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**Barry Evans** 

Welcome from the editor...

# "There is no path to happiness; happiness is the path." - Buddha

Wow almost a whole year of magazines. Can you believe it?! Welcome to issue 11.

The purpose of our lives is to be happy.



I saw this quote and I thought I would share it with you. We can get caught up in life and sometimes forget to be happy and enjoy life for what it is!

Life can get in the way at times and we can focus on the imperfections and the foibles of others that change our outlook. It is important to live in the moment and as things happen, deal with them and then move on.

Happiness is a personal thing. For some it is the people in their lives that make them happy, for others it's the adventures they take part in and for some it's money that makes

them happy. You may disagree with what makes another happy, but remember, everyone is different and it's people's differences that makes the world a fun place to live!

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

Corinne x



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# Word on the Street for November 2021.....

Hello all you wonderful people, how ya doing? Gosh how fast did October go? We can now officially say we are nearing the end of the year. Fingers crossed that no more lockdowns will occur and we can all celebrate Christmas as we are meant too with family and friends.

What's on this month you ask? Well now, it will be another jam packed month starting with the Village Luncheon on Thursday the 4th of November. We then have the farmers market on Saturday the 6th as well as the 20th.

Our quiz night is on the 9th and the charity for this month is the Poppy Appeal. Come down for dinner before it starts at 7pm.

The Charity coffee morning will be on Wednesday the 10th from 10.30am. Thank you to Kath for supplying her world famous coffee and walnut cake. Was rather delish if I say so myself. Don't forget to wear your poppy for Thursday the 11th which is Armistice Day.

Cafe Church is on Remembrance Sunday the 14th. It's church but not as you know it.

Thursday the 18th we have Gin Club with Madame Jennifer Distillery coming up for the evening. You can purchase your Christmas gins and liqueurs from them. The menu for the night will be Spanish tapas.

Was fantastic to have the open mic back with us and we look forward to it again this month on the Saturday the 20th.

Afternoon Tea will be Wednesday the 24th, please let us know if you are coming so we can make enough sandwiches. Remember £2.00 from each tea sold goes towards the monthly charity.

And finally but certainly not least we have supper club on Saturday 27th from 7.30pm. 3 course dinner and live music for £30 a head.

Phew and that's just us. Lots going on in the village as well with Christmas fairs and bingo and race nights and there is bound to be bonfires somewhere as well. Please make sure to keep your fur babies inside and safe from the fireworks that will happen.

Looking forward to another crazy month, see you all soon.

From the Team @
The Crown xox



# Liz's Letter



November - it seems hardly possible - time seems to have flown once more. As I put the services page together I couldn't believe that we are nearing Christmas. It honestly doesn't feel that long since last year, when we were all in the depths of lockdown, not able to share the festive season with our loved ones or those who we would normally invite into our homes. Winter is certainly approaching now, but its good isn't it to appreciate these days before the festivities which hopefully will take place this year. We have just celebrated the fruits of the season with harvest festivals at both our churches and sent off lots of food to the local food bank and thank you to all who contributed and especially our lovely Scott Broadwood children. Our next shout out will be for contributions to the Christmas hampers we will be preparing in December for needy families locally. Do look inside church for more details and a sign up list later on this month. Also if you know someone who would appreciate a hamper or a small gift this year please do let me know?

Remembrance Sunday is on the 14th November this year and like last year we will be holding the entire service outside at Capel around the War Memorial at 3pm. At St Margaret's Ockley the Remembrance Service will take place outside also in the morning beginning at 10.45am. This I think is the most sensible way of allowing as many as would like to attend to remember on this most auspicious of Remembrance Sundays - the Centenary of the British Legion. This year we will be missing one very important person, Ian Moon, who died this year. Ian along with his colleague Richard Orme have been our British Legion representatives for many years and we will miss him. Richard will be with us and carrying the Capel British Legion Standard in honour of Ian for what will probably be the last time as it is due to be laid up in church afterwards.

As we take time to remember this year in various ways those who are sadly no longer with us and the nights draw in it is easy to let these sadnesses get the better of us. I myself have lost one of my brothers unexpectedly last month and it makes me very aware of my own mortality. I know that many in our parish are coping with many challenges, illness and loss but as the reading I have chosen for my brother's funeral which is from Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 says, for everything there is a season, and time for every matter under heaven.... Let it be so and let us encourage one another as there is much to give thanks for in our lovely villages as we gear up for Christmas!

So whether I may see you at our first ever Christmas Fair in Capel later this month or decorating the community Christmas Trees on that first Saturday in December or celebrating the coming of Christmas in our Christingle Service at Ockley or in a more reflective mood at one of our services, please know that we are here to help you in any way we can. In the meantime let us embrace the season we find ourselves in and all

that surrounds us, let us help one another and know that God loves each one of us deeply knowing all that we face in life and will help us if we let him.

