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A BIG THANK YOU to Sally Wyborn and Liz Richardson for planning and arranging the very enjoyable Advent Trail. Thank you to all those who hosted events!

Those who attended very much enjoyed the festivities at the end of a challenging year.



Welcome from the editor...

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory"

I thought I would take a few moments to introduce myself.

For those who don't know me, my name is Corinne. I moved to Capel around 4 years ago with my partner Michael. Those who have physically spoken to me know I'm not from round these parts - I am originally from a little City up north called Sunderland.

I always liked the idea of living in a village and I was so happy when our little house appeared on the market.

I try and get involved in many aspects of Village life: The Crown (our local), Capel Show, Flix in the Stix and Bell Ringing to name but a few. When I heard that the magazine may no longer happen, I was very keen to help out to ensure this isn't lost, as I feel it is a big part of Village life here in Capel & Beare Green.

I was wondering what to say in the 1st issue of our Magazine and I saw this quote and felt it was very appropriate. I didn't want the magazine to become a distant memory.

I would like to say a special thank you to the previous Capel & Beare Green Magazine committee - Pam Cuthbert, Barbara Grundy, Tina Baty, Hazel & Michael Fitz-Gibbon and Judy Watts, for all of their hard work and dedication to such a wonderful cause.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the new committee for all of their hard work in ensuring that you can receive this magazine free of charge. We also are able to offer this magazine as a digital download via our new website: <u>capelbearegreen.wordpress.com</u>. The magazine online will be available in full colour!

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Corinne :)

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Wow what a year 2020 was! I think there will be a few people (and furry friends) out there saying good riddance to last year. It started off so well, with Burns night supper, Valentines Supper Club, and a couple of Gin Clubs. We were all set to rock and roll for Easter Supper Club only to find out we couldn't be open. And in typical English weather fashion, we had a fantastic April and May (we had been shut down).

We managed to sort the garden out a bit (thanks Aunty Mandy) and get the pond working again (thank you Uncle David). Then just as we getting ready to reopen....Rain! Typical. Thank you to all that braved the weather to come and support the reopening. At least August bank holiday was a fabulous day weather wise and the band managed to play on . Thanks to Uncle Bob and the BBC (British Bluescasting Corporation) for providing the entertainment. September saw the garden getting plenty of action as we were all in bubbles outside.

Thanks to the Flix n Stix crew for managing to put on a couple of classic movies over the summer as well. I loved my top hat , and you all looked great doing the time warp . Hopefully this coming summer we can put another couple of Flix on in the garden. So many of you braved the chilly air and supported our fundraising coffee mornings. thank you so much for all the donations we have received, Macmillan raised £348, Wear it Pink £236, Poppy Appeal £286, Alzheimer's Society £160 and don't forget the Koalas back in February £330, and most favourite close to my heart charity Bulldog Rescue £540. We also managed to Twin 3 Toilets with the help of the Tuesday Night Quizzers, and donated 18 bags of coats to #callinglondon for the coats for homeless appeal.

Wow!! You Capelites have really big hearts and all deserve a pat on the back for giving so much to so many different worthwhile causes. Bring it on this year and let's see if we can top it .

Unfortunately November saw us back in lockdown, which I think was harder due to the colder weather. (I'm not telling you how much COVID spread I put on).

Then back into tier 2 for December, very difficult for my hoomans to decide what was best for everybody. The decision to only open lunches and one evening a week plus takeaways on Fridays and Saturdays was not made lightly. As a village pub we needed to think about the whole community as well as all the rules and regulations that were brought in, while still adhering to the licensing laws. We are hoping restrictions will be lifted by April and then we shall have a super summer \square .

So onto our January Calender 2021, what does it look like?

Postponed Xmas gin club hopefully goes ahead the 7th January, the first quiz of the new year will be the 12th January. Yet to be determined as to inside or on zoomies. Our quiz Mistress my lovely Aunty Corinne will send an email closer to the time to let you all know. January Gin Club is Thursday the 21st from 6.30pm. New members always welcome.

Then we have Burns supper which is Monday the 25th, bookings are essential as this is a sit down dinner. Make sure you like haggis, neeps and tatties (Aunty Vicki says and Whiskey!)

