

A photograph of a forest floor covered in a dense carpet of bluebells. Several tree trunks are visible in the foreground, with their bark showing some texture and peeling. The background is filled with more trees and foliage, creating a lush green environment.

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on your walks?

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Rockery by Val Barrett



*Molly says 'Don't forget to
wrap up warm...it's still a
little too cold.
Corinne Wood*



Anemones - Anonymous

Welcome from the editor...

“The only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary” Vidal Sassoon.

Can you believe we are almost at issue 6! The revamped magazine has been 5 whole months! Thank you all for your continued support and thank you all who send in your articles! I couldn't do it without you!

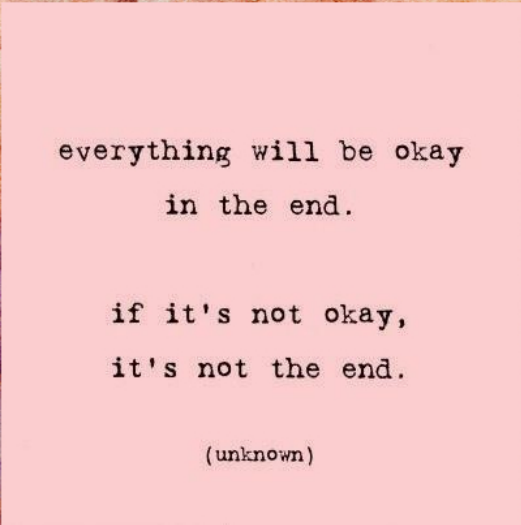
This month, I wanted to talk about working hard to achieve your goals & success!

I think I speak on behalf of us all that this past year hasn't been without it's successes. They may not have been the successes we had originally intended, but the way communities have pulled together (even closer than they were before) is a huge success.

I think more so than ever, people truly appreciate the work of others and the lengths people will go to, to help and support their family, friends and communities. We all know success is not an easy find. But, Covid has taught us to appreciate what we have and to give thanks for the family and friends who have

supported us through our all time highs but our lowest of lows.

I found another little quote that really resonates with me...and I hope you too!



everything will be okay
in the end.

if it's not okay,
it's not the end.

(unknown)

Everything will be okay in the end... and if it's not okay...it's not the end.

The world is slowly waking up again after it's long nap and we hope more events can take place (safely of course!) and we can start living our wonderful life as we should!

As always...keep reading, keep smiling and I will see you next month!

Keep smiling

Corinne x





Word on the Street for May 2021.....

What a funny old month April was weather wise. Some days beautiful sun and warm and then bam, we get hit by snow. Who would have thought it, considering a year ago we were basking in 20 degree sunshine for most of April and May.

As we head into May, (my birthday month) we can only hope for a nice long summer ahead of us. With the inside of the pub being allowed to open (restrictions apply) from the 17th May, we will also be able to increase the amount of nights we open, as we can then move people inside if the rain comes down.

Please do remember to check with us in regards to restrictions prior to arrival, as refusal may offend.

We will still be zoom quizzing in May, though once we can open indoors, then you are welcome to come down and participate in person on the Tuesday evening. April we raised over £200 for cancer research, which included a coffee and cake morning. Thank you to all those that donated a cake for the morning.

Big thank you to the Tigers Car club for their visit in April. Great to see you all out and about again.

Cafe Church is back with us Sunday the 9th May. Why not come down for coffee and croissant, and stay for Sunday lunch.

May's gin club will be at the pub on Thursday the 20th. Everyone welcome, it is £10 per person which includes a few gin cocktails and some nibbles provided. If you can let us know you will be attending then we can make sure we have enough for all .

We will be raising money for Dementia Uk with a coffee and cake morning on Thursday the 27th May. Hope to see a few of you down for that.

June 21st is when we can open with no restrictions on numbers, people having to be sat down, table service only etc. So we have a blow out weekend planned. Check out www.capelboxoffice.co.uk for tickets to the events.

Thank you to all those that have supported us during the last years lockdown. We are looking forward to seeing us all back to normal in June.

Don't forget we are still doing takeaways Friday and Saturday nights, Sunday roast dinners and Ho's Chinese van on Sunday evening.

Don't forget it's my birthday on the 24th May :) I'll be 11 Years young!!



Puppy Kisses
Gladys Cooper Bullydog
and the Crown Team xox



CAPEL CAMERA CLUB



For the last few months we have been having a monthly digital competition to keep us busy out and about with our cameras. Last month's images had to start with the letter 'P'. It was amazing how every ones imagination ran wild! The titles were pink, perching, police dog, pine tree, pills, port, parking tickets, peppers, pot holes, porcine predicament and many more. They were judged by the members and the outstanding winner was Leslie Bliss with her 'Puppy Play'. To see more visit our web site: Capel Camera Club.org.uk

We welcome beginners who will get help and lots of encouragement.
COME and JOIN US!!