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 - NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 7TH THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9:30AM Matins at St Margaret's Ockley

10:30AM Family Communion at St John's Capel

3-5PM Capel Teas at St John's Capel

SUNDAY 14TH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.45AM Annual Service of Remembrance at St Margaret's

Ockley

10:30AM Cafe Church at The Crown Capel

3:00PM Annual Service of Remembrance at St John

the Baptist Capel

SATURDAY 20TH CAPEL CHRISTMAS FAIR

12-4PM Parish and Memorial Halls, Capel

SUNDAY 21ST CHRIST THE KING

9:30AM Holy Communion BCP at St Margaret's Ockley

10:30AM Family Communion at St John's Capel

SUNDAY 28TH ADVENT SUNDAY

9:30am Matins with Baptism at St Margaret's Ockley

10:30AM Family Communion at St John's Capel

#### **DECEMBER**

SATURDAY 4TH

9:30am Christmas Tree Decorating in Capel

Churchyard

12:00pm Baptism at St Margaret's Ockley

5:00pm Switching on Christmas Tree Lights and Carol

Singing - Capel

SUNDAY 5TH SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30AM Matins at St Margaret's Ockley

10:30AM Family Communion at St John's Capel

4:00PM Christingle Service at Ockley Cricket Pavillion

BCP - service is from The Book of Common Prayer 1662

CW - service is from Common Worship 2005

#### COVID UPDATE

It is most likely that we shall still be observing social distancing inside our churches and advising that people continue to wear face masks as well as the other important precautions we will be putting into place. Congregational singing is welcomed (please wear a mask) but there are always arrangements for seating for those who don't wish to sing.



We mourn the loss of a dear friend Anne Moon.





# <u>Capel Litter Pick</u>

Saturday 13th November -Capel Village Hall Car Park -10am



### **Capel Camera Club**



At last we are able to meet on Wednesday evenings in the village hall. 7.45 for 8pm start. November 10th, 17th, 24th, please note not Nov 3rd. As we are not at the moment able to use the kitchen please bring your own drink.

Last months competition was to produce 2 images starting with Y. What a challenge! Well we rose to the occasion and came up with some fantastic ideas. Namely Yawn, Yamaha, Yvonne, Yearning, Yacht, Yukka, and of course lots of yellow sunflowers.

If you would like more information see our website www.Capel camera club.org.uk camera club.org.uk camera club.org.uk camera club.org.uk camera club.org.uk

Or just come along on the night to meet the members. Or phone our chairman. Liz Woodham. 01306 712003.

Julia Forsyth



Following on from the Oscar winning 'Nomadland' that was shown in October we have another 'roadie' film, but set in England this time. Its title is "Supernova" and will be shown on Tuesday 2nd November in Capel Village Hall. The film follows Sam (a musician) and Tusker (a novelist) who have been partners for 20 years. They travel across England in their old camper van visiting friends, family and places from their past. Sam is played by Colin Firth, Tusker by Stanley Tucci and his character in the film has been diagnosed with early-onset dementia two years ago, so their time together is the most important thing they have. These are two great actors at the top of their game.

As before the doors open at 7.30pm for the show to start at 8 o'clock. Admission is on the door on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are £5 per person, preferably paid by card but we will try to have a cash payment alternative if there is a problem for anyone. We want to keep everyone safe so we advise wearing a face covering and to keep socially distanced but this is purely advisory. For the time being we will not be offering refreshments, as in the past, but it is hoped that we will be able to restore this as soon as it is considered to be safe. There will be an intermission about half way through, as we had in the past. You can bring your own refreshment if you would like to do so.



The Poppy Appeal runs this year from 30th October until 14th November. As I mentioned in last month's edition I expect the usual volunteers will be collecting in their respective roads and there will be collection boxes in the following locations:

Dorking Brewery, The Crown, Carter's Car Care, Carter's Garage

Capel News, Village Greens

as well as the local schools. As the country's largest Armed Forces charity, Royal British Legion is at the heart of a network that is there to support members of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families. From peacekeeping missions to supporting the UK's response to Covid-19, our Armed Forces perform incredible tasks every day and the Legion is there to ensure their selfless contribution is never forgotten. They have programmes that support physical and mental well being, small home adaptions, financial and employment support, as well as advice on helping those serving transition to civilian life. Anything you can give is gratefully received.

Stuart Cole

#### DORKING MUSEUM IN NOVEMBER



The Museum's current special exhibition, 'Darking 1620', was originally planned for last year to mark the 400 th anniversary of the sailing of The Mayflower, carrying William Mullins and his family to the New World. Like other events in Dorking, however, it was a victim of the Lockdown – but, equally well, it is perhaps appropriate this month to commemorate the 400 th anniversary of the first 'Thanksgiving' feast in the colony.

