

# THE Farncombe Villager

ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH



## GODALMING COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT



GCGC is a community gospel choir based in Godalming. We sing a range of the contemporary and traditional gospel music from the UK and USA. We meet every Monday between 7.30-9.30p.m. at the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Church Street, Godalming, GU7 1ER.

We are an all inclusive choir open to all faiths and those of no faith and we have members of all ages from all backgrounds. There is no need to be able to read music as we learn songs 'gospel style' via call and response. We do not hold auditions and do not require members to have any sort of previous musical experience, but to come with a desire to sing and learn. You can hear the choir live in the videos on our website [gcg.org.uk](http://gcg.org.uk).

Our current Musical Director is Marsha Morrison, a leading gospel musician and teacher, who sings with The Kingdom Choir and is also MD for Lewes Sings Gospel. We are accompanied always with live music on keyboard provided by Vaughan Larmond, who is a very sought after gospel musician and the principal accompanist for the Kingdom Choir.

Our Easter Concert this year contains a strong new repertoire for the choir alongside some more traditional pieces. We look forward to welcoming our audience to St. John's Church on Saturday 25th March at 7.30p.m.

### EASTER CONCERT SATURDAY 25 MARCH 7.30PM

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# From the Rectory



Some years the camellia in my garden is bursting with blooms by the end of February, and there are many around the parish far nicer than mine. This year, as March begins, only one flower has come out, and a few buds look as though they might bloom at some point but seem very reluctant to venture into the light. What a mercy it was that Spring was much nicer when we were all confined to barracks three years ago! In the wake of that crisis everything seems so much more of a struggle with little to encourage us.

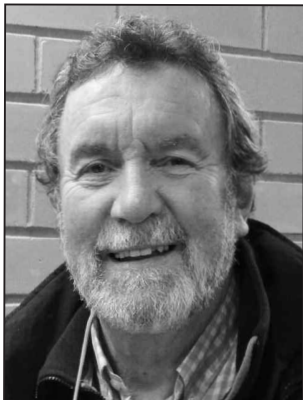
The Christian faith talks a lot about Hope, which is one of the 'spiritual virtues', but what we hope for is the final redemption of the world, including us, at the end of all things. It doesn't mean that everything will go all right, either for us as individuals, or for the world in general; we have no guarantee of that at all, and the truth is, of course, that we absolutely know that dreadful things happen in this fallen world and individuals and countries get caught up in them. So how does the virtue of hope cope with that knowledge? A friend recently sent me a Lent reflection which suggests we think about 'hope' in a different way, and I was so taken by it I thought I would share the ideas - so this is not my thought, but something I have found useful.

The Greek word the ancient Christian spiritual writers often used for hope was *agon*, and you don't have to be very clever to think of English words that relate to it. It means something like 'struggle' or 'ordeal', and the old writers used metaphors like warfare or childbirth to think of what this kind of 'hope' is like. Hope in this sense is about doing your best to act rightly in whatever task is in front of you: it means not falling victim to despair or imagining that we can save the world by our own efforts. Hope is a determination to act rightly because that's our vocation as human beings living under faith, leaving the bigger picture to God in the knowledge that he is faithful and in charge. This makes hope hard work, but also makes it something which doesn't depend on what we feel, but what we choose to do, and that, it seems to me, is a good thought.

I found this reshaping of the idea of 'hope' fitted with other things I have been thinking for a long time, and it was very helpful to have it stated in that way. We can't control the future, but we are called to act, to deal with what's in front of us, to put one foot in front of the other. That's what makes us human - in Lent as at any other time!

**James Rector**

## BRIAN PROTHERO



Every Church of England clergyman has to serve at least three years as a curate before they get a parish of their own, or another role. My curacy was served at St James's Church in Weybridge and the rector there who put up with me for that time (it ended up being four years rather than the minimum three) was Brian Prothero. Brian retired at the end of 2021 and he and Jocelyn wanted to move closer to daughter Lucie and her family, now including children Caitlin, Jacob and

Matilda. Somewhat to everyone's surprise they ended up not just closer to them but right next door in South Hill.

This is just outside Farncombe Parish but Brian and Jocelyn are now valued members of the St John's family. Having your 'training incumbent' - the rector or vicar of the parish where you serve your curacy - in your own congregation is a funny turn of events but it is a delight that they are here!