Any enquiries to Chairman: Liz Woodham 01306 711003

Julia Forsyth



Liz's Letter



We're back! It is wonderful to be back in our churches for our Sunday services. We returned just before Palm Sunday and it was a joy to be together again and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. We also found we were allowed to have a few voices singing so choir is back as well. So all in all, we were able to reflect on our Lord's passion culminating in two services on Good Friday and celebrate his rising on Easter Sunday. Hallelujah! Since then of course non essential shops and businesses have reopened, many of you have been able to have a hair cut - I'm still waiting for mine(!) - and we can now meet outside albeit in groups of up to six and enjoy the hospitality offered to us by our lovely team in the garden at The Crown. Here's hoping the weather is kind to us all after an initial snowfall at the start of this week!

However, it is with great sadness I know that we received the news that the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip had died. Of course we were all expecting this must happen sometime soon but as always death always seems to take us by surprise however much we think we are prepared for it. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Queen and royal family as they continue to mourn his loss and it is a comfort to see how they are planning to support and gather around Her Majesty. At both our churches, services were held on the Sundays following his death to remember and commemorate the Prince. Muffled bells were rung at certain times and it was comforting too to hear our church bells being rung once more even though it was for a sad reason. I think we have all been fascinated to hear about Prince Philip's early life and the remarkable events thereof. We know how loyal he has been to the Queen as her 'strength and stay', but fascinating too to hear more about his many interests and talents which have not only captivated him but changed many others lives, most notably of course the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. We would like to remember and celebrate his life later on in the summer with a special commemorative service which we hope you the community would be able to attend and sing at! Please do let me know if you or your organisation would like to be involved, a bit like Remembrance Sunday but not as solemn. We would provide a professionally printed Order of Service so that Capel and Ockley would have their own keepsake of Prince Philip. Also, if you have ever met the Prince and might be willing to share that experience with us that would be really interesting.

So May is here, 'sumer is icumen in' as the medieval folk song goes and it is with great pleasure we invite you to visit St John's at Capel for a cup of tea and a piece of cake once more.

This event is going to be held outside in the church grounds and is planned to raise funds for the charity Tree Aid which provides trees to be planted as part of the Great Green Wall in Africa. It is on Saturday 8th May from 3pm so hope to see you there!

Did you know that there is a change coming in regarding the registration of marriages on the 4th of this month? Clergy will no longer be able to perform the administrative task of registering marriages, issuing certificates and so on. This is in line with the government's intention by the then Prime Minister David Cameron in 2014 to address the issue of the inclusion of the mother's name in the marriage entry. It will also mean that a step parent's name may be added to a marriage registration where requested. The old terminology of the father's profession or rank will also disappear with simply 'occupation' instead. I think I will miss the old registers and the filling in as part of the ceremony with the handing over of a copy of the certificate to the couple on completing their vows, but I can see that it allows much more flexibility for the gathering of information for record keeping and an opportunity for couples to acknowledge important step parents as well as birth parents where applicable and women are included!! This is all about administration and doesn't affect the legality and sanctity of the marriage service in churches. It is the public exchanging of vows proclamation of the officiant which makes it legal. It is fascinating to looking back at how records began, when it seemed that marriage records before 1754 contained simply the names of the bride and groom and the date of the marriage. Some very early registers in the 1500s simply contain entries like "John Smith married his wife". Then from 1754 to 1837 new legislation was passed which stated that everyone had to marry in a licensed parish church in their own parish. This gave a bit more information about names, dates, signatures, clergyman's signature and witnesses. From 1837 marriage records were then kept by the General Register Office of England and Wales. These records have been kept by law since 1837 detailing every birth, marriage and death recorded since that date. So this is the first time since then that legislation has changed! So what does that mean now in our church weddings for the bride and groom and me?! Well I will be giving a couple something called a marriage document which will be completed beforehand and signed by us all including witnesses at the ceremony. Then it will be my responsibility to register the marriage online and the local register office will send the newly married couple their certificate in a new portrait layout. We now have to close all our old marriage registers and send them back to the local register office. We are allowed to keep one as we always do (there are two copies of marriage registers signed on the day) so historical records will still be available. For future marriages the church will keep its own marriage record or register but we haven't yet seen what this will look like.

One of the reasons for change as well I think is the illegible writing sometimes in the register books, especially of witness signatures. That reason doesn't apply to me of course!! I shall look forward to trying all of this out shortly.

