

The
**Village
Voice**

**Dormansland
March 2024**



At Easter, please help decorate the floral cross in the churchyard.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on his messages and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world today.

We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important days, both on your own and with others. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Palm Sunday. 24th March.

8am Said Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 26th March. Messy Church

3.30pm in the Centenary Room.

Easter fun for families

Maunday Thursday. 28th March.

8pm Eucharist & Vigil

Good Friday. 29th March

2pm Good Friday Meditations

Easter Sunday 31st March.

8am Said Communion

10am Easter Celebrations

including prizes for best Easter bonnets!

Worship at St. John's

www.stjohnsdormansland.org

Email: info@stjohnsdormansland.org

Sundays

Said Communion (1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month) 8.00am

Family Communion on 1st Sunday, Parish Communion all other
Sundays. Sunday Smilers (children 4-11) meets on 2nd & 4th Sundays. 10.00am

Informal Service (on 1st three Sundays of the month) 5.00pm

Weekdays

Wednesday - Service of Compline on Zoom 8.00pm

Vicar of Lingfield and Dormansland

The Reverend Ian Whitley 07961 382293

Associate Vicar

The Reverend Nigel Hinton 01342 832391

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Centenary Room Bookings - Benefice Office 01342 832021

Dormansland Baptist Church

www.dormanslandbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday Morning Service 10.30am

Minister

Rev. Jacqueline Parson dbcminster@gmail.com

07551 493418

St Bernard's Catholic Church, Lingfield

Sunday Morning Service 9.00am

Father Jack Lusted 01342 325705

Claridge House Quaker Meeting

www.claridgehousequaker.org.uk

Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship 9.45am

Please contact Tony Franklin (barandtony@aol.com) or Lesley
Evans (lesleybcevans@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend.

Resident Friend 01342 832150



From the Vicarage....

A Time to Reflect

I don't know about you, but in our increasingly busy world I have found it difficult to step back and take stock. I did manage to get away for a few days in early February – my first break since last summer. Maybe it was because it was my

first break without Ros but at times all seemed somewhat strange – even surreal! I went to the Christian Healing Centre in Crowhurst, near Battle, East Sussex. This is a wonderfully warm and welcoming place where those staying, (as well as day visitors), are able to relax, take time out, walk, sit or read or undertake art work in the studio. Food seemed to be ever available while two voluntary Services and ever available Chaplains provided spiritual nourishment. There were also lunchtime dining options for anyone passing – well worth a visit if you are in the area. Evenings were especially quiet with everyone apparently disappearing off to bed at about 8pm. There was no excuse not to rest physically, aided by the torrential and persistent rain during the week. We all need times like this to renew our physical bodies and get away from the stresses and strains of modern life.

In the Church calendar we have several times built in to help with our spiritual refreshment – to enable us to step back from the routine and perhaps gain a larger perspective. One such time is the 40 days of lent – historically a time when whole communities set aside time, (and sometimes other things as well), to reflect and prepare for the greatest of all the Christian Festivals and Celebrations – that of Easter. It was Jesus himself who tied Easter to the Jewish Festival of the Passover. This celebrated the time when the Israelites were miraculously freed from their slavery in Egypt under the leadership of Moses. (You can read the story in Exodus chapters 12-14 in the Old Testament). It is one thing to be enslaved physically, but Jesus makes clear that we are all enslaved in other ways too. His death on Good Friday was to deal with these, not least of all the wrongdoing each of us is guilty of and which separate us from a loving but righteous God. If Good Friday takes us to the dark depths of our human nature, then Easter Sunday lifts us to the heights of

God's love. Light triumphs over darkness. It is because of the extremes of this transformation that we are called to take time to reflect so that the realities of who we are, what we have become and what in Christ we can become are made clear to us again. Do feel free to join with us at St John's for any of our Easter activities (including Messy Church on 26th March). Our collective preparations include Lent lunches at 12.30 on 9th & 16th March with proceeds going towards projects in the Middle East. The lunches are preceded by a brief Lenten reflection in the St Andrew's Chapel at Noon. Please feel free to come and join us for any of this.

Nigel Hinton

Tuesday 26th March!

It's back!!

**MESSY
Church**

**LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
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Please be mindful that this service is organised & run by groups of volunteers.