The three-day feast held by the 'Pilgrims' (with Native Americans) at the Plymouth settlement in November 1621 did give thanks for the survival of (some of) the settlers and celebrated their first harvest but has romantically (but erroneously) passed into American popular culture as the 'First Thanksgiving'.

The Museum's impressive exhibition, 'Darking 1620', weaves the story of the six pilgrims from Dorking who undertook that perilous voyage to the New World with an examination of 17th century life in the town they left behind.

One exhibit attracting a lot of attention is a magnificent cross section model of the Mayflower, created as a real labour of love by the team from Dorking Men's Shed. The plans for the model entailed extensive research and a degree of creativity, as information on the ship itself is limited. The main frame had been prepared just as lockdown put a stop to teamwork in the Shed but work began again in earnest after reopening, by which time the exhibition had been rescheduled and the team, led by Tony Chaplin, had a real deadline to work to.

The model was completed and mounted in time for the exhibition opening in September, including equipment, characters, provisions and working lights, although extra features are being added. The Museum plans to have the model on permanent display in the Mauflower section.

Gallery Talk: November's Gallery Talk at the Museum explores the issues behind the exhibition's theme. Kathy Atherton asks 'Why do we mark the anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower?'. This talk will tell the story of the background to the voyage, and the stories of those from Dorking

who sailed, but it will also look behind the myths of the Mayflower, examining why it is still so culturally significant today. The Plymouth Colony was not the first English colony to be established so why is it the one we all know about? And why is the feast of Thanksgiving so significant an event in the US calendar when large swathes of the population did not come from England, or even from Europe? Should we be 'celebrating' the arrival of the Mayflower at all?

Wednesday, 24th November, 7.00pm, doors open 6.30pm. Tickets on the door or in advance online, £7, includes a glass of prosecco.

**Book Launch**: Dorking Foundry was at the heart of Dorking's industrial activity 150 years ago – the site is now occupied by Dorking Museum. Julian Womersley's new book, 'A Dorking Foundry Scrapbook: Celebrating a lost part of the town's industrial heritage' is published by The Cockerel Press. Here is a chance to 'Meet the Author': Julian discusses the inspiration behind his book, its general themes and some fascinating findings, before considering the role and legacy of the foundry in Dorking's rich heritage. Thursday, 18 th November, 7.00pm, doors open 6.30pm. Tickets on the door or in advance online, £5, includes a glass of prosecco.



**Museum entry**: Dorking Museum continues to offer free entry to visitors, although, since we do not receive any local authority or grant funding for running costs, donations are welcome. The Museum is run entirely by volunteers and new members are urgently needed to join the team as Visitor Assistants to meet, greet and assist visitors. Pending further recruitment, it has been necessary to suspend Thursday morning opening.



Can you help? Apart from Visitor Assistants (above), there are specific openings for people who can bring special skills and experience to a range of other roles that will assist in the management, development and smooth running of the museum. The roles are voluntary, part-time and full training is given. Current requirements are for a Visitor Assistant Manager and an Events Co-ordinator (see website), and for a Curator of Archives and archivists (e-mail admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk).

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

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# CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY: The return of singing!

Now that COVID related restrictions have been lifted, Capel Choral Society has thankfully returned to regular Monday evening rehearsals, when Capel's Memorial Hall is once again resounding to the singers' long neglected vocal cords being exercised once again!

The Choir has been learning Beethoven's Mass in C, the main set work for next April's Leith Hill Music Festival, when it will be singing together with five other choirs, full orchestra and soloists.

Capel Choral has also been learning some smaller pieces for a concert at the end of November. The concert programme will include music from Henry VIII (supposedly...) to Ralph Vaughan Williams (ahead of his 150th anniversary year); settings of poetry from William Shakespeare - to Alan Titchmarsh!... and lots of audience opportunities for a rousing singalong to popular carols.

The concert will be held in St Mary's Church in Horsham on the 27th November, in conjunction with Horsham Harmony choir, accompanied by a wind band of local musicians and conducted by Music Director Stuart Longley. Tickets, at £7.50, are available from the Ticket Secretary, Yvonne Allmond yvonneallmond@aol.com, 01403 269884, or from choir members.

As it is now the only remaining founding choir of the Leith Hill Music Festival, Capel Choral Society is determined to maintain its unbroken record of participation in the annual Festival; and will warmly welcome any aspiring singers who wish to join them in the relaxing, care banishing and healthy activity which is choral singing.

Please contact the Secretary, Rosemary Goddard, for more information about the Choir: rosemary@stylehurstfarm.com, or telephone 01306 711259.



## Capel Old Friends Christmas Drop-In

Saturday 11 December. 11am-3pm. Capel Village Hall.