By then we should have an idea as to February's calendar so you can make sure things are in your diary in advance. We would like to put out a newsletter via the email so if you are happy to have us send that to you please log onto our webpage and fill in your details and tick the disclaimer.

Lastly, a big congratulations to everyone involved in the new look Capel magazine and a fond farewell and thank you to all those who were a part of the previous magazine. (Do check out my Ad on the back page for this months special). Wishing you all a happy and safe New Year, see you all as soon as you feel comfortable coming out

again. Keep well.

Puppy Kisses Gladys Cooper Bullydog and the Crown Team xox





The New Year is traditionally a time when we say farewell to the old year and welcome in the new one and I feel sure we will all be very happy to send 2020 off on its way into history! Who could have foreseen this time last year what lay ahead for us all and of course as I write this letter just before Christmas we still don't know whether lockdowns can now be a thing of the past or whether we face another one in January. That awful phrase 'the new normal' I hope will filter away and perhaps Pope Francis puts it better calling it 'not an era of change but change of an era'? Something to reflect on?!

Throughout this year we have all had to adjust to a different way of living and being. Who would know that wearing masks would now be mandatory in many situations and even can be a fashion accessory? As a church and community we have had to adjust quickly to all the different rules and regulations, trusting that somehow we will survive even though at times certain things haven't necessarily made sense!

Hopefully you have felt supported by all that has been there and as usual our wonderful community pulled together to provide essential supplies to those who couldn't get out. Those support systems are still in place by the way, even if some have been scaled down they can easily be scaled back up again.

Most of all though, the important thing has been and continues to be about protecting one another as we have tried to live our lives whilst all the time offering love and support to one another. If you or someone else needs assistance please do contact me or one of the church team in confidence so we can signpost you in the right direction. Can I remind you that I have food bank vouchers for anyone who needs them and that anyone can use the food bank whether they have been given a voucher or not. No one is turned away.

Following Christmas, January brings us into the season of Epiphany when we celebrate one particular element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far travelled magi which is understood as the revealing of Christ to the Gentiles. As we continue through these winter months. let us rejoice that already the nights are drawing shorter, the light of day is staying longer even now. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly this begins to happen. The magi travelled with trust in their science of astrology (or is it an art?!) Trusting in their knowledge, they followed the star which shone brightly in the sky, not knowing where they would end up but they sensed it was going to lead to something important. This year we have all heard about 'following the science' and 'trusting in the science' which has guided us through thus far and is set to provide us with a way out with the new vaccines. The magi used their science in order to make a discovery, to satisfy their curiosity as to what the birth of this new star in the sky meant. On arrival they paid homage to this new born king realising that whoever this child was, his birth pointed to something far bigger than anything they had ever known before. Let us remember then that we are all part of something far bigger than ourselves - science helps us discover more and more about God - and it is easy to feel somewhat hemmed into our own small worlds, particularly in these times. I pray that you may feel curious and want to know more about what's 'out there' and that your horizons are widened as you discover or rediscover the child in the manger who is the Light of the World! I do hope that you find Comfort and Joy this Christmas along with the hope that only Christ can bring amid the uncertainty of these times. Peace be with you and yours and Happy New Year

With my love and prayers as ever...

Ver... Revd Liz Vicar of St John the Baptist Capel and St. Margaret's Church Ockley



CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THE PARISH OF CAPEL AND OCKLEY - JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	3rd 9.30 10.30	Second Sunday of Christmas Matins at St Margaret's Ockley BCP Family Communion at St John the Baptist Capel
SUNDAY	10th 9.30 10.30	The Epiphany Family Communion at St Margaret's Ockley CW Cafe Church with the Crown at St John the Baptist Capel
SUNDAY	17th 9.30 10.30	Epiphany 2 Matins at St Margaret's Ockley BCP Family Communion at St John the Baptist Capel
SUNDAY	24th 9.30 10.30	Epiphany 3 Morning Worship CW at St Margaret's Ockley Family Communion at St John the Baptist Capel
SUNDAY	31st 9.30 10.30	Candlemas Said Holy Communion BCP at St Margaret's Ockley Christingle Service at St John the Baptist Capel
FEBRUARY SUNDAY	7th 9.30 10.30	Fifth Sunday before Lent Matins BCP at St Margaret's Ockley Family Communion at St John the Baptist Capel

BCP - service is from The Book of Common Prayer 1662 CW - service is from Common Worship 2005

Guidelines for Parish Sunday Services.