Upcoming dates in March are:

- Friday 1st. Crawley town centre.
- Friday 8th. East Grinstead, Sainsburys.
- Friday 15th. Oxted, Morrisons.
- Friday 22nd. Tesco, 3 Bridges.
- Friday 29th. Crawley town centre.



Pick ups are around 9am and can be from Dormansland, Lingfield and Blindley Heath, it's a door to door service for £2 return! The trips allow for approx. 2 hours shopping/coffee time. Please contact **Scott**

McDonald on **07710 269369**

www.lingfield-marathon.org

**Meeting Up Together
& Warm Hub!**



**Centenary Room, St John's
10am-12 noon. All welcome
(1st & 3rd Tuesdays)**

Dormansland Parish Council



The Parish Council met for the first time at the Baptist Church Hall for its February meeting. We were joined by PCSO Conrad Cheeseman who talked about his role as PCSO and how we should report crime. We were advised that 101 remains the quickest and most effective unless it is an emergency.

We were pleased to be able to issue grants to the Dormansland Memorial Hall for the installation of Wi-Fi. In addition, we agreed in principle (subject to some further information) for a grant for the Lingfield Youth Group which has plans to expand to Dormansland. Cllr Coleman also shared the picture of the brightly coloured caterpillar that now adorns the playground at Dormansland Primary school. It is delightful and was funded in part by a grant from the Parish Council.

We were pleased to be able to approve expenditure to give the bus shelter at the Plough a facelift. This work will be done later in the Spring when the weather improves. Cllr Bright prepared a response on behalf of the Parish Council to the Surrey Rights of Way consultation. Whilst we are satisfied with some things, the poor condition of many of the surfaces as well as overgrown vegetation remain a concern. In addition, there are few rights of way accessible to mobility scooters, wheelchairs or buggies. We will await the response to the consultation with interest.

We would encourage residents if you have access to Facebook to follow the Parish Council page as there are a number of road closures coming up that are likely to impact the volume of traffic including HGV's passing through the High Street or along Racecourse Road.

Dates of upcoming Full Council Meetings: 6th March 2024 and 3rd April 2024 at The Dormansland Baptist Church Hall, High Street Dormansland RH7 6PU starting at 18.30.

Also, the Annual Parish Assembly on Thursday 25th April 2024 at The War Memorial Hall, 3 Plough Road, Dormansland, Surrey RH7 6PS.

Jacqui O'Sullivan

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The Wayfairers Golf Society



Ladies and Gentlemen! Calling all golfers both experienced players and those new to the game.

We are a group of likeminded golfers who appreciate both the game and the comradeship it brings. The society is now in its 29th year and we have inevitably lost quite a few of our members as age has caught up with us and we are now looking for additional players.

If you belong to a club and have a handicap or with no club and no handicap you are all welcome.

The accent with our society is on enjoyment and you will be given a society handicap which is based purely on your ability in comparison to the other members. Thus our handicaps range from single figures up to 36.

Our normal format is to meet for coffee and sometimes a bacon butty, play 18 holes followed by liquid refreshment and delicious meal ! There is both an individual and team competition together with a nearest the pin and longest drive challenge.

Our first game of this year is at Horne Park on Tuesday 2 April followed on Wednesday 5 June at Wellshurst Golf Club which is off the A22 . We play 6 or 7 competitions each year culminating at our traditional get together and Christmas Party at Holtye Golf Club.

If Interested I would be pleased to hear from you

John Bateson, Secretary

Box Cottage The Platt Dormansland.

Tel: 01342 832602

www.wayfairers.co.uk



Memorial Hall Update

As you pass by the Memorial Hall you can't fail to notice the big improvement in the external appearance with new windows, new rendering, new paintwork and a much improved entrance area from the car park.

INSIDE: We are very excited to announce that the updating of the Jubilee Room has at last been finished! The windows have been replaced, it has been decorated and it has a new carpet. Work was started on this room over a year ago. Some of the young people on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme began by stripping off the old wallpaper along with other volunteers. A lot of time was then spent on the preparation of the walls, the scraping and filling at times seeming to go on forever. One day we were in there working away when our local district Councillor Sir Nicolas White dropped in to say "hello", he was handed a scraper and left 2 hours later for his lunch out with friends, covered in flakes of paper and paint. Very good naturedly he didn't seem to mind! After many months of work we were finally able to get on with the decorating and thanks go to **Rosemary Williams, Katy Madkins, Cynthia Jones and Alex Severn** for this.