This year in place of the Capel Old Friends Christmas Party we will be organising a "drop-in". We will be having an open house in the Village Hall and will be serving tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies.

We know how important it is for "Capel Old Friends" to catch up at Xmas and how much you enjoy the Xmas party, but sadly we feel that it's not appropriate to run such a large event again this year.

So why not come along – and even better, bring a friend or two – any time between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 11 December and meet some "Old Friends". There's also an opportunity to win a hamper for Christmas.

If you are on the Capel Old Friends Christmas Party list we will be sending you details so we know how many people to cater for. If you'd like to be added to our list (and are over 70 living in the Capel area), please contact us on 01306 711371.

David Hall/Kerry Hewson



It's nearly that time again. Thank goodness this year we are anticipating getting back to enjoying a super gathering together with trees and the decorators who dress them in their individual and imaginative styles.

Date 4th December time 9-30am

Any club/organisation that hasn't participated before are willing to join in. please let me know well I advance as there are several logistics that have to be arranged. (sorry no commercial enterprises)

Sally Wyborn

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As I write this report we have been up and running for 5 weeks.. It has been quite a shock to my system to have so many things to think about! The Lockdowns and restrictions certainly shrank our world and now, thank goodness, we are getting back to what used to be our normal life. In the five weeks that we have been open the numbers returning to club are gradually building. Sad to say, but we have not escaped losing some of our longstanding members. Not all of them to Covid either. It was heartening to see so many of our lovely members in person. During the 18 months that we were closed I started to write to every member. I started it in the July when it became clear that we were looking at a fairly long lay-off. Who on earth could have predicted just how long that was going to last! I carried on my monthly letters right up until we reopened in September. It has been so heartwarming to keep that contact going, and making sure that we all remembered that we are The Evergreens. I have loved having that connection and I appreciate all the phone calls and letters I received from our members each month.

Now that we are back in business again we have our December extended Christmas celebrations to plan. December is all things Christmassy! Although, looking ahead, we have already planned and booked a long weekend away in April next year. Some of us are going to Warner's Coastal Village at Hayling Island. We are also hoping to have a New Year Lunch in January. That's an Evergreens tradition that we want to keep going, we just need to settle on a venue. The last few we had were at Denbies, and were fabulous. The tables were magnificently decorated and the carvery was excellent. Then some very moreish desserts. Naturally, accompanied by their very own Wines.

It's been a bit of a learning curve starting up again, post lockdown. With a large number of members attending, around the mid 30's, we have changed the way we are doing things for the time being. Evergreens famous home made cakes are not on the menu for now. We are having pre-wrapped biscuits instead. We are also using disposable cups, to cut down on the amount of people using the kitchen to two. No washing up group needed. That's one job that isn't missed by the members. I do hope that not all of these measures will be needed in 2022!

I'm sure over the course of the next few months, with our committee meetings getting under way, we will try to put on a good selection of weekly meetings and events for next year. Fingers crossed, there are no more interruptions!

Pat Morgan, Chairperson of The Evergreens.

#### CAPEL LUNCH CLUB

On the first Thursday of each month a lunch club is held in the Crown, Capel 12-30pm. All welcome. lovely warm place, very friendly company.

Lunch £5-00, reasonably priced drinks, puddings supplied by village organisations, at no charge.

To book a place please contact Sally Wyborn by the previous Monday of every month.

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#### ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 15TH at 2.30 pm

#### The Genius of Antonio Stradivari.

#### By lecturer Toby Faber

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Join us on Monday, November 15th at 2.30 pm 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!



# This month! The all new 'Capel Christmas Fair' 20th November 12 - 4 at the Parish & Memorial Halls, Capel



Suddenly the first Capel Christmas Fair is here! We have a full line up for you with over twenty five stalls and lots of wonderful refreshments! Entry is £3 to include a free hot drink (children under 12 go free) and the Fair is in aid of our two Parish churches in Capel and Ockley, together with the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). We are delighted to say that we have a lovely variety of stalls to tempt you and inspire you for your christmas shopping including:

Wicked London candles and diffusers \* Tiffany Bud Art \* Box o Sox \* Chukka Belts \* Loungers clothing \* Body shop \* Doggy treats and toys \* Olivia Rose Jewellery \* Tracey's jewellery \* Parkgate pottery \* Olka Craft cards \* Christmas decorations \* Helen Moore's faux fur accessories \* Creative Pickle's children's personalised pictures and gifts \* Lily Christon felted goods \* MNDA christmas cards and much more! Many are local producers but we also have some stalls coming from further away to join us including 'Annie with Alex' bags - a wonderful mother and daughter team who make unique bags!