We are following a more basic pattern of services at the current time and we would request that you note the following guidelines below so that we fulfil government guidelines for your safety:-

1. Only 2 people to sit in each pew that is open (or one household and room for a single person) Every other pew will be cordoned off

2. Hand sanitiser which will be by the door to be used when you enter and leave. Masks must be worn unless you have an exemption.

3. No refreshments are currently served but do feel free to bring a water bottle with you.

4. We are advised to ask you not to spend too long in the church building after the service as it has to be cleaned and sanitised.

5. At Capel the toilet will be open and disinfectant available for you to wipe all surfaces after usage.

6. We cannot sing as a congregation but there is music from our organists, musicians, a small group of singers and/or recorded music as appropriate.

7. The service will be printed on a sheet given to you as you enter the church along with the weekly newsheet. Please take both home with you.

8. No collection will be taken but we ask that you leave your donation on the plate.

9. Holy Communion is given in one kind (wafer) and all necessary hygiene precautions are taken.

Please also note that St John's is open during the week and at weekends but St Margaret's is only open at weekends. For all the latest information and updates please visit our parish website www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

Despite having to do things differently this year and no door to door or street collecting allowed, I am pleased to tell you that we have raised £1,479.48.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal in these difficult times.



Stuart Cole

Surrey Stoolball

The Surrey Stoolball league A G M was held in November on Zoom and went very well. The final decision was that friendlies are played in 2021 with only our own players. If teams are short the games will still go ahead. There will be no Teas and the toilet will be available. The first cup game round fixtures will be set up.

Beare Green vs Oakwood Hill (at their ground).

The decision was taken after the meeting that all team players have a different bat, so we may need to purchase additional equipment.

Our Umpire, of some years, Derek Stedman sadly passed away in 2020 and he left us a legacy of some money. This was very kind gesture and the team will have to decide what it will be used for when they meet.

It will be really good for the teams to play again, even if there are no league matches.

If anyone is interested in Stoolball, or just wants to have a go, please get in touch with Loulou Attridge , Chris Beeleyor or Dot Thorp (all in Capel)



Tears

I went for a walk with Gladys all the way down the street Now Vanda says Gladys is baddest And I know I've got aching feet

I've cleaned all me winders with Sparkle Or go for a stroll in the woods And I've watched most of the Crown I'm up to Megan Markle Too much telly can get you down

I've baked lots of rolls And pasties that I made out of onions Now me boots have got 'oles It's killing to walk round with bunions

I can go for a drink at the pub Or play some online bingo But only if I have some grub I hate all this fuss by jingo

I can go on the bus into town If I wear me mask all the way Most of the shops have closed down And the bus fares a lot to pay

I can't see me bestest buddy It's far too wet and muddy And I've eaten too many puds

Tier 1, tier 2, tier3 It's really very confusing It's very upsetting to see All the rules that me mates are abusing

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Mel Simmons

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Any bird watcher uses aids to identify and increase knowledge of avian species. This starts with good eyesight since most views are fleeting, then learning to use binoculars if you can afford them, and maybe adding a spotting telescope for distance study. However, birds move fast, and often this isn't enough. A serious birder also needs excellent hearing and knowledge of bird sounds. Bird calls vary widely, from contact calls which keep feeding families and flocks in touch, flight calls keeping birds together during daily or annual migration, and alarm calls warning everyone of approaching danger. Our more talented bird watchers can identify species flying overhead simply from their flight calls eg ringed plovers flying at night over Capel. And serious study is carried out by some Ornithologists who tape record overnight flight calls, using specialist Apps to interpret the resulting sonograms.

