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Lucy - Aged 10



Beth's Ducks



A lovely walk up Leith Hill - Claire Robbins

Welcome from the editor...

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Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana -Groucho Marx

Issue 6 is here! A little bit later than planned as due to the joys of technology, I lost all of the magazine and had to build it again (silly powercuts). I cannot believe the new magazine has been going for half a year! wow!

Thank you to everyone, the committee, the distributors and the readers!

I am hoping as 2022 comes around, we can look at expanding our committee and sharing this lovely magazine with more people. If you or anyone you know would like to get involved with the production of the magazine, please contact me via email capeleditor@gmail.com

With all this in mind, it makes me reflect on the last 6 months, what we have encoutered as a country, as a village but also as a community. Covid has rocked a lot of boats, sank a few but has united many people together. It has also helped people think about their life and what they would like to do with it.

For some, it has resulted in a change of occupation, many have gone back in to education to re-train.

It reiterates that nothing is promised, not even life. So we must seize every second and live life to the fullest we can.

Many of us have learnt new skills over lockdown, many of those skills have been things that have been on bucket lists.

It is important that for every bad thing that comes across our path, we must surround it with positive, with good!

So seize your day...life is too short to wait around.

Be the changes you want to make!

I will see you for Issue 7. Corinne :)







Word on the Street for June 2021.....

To think that this time last year we were halfway through the first lockdown, and having some amazing summer weather. Oh how times change.

We are now open inside as well as outside still with restrictions at this time. It is advised to book inside as limited table numbers. Please do check out our opening hours for this next stage of easing out of lockdown as they have changed.

June will be a busy month with coffee and cake morning on the 17th to help raise much needed funds for St Catherine's Hospice. They will be hoping to set up a stall as well, so any donations of handbags, jewellery etc welcome.

Then in the evening will be our Gin Club night, £10 per head which gets you a few gins and some snacks.

On the 24th June there will be a Gin Afternoon tea in aid of the Air Ambulance Service. Hopefully someone from the Air Ambulance will come down to have a talk with us all about the service they provide.

Quiz night will be in the pub on Tuesday the 8th, as well as on the zoom for those unable to join us. Look forward to seeing you all here.

June 5th sees the start of a fortnightly market in the carpark from 8.30am-11.30am on Saturdays. We will be selling pies, muffins and other such goodies from Donna's Deli. There will also be farm to fork fresh fruit and veg, Cut and Dried (snacks of fruit and veg), flavour riot (herbs and spices and groceries), a cheese stall, hill house farm (our sausage provider) and Aldhurst farm milk. So put it in your diary and #supportlocalbusiness.

Our return to normalish party is on Sunday 27th June from 3pm. This is a ticketed event and you can get tickets to this and other Capel events from www.capelboxoffice.co.uk Once you have purchased your ticket give us a call to book a table for you. The BBC (British Bluescasting Corporation) is our first band back and we can't wait to have them test out our new stage area.

Thank you to everyone who came to my birthday party on the 24th May. I had a fabulous day and loved all my balloons .

Counting down the days to open fully with no restrictions. See you all soon





CAPEL CAMERA CLUB



We are continuing to have our monthly on line photo competition. Last months had to start with the letter 'F'.

It was won by Steve Woolven (CPAGB) who chose F for 'feather'.

Steve has been a member of the club for many years and is our treasurer. He is an intrepid walker, climber and

caver. He keeps records of all his many trips and always takes his camera with him. We have been entertained

with his adventures in this country and abroad on many occasions on club evenings.

We hope to be able to meet soon in the village hall on Wednesday evenings. Have a look at our web site: http://www.capelcameraclub.org.uk

New members will be made welcome. For more information please contact CHAIRMAN Liz Woodham 01306 711003

Julia Forsyth



Liz's Letter



Lockdown restrictions are slowly lifting and what a joy it is to be able to meet together outside and indoors at various venues in our community. The recreation ground is buzzing with the sound of cricket bats, tennis rackets and football as all ages enjoy outdoor exercise. Our son who is working from home temporarily has joined the tennis club and absolutely loves it. Over in Ockley the Cricket Club is promoting the social side of their club and soon I am told the wonderful Ockley Pavilion Cafe will resume on a Wednesday morning! Our local artists have once again picked up their paintbrushes and are resuming meeting together in Capel Memorial Hall also on Wednesday mornings in our St John's Artists group. It's lovely to see how bit by bit we are reconvening and able to have that all so important contact with our fellow human beings! In church we are continuing to meet together in person and are now allowed to serve refreshments in church. That means coffee after the service is back (hurray!) Although social distancing still applies and people must be seated. However outside, rules differ and we can stand and sup! We are also holding Church teas each month so look at the events diary carefully. We are hoping to be able to offer dates at both churches which will be great. Numbers for services will generally be as many as can be seated socially distanced which gives us greater flexibility especially for funeral services. It will be interesting to see what happens later this month when all restrictions are lifted....