We will have a variety of refreshments throughout the Fair including Hill House Farm, Surrey Hills cafe and Dorking Brewery, all based locallyl. Also joining us are Silent Pool Gin, Charlie Chateas, Capel WI with their wonderful desserts stall and of course refreshments from our church teas team (which will include Aldhurst Farm milk!) ... keeping it local!

So why not make a day of it and start your Christmas shopping on 20th November at the very first 'Capel Christmas Fair'! Please help us make this a success and raise funds for the two charities!

Thank you Suzanne Cole & Debbie von Bergen

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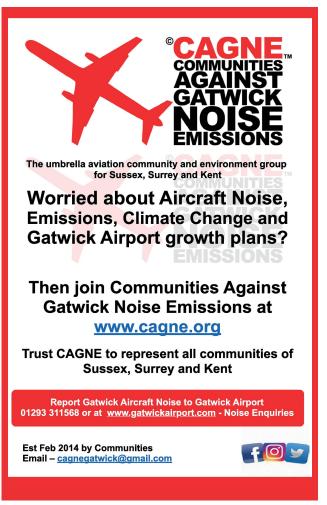
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# What's on in Capel?



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.

- Tuesday 2nd November Flix showing 'Supervova' @ Capel Village
   Memorial Hall 7:30pm
- Thursday 4th November Village Luncheon @ The Crown Capel
- Saturday 6th November Capel Market @ The Crown Capel 9am 12pm
- Tuesday 9th November Pub Quiz @ The Crown Capel 7:00pm
- Tuesday 9th November Dine & Bingo @ Capel Village Memorial Hall 7:00pm
- Wednesday 10th November Charity Coffee Morning @ The Crown Capel
- Saturday 13th November Litter Pick @ Capel Village Hall Car Park 10am
- Thursday 18th November Gin Club @ The Crown Capel Madame Jennifer Distillery
- Saturday 20th November Capel Market @ The Crown Capel 9am 12pm
- Saturday 20th November Open Mic Night @ The Crown Capel
- Wednesday 24th November Afternoon Tea @ The Crown Capel
- Saturday 27th November Supper Club @ The Crown Capel 7:30pm £30
- Tuesday 30th November "Talk Beyond the Garden Gate" @ Capel
   Village Memorial Hall 7:15pm
- Saturday 11 December Capel Old Friends Christmas Drop-In @ Capel
   Village Hall 11am-3pm
- Wednesday 15th December Beare Green & Newdigate Christmas Concert







November 2021

#### BANGERS FOR BONFIRE NIGHTS!

As children we would always have a bonfire and fireworks in the garden on Guy Fawkes night followed by sausages and jacket potatoes. Fond memories. Sausages are available in a huge choice of meats (or vegetarian/gluten-free options) to suit any palate or occasion. They are so versatile. From casseroles and stews to toad-in-the-holes and soups. They also make brilliant meatballs.

#### Sticky Asian Sausages:

Serves 4

Ingredients:

8 sausages
3tbsp clear honey
2tbsp sesame oil
2tbsp soy sauce
1tbsp balsamic vinegar
1tbsp Dijon mustard
Sesame seeds to finish

#### Method:

- 1 Mix the honey, sesame oil, soy sauce, balsamic vinegar and Dijon mustard together in a large bowl. Add the sausages and coat well. Leave to marinate for 1 hour.
- 2 Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/390F/gas mark 6
- 3 Put the sausages in a roasting tin and bake for 20/25min, turning them a couple times, until they are a lovely brown colour and cooked through.
- 4 Sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve.

#### Cook's Notes:

This would work well with cocktail sausages for a crowd. Just place in a large serving dish with cocktail sticks for everybody to help themselves.



#### Sausage and cider casserole:

Serves 4
Ingredients:
8 pork sausages
15 fl oz/425ml of strong dry cider
1tbsp cider vinegar
1 cooking apple peeled, cored and sliced
2 medium red onions sliced
1 large clove of garlic chopped
1 oz/225g streaky bacon diced
1tbsp plain flour
3 sprigs of fresh thyme
2 bay leaves
2tbsp olive oil
Salt and black pepper

#### Method:

1 Heat a casserole or sauté pan (with a lid) on a medium heat and add 1tbsp of the oil. Fry the sausages until browned on all sides then transfer to a plate.

2 In the same pan fry the onions, garlic and bacon until soft and lightly browned. Remove and put on the plate with the sausages.

3 Add the remaining oil to the pan and brown the apple slices.

4 Reduce the heat under the pan. Add the sausages, onion, garlic and bacon to the pan with the apples. Sprinkle in the flour, stirring well to mix. Gradually add the cider and vinegar, stirring well as you go to avoid lumps. Add the thyme and bay leaves. Taste and season with the salt and pepper.

5 Cover and simmer gently for 1 hour.

#### Cook's Notes:

This can be made the day before and gently heated. Delicious with mashed potatoes and savoy cabbage. If you don't want to use the cider you can replace it with a good quality dry apple juice.