In this merry month of May which will include more theological mysteries than any other month in the year, with the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday we look forward to continuing our worship in person as well as online for those who still are unable to be with us. The online services are posted later on in the day on a Sunday as we record one of the morning services. Do remember to visit our website capelandockleychurch.org.uk for the latest news and updates including our own InSpire magazine which you can download or sign up to receive each month; copies are available in our churches each month also. Another good way of finding out what we are up to is to sign up for our weekly emails by contacting Debbie von Bergen on debbievonbergen@icloud.com.

As we celebrate at Pentecost the birth of the church with the coming of the Holy Spirit giving life, inspiration and strength to those who believe in Christ, I pray that you similarly may know his risen and ascended life as we continue our journey out of lockdown into a new chapter of our lives.

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 - MAY

SUNDAY	2ND	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	9:30AM	Matins BCP at St Margaret's Ockley
	10:30AM	Family Communion at St John's Capel
SATURDAY	8TH	TEA FOR TREES
	3:00PM	Join us outside for a cuppa and a piece of cake at St John's Capel to raise money for the Great Green Wall of Africa via Tree Aid.
SUNDAY	9TH	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	9:30AM	Holy Communion at St Margaret's Ockley
	10:30AM	CAFE CHURCH at The Crown Capel
SUNDAY	16TH	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	9:30AM	Matins BCP at St Margaret's Ockley
	10:30AM	Family Communion at St John's Capel
SUNDAY	23RD	PENTECOST
	9:30AM	Holy Communion CW at St Margaret's Ockley
	10:30AM	Family Communion at St John's Capel

SUNDAY 30TH TRINITY SUNDAY
9:30AM Morning Worship CW at St Margaret's Ockley
10:30AM Family Communion at St John's Capel

JUNE

SUNDAY 6TH TRINITY 1
9:30AM Matins BCP at St Margaret's Ockley
10:30AM Family Communion at St John's 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:-

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

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.

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

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.

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

We cannot sing as a congregation but there is supporting music as appropriate. 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.

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

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





Join us at Capel church for socially distanced teas
on Saturday 8th May 2021 3-5pm
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DORKING MUSEUM IN MAY

May is a month for celebrating the coming of summer, warmer weather, blossoming flowers and trees - and, at the time of writing, the country cautiously emerging blinking into the sunlight as lockdown restrictions ease. If all goes to plan, the month should see the opening of our museums and Dorking Museum is excited at the prospect of once again being able to play its role in the vital cultural life of our local community and our visitors. Appropriately, May is the annual Local and Community History Month, which aims to increase awareness of local history, promote history in general to the local community and encourage all members of the community to participate.



Planned Re-opening, May 20th : After an extensive covid-19 assessment and implementation of special measures, the Museum plans to re-open its main exhibition gallery on May 20th , subject to review of the ongoing restrictions. Great care has been taken to ensure that it can open safely whilst continuing to offer an appropriate visitor experience. This does mean that normal covid procedures should be observed, the number of visitors admitted at any one time will be restricted and there will be no access to interactive elements of some of the displays. The normal adult admission charges will apply, but children will be admitted free.



Forster@50: The first special exhibition on re-opening will be 'Forster@50', planned for last summer but delayed by lockdown. Commemorating the 50 th anniversary of the death of the novelist E M Forster, it is mounted in collaboration with two academics from Nottingham Trent University.

Novelist, critic and essayist Forster is best remembered for his novels, including Howard's End, A Room with a View and A Passage to India. During his lifetime, his work was highly regarded, and he was repeatedly nominated for the Nobel Prize. His work remains popular and all six of his novels have been adapted for film or television.

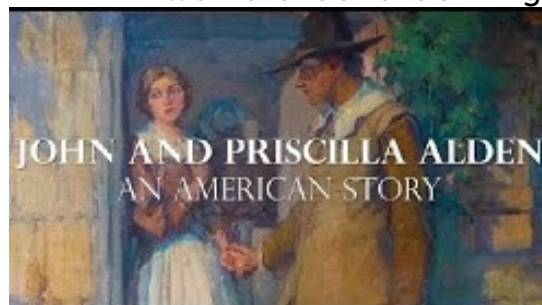
Forster knew the Dorking area from a young age, when he regularly visited his aunt in Abinger Hammer. Observation of her Surrey neighbours provided material for his novels and nearby Holmbury St Mary the setting for A Room with a View. After his aunt's death, Forster inherited her home, West Hackhurst, and lived there with his mother from 1924 to 1946.