Brian comes from Liverpool and his first career was as a teacher. His Christian faith was nurtured at the grand Anglo-Catholic churches of St Faith's Great Crosby and St John's Tuebrook, and when he told Jocelyn he thought God was calling him to change tack and be ordained she said that was fine, but lace and birettas were a divorcing matter. Brian did his training at Lincoln Theological College and was curate at Thornbury in Gloucestershire before becoming vicar of St George's Goodrington on the Devon coast for 15 years, and then moving to Weybridge. He and Jocelyn have three children, Lucie, Adam and Tom, and lots of grandchildren who they delight in looking after. As well as them, Brian enjoys convivial company, growing things to cook, and playing the chromatic harmonica. -

**James**

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# ONE SMALL STEP FOR WOMANKIND

## News from Binscombe Surgery



It's International Women's Day on March 8th. I can't help thinking that the ultimate validation of this celebration of the achievements of women

would be to make itself irrelevant; that we would have come so far in the struggle for sexual equality that an event like International Women's Day would no longer be needed. Sadly, it is all too evident that we remain a very long way away from such a dream. However, one small step towards removing an injustice against women will happen in the UK from April. It is tiny in the grand scheme of things, and not a big enough step even for what it is, but it is still something to be welcomed, and it relates to prescription charges for Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT).

The menopause, by definition (and despite men's protests that surely there must also be a male menopause!) only affects women. Many women sail through it without much difficulty, but for some, symptoms such as hot flushes, night sweats, sleep disturbance, joint pains, effect on mood and more can have a huge impact on quality of life; HRT can be hugely beneficial in these circumstances. Unlike contraception, however, there is no exemption on a prescription charge for HRT and, since most

women on HRT are below the age of 60, many will have to pay for their prescriptions. What is more, because it often involves a prescription for both an oestrogen and a progesterone, this is two charges every time. If the doctor issues 2 months' worth at a time (as we are meant to) this would be 12 prescription charges, or £112.50, per year.

Rather like the VAT on tampons, this has seemed like a tax on being a woman, and there has long been a campaign for HRT to be exempt from prescription charges. Well, at last there has been a change to the law, which will come into effect from April. Don't get too carried away, it is not a complete victory as there will still be a charge, but it is a step on the way, and maybe it will make it easier for a future government to abolish the charge altogether.

The way it will work is that a woman will be able to pay an annual prepayment charge of £18.70 which will then cover all prescriptions for the full range of HRT products over the next 12 months, which would mean a typical woman on combined HRT would save a little over £90 per year. The prepayment would only cover HRT, so if someone is on other medication it may work out cheaper to make a full prepayment charge of £108.10 which covers all prescriptions, but for a woman whose only medication is HRT this is definitely a step forward. If this might help you then please wait until April to discuss it with your pharmacist, as they have not yet been sent all the paperwork for it, but you should be able to make use of this next month.

*Dr Brunet (Doc Martin) regularly posts short videos on social media, covering a range of medical topics, especially in the area of mental health.*

*Why not take a look and follow? You can find his accounts with the following QR codes.*



YouTube: DocMartinGP



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# THE LEASE IS SIGNED



I'm also delighted to say that we have now signed the lease for the community garden site with the council! This means the garden is ours for the next 15 years (and many more years thereafter, we are sure!) and we can start spending the grant money we have been awarded on making the site safe, secure and accessible. Work has already started on removing some of the diseased trees that posed a health and safety risk as

they were in danger of falling over, and this has also cleared some of the wooded area which will open things up for new planting. We continue to meet at the garden every Saturday from 10-12 for clearance work and plan to start a midweek session on a Wednesday from April, so watch this space! Do come and join us if you can, and visit [www.farncombcommunitygarden.org](http://www.farncombcommunitygarden.org) for more details and to sign up for updates. **Dr M Brunet**



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Writing your Will and keeping it up to date will ensure that when you die, your estate will go to the people and causes that matter to you the most. Without a Will, the law will decide what happens to your estate when you die. When they write their Will, many people also choose to leave a gift in it to a charity which is close to their heart.

If you would like to take this opportunity to write or update your Will, please contact your chosen solicitor as soon as possible, as there are a limited number of Wills available from each solicitor, and appointments fill up quickly. The solicitors taking part are: BakerLaw Solicitors Farnham; Kidd Rapinet Farnham; Heald Nickinson in Farnham and Camberley; Clifton Ingram Farnham; Downs Solicitor

Godalming; and Woodford Stauffer Farnborough. Simply choose a solicitor from the list and contact them to book an appointment.