#### Fruit and veg in season now:

Turnips; parsnips; potatoes; red cabbage; English celery; Jerusalem artichokes; chestnuts.

Pears; apples; citrus fruits.

Judy Cranham



### <u>Calf Delivery</u>



We were late in starting our walk on a Sunday morning in November, so when we got to the yard the girl had already seen the heifers. She told Vic that the heifer he thought was near to her time was getting pretty close and had an enormous udder but had not started her contractions when she saw her in the Far Meadow, not twenty minutes before. Privately I thought 'Well that's OK. Vic and the rest of the team can bring her in to calve." It's not that I am very squeamish, but I don't like looking at all those gory hospital episodes on TV, and the business of birthing has always rather scared me.

Vic and I set off across the fields, just like old times. However, instead of walking along the top of Long Field towards the lake, we went through the gate and walked down it to Far Meadow. It then dawned on me that Vic was going to see how the heifer was getting on and that we might have to walk her back up the lane to the yard. As we walked Vic said 'Can you see anyone on their own?' No, as far as I could see the main bunch were all in the furthest corner of the field, with a few stragglers quietly cropping the grass not far from the main herd. Then we heard it, the low moaning moo of a cow in distress, and sure enough 'Daisy' (as Vic eventually called her) was lying flat out under the hedge where it was nigh impossible to see her. Vic made an unerring bee-line to her and way before I saw anything he told me that she had already started to give birth because he could see the calf's 'Toes' sticking out. Sure enough when we were a bit closer it was obvious the calving was well under way with two dainty trotters sticking out just in front of a wet nose. Vic said that was a good sign as the calf could breathe but the mother was obviously having difficulty in giving birth.

Vic will tell you that I said to him 'I'll hold your stick and gloves here while you do the business'. It is not strictly true, but I certainly slowed down while Vic strode forth all the while unbuckling his belt, while I was muttering 'I'm not very good at this'; which is very true since I have never been anywhere near a cow who is calving, and I was very uncertain of what to do. Of course, Vic knew exactly what to do, and it is a measure of his leadership that I did help after he had buckled his belt around the forefeet of the calf which was the only bit to have emerged so far. We then pulled with all our might each time the mother gave another heave. Gradually the head appeared, then part of the body and then the miracle happened and the whole body slid out. It was a healthy bull calf.

In the meantime all the other 34 heifers had come over to investigate what was happening and were interested to greet another new baby calf into the world. The mother gently licked the calf, and Vic and I went away leaving Nature to do her stuff. As Vic says, that is the best way. I still felt quite emotional about it. Vic was only concerned that his trousers didn't fall down!

Chris Coke

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# Capel Horticultural Society



Misty mornings and dark evenings make for short November days in the garden. Don't forget to check out Chris's Tips on our website: www.capelhorticulturalsociety.org.uk for all that needs doing outdoors this month. Can we invite you to join our planned activities both indoors and out? You do not need to be a member to participate – all are truly welcome.

#### Capel Litter Pick

The Horticultural Society organises at least two litter picks each year. If you would like to help us do please come along to the Memorial Hall Car Park on **Saturday 13 November at 10.00**. We aim to finish by midday and would love to offer you some home-made cake and a coffee for your efforts. Bring gloves, dress according to the weather and remember sturdy footwear – we will provide bags and pickers. Looking forward to seeing you there.

#### An Evening Talk "Beyond the Garden Gate"

On **Tuesday 30 November** we shall be hosting a talk from Angela & Graham O'Connell in Capel Village Memorial Hall - "Beyond the Garden Gate: The National Garden Scheme Past & Present" The O'Connells will give us an insight to the history of the NGS and illustrate some gardens that open in our area. Whilst entry will be free there will be the opportunity to make a charitable donation, the beneficiaries being nursing and health charities such as Macmillan and Marie Curie. Do please come along 7.15 for 7.30pm.

#### Festive Willow Decorations - almost sold out!

Many of you will have enjoyed our Christmas Wreath making evenings. This year we are planning to do something a little different. The very talented Nicki Rowlings from Willow & Yoga in Westcott will be coming to teach us how to weave a Willow Christmas tree. Come and join our workshop to learn how to make this contemporary and eco-friendly Christmas decoration which you will be able to take home adorned with festive lights at the end of the evening. We have a limited number of places so please contact Miranda Ashwood mirandaashwood1@gmail.com to book.

When: Thursday 9 December

Where: Capel Village Memorial Hall

Timings: 19.30 - 22.00 approx

Cost: £20 to include all materials and seasonal refreshment

Finally, a few lines about our Summer Fun Challenge.