One of the best things about restrictions lifting though is that I have been allowed to go back into Scott Broadwood again for assemblies. It seemed such a long time since I last saw many of the children who have all grown and to meet the reception class children for the first time. We have been thinking about the school value for this half term which has been love which is always a good one! We have also been thinking about God's promises and the diocesan education department have helped us to use the image of rainbows as a sign of God's promise. We have probably all seen a rainbow through the past month or so haven't we?! Its been really fun exploring this theme with the children and they always have such brilliant ideas and ways of putting things which help us adults especially to understand! As we have just celebrated the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in church, it has been lovely preparation for me to think about this through the children's eyes. I loved how the diocesan resource explained the gift of the Holy Spirit which God sent after Jesus went home to heaven - Ascension Day - as sending them 'a little piece of heaven'. What a lovely way to describe that relationship we can have with our heavenly Father! Of course one of the signs of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is a flame of fire and so we also

looked at the words that St Catherine of Siena wrote which said: 'Be who God made you to be, and you'll set the world on fire'. Again a wonderful way of expressing how to be and particularly for our children in their formative years. In exploring what this meant one child said it meant 'be who God made you to be and it would make the world amazing!' Wow! The grown ups definitely learnt a lot that morning and don't children say the most profound things?! If only we could all be who God made us to be - all over our conflicted world today - then the world would truly be amazing!

Well, this teaching for our school children has been created to help them think about the life that they face 'post pandemic' as they grow up in this 'new world'. So I wonder if these ideas can help us as we step out and face our 'new world' and think about how we live now and what role God's promises might have for us?

With my love and prayers as ever

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Capel and Ockley

We mourn the loss of John David Jaques 14th April 2021

> David Collinson 17th May 2021

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THE PARISH OF CAPEL AND OCKLEY - JUNE

SUNDAY	6TH 9:30AM 10:30AM	TRINITY 1 Matins BCP at St Margaret's Ockley Family Communion at St John's Capel
SATURDAY	12TH 3:00PM	Service of Marriage Wedding at St Margaret's Ockley
SUNDAY	13TH 9:30AM 10:30AM 3:00PM	TRINITY 2 Holy Communion CW at St Margaret's Ockley CAFE CHURCH at The Crown Capel Capel Teas outside at St John's Capel
SUNDAY	20TH 9:30AM 10:30AM	TRINITY 3 Matins BCP at St Margaret's Ockley Morning Worship CW at St John's Capel
SUNDAY	27TH 9:30AM 10:30AM	TRINITY 4 Matins BCP at St Margaret's Ockley Family Communion at St John's Capel
<u>JULY</u> SUNDAY	4TH 9:30AM 10:30AM	TRINITY 5 Matins BCP at St Margaret's Ockley Morning Worship CW 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:-

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 supporting music as appropriate.

7. The service will be printed on a sheet given to you as you enter the church along with the weekly news sheet. 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



Recycling for charity – final call!



As previously mentioned, we have organised a 'Bag 2 School' collection in aid of Holmwood and Capel Scout Group for 9th June. Your last chance to can drop your items to the South Holmwood Scout Centre (which is behind the old South Holmwood School on the A24 going towards Dorking, RH5 4LY) is between 10 and 11am on Saturday 5th June when one of the leadership team will be there to take them off your hands. If you cannot deliver at these times, please let us know and we will see if we can make alternative arrangements. If you can support us with this, we would appreciate if no more than 1 adult gets out of the car at drop off and that they wear a mask, you must not enter the hut. Please make sure we are aware you are there, place the bag(s) on the ground and back away. Please keep a 2 metre distance at all times, the leader will then take the bag into the hut for storage.

Bag 2 School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Many thanks for your support.

George and Norman Ede, george@nightlesscopse.co.uk, 07973161684.



SPRING 2021 ON THE RESERVE



For wildlife watchers Spring is a special time, lifting our spirits after a long hard winter. There is real excitement in seeing new life emerging, from watching the first green leaves appearing, to finding flowers we have known and loved through the years, and to hearing that beautiful crescendo of song as birds establish their territories. It all seems to promise hope for the future.