It is now a lovely looking room, light and bright and ideal for a range of activities from Yoga and Pilates to drawing and crafting as well as being suitable as a meeting room and for A.G.Ms. If you are interested in hiring it, please contact Adrienne: dwmhtrustees@gmail.com

Many people have been involved in getting the Jubilee Room to this stage and thanks must go to:

Colin and Conrad Jones – major repairs to the ceiling

Colin Jones and Michael Mackie Clark – lighting and electrics

Russell Andrews – joinery

Clive– repairs

Isabel Montagnon– cash donation for the purchase of wallpaper

Katy Madkins – design and sourcing of materials

Nick van Vliet/Lingstead Construction Ltd– long term loan of a scaffolding tower

Trustees David Birchall and Sarah Coomber – for their work on obtaining grants.

Ros Boyle– work on obtaining grants.

Barong (windows) and Pennells (carpet) were the companies which we used and they are mentioned because they were so helpful to us and also did a great job.

A special mention must go to **Colin Jones and Michael Mackie Clark**, whose contribution to the Hall cannot be underestimated. From October 2021 to May 2022 Colin (a retired teacher but formerly a qualified electrician) spent almost every day on his own in the cold and at times in the dark, checking, replacing and repairing the wiring at the Hall which was in a dangerous condition. From May 2022 Michael joined Colin and together they completed the project of updating the system. Between them they have almost certainly put in more hours than the rest of the volunteers put together and saved the tens of thousands of pounds that a complete re-wire would have cost. Colin and Michael continue to volunteer and help in many ways.

A big thank you to them, without their dedication the project of the refurbishment and updating of the Hall would have been a 'non-starter'. The Hall is now regularly being hired out by various groups and the improvements of the facilities continue as time and money allows.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way over the last 2½ years. There are many who have given their time, or money, or have supported the events and are helping to turn this Hall back into a wonderful facility for the use of the Village. The Hall was established in 1921 to honour the memory of those who returned from the 1st World

War. It is held in trust for the beneficiaries, who are all the people who live in the village of Dormansland so please use it, enjoy and support it, it is your Hall.

Cynthia Jones

THE EAST GRINSTEAD ART SOCIETY (EGAS)



We have demonstrations of all varieties of painting and drawing at our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. Our upcoming meetings are:

- Wednesday 13th March: Critique of Members' Paintings by Anne-Marie Brodie.
- Wednesday 10th April : Demonstration in Oils by Roger Dellar
- Wednesday 8th May: Demonstration in Acrylics by Marcus Finch

All Meetings will be held in the Meridian Hall, East Grinstead from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. and visitors are welcome for a fee of £5."

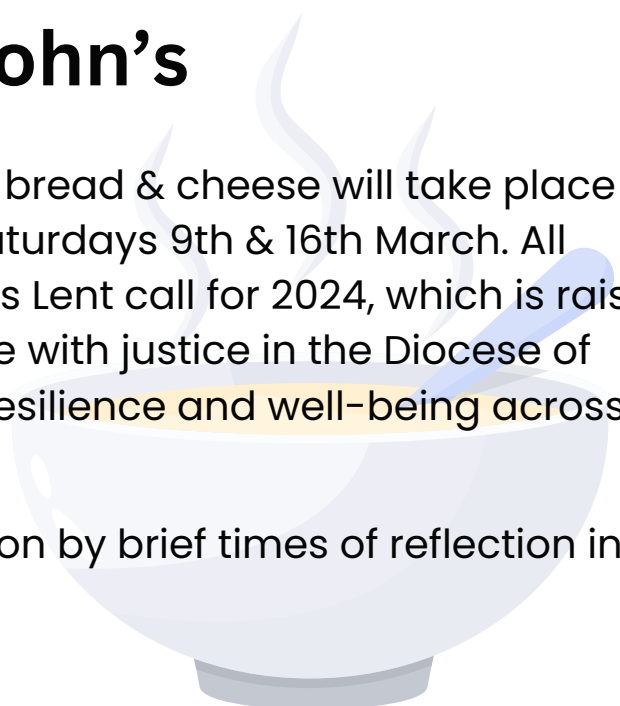
Sandra Girling

Lent Lunches at St John's

Simple lunches of homemade soups, bread & cheese will take place in the Centenary room at 12.30pm on Saturdays 9th & 16th March. All donations made will go to the Bishop's Lent call for 2024, which is raising funds for projects that focus on peace with justice in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and resilience and well-being across our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

The lunches will be preceded at 12 noon by brief times of reflection in St Andrew's Chapel.