The more musical bird sounds are generally each species' song. Songs are learned by the young birds from their parents whilst being brooded in the egg, and each species has its own specific song although the song intensity varies according to the surroundings. Birds fledged in noisy city locations need louder songs than those brought up in the countryside, simply to get their message across. That message is to announce ownership of a specific territory and to advertise themselves as a suitable mate for passing females. Males compete for the best nesting sites, and on the Reserve, we enjoy the most beautiful Nightingale singing when several males are competing with each other for adjacent territories. Surprisingly, bird songs sometimes have a regional quality or "accent". I recall on one occasion in the hotel grounds at my son's wedding near Pershore, hunting for an avian rarity with a most unusual song, only to find after a long search that it was the song of a Pershore chaffinch!

As I wander round the reserve in the deep mid-winter, bird sounds are at a premium. There is an occasional "tik, tik, tik" alarm call from the robin announcing my presence, or a lower pitched alarm from deep inside the shrubbery from a wren or dunnock. And occasionally I'm treated to a raucous complaint from a disturbed green or great spotted woodpecker, or a burst of sweet song from a robin. If you are lucky, an excited high-pitched babble will announce the movement of a tit party, a flock of several species moving round feeding together for safety, shouting their contact calls as they go. The usual species feeding in these groups are blue tits, great tits, marsh tits, long-tailed tits, siskins, nuthatches, gold crests. And at dusk we look forward to the flocks of Redwings which emit their soft, high pitched "seep" as they fly in to roost in our copse.

These are the bird sounds of a Capel winter, but even greater joy comes with the bird song of our breeding birds in the spring. In previous years, before the Pandemic took hold, we would often travel abroad in mid-winter to southern hemisphere lands where their warm conditions and longer days ie breeding conditions coincide

with our winter. For any such trip abroad, we would take time to seek information on their birds, both physical features and sounds, to help with recognition and identification on arrival. Over the years, we have built up considerable knowledge from some of our favourite destinations, and Southern Africa is one of the places that draws us back, again and again.

This year, the South African Golfing Organisation have created a Covid-free bubble to facilitate a series of tournaments near Johannesburg and Kruger National Park. During the long dark evenings of the recent pandemic surge, we have been watching these TV tournaments, delighting in good golf in the sunshine, but also the wildlife being shown, and listening to the uplifting sounds of wild Africa There has been excellent footage of in their breeding season. Helmeted Guinea Fowl and Egyptian Geese grazing in the golf course rough, and Sacred Ibis and Pied Kingfishers feeding in the streams and ponds. But nothing is more exciting than watching our very own British birds enjoying their winter homes, and it has been a delight to see British swallows swooping joyously across the golf course greens. All this against a noisy backdrop of Hadeda Ibises and Blacksmith Plover alarm calls from the wet edges of the fairways. And in a special moment, we were thrilled to identify the 3-note shout of a red-chested cuckoo - a bird difficult to locate as it sits motionless in thick canopy, but we could hear it there, very clearly. What better way to bring a little bit of summer light and sound into the close of a Covid-ravaged year.

Janet Fraser



NEWS FROM THE BELFREY



A Happy New Year to Everyone!

January is generally a time of reflection when we look back at the year just gone and then thoughts turn to the year ahead and what it will bring. 2020 was a year like no other and as we move into 2021 with news of a vaccine that may offer us a way out of this situation and a return to normality it is tempting to think we are nearly there.

As it stands, social distancing and wearing masks continues to restrict our ability to ring all six bells at either church, and there is still a limit of only 15 minutes ringing time with no sharing of ropes, assuming we are allowed to ring at all. Currently, being in tier 2 prevents the mixing of households and so ringing is generally not allowed.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has however obtained permission to carry out experiments on the ventilation in different situations with a view to possibly extending ringing times. There are groups of single household ringers testing towers in the Tier 1 areas of Cornwall and the Isle of Wight, ringing for 30 minutes whilst recording CO2 emissions. If the levels build up due to the

respiration of the ringers then there is not enough ventilation.