How harsh it has therefore been to live through this year's Spring, knocked out of kilter by extremes of Climate Change. We had crazy January warmth, swiftly followed by February ice and snow. Bewick swans which had set off on their Spring migration from Slimbridge to their Russian breeding grounds turned back, re-appearing just 4 days later due to the resumption of severe wintry conditions. March was wet, but April's famous showers were entirely missing, replaced by ice cold nights right into early May. It has been really tough for our wildlife.

Thankfully our resident species have inherited strategies to cope with our unreliable British weather. Early cowslips, violets, and primroses have bloomed despite the cold. Tits, robins, wrens have survived well and chiffchaffs and blackcaps which only migrate short distances have coped, but the birds which migrate long distances to find longer day lengths and benign conditions surely must have been at risk. On the Reserve we celebrated the arrival of whitethroats, lesser whitethroats, reed warblers and our first ever record of Cetti's warblers in mid-April, and on 19th April our first nightingale returned. A couple more nightingales soon joined us and it was a joy to hear them, but during their first weeks here the weather was truly harsh, and we missed those magical nightingale recitals on balmy evenings. One morning around that time, Wesley our bird ringer was up early to find his furled ringing nets frozen shut, but he noticed on a path a seemingly lifeless bundle. It was one of our nightingales. He picked the bird up and it was frozen solid, through and through, but Wes cradled it close to his body, took it back home, and after prolonged hot water bottle warmth it gradually started twitching and finally recovered, to be released back safely. We were thrilled to hear it singing again a few hours later.

For several weeks, up until early May we worried that this year's reduced levels of bird song might indicate that we have lost other birds. However, as I write, later in May a southerly breeze has brought some gentle warmth and welcome showers. We are clinging to the hope that our resilient wildlife will respond to these kinder conditions and we may finally celebrate the joy of a belated Spring.

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April 2021 Update from the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows Units in Capel



Capel Friends of Guiding (FOG) is the fundraising organisation which supports the Girlguiding Groups in Capel. We recently held our AGM on zoom to review the year past and consider the action plan for 2021.

The local units usually hold their clubs on Friday night each week and run these out of the Capel Village Hall. Predictably, during the pandemic, this hasn't been possible since March 23rd 2020.

The leaders themselves, as always, have maintained their passion and resilience in these difficult times. They have done a sterling job of keeping in touch with each other, their managing division and their parents and children to maintain support and hope to return to 'in person' Girlguiding soon.

We thought you might enjoy hearing what has been achieved by the Capel Units in this unusual lockdown year:

Throughout the year all units have used their Facebook pages to keep in contact with parents and offer engagement ideas for childrens' activities at home. Some of the Guides have worked hard and completed badges including Upcycling & Natural Remedies and guite a few even joined in with a 'Virtual Camp' event. In the summer, the Guides were encouraged to join the 'key worker' scarecrow competition in the gardens of Capel properties, which as we know made National news! They also decorated their house windows with illustrations of poppies for Remembrance Day. Guide meetings are now being delivered regularly on Zoom until half term and a host of weekly activities are now in play from baking to competitions, scavenger hunts and craft sessions. The Brownies Leaders have been very busy working for the NHS and in local schools to support the pandemic. A young DofE volunteer has been managing the Brownie Facebook page as part of her volunteer portfolio. Brownies are hoping to be able to meet face to face outdoors in the summer term. The Rainbows decided not to meet on Zoom as the children are so young and parents weren't keen. Instead the leaders set up a Facebook page and have been regularly posting online activities, challenges and events that the girls could take part in at home if they wished, most popular being a virtual escape room! They are aiming to get the team back together in person, outdoors after Easter.

Friends of Guiding are normally active annually with organising small events to fundraise for the three units and have been very fortunate in running the tea stall at the August Horticultural Show in Capel for many years. This ensures that the running cost for the units are subsidised, the subscription charges are kept low for parents and the opportunities for girls attending the weekly meetings are diverse and varied. In this pandemic year, FOG has not been able to fundraise to maintain this fortunate position. Whilst the charity has managed to cover running costs for 2020/21, without the promise of the horticultural show this summer to boost the coffers, funds are now looking very low. We have over 60 girls in the three units currently and 18 active leaders and volunteers to support.

To help us through this difficult year until we can get back into fundraising events again, FOG would be very grateful of any donations. If you would be interested in supporting us, please contact sandra@gcld.co.uk

In addition, we have set up an 'Easy Fundraising' Account for FOG. This generates donations for Capel Friends of Guiding direct from retailers when you shop online via #easyfundraising. It's free for the shopper, it's easy to do and all it requires is for you to set up a one time account so that you have the option to start your online shopping journey first via easyfundraising.org.uk. Over 4,200 retailers taking part in the scheme. Once you make your purchase, the retailer partner will make a small donation. It's very quick and simple to do.