All Welcome!





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6th March & 3rd April

Claridge House Happy Cafe

*the first Wednesday of every month from
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and friendly chat.*

Asian Hornets!

‘See it

The logo for 'Asian Hornet Watch' is contained within a dark rectangular box with a white border. The text 'Asian Hornet' is on the top line and 'Watch' is on the bottom line, both in a white, sans-serif font.

Snap it

App it’

The Asian Hornet is an invasive species that arrived in France in shipments of goods from China about 20 years ago and has spread throughout continental Europe. From about 2016 sightings began in southern England and these are on the increase. If it is allowed to proliferate it could have a devastating effect on British wildlife.

The Asian Hornet is a dangerous predator of all types of pollinating insects, including bumble bees, honeybees, dragonflies, hoverflies, ants and spiders. One Asian Hornet queen which goes on to make a nest can lead to the destruction of up to 12 kg of pollinating insects in a single summer! That’s equivalent to about 120,000 honey bees. Asian Hornets have caused a 35% drop in honey production in Portugal, while in parts of Italy the figure is close to 50%. The economic impact of Asian Hornets in France is estimated to be over €30 million a year and rising. The impact of Asian Hornets on biodiversity could be devastating. While Asian Hornets often destroy entire beehives they also kill insects that are important food sources for birds, frogs and toads and fish leading in turn to a decline in those populations. Yields of fruit and other agricultural produce that is dependent on insects for pollination could also be badly affected.

Asian Hornet queens emerge from hibernation about now and they can be seen searching for suitable nest-building locations during March and into April. So local beekeepers are commencing a programme of trapping and identifying queens so that they can be destroyed before they can build nests. Because they are an invasive species, anyone who thinks they have seen an Asian Hornet should report it to the Government’s National Bee Unit (NBU). This can be done online (nonnativespecies.org/asianhornet) or by email (alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk). You can also download the Asian Hornet Watch app for iPhone and android which makes it easy to record and report Asian Hornet sightings.

It is important to distinguish between Asian Hornets and European

Hornets, which are native to Britain. The Asian Hornet is smaller than our native hornet, with adult workers measuring from 25 mm in length and queens measuring 30 mm (about 1.2 inches). The abdomen is mostly black except for the fourth abdominal segment which has a yellow band. It has characteristically yellow legs, which is why it is often called the yellow legged hornet, and its face is orange with two brownish red compound eyes. European Hornets have brown tipped legs and a mainly yellow abdomen.

The Westerham Beekeepers Association is looking for suitable locations to place Asian Hornet queen traps. These are about 10 cm tall, made of see-through plastic and contain an attractant that queens love. The queens enter through a hole in the top of the trap and feed on the attractant. Other insects may get into a trap but can escape through holes in the side that are too small for the hornets to pass through. European Hornet queens tend to emerge later in the season so they tend not to get caught in these traps.

If an Asian Hornet queen is caught in a trap, again it is important to report this to the NBU. Because the Asian Hornet is an invasive species, queens must not be released. They can be killed by placing the whole trap in a freezer for 12 hours.

Later in the year, there is a potential risk to all of us from these hornets when they nest, typically in hedges, brambles and low trees, but sometimes in sheds and bird boxes. Anyone approaching or disturbing the nest may be attacked and get badly stung.

We are looking for volunteers to host and monitor traps. If you would like to help, please contact us via the Village Voice. editor's email.

Topsy Rudd

Westerham Beekeepers

Please see the back inside cover for images of Asian Hornets and a QR code to get the Asian Hornet Watch app for your smart phones.

Lets try & keep this real danger at bay!

