelink.org.uk](http://www.hedgelink.org.uk) has details of how you can get involved!

**Jakki Phillips**



**SURREY HILLS  
HEATING LTD**

**DOMESTIC BOILER  
SERVICING AND  
BREAKDOWN**

**OIL, LPG & GAS BOILERS**



**LPG**



Call Dathan on: **07944 575970**  
sales@surreyhillsh heating.co.uk  
www.surreyhillsh heating.co.uk

# Shiers Decor

*Painters and Decorators*

**Working in Westcott  
since 1980**

Our repeat clients prove our  
Quality and reliability

Phone for free estimates and  
local references

[gary.shiersdecor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gary.shiersdecor@hotmail.co.uk)

**Tel: 01306 876110**

**Mobile: 07880848459**



**Spring Reach  
Nursery**

01483 284769

[info@springreachnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@springreachnursery.co.uk)  
[www.springreachnursery.co.uk](http://www.springreachnursery.co.uk)



**VISIT SURREY'S FINEST NURSERY**

Just 5 mins from RHS Wisley



## Brockham Choral



Brockham Choral meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm at St. John's C of E Primary school, Dorking. Come & join them as their conductor Cole Bendall takes the choir from Dawn to Dusk for a cafe style concert to be given on June 8th at St. Pauls Church, Dorking.

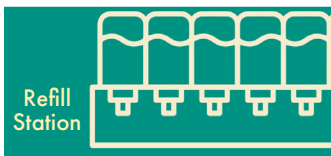
Lots of enjoyment is guaranteed as you shake out your party dress.

If you are interested in singing with them, no audition required please visit [www.brockhamchoral.org](http://www.brockhamchoral.org) for more information.

# JON & MUM

*St Johns Chapel, Westcott*

Westcott Village Hub Community Interest Company



**Open Wednesday 12-4, Thursday 10-4, Friday 10-7, Saturday 10-2**

Tel: 07496 036398 Email: [jonandmum@gmail.com](mailto:jonandmum@gmail.com)

## ADVERTISERS' INDEX

---

A-STAR TAXIS	24	FLOWERS BY ELAINE	42
ACQUIS Chartered accountants	24	GB FENCING AND TREE SURGERY	16
AMBIENT Electrical Services	46	HANNAH SCHELLANDER	30
ANTHONY WAKEFIELD Insurance broker	20	Hypnotherapy	
		HOME COUNTIES CARERS	54
ATTUNE REFLEXOLOGY	10	HOME INSTEAD	10
BECKY's professional dog grooming	24	IRONING SERVICE	24
		J A JOINERY Traditional carpentry	48
BRAMLEY HOUSE Residential home	30	JAMES CROFT Wedding Photography	12
BRAY ESTATES Property consultants	52	J CASEY Decorating & building services	22
BULLIMORES Chartered accountants	48	JAZZ Sophisticated jazz	46
CHALK HILL SYSTEMS IT repair and maintenance	56	JS PAINTING & BUILDING SERVICES	48
COLIN CAMPBELL Electrician	18	KINGFISHER FARM & FLOWER SHOP	26
DAPPER & SUAVE Home accessories	54	LCM ARCHITECTS	32
DAVE FORD TREE CARE	52	MANOR HOUSE SCHOOL	14
DENBIES WINE ESTATE	12	MARGRAVE Solicitors LLP	16
DORI VANA PLUMBING	34	MARTIN FINNIS HANDYMAN	18
DORKING CBT	54	MEABY & CO	44
DORKING DECORATORS	42	MF DECORATING AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE	52
DORKING LAWN TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB	38	MICHAEL LLOYD Building plans for home improvements	48
DORKING PEST CONTROL SERVICES	16	MS.PT FITNESS	30
DORKING SERVICE CENTRE	64	PAS Financial and Mortgage	52
ECO LOGS Firewood	48		
EDE BROS Removals and storage	18		
EMWOOD Pest Control	24		



Solutions		SOFT INTERIORS BY JOSEPHINE	28
PHIL'S MOWING	20	SPRING REACH NURSERY	58
PREMIER GARDENS Garden maintenance	56	SURREY DOWNS TREE CARE	42
RB FENCING	22	SURREY HILLS DOG TRAINING	16
REMEDIAL ROOFING	28	SURREY HILLS HEATING LTD	58
SEYMOURS Estate agents	28	SWEPT AWAY Cleaning service	24
SHERE KITCHENS	26	THE TREE ASSOCIATES	18
SHERLOCK FUNERAL SERVICE	20	TONY WINCH Carpenter	18
SHIERS DÉCOR Painting & decorating	58	TRACEY'S SEWING ROOM	54
		WESTCOTT GARAGE	42
		WT EXTERIOR CLEANING	56

For information on advertising please contact [advertising@westcottmag.com](mailto:advertising@westcottmag.com)

### RIVERBANK SURGERY

Westcott Street, Westcott, Surrey RH4 3PA **Tel: 875577**

OPENING TIMES:		<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
	Monday	8.00-1.00	2.00-6.00
	Tuesday	8.00-1.00	2.00-6.30
	Wednesday	8.00-12.30	Closed
	Thursday	8.00-1.00	2.00-6.00
	Friday	8.00-1.00	2.00-6.30

The emergency out of hours mobile number is **07501 655200**

The surgery is closed and the phones are diverted from 1.00-2.00pm.



# Dorking Service Centre Ltd



## Award Winning Local Garage

### Garage Services:



Diagnostics



Wheel Alignment



MOT  
While U Wait



Servicing  
All Makes & Models



Tyres  
At Web Competitive  
Prices



Brakes



Air Conditioning



Cam-Belts



Bike MOT



Digital Service  
Records



Suspension  
& Steering



Clutches



158 -160 South St  
Dorking  
Surrey  
RH4 2ES

[www.dorkingservice.co.uk](http://www.dorkingservice.co.uk)

**01306 747050**