We would be grateful to anyone who could do this, please visit the website at www.easyfundraising.org.uk and follow the instructions to join, supporting the cause name: Capel Friends of Guiding

And finally. FOG are always interested in having more committee members and are also currently looking for a new Secretary and Representative for the Village Hall Committee. If you would enjoy trying something new, come and join our friendly team. Please contact sandra@gcld.co.uk for more information.

We hope you enjoyed our news! Thank you for your interest.



Sandra Collins



THE ARTS SOCIETY BETCHWORTH

MONDAY 21st June at 2.30 pm.

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A Cambridge graduate in History and History of Art, Janet worked at Sotheby's for nine years, was a trustee at the Churches Conservation Trust, the Museum of Fulham Palace and the Friends of the V&A and guided and lectured at the V&A. Currently a trustee of the Priory of St John (Hospitallers) and a commissioning editor for Scala Heritage Publishers, Janet received an OBE for services to heritage in January 2017.

Join us on Monday, June 21st at 2.30pm for this stimulating, illustrated lecture. It is free for members but do come as a visitor for £5.

Email Pat Frankland: pat_frankland@hotmail.com or ring 01737 842028

All you need is a PC, laptop or tablet, a comfy chair and your favourite tipple!

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CAPEL VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL RE-OPENS HURRAH!



On 17 May the hall re-opened to all our regular users and community group activities. COVID-19 restrictions are still in place and the 'Special Conditions of Hire' need to be adhered to. Hopefully these will be relaxed on 21 June allowing more social events in the coming months.

Throughout the long months of lockdown we have been working to improve the fabric of the hall. New curtains and blinds throughout, fresh paint, carpet in the Committee Room, new fire doors and new flooring in the corridor. In August we shall close for a further two weeks from 16 th to enable replacement of ceiling tiles and renovation of the floor in the main hall. We owe Dave Guy, our caretaker, a huge 'thank you' for all that he has done to improve the facilities overall.

Should you want to make a booking do please get in touch with the Bookings Secretary, Jane Major 07766 664162.





Your local Scout group hopes you are all keeping well and safe as we take the next steps out of lockdown and hopefully into a glorious summer getting back to doing the things we love. We have continued with Zoom meetings in all sections, up until a few weeks ago when Cubs were the first group to return to Face-2-Face, and boy did they LOVE being back! The Beavers will be following suit and returning after the May half term and the Scouts are hopeful for a return in Summer.

We've had many young people from each group move up to their next sections and are very proud of all of them for continuing with Scouting during these difficult times. The last few months have been packed with learning and fun for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with lots badges earned and challenges completed. Well done to them all.

We held our St Georges Day 'parade' via Zoom again this year but we very much look forward to filling the streets of Dorking in 2022 for a proper parade, full of pride with all the District groups, in our best ironed uniforms!

Over the past couple of weeks' we have been grateful for many donations for the Bags-2-School project. The final drop-off date at the Hut in South Holmwood is 5th June so do please pop along if you have anything you can donate, between 10 – 11am.

Our super exciting news is that during May, after decades of struggling with very outdated and faulty equipment, we finally had a brand new shiny and very beautiful kitchen installed! We would like to say a huge thank-you to Howdens for their generosity in agreeing such a charitable price for the Group and also to Howdens Guildford for kindly gifting us a brand new cooker, hob and big fridge freezer! The addition of a fully functioning kitchen will transform our abilities, and meetings and we are extremely grateful.

With Face-2-Face meetings returning, we can really get the fun started up again, so if your young person would like to join us, contact information is at the foot of this article – we'd love to see them!

We are also always on the look-out for more volunteers for Leaders and Section Assistants, so if you would like to give us a little of your time to help the group and its amazing young people who are after all, our future, please contact Alexandra, Group Scout Leader. Help teach the next generation for the benefit of all.

On a final note, we'd like to thank all our parents, carers, leaders, assistants, exec committee members and of course our young people. Without your never-ending enthusiasm, support and valued commitment we would not have been able to get through this, so and enormous thank you to all our team and their supporters! Here's to a bright future.

> Nikki Hamann – Section Assistant 24th Dorking (Holmwood and Capel) Contact: Alexandra Fairbrother, GSL 24th Dorking T: 07384 451317 gsl24dorking@gmail.com



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As late spring slowly merges into summer, gardens are magnificent. Lush green foliage that is yet to turn, wonderful scent and abundant flowers are all jostling for centre stage.