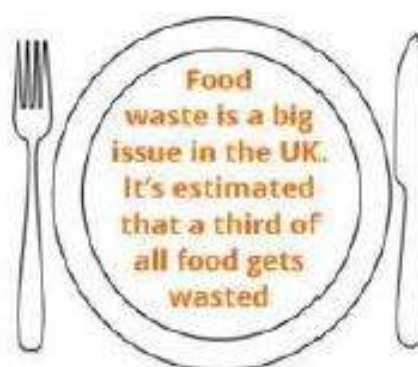
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Where?

Dormansland Baptist Church 'Barn'
7 High Street, RH7 6PU

When?

Monday 10am - 12pm
Friday 10am - 12pm

Who?

EVERYONE is welcome to use this service!

How?

Please bring your own bags & only take food you need and will use

The Village Voice Welcomes Jac & Her Family

Knowing there was a change of minister at DBC, I asked Jac to make a quick introduction for you. I'm sure everyone will make the whole family very welcome. Here is what she wrote.... **Ed.**



'Hi, I'm Jac, and I'm the new minister at Dormansland Baptist Church. My husband, Richard, is a railway signaller at Three Bridges, and we have two children, Hannah (8) and Henrietta (5). We also have two lively labradors called Rusty and Norman.

We're so excited to be here and have received a very warm welcome to the village. We're really looking forward to getting to know everyone and of course welcoming you to services and events at DBC in the future.. Most of all we're looking forward to being part of this wonderful friendly community.'

Jac Parsons

China Restoration Group

Bring your spring cleaning accidents to us at Lingfield Community centre on Thursday mornings 10.30-12.30.

Pop in to meet us, or call Lyn on 01342 834744, or Angela on 01342 835266.

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Lyn Maggs



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Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre

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LINGFIELD COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
Sunday 3rd March, 3.30pm

Wonka
Sunday 14 April, 7.30pm

Quiz Night
Saturday 16th March 7.30pm

Aspiring contenders and confident challengers are invited to pit their wits against the quizmaster and each other in teams of six, for a selection of fun rounds, raffle and prizes.

Tickets available from the centre office:
01883 833893 enquiries@lingfieldcentre.org
www.lingfieldcentre.org

The Community Centre is available to hire for classes, events, parties and meetings. Rooms of all sizes at affordable rates. Printing & copying service on site.


Lingfield &
Dormansland
Community
Centre



With Spring popping up all around us at Claridge House, the joy of nature contributes to a sense of vitality, happiness and connectedness with the natural world.

Taking time to appreciate and immerse in nature has such positive effects and we are always looking for ways for you, our neighbours, can experience and benefit from having this wonderful healing house on your doorstep.

We still offer our weekly free community hub where we open the house to anyone looking for time away from home or remote working (we've great wi-fi btw) from a different view overlooking our beautiful gardens which you can wander in if you wish.

Other free events are popping up all over the calendar from knit and natter to networking events.

We also offer reasonable priced ½ day and full day courses – cooking, writing, nature, Bach Flowers, menopause and crafting workshops and many more ... constantly adding to our program and moving with the seasons. Everything we offer promotes rest and renewal.

Whether you have family or friends visiting and you are looking for BnB accommodation, or looking for a bit of a break yourself, or just want to experience the house, we welcome you to join us at any of our events – see online.

This year is our 70th birthday and we can't wait to share the celebrations with you in Summer, so whilst Spring does its thing, please come and get to know us ready for some exciting events for all to enjoy this year.

*Merry Wood
Manager*



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News from the Rockets

Well, it's fair to say that what started out in August as an optimistic outlook for the season ahead, has been turned into something of a damp squib (see what I did there).

I think we have been hit with a perfect storm of events that have very much conspired against us. It has been a real struggle at times to get a squad together. We have lost players' availability through both personal circumstances changing and also have been decimated through injuries, which I am afraid is an inevitable consequence of an ageing squad. Some of the latter will not play again I'm sad to say.

As I write, the club are near the foot of the West Kent Sunday league first division and are in the quarter final of the Senior Cup which we won two seasons ago.

We, like most clubs, are always on the lookout for new players so if you're in any way interested or know of anybody who may be, please phone long standing club man Russell Foreman on 07884 472217 for further information.

Last but by no means least, whilst I appreciate that it has been a few months now we have sadly lost another ex Rockets player. RIP Peter Bryant, another one taken too young.