As we were unable to have the Flower Show, with the children's classes which always give such enjoyment to the participants, we decided to hold a Summer Fun Challenge. This was distributed to all the youngsters at Scott Broadwood and The Weald Schools and was open to all primary age children. The aim was to encourage the children to get out and about to discover, observe, make new things and generally have some outdoor fun during the summer holidays. There was a lot of interest but as with all competitions, you can only have one winner, or in this case, one winning family. The Rapley's managed to complete virtually every challenge in the booklet, and there were a lot! We saw evidence of their wonderful efforts, mostly by photograph but they produced some of the results of their making activities too. Congratulations to Leah and Scarlett, they will now enjoy a family day out at Bocketts Farm as a well-deserved reward for their enthusiasm.



#### MUSIC IN DORKING - NOVEMBER 2021

6 th at 7.30, Dorking Philharmonia at St Martin's church, £15, 01306 730640 14 th at 3.00, Jubilee string quartet at Dorking Halls, £21, 01306 740619 20 th at 7.30, Dorking Choral Society at St Martin's church, £18, 01306 879919 There are three excellent concerts in Dorking this month, covering a range from chamber music to orchestral music and a full choral-orchestral concert.

The Dorking Philharmonia, conducted by Paul Newbold, begin their programme with Haydn's last symphony, no.104 in D, written for his second and final visit to London. This will be followed by Saint-Saens' first cello concerto, with soloist Jenny Janse, and the concert will finish with Beethoven's second symphony.

The Dorking Concertgoers present the first of three recitals by the Jubilee string quartet. They open their programme with a Haydn quartet, one of the last he wrote, and follow this with a quartet movement by Schubert, one of his many incomplete compositions, but a fine work nevertheless. They finish with Beethoven's quartet in A minor, op.132, one of his so-called late quartets. It is an inward-looking piece with an intense slow movement, written as a thanks offering after the composer had recovered from a bout of illness.

The Dorking Choral Society has a special concert linked to Dorking's celebration of William Mullins, a Dorking resident who sailed with the other Pilgrim Fathers on the 'Mayflower' to America 400 years ago. (The voyage actually took place in 1620 but the celebrations were unavoidably delayed from last year.) The concert's theme is the sea, and it includes the first performance, in a newly-orchestrated version, of a set of sea shanties by local composer Ian Assersohn. The concert also features extracts from Stanford's lively Songs of the Fleet, Elgar's beautifully evocative Sea Pictures, and two movements from Vaughan Williams' grand and majestic Sea Symphony.

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# My Life as a Chimney Sweep David Parker



#### Part 6

The chimney sweep can also catch the customer out. Clearing the ash from a fire I found a piece of wire, recognising this I placed it on one side, looking out for its partner. I now have these two pieces of wire in my notebook so that when I give my talks on my life as a sweep I warn the ladies not to burn their bras on the fire!!! We are now in 2019 not the 1970's. Other things of a delicate nature have been found but maybe this is not the place to mention them. I will let the reader use their imagination.

A couple explained what they wanted to do with the deeply sorry looking fireplace, they both had valid ideas and started asking for my thoughts and advice. Situations like this can be difficult especially if one or the other has a fixed idea in their head. Of course, sometimes I have had entirely different ideas as to what could be done. A couple in Southwater did just that one day and when I left them, I think they were more confused about what to do than before I started.

#### It's not just chimneys

Getting out and about and into people's houses leads sometimes into some very strange situations. By the nature of the job you are quite often the only person some people might see that day or for a day or two.

It is not uncommon to be asked if you could help out with a number of small tasks that the customer might not be able to do or they may need some help moving something.

I had a job where the customer asked if (between me and the lad I had with me) we would mind moving a sofa-bed upstairs. The staircase was narrow, and the sofa-bed was heavy. We proceeded to dismantle the sofa-bed so we stood half a chance of moving it. The frame was light enough but to manoeuvre this up the stairs took a considerable amount of twisting and turning, this we eventually achieved with a fag paper of clearance. The bed

turning, this we eventually achieved with a fag paper of clearance. The bed part being that much smaller was easier to get up the stairs but of course this was the heavy part. Job done we sat down in the kitchen for a well-earned second cup of tea and biscuits.

Some of my older customers suffer with arthritis in the hands so it is a common occurrence to be asked to open bottles and jars. On one occasion a chap in Horsham had acquired a table lamp, this had no plug fitted to it, so being unable to undo the screws on another plug he had stripped back a short length of the cables, twisted them together and wrapped Selotape round the twists. I had to unplug the lamp to plug in the vacuum so noticed this and fitted the plug properly once I had finished the chimney. Light bulbs I have been asked to change on many occasions, some of these are not always straight forward.



This article will be split across several issues - please keep a look out for our final part in next months magazine.