I love visiting gardens in May and June. It's the perfect chance to escape and enjoy some time just pottering around, getting ideas and falling in love with new plants, buying one or two, or three or four, from small on site nurseries or stalls. There is always something new to tempt me, despite promising myself I'm 'only looking'.

Capel Horticultural Society can start our coach trips again next year so I had better do a few recces and get some ideas on where to visit. Somebody has to do it!

Jobs to do in June

 now the threat of frost has passed, plant up pots and baskets with bedding plants

• deadhead all bedding to keep flowering throughout summer

• sow biennials for next year such as wall flowers, sweet williams, honesty and foxgloves

• stake dahlias and tall perennials

•some low growing perennials such as geraniums, alchemilla and heucheras benefit from having all their foliage cut back when they have finished flowering. They will soon send out new foliage which looks much fresher.

- prune spring flowering shrubs
- divide congested clumps of bulbs when the foliage dies back
- keep weeding
- liquid feed plants in tubs and baskets

plant out any remaining vegetable plants that you have grown under cover

• make sure climbing plants such as peas, runner and french beans have adequate support to grow up

- keep watering, feeding and pinching out side shoots on tomato plants
- protect brassicas, strawberries and soft fruit from pigeons
- keep successional sowing salad crops
- earth up potatoes and water in dry spells

 hoe weeds between rows, allowing annual weeds to dry off on the soil surface

Don't forget your houseplants! They will need more watering with the increased light and heat. If we are due a decent downpour, put them outside for a good soak as rainwater is more beneficial to them than tap water.



June 2021

Stretching those early summer fruits

One of the highlights of the year is when the first English strawberries and raspberries make their appearance. Big bowls of these luscious berries are a joy but costly unless you grow your own - so to make a punnet of either or both of these fruits go further here are two ideas to extend them.

Enjoy!

ALMOND CAKE

Serves 10-12 Vegetarian and gluten-free

Ingredients: 250g ground almonds 6 eggs, separated 250g caster sugar Grated zest of 1 orange Grated zest of 1 lemon 4 drops of almond extract Icing sugar for dusting the finished cake

Method: 1. Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan/350F/Gas Mark 4

2. Grease a 24cm round spring-form cake tin with butter and then dust with flour. Tap out any excess. N.B. Use corn flour if making gluten-free.

3. With and electric mixer, beat the egg yolks with the sugar to a pale cream. Then beat in the orange and lemon zests and the almond extract. Add the ground almonds and mix well.

4. Clean the mixer then whisk the egg whites until stiff and fold into the almond mixture. The mixture is thick so you need to fold it over gently quite a bit.

5. Pour the mixture into the tin and gently level.

6. Bake for 40 minutes or until it feels firm. Let it cool before turning out. Then dust the top with icing sugar before serving with a few strawberries and/or raspberries.



Cook's notes:

This is actually a Spanish cake - Tarta de Santiago. Pilgrims and tourists who visit the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela will see this cake in the windows of pastry shops and restaurants decorated with the shape of the Cross of the Order of Santiago in the icing sugar. This cake will stay moist for a few days in an airtight container.



LEMON POSSET

Serves 6 Vegetarian and gluten-free

Ingredients: 425ml double cream 125g caster sugar Juice of 2 lemons

Method:

1. In a small saucepan, bring the cream and sugar to the boil then reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 1-2 minutes.

2. Add the lemon juice and mix thoroughly then strain through a sieve into a jug and leave to cool for 5 minutes.

3. Skim off any air bubbles from the surface and pour into 6 small glasses or ramekins.

4. Place in the fridge for at least 2 hours or until set. Bring to room temperature before serving.

Cook's notes:

I always find the chemistry of the lemon reacting with the cream mixture to produce the set quite magical. Serve with shortbread biscuits along with the strawberries and/or raspberries.

Fruit and veg in season now:

Peas, spinach, lettuce, green beans, fennel, new potatoes. Strawberries, raspberries, rhubarb.

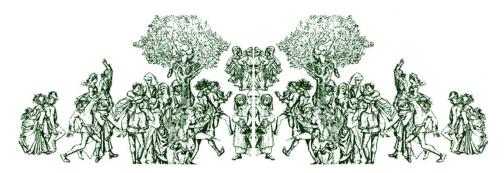
Judy Cranham



DORKING MUSEUM IN JUNE

Well, here we are in June and hopefully summer is well and truly with us. June 21st represents the first day of astronomical summer and the summer solstice. But, at the time of writing, that date is also scheduled as the 'end of lockdown' and, for many, an even greater cause for celebration. Somewhat confusingly, June 24th is

Midsummer's Day, which was one of the most popular and keenlyobserved festivals throughout the early modern period, marked by rural communities with Morris dancing, processions, late-night drinking, the blessing of crops and the ritual banishment of devils and other unwelcome sprites (a tradition that might be followed again this year substitute 'viruses' for 'devils').