Peter Elwood



Here to Help

Dormansland Diamonds are still very much here for the community in these difficult times. If you need any help or support, please call or text Lisa in confidence on 07710 917427.



What's on at The Plough Inn

6 NATIONS RUGBY

Watch the England games 9th & 16th March

FAT WILL'S BURGER NIGHT

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TAPAS NIGHT

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Neighbourhood Watch Update



Great news! NO CRIMES were advised via the Tandridge Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for Dormansland during the 4 week period from 11th January 2024 to 7th February 2024. This is the most recent data available to me as at the time of writing.

Please remember that these statistics are only as good as the information received so do report any crimes to ensure both an accurate reflection but also greater support from Surrey Policing for our village. And please look to join the Neighbourhood Watch community. Additional information is shared, providing guidance on how to secure your property, scams etc, which are all very useful.

Clive Robinson (cliverobinson040@btinternet.com)
One of your NeighbourHood Watch Co-ordinators

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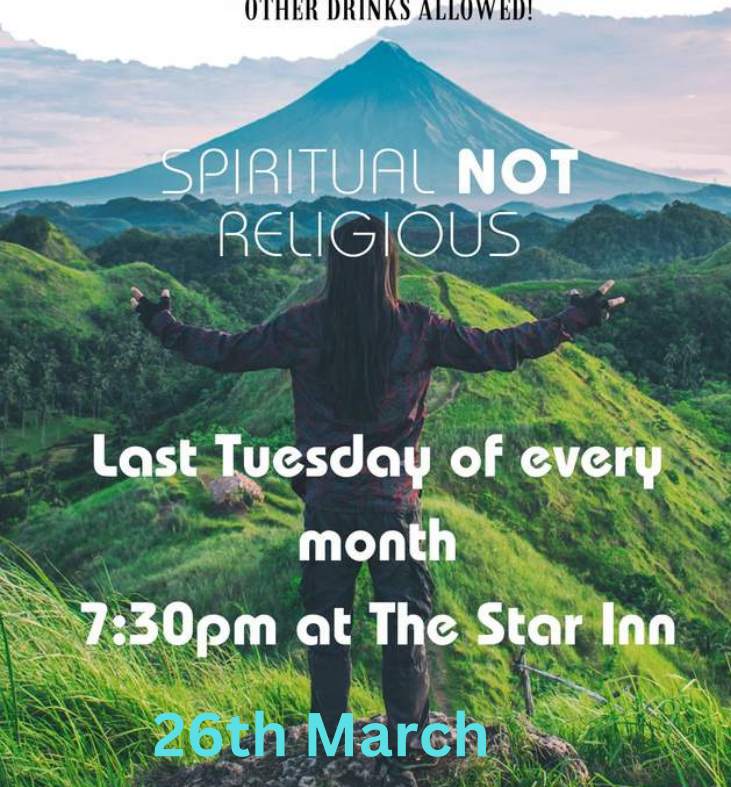
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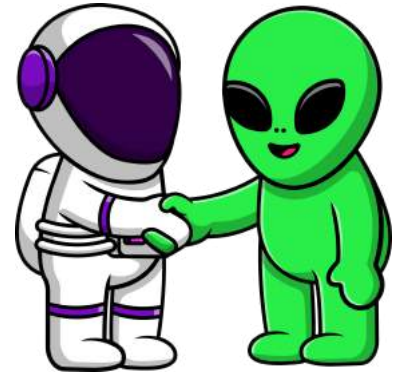
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Entries must be received by: **6pm on Friday, 22nd March, 2024**

Return of the Scarecrows!

We'd love to see your creations popping up around the village in June.

Entries to the Procession

Last year's Carnival float procession was an amazing success (7 entries in all, the most we have had for quite some time!)

Everyone is very welcome but can any groups planning to join in this year please let Ali Hills know asap (via the email address below) so she can complete the necessary planning.

Last but not least... can you spare some time?!

Can you give us just an hour or two of your time? The Committee are always looking for more people to help. Any time or skills you can offer are welcomed as it takes a big team to prep, set-up, run and clear up our annual village event.