Forster played an active part in village life, and his local friends influenced his political and environmental activism. These included the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, with whom he wrote two 'pageants' in response to threats to his community, combining music, drama and spectacle with a large cast. The two came together again in 1938 to set up the Dorking and District Refugee Committee in response to the suffering experienced by those fleeing the Nazi regime in Germany. Their lead is still followed today by the Dorking Refugee Support Group.

Visit the Museum's website <https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/forster50/> to see a short film put together by the Museum team to accompany the exhibition, or to buy the innovative and creative short book, 'Forster in 50', by one of the exhibition's co-curators, Heather Green, imaginatively illustrated by JC Green (The Cockerel Press, £4).



Walking in Dorking: The Museum's popular programme of guided walks will also recommence in May, starting with The Deepdene Trail, including unique access to the Hope Mausoleum, Saturday 22 nd May, 2pm. Under present conditions, numbers are limited, masks must be worn and social distancing observed. Please see the website for details and booking, for dates of other scheduled walks and for group bookings (dorkingmuseum.org/guided-walks-around-dorking/).



The Mayflower - what happened next? Last year, the Museum collaborated with the national Mayflower 400 project to make a short film about William Mullins, 17 th century Dorking and the Mayflower voyage: see the 'Virtual Voyages' section of the website www.mayflower400uk.org. With William Mullins dying soon after arrival, the story of his young daughter, Priscilla, and her life in the New World is now told in a short film by the Alden Kindred of America, 'John and Priscilla Alden, an American Story': see the Alden House website (www.alden.org).

The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. After re-opening, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm. Visit www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk. Enquiries to admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk or phone 01306 876591.

David Burton



NOISE POLLUTION FROM GATWICK AIRPORT



A year of pandemic has taken its toll on all of us. People have died, devastated families grieve, some battle with poor Mental Health and Long Covid, and livelihoods have been destroyed. One of the major employers of our region is Gatwick and whilst we sympathise with Airport workers who have lost their jobs during multiple Lockdowns, we cannot help but rejoice that the lack of Airport activity has hugely improved Capel's environment. For a whole year, we have not been woken at 6am by planes roaring overhead. For a whole year we have not been assaulted by aircraft fumes or ejected fuel. For a whole year we have enjoyed the glory of bird song lifting our spirits around the village and on our Reserve. However, we knew this was temporary and dreaded the sharp shock when travel resumed and the Gatwick roar returned to blight our lives.

When we first moved to Capel in the 1980s, it was accepted that Gatwick was important to the local economy, and we happily tolerated a reasonable level of noise pollution as aircraft arrived and departed. Flight numbers have increased slowly but surely over the years, but in May 2016 there was a sudden, shattering change when, without warning, the old "beacon system" for guiding planes was replaced by the new PR-NAV sat-nav technology. This was a much more accurate system which allowed Gatwick to direct take offs and landings in discrete lines, and at lower altitude. Route 4 noise pollution was now concentrated in an accurately defined path, with planes taking off directly towards Newdigate, across the fields East of Capel and straight at houses on The Street, before flights veered off North towards Dorking. This was a distressing development for those people affected.

Two organisations have been founded to help residents. Many of you will know of CAGNE, the umbrella aviation community and environment group which regularly advertises in this Magazine. Some of us have also supported Plane Justice which has largely concentrated on fighting the use of the new 2016 Routes which concentrated noise pollution over a relatively few unlucky residents. In 2017 Plane Justice won a Judicial Review which forced the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) to withdraw its approval of Gatwick's new Route 4. Since then there have been years of procrastination in the various circles involved, but since the Judicial Review decision, Plane Justice has steadfastly exerted pressure on our behalf, and on 18 March was delighted to report that:

“on 25 February 2021 denotification (i.e. removal) of the Route 4 used since mid-2016 came into effect, and aircraft returned to flying the conventional navigation route as it existed in 2012.”.

It will take quite some time for this GOOD NEWS to be apparent on the ground as the number of planes using Gatwick is still at an all-time low. But it is heart- warming to know that the level of noise pollution for Capel should revert to that of a previous era, provided of course that the threatened Gatwick expansion project does not become a reality. That is another fight for another day

Jan Fraser



CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY:

Singing together again?

Prospects for Capel Choral's singers once again gathering for 'live' rehearsals are gradually brightening as COVID-19 restrictions start to be lifted. The Choir paused its successful series of Zoom based rehearsals for an Easter break, but will be meeting on Mondays for a further 8 weeks, starting on 3 rd May. Subject to the lifting of restrictions, and given a suitable venue, we are hoping to have at least three outdoor rehearsals in person which are planned to start on the 21 st May. It will be a huge relief to be able sing as a choir properly once again as Zoom technology does not allow singers to be able to hear each other.