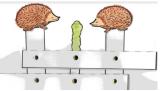
The Museum is open: Assuming that the roadmap is on course, the Museum was able to re-open on May 20th after an extensive covid-19 . assessment and implementation of special measures. Great care was taken to ensure that it could open safely whilst continuing to offer an appropriate visitor experience. This does mean that, subject to further relaxation, normal covid procedures are observed, visitor numbers may be restricted and there is access to no interactive elements of some of the displays. The normal adult admission charges apply, but children are admitted free.





Volunteers' Week: The Museum is run entirely by volunteers. While some were able to continue working 'behind the scenes' during lockdown, many were not because their roles are visitor-facing or INTEERS' depend on the building being open. They have been incredibly pleased to be able to return to greet and help our visitors after a long lockdown. The

invaluable contribution of volunteers in all aspects of society has become more greatly appreciated, of course, during the pandemic. Appropriately, June 1st -7th is Volunteers' Week, an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering. This is a time for us to come together and thank all volunteers for their invaluable contribution. <u>Summer Half-Term Activity Packs:</u> In view of current restrictions, we are unable to hold our normal popular family activities in the Museum. Following the success of our Easter Activity Packs, we are again providing free 'take and make' activity packs to take home. The new packs give you materials you need to make a Wiggly Worm Toy. They contain templates, fasteners and instructions, so you just need scissors, glue or tape, coloured pens or crayons and a hole-maker to complete the toy. Free packs may be collected from the Museum reception between 10am and 4pm on Thursday 3rd , Friday 4th and Saturday 5th June, but supplies are limited, so do not miss out.



'Forster@50', Forster@50: Our current special exhibition is commemorating the 50 th anniversary of the death of the writer E M Forster, best remembered for his novels, including Howard's End, A Room with a View and A Passage to India. Forster knew the Dorking area from a young age, when he regularly visited his aunt in Abinger Hammer and subsequently lived there for over 20 years. The exhibition explores his life locally, the local initiatives he took part in (the Dorking Refugee Committee, the Abinger Pageants) and his local associates (Ralph Vaughan Williams and others) as well as the impact of the area on his novels. A short film put together by the Museum team to accompany the exhibition may be viewed at https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/forster50/.





<u>Walking in Dorking:</u> The Museum's popular programme of guided walks in the town and surrounds has also resumed. Scheduled dates for June include The Deepdene Trail, Saturday 19th June, 2pm, and Betchworth Castle, Sunday 20th June, 2pm: both offer exclusive access to features not normally open to the public. In the town, Hidden Dorking Historic Walk (hidden treasures of the town), Sunday June 6th , 2pm; Mayflower 400 Walk (Dorking in the time of William Mullins), Sunday June 20th , 2pm, and a walk combining highlights of those two itineraries, Tuesday June 8th , 4pm. Walks take 90 minutes. 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/guidedwalks-around-dorking/).

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

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Dear Friends,



With the kind permission of the Crown pub in Capel. We will be running a coffee morning in their beautiful garden, (inside if wet!) on the 17 June. From 10am,' till midday. If you are having a turn out, I wondered if I could call upon you to donate any "good quality" hats, scarves, handbags and jewellery, to this very worthy cause.



It goes without saying that we would love to see you, enjoying coffee, delicious cakes and wonderful company

As some of will know, I have been a keen supporter of our local Hospice for many years,. This past year has seen their funds diminish substantially . So much so that, for now, they have had to reduce the number of beds from 16 to 12.

I will be willing to accept your kind offers from 1 June.

12 The Street Capel



Love Sally





<u>My Life as a Chimney Sweep</u> <u>David Parker</u>

Part 2



Unwanted visitors, continued.

On more than one occasion I have removed squirrel drays or live squirrels from chimneys, the most "memorable being in Slinfold. A squirrel had come down the chimney onto a closure plate over the wood burner. This first one died in there, I advised that a guard on

the top of the chimney would be good to prevent any further problems. The householder didn't act on this advice so a few months later I had a call to remove another squirrel. This time the beast was running around on the closure plate. After a lengthy process of trying to remove the squirrel I eventually managed it. The next problem was to get rid of it. It is illegal to release an alien species but obviously if you have got hold of it the easiest thing to do is throw it out of the door. The customer hadn't unlocked the door so in the action of retrieving the key to unlock the door the squirrel decided that it might be a good idea to take a chunk out of my wrist. The squirrel had signed its death warrant. The upshot of this was the customer had to have the carpet cleaned what with my blood dripping on the carpet plus blood from the squirrel. Also being rather upset about this incident I sent him the prescription charge for a double course of anti-biotics. Another of the encounters that can get quite animated is finding bees, wasps and hornets in a chimney.