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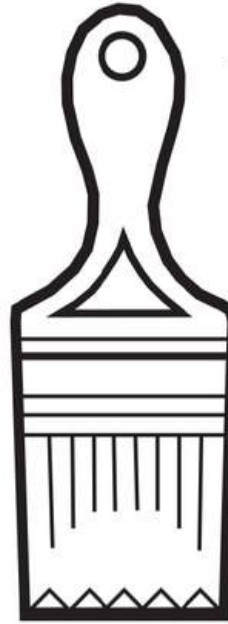
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The hall was decorated, there were flowers, and an excellent buffet with wine to celebrate.

Entertainment was provided by Ian Keable, a brilliant magician who magicked cards and performed amazing tricks to the delight of all.

Memories were recalled, and our resident poet laureate produced one of her striking poems. There was a raffle in aid of St. Catherine's Hospice, and a lovely cake made by Geraldine Horton of Cakewalk Creations was cut and distributed to all present. President Karil Greenhalgh, all the committee and the members who prepared the buffet, who had worked so hard to make the evening special, are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Enid Marten



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At the YWI Dormansland this month, it was our turn to rest our feet whilst volunteers from the Vanguard Way Association told us about exercising their feet along the Vanguard Way. We discovered this 66-mile walking route goes from Croydon to Newhaven and includes:



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and, if you're really lucky, a sighting of "a bear of very little brain": Winnie-the-Pooh, and his friend Piglet

At our next meeting on 12th March we will be trying a gentle form of exercise. No lycra required. Legwarmers and sweatbands optional!

Meanwhile, the Sole Sisters had rested their feet enough so took themselves off for another local walk - and brunch; the Picture Perfect cinema group were so enthralled at the cinema screening of Kinky Boots that they quite forgot themselves and stated clapping the screen; the Kindred Krafters are gathering to plan their next project; meetings are underway with the Edenbridge and Oxted Show teams to explore opportunities for WI involvement; and social events from theatre to fields of Tulips are planned.

Our full meeting schedule and more information about our sub groups (which are exclusive and free to all members) are available on our website. We meet at the Parish Rooms in The Platt at 8pm - 9.45pm usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and we always welcome new members. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to

find out more, please contact me or Fiona French, our membership co-ordinator at the email address below. If you have not been a member before your first meeting is free

Nikkii Harris, Dual President on behalf of YWI Dormansland

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- 11th March New Towns: Past, present & future by Bob Evans
- 13th May Shops and Shopping – the small shop through the ages by Janet Pennington
- 8th July Lumberjills: Britain's Forgotten Army by Jo Foat

Membership fees are £10 single or £12 joint (for members at the same address). There is a charge of £2.50 for visitors to our meetings.

Please note that on our website, www.rh7.org, there are details of our events through the year and 83 factsheets on local history available for you to read for free. If you have any queries on local history, then contact our chairman (billf Stevenson100@gmail.com) and one of our team will arrange to meet you at the library.

Bill Stevenson



Sunday 10th & 24th March. 10-11.15am

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At Tanzen Academy we have had a great start to our 2024 Spring Term. Last September we started a Primary Tap class for our younger pupils and an Adult Ballet class for our ladies. The classes are going well and are a joy to teach with all the pupils making great progress and gaining confidence already in such a short time. At the end of last term some of our pupils from both Dormansland and Ardingly branches took their exams in ISTD Tap and Ballet. They did

themselves and us proud as these exams are not easy and require hard work and lots of practise, which they obviously showed, as this was reflected in the high marks they achieved!

We have completed this half term with both our younger and older pupils enjoying working on more of the set syllabus, improving their technique in Ballet and learning new steps in Tap, while in the Musical Theatre lessons along with learning songs and dances to music from popular shows and enjoying their Drama games, the children are preparing for their first ever LAMDA exams which they will take externally in March.

Last November we relocated to the Dormansland Memorial Hall. Having been very happy at The Parish Rooms for the past 8 years we decided to move halls, we are enjoying the extra space while finding out how much higher you can jump on the Memorial Halls lovely sprung floor!

After Easter we will be starting to prepare and practice for our Summer Show! The pupils are already getting excited as this only happens every other year. The show is a great opportunity for the pupils to enhance their artistic and performance skills, while gaining confidence performing what they have learnt in front of their friends and families on a stage with the full makeup, costumes, and lights experience!!!!