It is believed that some settings will prove better than others. For example towers like Ockley are large and airy, on the ground floor, with plenty of ventilation from the external doors whereas Capel has a small enclosed area upstairs, but with some window ventilation. We await the results of the CCCBR tests although it will only make a difference if we move back into tier 1. If we were able to extend ringing times it may be feasible to start practices again. Having so little ringing time to date; 15 minutes on a Sunday compared to 2 hours a week before the pandemic has had an impact on the confidence of our less experienced ringers. The general consensus seems to be that we may be back to near normal ringing by June but there may still be extra precautions in place and visiting other towers is unlikely. It will be interesting to see what impact the long wait will have had on the number of people that return to ringing. Nationally a considerable proportion of ringers may not ring again due to various reasons.

Hopefully we may be allowed to start teaching again by then and be able to start recruiting once more.

Bellringing is an art which has developed and passed from generation to generation in Britain for over three hundred years. It is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge of wits and skill which gives great satisfaction when it goes right.

We cannot teach handling at the moment but if you would like to find out more, please contact Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com.We will be continuing our Zoom practices with RingingRoom for virtual bells for some time to come.

Sue Dixon





"Café Church? What's that, then?"

Well - it's a bit like church.

"What - in a café"

No - in a pub!

"Now I'm REALLY confused!"



Let me explain.....

St. John's church in the centre of Capel has been running a Café Church service once a month for many years. It's a more relaxed, informal service where the congregation gather around tables, eat croissants and drink coffee rather than take their normal seats in the pews. At the end of December 2019 someone had the bright idea to have the service in The Crown Inn next door to the church. St. John's has always (for hundreds of years) been at the heart of the community. It felt like the right time to take the church into the community rather than always expecting the community to come to us!

"So - what do you mean it's a "bit" like church?"

Well, to start with we have a band rather than an organ and more contemporary songs that are perhaps more relevant to those not used to coming to a traditional service. It's never the same two months running. We've covered subjects like, "Was Jesus the King of the Blues", "The Cult of Celebrity", "A General Election Special" and "Why Christmas?". There'll be poetry, a "Moral Maze", a "Thought for the Day" and a huge amount of laughter. Like a cross between a chat show and a

service!

"And all this happens in the pub?"

That's right. Vanda and her team at The Crown open their doors to us, provide the croissants and coffee and also offer a special Café Church lunch to follow.

Maybe the upheaval of 2020 has left you unsettled? Maybe you have questions about faith that you want to explore in a welcoming, nonjudgemental atmosphere? Maybe the more formal approach of a regular service, the confusing language and rituals seem irrelevant and out of touch with the modern world? Then why not give Café Church a try? The services are at 10.30am on the second Sunday of every month. You'll find a warm welcome and those all-important croissants......



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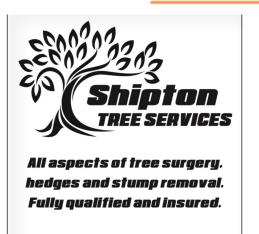
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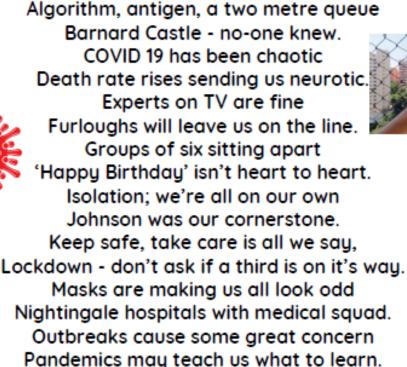








A-Z of things you didn't know last year







Q is currently in quarantine. R rates and Rishi's multi billions Socially distanced and not civilians. Track and trace doesn't seem to work Unemployment will send us all berserk.

Ventilators pumping hard Wash your hands, no disregard. eXactly where this leaves us now Yet we've had Christmas anyhow!





Susie Banks

ZOOM!









Happy New Year to you all!

Those of us lucky enough to have a garden or allotment will have appreciated them more than ever. Hopefully this new year will bring much needed cheer.

January is a funny month in the garden. It seems at first there's not much to do when in reality there are plenty of jobs to be done. It offers an opportunity to take stock of everything, reviewing the previous years successes, what has worked and what has not.

There is always some tidying up to be done, whether a spot of winter weeding or clearing leaves from beds.