On the 9th April over 250 joined a very entertaining online event organised by the Leith Hill Festival in which the current Festival conductor Jonathan Willcocks talked to former conductor, and now LHMF President, the charismatic Brian Kay, about Brian's career in music, with reference to his excellent recent book, Music, My Life. The listeners were treated to a very enjoyable hour and a half, which lightened the mood of the sad day on which the death of the Duke of Edinburgh dominated the news.

Please contact the Capel Secretary, Rosemary Goddard, for details of the Choir's Zoom meetings, or if you would like to know more about Capel Choral Society: rosemary@stylehurstfarm.com , or telephone 01306 711259.

Ian Moir

Date for your diary! New
Christmas Fair in Capel, Saturday 20th November 2021

We'd like to let you know about a new Fair which we hope (Covid allowing!) will take place on Saturday 20th November 2021 between 12 noon and 4pm in both Capel's Memorial Hall and Parish Hall. We had hoped to hold the first Fair in November 2020, but Covid 19 put a stop to that! The Fair is in aid of our two Parish churches at Ockley and Capel and the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). We are both involved in church life in the village and Suzanne has a direct connection to MNDA, having lost her father to MND. We already have a wonderful line up of food and drink stalls and an assortment of other stalls. We are delighted to announce that we have **Silent Pool distillery** coming (they will be serving mulled gin!), **Hill House Farm** of Capel will be doing hot food for us and **Dorking Brewery**, now based at **Aldhurst Farm** in Capel are also attending. We are keen to support local businesses wherever possible and have the following booked: **Charlie Cha teas**, **Libby's Larder**, **Tiffany Budd art**, **Tracey Pearson jewellery**, **Karen Dalton's cards**, **Surrey Hills café** amongst others. Also we have some lovely stalls joining us from further away: **Anni with Alex bags**, **Chilcott UK - tartan and wool products**, **Box of Sox, Loungers**, **Wicked of London - candles and diffusers**, **Imagethirst photography** and **Body Shop**. We are currently looking for specific products to sell at the event - chocolate and/or fudge supplier and a stall selling toys for children. Preferably we would like all these to be handmade items.

We really hope that this event goes ahead and takes off as an event that people look forward to each year! It is advertised on the Charity Fairs Association and we have our own dedicated website: www.capelchristmasfair.co.uk and social media pages on Facebook and Instagram, so please do take a look and keep abreast of our future announcements regarding the Fair!

We very much hope lots of you can join us on the day so why not pop a note in your diary now! There will be plenty of shopping opportunities, the chance to meet up with friends and plenty of refreshments to choose from! Added to that, we will be raising much needed funds to support our historic churches and the Motor Neurone Disease Association which is helping families coping with MND all over the UK.

Best wishes,
Suzanne Cole & Debbie von Bergen
info@capelchristmasfair.co.uk

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR – MARY HUGGINS

At last we are enjoying meeting our friends – six at a time – and being able to enjoy gathering together once more. And, as I write, this lovely sunny weather is a great help – even if we are still having to wrap up against the wind! And isn't it great to be able to go and sit in the lovely garden at The Crown and enjoy a delicious meal!



I have had several people asking about the state of the A24 just before the Holmwood roundabout, where the road appears to have sunk and is becoming dangerous. This is a Surrey County Council matter – so I have been speaking to Helyn Clack who tells me that this is not just a simple resurfacing job. There are pipes beneath the surface and the work required is quite substantial. She is, however, working with the Council Officers to ensure that this can be done as soon as possible. She also tells me that there is a proposal to reduce the speed limit between Clarks Green roundabout and the County boundary. And, subject, as ever, to money being available, let us hope that this can be done soon too.

The sad news of the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh came in the last month. It was good for the village to show their respect by the ringing of the Church bells and the flying of the flag at half mast. I was privileged to be invited to the service held at Guildford Cathedral attended by the Lord Lieutenant (who is Her Majesty the Queen's representative in the County) and the High Sheriff. Covid regulations were fully complied with and it was a beautiful and very moving service.

And so, as we move into summer, let's hope that at least some of the village activities we have all enjoyed in the past will be coming back. So many of us are now fully vaccinated – we are so thankful at the wonderful success of this programme – that we can dare to hope that the worries and restrictions of the past eighteen months are coming to an end. As ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can be of help.

Mary Huggins
Chairman, Mole Valley District Council
Councillor for Capel, Leigh and Newdigate Ward
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If you could freeze time, now would be the perfect moment. With the added warmth and longer days, the garden really does look wonderful. Alliums and tulips, euphorbia, lilac, aquilegia and bearded iris steal the show. Foliage is still fresh and heady scents are all around.