If you are interested in joining us at Tanzen Academy in Dormansland for any of our classes please do get in touch as all ages and abilities are

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Miss Naomi x



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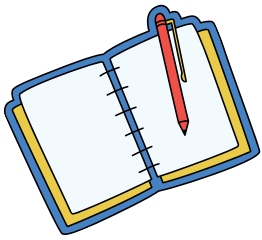
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Wed 6th
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1.30-3pm

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Saturday 9th
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From the Editor....



My hubby, Clive & I did our first stint helping out at the new Community Fridge this morning (19th Feb). What a wonderful facility to have in the village! Have you been yet? Hopefully you will have seen the ad that has been running in this magazine since January or posters around the

village. Today there were beautiful berries, apples, oranges, grapefruits, courgettes, potatoes, sweetcorn, salad leaves, bread and even pomegranates, daffodils & tulips! Please go along on Monday/Friday mornings, 10-noon if you're free and help reduce food waste from local supermarkets. There is a donation pot where you can make a contribution to the running costs of the collection van and the fridge that stores the goods if you can afford to. Guilt-free food!

At the time of going to print, the Easter service schedule for the Baptist church was not available so keep an eye on social media for these details.

Copy date for the April edition is **Sunday 17th March**. I'd love to hear about your clubs and events, and please let me know if you have any ideas for feature articles. I look forward to hearing from you.

Annie Robinson

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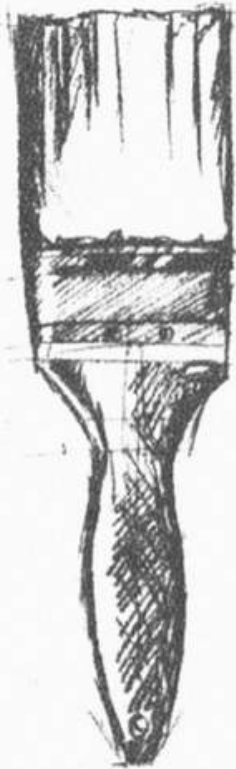
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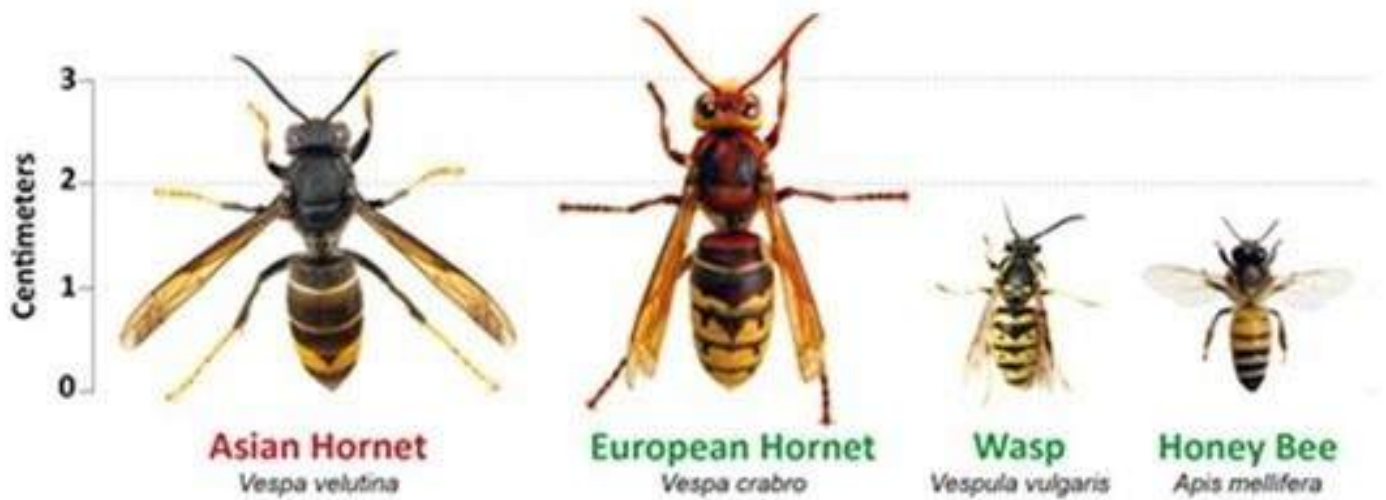
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