- Hellebore leaves can be removed now to allow the beauty of the flowers to be revealed, especially those that have black spot.
- Perennials can be cut back if they look tatty unless they offer structure, or have interesting seed heads through the winter months.
- Wisteria can be pruned to two or three buds on lateral stems. This will improve the quality of flowers for next year and contain the size and shape of the plant.
- Dead head winter bedding to keep plants flowering and looking their best until the spring.
- Trees and fruit bushes can be planted when the ground is not too frosty. Autumn flowering raspberries can be cut back, currants pruned and over crowded gooseberries can be thinned with old branches cut out.
- Prune rose bushes while they are dormant. Remove dead, diseased or crossing branches and remove fallen leaves from the base of the plant.





There are a few jobs to be done in the greenhouse if you have one.

- If you haven't already cleaned the glass to allow maximum light levels in and remove pests and diseases, now is a good time.
- Sweet peas and Cobaea seeds can be sown in January/February. Some people swear by soaking them in liquid seaweed feed the day before as the taste supposedly puts mice off eating them. I lost all of mine a few years back to a mouse that had taken up residency in my poly tunnel which was frustrating.
- Chilli seeds can be started off in January. They need a long growing season to achieve decent results. Heat is needed to get them started so a heated propagator or window sill is ideal.
- The same goes for tomatoes, leaving plenty of time for the plants to mature and reward you with a plentiful supply throughout the summer.
- Early seed potatoes can be chitted, and seeds of swiss chard, broad beans, carrots and spinach can be started off. It's always a good idea to stagger sowing if starting early as not everything will germinate.

With all these jobs to do, January will hopefully pass quickly!

Sally Griffin

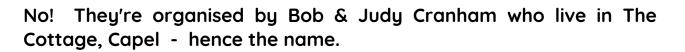




"What are they, then?"

Well - concerts!

"What - in a cottage?"



"Why do they do that, then?"

I'm glad you asked.....

Cottage Concerts began in March 2019. One of my professional guitarist friends, Andrew Scott, had recorded a new album of classical guitar pieces. In an attempt to help promote the CD I suggested a small concert in our village church. Andrew was delighted. A date was arranged, posters produced, Capel Box Office offered to sell tickets and online advertising was put in place. "That's great," said Andrew. "I'll play my classical guitar for the first half of the evening and you can play some jazz for the second half, To say this came as something of a surprise would be an Bob." understatement! Up to this point no mention had been made of any involvement by myself - let alone a 50-60 minute performance! But tickets were already selling so there was no escape! However, the end result was a lovely evening mixing two very different styles of music which Andrew and I have developed into a presentation that we now perform in venues far and wide! Not only that, the church (to our delight and amazement) was almost full for the evening and we were able to make a generous donation to church funds for the purchase of a new P.A. system for the church musicians to use.

Encouraged by our initial success, Judy and I decided that we'd try to arrange regular concerts to make use of the amazing acoustics in St, John's, to raise more funds for the church musicians and to provide high quality performances by internationally renowned musicians in our village. (Not something that most small communities are able to enjoy!)

So, Pentangle's Jacqui McShee, the outstanding folk-Americana of Smith & Brewer and international jazz violinist, Mike Piggott duly provided sell-out audiences, virtuoso performances and, believe it or not, dancing in the aisles of St. John's church!

2020's schedule of concerts was, of course, impossible with the restrictions generated by the COVID crisis - but fingers are crossed that 2021 will see us back. And what a line-up of talent we have. A return visit by folk legend Jacqui McShee; the incredible virtuoso acoustic guitar playing of Clive Carroll; an evening with Green Matthews (600 years of music in 90 minutes - two people - 20 instruments!) and, American concerts permitting, Smith & Brewer will grace the church once again.

"But why stage concerts in the church?"

Simple. The church is right in the centre of the community here in Capel, it is centrally-heated all year round, it has a state-of-the-art lighting system and (courtesy of Cottage Concerts) its own sound system and churches were designed with music in mind. The architecture of many churches reflected the "architecture" of the music to be played in them! (Although I'm not sure that an evening of Gypsy Jazz was necessarily what they had in mind!)

Not only that but we are able to offer wine, beer and soft drinks during the performances from our own "Donations Bar".

So, please keep your eyes open for our 2021 concerts. You'll certainly hear about them in this magazine and tickets will be available through Capel Box Office.