May is the time for the Chelsea chop. Carried out at the same time or just after the flower show that gave it its name, it involves cutting back perennials by about a third to produce a bushier, more compact plant. If you haven't done this before and feel nervous try just cutting back a third of the shoots and see the difference later in the year. Don't worry! It will grow back. The only downside with this method is that the flowers can be smaller and appear later than usual.

As ever there are plenty of jobs to be getting on with ...

- keep on top of weeds
 - plant out dahlia tubers and chrysanthemums for late summer colour
 - prune spring flowering shrubs when the flowers have finished
 - annuals such as poppies, cornflowers, nasturtiums, cerinthe and sunflowers can be sown direct
 - stake tall perennials
 - keep feeding beds with slow release fertiliser
 - lift and divide over crowded clumps of spring bulbs
 - towards the end of May and after the final frosts, plant up containers and baskets
 - tie in climbers
 - keep sweet peas watered in dry weather. They are thirsty plants and are prone to mildew in dry spells
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- earth up potatoes as new growth appears
 - direct sow french beans, squash, pumpkins and carrots
 - plant onion and garlic
 - successional sow salad crops from now on to ensure a continual supply through the year
 - plant out courgettes from the end of the month when frosts have finished
 - direct sow basil next to tomato plants to attract white fly away from the fruits

Most importantly get ready for May 1st when it's world naked gardening day. Maybe leave the nettles and brambles for another day.

Sally Griffin



What's on in Capel?



Welcome to a new section in the Capel & Beare Green Parish Magazine. Each month we will publicise events that will be happening in and around our lovely parish!

If you have an event you could like to be advertised (costs may apply), please email capeleditor@gmail.com for further information.



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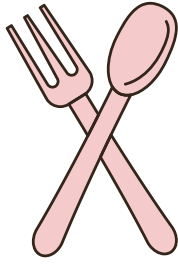
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May 2021

It's All About the Cheese!

After all the winter's casseroles and stews, it's time to optimistically look forward to foods that are delicious hot but equally good cold for al fresco meals.

CHEESE AND ONION PIE

Serves 4 Vegetarian

Ingredients:

Pastry

60g butter, cut into small pieces
60g lard, cut into small pieces
200g self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting
Pinch of salt

Filling

25g butter
3 medium onions roughly sliced
250g Lancashire cheese or extra mature Cheddar, coarsely grated
Salt & pepper
Milk for sealing and glazing

Method:

1. For the pastry place the butter and lard in a large bowl with the flour and salt. Gently rub the fat into the flour until the texture resembles very coarse breadcrumbs. Alternatively, use a food processor on pulse.
2. Add 2 to 3 tablespoonfuls of ice-cold water to bind the mixture. Lightly knead the dough until well mixed. Dust with flour and place in a sealed bag. Chill in the fridge for at least 30 minutes before using.
3. For the filling, heat the butter in a pan and fry the onions gently for 10 minutes without colouring them until they are soft. Stir in 150ml of water, a large pinch of salt and freshly ground black pepper. Cook until almost all the liquid has evaporated. Remove the onions and spread out on a plate to cool.
4. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/160C Fan/Gas 4 and place a baking tray in the oven to heat through.

5. Grease a 20cm/8in loose-bottomed tart tin. Roll out 2/3rds of the pastry and line the tin, leaving any excess pastry overhanging the edge.
6. Cover the base of the pie with half the onions and then cover them with half the grated cheese. Repeat with the remaining onions and cover with remaining cheese.
7. Roll out the remaining pastry to make a lid for the pie. Brush the edges of the pastry case with milk and place the lid on top. Press the edges together before trimming off any excess. Brush the lid of the pie with milk and make three slits in the centre of the lid. Decorate with any spare pieces of pastry,
8. Place the pie on the heated baking sheet in the oven for 40-50 minutes or until golden brown. When cooked, remove from the oven and leave for a good 20-30 minutes before removing the pie from the tin.

Cook's Notes:

This is very short pastry so although the smell of the pie is really delicious don't be tempted to take it out of the tin too soon. It will collapse!

Serving Suggestions:

Good served warm with a green veg or baked beans or cold with salads.