The first bee's nest I found was in a chimney that had not been used for about fifty years. The chimney was about sixty-four feet high and the nest was forty-six feet up. After two and a half hours of trying to remove the nest, with honey and wax pouring down the chimney, luckily no live bees in this one, I gave up. The only way forward was for the builders to get a crane in. I spent a couple of hours on a cold gloomy day in February 1996 in a metal box on the end of the crane cable chopping the rest of the nest out. I have a number of these since. A customer in Ellens Green had a swarm of bees established in one of his chimneys. He contacted a pest control company who specialise in removing bees' nests. The idea being to save the colony. The quote for this was £14000.00. The job would involve taking down the chimney removing the bees and then rebuilding the chimney.

The customer's insurance company paid out £1500.00. E' thought it would still be a bit excessive to pay £12500.00 to do this so gave me a call to find out if I would do the job. I agreed to go on a Sunday morning to it. After two hours of prodding around with a hook and brushes I finished the job apart from the fact that I still had about an hour of washing tools etc. When I got home as everything was covered in honey and wax and a large quantity of bees wrapped up in a sheet. I was told to name my price on completion. I said £100-£125 to which E's reply was don't talk stupid, he once again told me he had been paid out £1500.00 so said he would write out a cheque for one thousand pounds. This rather softened the blow of the three bee stings I got while doing the job.

Angry wasps and hornets are different again, no sticky mess all over your tools and yourself, but lots of angry insects flying around is not good.

I have on two occasions found stag beetles in a chimney. A couple of mice running around in the fireplace and a frog. More about a frog in a later episode.

At a house being refurbished in Warnham had a rat in amongst some rubbish and wood in the fireplace. I did manage to get it. The room was being used as the builder's tearoom so they all stopped worked and cleaned the room from top to bottom.

<u>People</u>

As you can well imagine going around so many places you tend to meet a number of slightly unusual people.

At one job the couple ran a small hobby business in art dealing. All over the drawing room floor was newspaper cuttings. Picking my way between the cuttings I got to the fireplace. This was a Jet Master convector fire, the back had warped and cracked. The customer asked me what could be done, so I gave him advice on repairs. The following year I had the same

cuttings on the floor and same question about the fire. The customer's wife left him in about 1998. For around fifteen years I would see the same cuttings and be asked the same question, when I arrived in 2009 the room had been sorted out, the newspaper cuttings gone, and the fire repaired. New woman on the scene! At the same house, while sweeping the Jet Master chimney I was aware of someone entering the room behind me. When I looked round there was the customers sixteen or seventeen-year-old daughter wearing just a short see through night dress. Her reaction was as though this is quite normal to walk around the house in this fashion.

A woman in Horsham who had been a campaigner at Greenham common, an animal rights activist who had two incredibly old cats. The house left a lot to be desired, in no circumstances would I accept a cup of tea, when I saw the state of the kitchen work tops. Not only this, but Joyce also only had decaffeinated tea and soya milk. As for the cats, on one occasion my daughter came with me and by the time we had finished she left the house scratching, I will leave it at that.

This article will be split across several issues - please keep a look out for part 3!



Art Masterclass with Jake Winkle

This year is the 20th Anniversary of Dorking & District u3a and to mark the event, we are hosting a Zoom Art Masterclass on Wednesday 16 June 2021 run by Jake Winkle.

Jake Winkle is a well-known artist, specialising in direct simplified watercolours. Inspired by light and movement, Jake's paintings reflect the world around him. His loose, spontaneous style of painting endows his finished works with movement and life.

An artist for over 30 years, he studied at Bournemouth College of Art and Design and Brighton Polytechnic. His book on Light and Movement in Watercolour received great acclaim and he has written dozens of articles for magazines and has produced several teaching DVDs. He has won many awards and his work has often been exhibited at the Royal Society of British Artists.

Jake demonstrates and tutors all over the country and runs residential courses and workshops and masterclasses which are always extremely popular and often overbooked.

The Dorking & District online workshop is designed to appeal to all budding or experienced artists, no matter what medium you favour. It should also appeal to the non-artist as Jake specialises in wildlife or domestic animals and paints with you, leading you to eventually producing a very satisfactory picture. It is a privilege to watch him at work.

The u3a workshop will focus on English wildlife and will appeal to anyone interested in natural history and photography as well as painting or the study of art.