Bob Cranham





When the Society held its Christmas wreath making evening in December 2019 there was of course no inkling that it would be the last event that we would be able to host for at least twelve months.

The first casualty was the Spring Show in April and then both the Plant Sale and the first Litter Pick fell victim to the pandemic. The Committee held its breath and kept everything crossed that the Summer Show might just be able to go ahead.

By the middle of May we knew that there would be no show......a very, very bitter blow. Nothing previously apart from a world war had prevented our flagship annual show from taking place.

The Committee was determined to not let what would have been show day pass without notice and had put together a small online schedule which received quite a decent response. I am afraid though it was no substitute for the smell of warm grass underfoot and those wonderful loaded exhibit tables.

The judging of the Capel recreation ground and Temple Lane allotments went ahead as planned in July and what a fabulous sight they were. The recreation ground allotments in particular where the best we could ever remember seeing them. Mr and Mrs Shepherd were the very worthy winners at Capel and Mr Terry Ward an excellent winner at Temple Lane.

On what would have been Show Day we held the potato competition final on the Recreation Ground beside the allotments. From the 20 or so potatoes that had been given out we eventually had a grand total of six bags brought to us for weighing. Chris Coke was a very worthy winner in both classes but very kindly gave one of his prizes to Judy Watts who had come second. A true gentleman. We were also able to present Mr & Mrs Shepherd with their trophy as the winners of the Recreation Ground best allotment. A very well attended litter pick finally went ahead on the 5th of September and 41 bags of rubbish were collected which sounds a lot but the general view was that the village was really quite clean compared to previous years so it was decided to keep up the momentum with another litter pick scheduled for 7th November which was again very well attended and with only 18

November which was again very well attended and with only 18 bags collected.

At the beginning of November members of the Society planted two thousand purple, yellow and white crocuses opposite the Old Forge Surgery so do look out for those next Spring.

The first event that we are hoping will go ahead next year will be our annual spring show on the 28th March in the village hall. It is such a lovely event with all the children's handicrafts and cookery plus a wonderful array of tulips and daffodils (weather permitting!) so do keep an eye on our website for the schedule and any further updates: capelhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Looking forward to seeing you all next year.

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CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY: Towards a better 2021

Capel Choral Society extends its very best wishes for a happier and, hopefully, eventually COVID-free 2021, and in particular for music groups such as ours to be able to resume their activities.

The pandemic has been particularly restricting for choral groups as it has been shown that singing is one of the most effective ways of spreading infection.

However, at the time of writing Capel Choral was at least hoping, before Christmas, to be able to sing Carols outside Capel church with full social distancing. This would have been the first time members of the Choir will have sung together 'live' since their last pre-lockdown rehearsal in early March, so I hope we will have been forgiven if our vocal cords sounded rather rusty! It all seems a world away from the Choir's 2019 Christmas concert in Ockley church.

The 2020 Leith Hill Musical Festival was of course cancelled and rescheduled for April 2021, but due to the ongoing second wave of the pandemic this has now also been cancelled and so the next Festival will not now take place until April 2022.

As a result, in the absence of Festival music to learn, the Choral Society has continued to hold 'rehearsals' on Monday evening by the online medium of Zoom, and has so far enjoyed singing choruses from Vivaldi's Gloria and Handel's Messiah in our own homes. Into the New Year it will be venturing into the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, hopefully gradually re-introducing 'live' rehearsals, and with a view to including the work in a concert when restrictions are lifted, probably near Easter.

Zoom rehearsals at least will be resumed on the 11th January, lasting for 1 hour from 7pm and the Choir invites any aspiring singers to join us. Please contact the Secretary Rosemary Goddard for Zoom joining details, or if you would like to know more about the Choir:

rosemary@stylehurstfarm.com , or telephone 01306 711259.

Capel Cricket Club







The Summer of 2020 didn't go to plan and was probably the quietest summer the club has had in over two decades.

It was due to be an interesting year at junior level as the 5 leagues in Surrey were all merged into a new Countywide system. We were looking forward to locking horns with new clubs but alas this was not to be.