CHEDDAR, APPLE AND CHUTNEY/PICKLE PASTIES

Makes 14 pasties Vegetarian

Ingredients:

- 1 small red onion, peeled and finely diced
- 1 clove of garlic, peeled and crushed
- 1tbsp of butter
- 1 small eating apple, skin on and coarsely grated
- 1tbsp chutney/pickle
- 200g grated, strong, extra-mature cheddar
- 1 level dessert spoonful of finely chopped fresh sage
- 1 egg yolk, lightly beaten
- Salt and black pepper
- 500b block of puff pastry

Method:

1. Roll out the puff pastry on a lightly floured surface and, using a 10cm/4in pastry cutter or small saucer, cut into 14 discs. The last two or three will have to be cut from re-rolling the trimmings. Place on a lined tray and rest in the fridge while you prepare the filling.
2. Melt the butter, add the onions and garlic, season with salt and pepper and, over a gentle heat, fry until soft and golden brown. Approx. 10 minutes. When ready put into a large bowl to cool.
3. Mix the cooled onions with the chutney/pickle, grated cheese, apple and sage.
4. Line two baking sheets with greaseproof or parchment paper.

5. Take the pastry out of the fridge. Use one heaped dessert spoonful of the filling and gently firm it down on the spoon before placing in the centre of each pastry disc. Brush the edges with the beaten egg and fold the pastry over to form a half-moon shape. Pinch the edges together to crimp the pastry and brush each pasty with egg yolk. Put on the lined baking tray.
6. Leave the pasties to rest for one-hour before baking.
7. Pre-heat the oven to 180C/350F/160C Fan/Gas 4.
8. Bake the pasties for 18-20 minutes or until the pastry is puffed, crisp and golden brown. Let them cool a little on the baking tray before serving.

Cook's Notes:

You can use either chutney or pickle for this recipe. Chutney will have a sweeter, fruitier taste. Pickle will have more "bite" and spice. The choice is yours! I've made these several times and they do have a habit of opening and spilling out a little of the contents. Just scrape it off of the baking paper and serve.....it's still yummy!

Fruit &

Vegetables in season now:

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Judy Cranham



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My Life as a Chimney Sweep David Parker



Part 1

My life as a chimney sweep began in October 1990. George Stoner of Lower Beeding had been the part time village sweep for a number of years, he had swept our chimneys at home for a long time. George and his wife Doris were also long-time family friends.

At the age of seventy-six, George's health started to decline and he was forced to pack up doing the chimneys. George had approached me a few years earlier about taking on the business. I worked at landscape gardening those days which mainly involved work in London. I did not have the time to take on anything else. By 1990 I had gone out by myself and the recession of the late eighties and early nineties was starting to bite.

After a bit more persuasion I decided to give it a go with chimney sweeping. Initially I did only work for the customers that George passed on to me but during the second winter I started to advertise. It was after the third winter that I realised that during the autumn and winter months this was actually getting in the way of any garden work, so it was decision time, something had to go. I worked the summer out in 1993 until September when I packed up the garden work to go full time chimney sweeping having built the business up from what started out as a beer money business to a more viable proposition.

Most people think of chimney sweeping as a dirty mundane type of job, it is far from it as you will find out in further episodes. Dirt washes off and no two days are the same. I have been doing the job long enough to have learnt a lot about people, history of houses and places. I have seen things I should see and things that I "shouldn't see". Over this period I felt, after talking to one of my customers, that I should make use of the stories I have gathered. This led me to becoming a guest speaker, going out to various groups talking about my life as a chimney sweep.

Work has been steady over the years and other chimney sweeps come along then disappear. Wood burners have made a considerable increase to the amount of work so far from a dying business there is always plenty of work.

Unwanted visitors.

As with all things in life, things are not always straight forward. This also applies to sweeping chimneys. Chimney sweeping has its ups and downs!

Over the years I have encountered a great number of unwanted visitors in chimneys. The chief problem is Jackdaws. Many people blame this on the cutting down of trees and destroying their habitat. This of course is not the main cause as in areas where there are plenty of trees.

Jackdaws still nest in chimneys. Let's face it who would want to nest in a draughty tree when there is a nice, sheltered chimney, away from the wind and secure. Humans and Jackdaws just don't mix well when it comes to them living in our space. Problems can arise when they do nest in our chimneys. To give a few ideas, the nest blocks a used chimney, you go to light a fire and normally you will smoke yourself out, in a rare case this could lead to a chimney fire or in the occasional cases could and has blocked a gas fire chimney and the invisible fumes come back into the room causing carbon monoxide poisoning. In disused chimneys if a next is left for many years it can get wet and with no draught in the chimney will stay wet. This then can cause damp to soak through the walls. Added to this a nest can also harbour other pests like the Violet Carpet Beetle and Clothes Moth.

I removed a nest on the Surrey/Sussex border, from an inglenook chimney that was so large I had to leave it behind to burn on site, enough to fill a farm trailer.