People rarely claim that November is their favourite month. And with good reason. The last month of autumn is often only enlivened by the changing colour of the leaves. The bright dahlias and salvias are fading and we are left with a more muted colour palette. Wind and rain are frequent unwanted guests but will be with us for some time.

- plant out winter bedding
- sow sweet peas for strong healthy plants next spring
- cut back dahlias after the first frosts and top those left in the ground with a thick layer of mulch
- prune roses and remove dead leaves from around the base to avoid the spread of disease
- bring in pots of tender perennials or shrubs before the frosts. Mulch any left in the soil
- when cutting back perennials leave seed heads on those that will look attractive through the winter. There will also be the added bonus of seeds for the birds
- plant out the last of the bulbs, especially tulips which shouldn't be planted before November
- spike lawns and brush sharp sand in the holes to improve drainage.
   Avoid walking on very wet or frozen lawns
- place raked up leaves in a wire container, or bag with holes to make leaf mould.
- dig over bare vegetable beds. Add well rotted manure if possible
- plant garlic as it likes a cold dormant time before growing in the spring
- sow hardy peas under fleece
- prune apple and pear trees
- cut back summer fruiting raspberries

Cold, dark winter evenings are perfect for flicking through seed catalogues! I spend far too much time doing this and always try and buy a few different packets that I've never tried before. Germination can be erratic with some but the joy you get from a brand new, home grown plant is one of the best feelings ever!

Sally Griffin









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November already? Isn't it amazing how quickly a year can pass when half of it was spent in lockdown with time seeming to pass so slowly!

November is a month of remembrance. Firstly, on the 5th, Guy Fawkes night. The old, familiar nursery rhyme that tells us, "Remember, remember the Fifth of November, Gunpowder Treason and Plot". It's over 400 years since Guy Fawkes and his cohorts attempted to blow up parliament but the plot is remembered year after year with lavish firework displays and, in Brockham's case, an enormous bonfire.

Then there's the 11th November, of course. Armistice Day, when we remember those who died in the two World Wars and other conflicts with two minutes of silence at 11am that morning. Two starkly contrasting ways to mark the remembrance of important dates in our history.

Café Church falls on Remembrance Sunday this year. It has become my custom over the past few years to bring a small, brown, grubby, pocket-sized New Testament to church to read from on this day. It has a hand-written inscription inside the front cover. It reads, "Sent to Dear George. May 19 th 1918. From his sister-in-law, Lily. With love and hope that he may read this little book of life, and find rest, and in doing so give his life and heart to God who is the giver of every good gift. Lily." This tiny book found its way to the trenches and to George. I know that because George was my grandfather. I also know that he was one of the lucky ones who came home safely from that dreadful war because five years later my mum was born! So, on Remembrance Sunday I, like so many others, will have many personal memories to the fore.

And the reason that I will be at church this Remembrance Sunday (apart from the fact that I'm leading the service!) is also an act of remembrance in itself. In fact, every Sunday is a Remembrance Sunday in every church of any denomination anywhere in the world. There is one reason and one reason alone that draws millions of people from all nations to churches

large and small - it's to remember Jesus, the Son of God; to remember his life on this earth; to remember his miracles; to remember his teachings; to remember his sacrifice on a cross and especially to remember his resurrection that opened, once and for all, the opportunity for all of us to be able to enter into a personal relationship with God. Imagine that - a personal relationship with the creator of all things - any day - any time - even in Capel - even in the pub on Sunday 14th



**Bob Cranham** 

(Café Church meets at The Crown, Capel on Sunday Nov 14th at 10.30am when Bob Cranham will be leading the service. Free coffee & croissants, a band, possibly some poetry, definitely lots of laughter and, hopefully, plenty to think about!)

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We are if nothing else, tenacious in our desire to put on an action packed, fun filled, safe show. Year on year, we continue to surprise ourselves as much as our fans. Started in 2011 with the first show cancelled due to unseasonable ground conditions, we persevered and a decade later we have grown it to an event we think is doing ok. Capel Military Show is a not-for-profit local show run by a small team of military vehicle enthusiasts and collectors. Our mission is simple; to run a friendly and inclusive event with the aim of promoting and raising much needed funds for Military charities.

The show ground is a held on Aldhurst Farm, a dairy farm in Capel, a small village between Dorking and Horsham. We are lucky as we have the land courtesy of the Dale family and the support of a wonderful village community that tolerate the invasion of hundreds of military vehicles and personnel over the entire weekend. The bar is run by volunteers from the village incentivised by a profit share agreement that has generated funds for local projects and renovations.

Our gamble paid off and we were overwhelmed by the popularity of the event with public numbers never seen before. We have always quoted bigger and better each year but this year the turnout was fantastic with crowd numbers gusting over 15,000 for the weekend and that was in addition to the amazing support shown by our exhibiting guests.



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