Jake has been running online Zoom sessions fortnightly during lockdown and consistently gets an audience of well over 100 people from all over the country and some from abroad.

This event is free for u3a members and will run from 10:00am to 12:30 pm on Wednesday 16 June 2021. To register for this workshop and u3a membership please visit www.dorkingu3a.org.uk. You can find out more about Jake Winkle and his work on www.jakewinkle.co.uk



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"No, honestly dear, I'm going to the pub to pray!"

There are many excuses that us chaps use to justify a quick trip to our local for a pint. Some quick research reveals a Top 20 of the most commonly heard reasons:

It's Friday It's Saturday My team won My team lost Beer is made of vegetables and is one of my Five A Day. It's Wednesdau Boris Johnson/Kier Starmer/Nicola Sturgeon (Delete as applicable) You owed your friend a drink Your friend owed you a drink Ooh, Thursday It was raining and I was getting wet It was sunny and I was getting hot Monday is good...... It's important to support the local economy It was someone's birthday (possibly mine - can't remember) It was a business meeting I had been in a business meeting all day I had been reading about the many health benefits of moderate drinking The football/rugby/cricket was on (Delete as applicable) Sunday is for relaxing with a pint

But trying to get away with, "I'm going to the pub to pray" is possibly the most audacious yet!

So, how did we get to the point of having church in a pub? Simple. Church is not about four walls and a pulpit; church is the community of people who meet there and that community of people can (and do) meet in many places that are not a recognisable church building. In fact, I would go as far as to say that many people see a church building as a barrier to joining a faith community. As a church we too often use language that is indecipherable; have traditions that seem archaic and we look like we close the doors of the church behind us to get away from the world. That's not the picture we see in the bible of the early church. The first Christians (or followers of The Way, as they were known) met in local synagogues – places that were familiar and comfortable to them and lived out the traditions that they'd grown up with. In addition to that, they would meet to study and pray in one another's homes – again familiar, comfortable surroundings. When Jesus went about teaching and preaching more often than not, he was in people's homes or on a hillside somewhere meeting people where they were and talking in a way that all could understand.

My hope is that Café Church is a bit like that. A group of people meeting in a comfortable, familiar setting to enjoy one another's company and explore their faith in a friendly, non-judgemental and relaxed atmosphere. "I'm going to the pub to pray!" It's the very thing that we do once a month at The Crown. Part of Café Church is talking to Jesus about things that are on our mind......just like chatting to your closest friend in a pub. Why wouldn't you want to talk to somebody who really understands and cares about your situation? There are a couple of amazing verses in the book of Hebrews about just this. "Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help." And to think you can do that in The Crown! I know where I'm going on Sunday 13th June - I'm going to the pub to pray!

Bob Cranham

(Café Church meets at The Crown, Capel on Sunday June 13th at 10.30am. Free coffee & croissants, a band, possibly some poetry, definitely lots of laughter and, hopefully, plenty to think about!)



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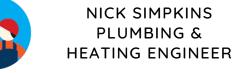


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Sunbeam Tigers Day out!



It's not every day that you see The Crown in Capel overrun with tigers but that's exactly what happened on Sunday 25th April. Eighteen of these rare beasts gathered together in search of food, drink and a shady place to rest for the afternoon. It's unusual to see them hunting in a pack but after a long, cold winter hibernating in various man caves across the South East of England, the first flush of spring sunshine brought them out into the open. And what a magnificent sight they were, their shiny coats glistening in the dappled rays of the April sun. (Editor: Just get on with it, Bob!)

Ah, yes. Sorry! Anyway, as a bit of background for the uninitiated, The Sunbeam Tiger was built between 1964 and 1967. Just over 7,000 in total were made, most for export to the U.S. The body is actually that of the Sunbeam Alpine but instead of having a 1725c.c. engine the Tiger was fitted with an American Ford V8 engine of 4.2ltr. Suffice to say that, in the mid '60's, this was something of a revelation to the usually sedate British motorist and the cars proved extremely popular. We are the proud owners of the bright red example in the centre of the photo. Those of you who are keen viewers of the BBC series Celebrity Antiques Road Trip will already have seen the car as it featured in three episodes!

The day in Capel was a huge success. Having spent the morning driving through the Surrey Hills, the cars arrived at The Crown to the usual warm welcome from Vanda, Vicki and the team. A leisurely lunch in glorious sunshine followed - the perfect way to spend a Sunday. It was almost like getting back to normal life again...........

More details about the Sunbeam Tiger can be found at http://www.sunbeamtiger.co.uk/

Bob Cranham



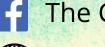
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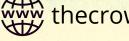
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