In Storrington, lived a lady who would only have the chimney swept every two years. On my first visit to her I removed three sacks of soot. Two years passed by and before she got round to calling me a Tawny Owl descended the chimney bringing down a sack and a half of soot, now when I sweep a chimney I use a sheet to contain the soot, when an owl comes down there is no sheet. You can work out what happens. I did go to see her when she called me and still removed another sack and a half.

On another occasion a Barn Owl came down an inglenook chimney and needed to be rescued, this proved interesting. When I got the brush up to it the owl stepped onto the brush. I proceeded to gently push the brush up the chimney until reaching the top. At this point the owl quite casually stepped off the brush and flew off.

This article will be split accross several issues - please keep a look out for part 2!



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“As one door closes.....”

The old ones are the best:

My dad always used to say, “As one door closes, another one opens.” He was a great dad but a terrible cabinet maker. (Pause for groan.....)

As we enter the merry month of May there is a real hope that doors are closing behind us and we're all moving towards a new, post-pandemic world. We've been actively closing our doors to the world, to our families, to our friends on and off for over a year. What does it feel like to be walking through the new door that's opening for us? What lies ahead? Is this fresh start rather like the children in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* discovering a whole new world of adventures as they pass through the door of the wardrobe or are you more likely to cautiously peek through a tiny gap as the door creaks slowly ajar revealing a world that seems unfamiliar after months of isolation? I guess it helps that we are entering into Spring and Summer, a time when nature presents us with a burst of new life in the plant and animal kingdoms. (Of course, as our door opens onto Spring our Antipodean cousins are moving into their Autumn. One door closes - another opens.)

This month we will be able to open the doors of Café Church at The Crown again. I've really missed the opportunity to get together with people in that uniquely relaxed atmosphere and enjoy the fun, banter and debate as we explore new ways to “do church” together. While that door was closed to us, we tried to get to grips with providing online services. I found it really odd talking to my own face on a screen rather than seeing the (usually!) smiling faces of the Café Church congregation. But, with the skill and determination of the wonderful team that bring you Café Church each month, we managed to overcome our fears and limitations. As one door closed we found ways of opening a new one.

You won't be surprised to hear that the bible has something to say about open and closed doors. (In Café Church we like the idea that BIBLE stands for Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!) There are the prophetic words of Isaiah, written 700 years before the birth of Jesus, that speak of God's plans for who Jesus would be. "I will give him the key to the house of David—the highest position in the royal court. When he opens doors, no one will be able to close them; when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them." Then there are the words of Jesus himself in Matthew as he promises, "Continue to ask, and God will give to you. Continue to search, and you will find. Continue to knock, and the door will open for you". In fact, Jesus even refers to himself as a door! The Amplified Bible puts it this way, "I am the Door; anyone who enters through Me will be saved [and will live forever], and will go in and out [freely], and find pasture (spiritual security)."

I'm guessing the majority of the residents of our village are far more comfortable walking through the door of a pub than they are walking through the doors of a church. Well, now you can do both! Sunday May 9th -

10.30am. Come and see what's going on. You never know what doors may open up for you or, perhaps, which doors that you've been struggling to close in your life may become easier to shut.

Bob Cranham

(As current restrictions are lifted, Café Church will meet at The Crown, Capel on the 2nd Sunday of every month. 10:30 am for coffee, croissants, a band, poetry, conversation, laughter and a thought for the day in a relaxed and welcoming environment.)

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Keeping Capel Quizzing

Quiz Mistress Corinne

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Word to find:

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| FLOWER | LAMB | SEED |
| APRIL | BLOSSOM | FROG |
| MAY | TREE | CROCUS |



Q1 : Which country has the longest coastline in the world?

Q2: What is the collective noun for a group of flamingos?

Q3: ROYGBIV is the acronym for what?

Q4: What is the name of The Beatles' first album?

Q5: The term 'albatross' in golf means what?

Q6: Which horse won the Virtual Grand National 2020?

Q6: Potters Corner

on a hole

Q5: Three shots under par

Q4: Please Please Me

Q3: Colours of the rainbow

Q2: Flamboyance

Q1: Canada



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Daffodils by Julia Forsyth



Lovely garden at The Crown in Capel



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We have loved seeing everyone again, it has been amazing to welcome all back to our wonderful garden.

There are lots of fab events coming very soon, so please visit our website, have a look at our Facebook page or check out the What's On In Capel pull out (in the centre of the magazine) to find out more.

Don't forget it's my birthday in May (24th) and I'll be 11 years young!!



Ho's Asian Kitchen
Sundays
outside The Crown
5pm - 9pm



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Puppy Kisses
Gladys Cooper Bullydog