We wintered well with indoor practice sessions and the Horsham indoor league and then Covid-19 struck. We got busy taking on guidance from the ECB and county and eventually moved into COVID-19 friendly net sessions and eventually then some friendly games, that had regular intervals for sanitisation.

One of our biggest regrets was that we could not go ahead with the All Stars Programme, which helps introduce 5-8 year olds into the club and cricket in general. This will be back and learning to catch using water balloons, will I'm sure feature again. This was also the first year in a long time that our popular 6-a-side tournament couldn't go ahead. Our ladies side continued to flourish with more new players joining. They are desperate for more fixtures and hopefully these will come. As a team they probably got together and trained as much as any one so good on them.

The adult sides looked good and at one weekend had over 35 players to choose from for the two Saturday sides. This was probably a combination of people being desperate to get out and also a shortened season. The highlight was without doubt a major thrashing of North Holmwood which brought great cheer.

Off the field the club / pavilion pushed forward with the new ramp and the awning. We must in particular thank all the Bar Team who rose to the challenge of making the building Covid-19 compliant. Financially we took a hit with reduced bar takings and lack of fundraising opportunities with our friends at The Flower Show and Military Show but we will bounce back from that.

Thank you to all who renewed membership and we look forward to the summer with lots of play. Don't shout about it but I for one feel the First VI have an excellent chance of winning Division 1 this summer (virus permitting)

If you are keen to get involved in our vibrant club as a player, volunteer or just socially enjoying the sport with or without a pint please come down and see us. We are an open club and all will be made very welcome.

Anthony Birch

The WI's Alternative 12 days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me a partridge in a pear tree

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On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me 2 Covid tests

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me 3 facial masks

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 4 Tesco slots

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 5 toilet rolls

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 6 gloves for touching

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me 7 sanitisers

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 8 maids a mopping

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 9 packs of wipes

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 10 crossword puzzles

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me 11 people Zooming

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 12 distanced walkers

The WI performed this on Saturday 12th December as their contribution to The Advent Trail.

Many thanks to Colleen whose garden was used as our stage, beautifully decorated by Margaret, Colleen and Tony who provided our electrical expertise.

Our singers –and I hesitate to use that word-were strategically placed; complete with their props and joined by our WI supporting members.

Mulled wine, hot chocolate and covered sweets and biscuits were all served meeting the ever- changing Covid regulations. Surprisingly, the mulled wine soon vanished......

We couldn't see our audience as we were in the spotlight but appreciated their enthusiastic presence.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in any way whatsoever.

We returned home exhausted and rather hoarse but glad to have spread Christmas joy and laughter. Frances Collins



MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

MARY HUGGINS

Happy New Year, everyone! And let us hope that this year will be an improvement on the one that has just gone - it won't have to try very hard! Having said that, last year brought us, if that is possible, an even stronger sense of community. We were able in Capel to celebrate -VE Day, Win's 100th Birthday and many other events. Scarecrows came back, the Christmas trees were, as ever, beautiful in the churchyard and the past month saw more lights in the village than I have ever seen. The great new initiative in the Advent Trail was able to start, and it was so sad to know that it couldn't continue with the coming of Tier 3. But many thanks to Sally Wyborn and all her helpers for putting this on - and I hope that it will become another of Capel's many wonderful events in the future.

I must thank Pamela Cuthbert and Barbara Grundy (and all their predecessors) for delivering such an informative magazine which gives us everything we need to know each month. I hope they will enjoy their well-earned retirement. And welcome to Corinne Wood, working to bring us this new magazine – coming to every house in the village. Communication is such a key asset for us all.

So, a short message this month – not a great deal to report from Mole Valley District Council currently - they have been working so hard over the past months to ensure that all residents are supported, including the District's economy. And thanks too must be extended to the ongoing work of our own Parish Angels, the Mid-Surrey Community Fridge, BGN, and all the many, many people who have worked so hard to ensure those who need help are looked after. I am at the end of the phone or on e-mail if you have any questions, council-linked problems or anything else you would like to contact me about.

So, let's look forward to a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy 2021.

Mary Huggins Chairman, Mole Valley District Councillor Councillor for Capel, Leigh and Newdigate Ward 01306 712303/07711369569 councillor.huggins@molevalley.gov.uk





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