"We are hugely grateful to all of the solicitors who are taking part in Make a Will Month, helping to fund the vital care that we provide for local people," said Hannah Robins, Legacy Officer at Phyllis Tuckwell. "We would also like to thank all those who have so generously left a gift to us in their Will. These legacies fund the care of 1 in 5 of our patients - that's 400 patients a year. If you are able to leave a legacy to Phyllis Tuckwell, no matter what the amount, it will help us to continue providing our care for generations to come."

Every day, Phyllis Tuckwell supports over 250 patients, relatives and carers - in their own homes, in the community, at the Hospice in Farnham and at the Beacon Centre in Guildford - but as annually the NHS/Government usually only covers about 20% of its costs, it has to raise over £25,000 a day to do this.

**If you have any questions about Make a Will Month, or would like to chat confidentially to Hannah about legacies, please call 01252 729446 or email [hannah.robins@pth.org.uk](mailto:hannah.robins@pth.org.uk)**

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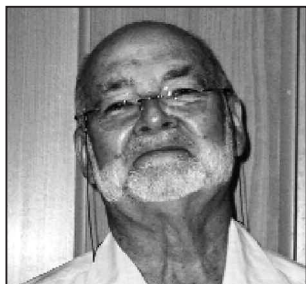
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# MEN'S BREAKFAST



On the 4th February, a Men's Breakfast was arranged in memory of Edouard Le Maistre. In the past Edouard had arranged many breakfasts for men of all ages, all from around the area of Farncombe, Binscombe and Godalming.

The Breakfast had been advertised within St John's Church and on

## A tribute to the work of Edouard Le Maistre

the weekly sheet. So it was well attended and Jenny Le Maistre came along as our guest. There was lots of conversation and the time went quickly.

It was the first occasion since covid restrictions were put in place that many people in the group had seen each other to talk to.

Thank you to all who attended, to Nick, Sharon and Rita for all their help, and to James for leading the prayers. All in all it was a nice tribute to the work of Edouard LeMaistre.

*Michael*

# ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

## 1st APRIL THE BOROUGH HALL

*Godalming Choral Society wish to welcome you as this year's adventure begins.*

Godalming Choral Society will be celebrating 160 years since the performance by the choir in 1863 in the newly built Godalming Borough Hall, with their Anniversary concert on the 1st April. This will be at the Borough Hall at 7.30pm and will include movements from Handel: Messiah Parts 2 and 3; Haydn: The Creation plus a selection of charming duets and part songs inspired by the original programme.

More info and tickets online at [www.godalmingchoral.org.uk](http://www.godalmingchoral.org.uk).

# Photo ID

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to vote. Whilst this is intended to prevent fraud it is also a way of deterring those who wish to vote but do not have, or know how to obtain, the necessary identification and could lead to a distortion of the results of elections. This could be an advantage to candidates whose supporters are more used to carrying their ID and would pervert the results of elections by favouring unrepresentative candidates. Make sure you get your photo ID before the next elections so that you can vote - it will be very important.



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# FAIRTRADE AT ST JOHN'S

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our stall and my apologies for the incorrect date I gave in the Winter Villager.

Since the Winter Villager was published, we were told that TraidCraft had gone into administration and it is likely that they will cease trading in due course. This causes a problem for St John's and many other churches that offer Fairtrade stalls as TraidCraft were our supplier and an important link in the Fair Trade chain. They worked with a range of suppliers to source products and, through their Fair Trader scheme, made it much easier for volunteers to stock and run a Fair Trade stall without needing to deal with multiple suppliers and minimum order levels.

We will continue to run the Fair Trade stall while stocks last. We hope that alternative suppliers will emerge to fill the gap left by

TraidCraft, however it is likely that there will be a hiatus while we consider what to do next.

The good news is that the Fair Trade community continues to support producers around the world who make the products we enjoy every day. Look-out for the Fair Trade logo in our local supermarkets (Co-Op, Sainsburys, Waitrose), the Peppered Pear Pantry in Godalming and Fair Trade shops around the area, including Guildford Cathedral and Emmanuel Church in Stoughton. Please do let me know if you find other suppliers locally.

St John's is proud to be a Fair Trade church and continues to support Fair Trade through our refreshments – our tea, coffee and sugar comes from Kingdom Coffee, a Fair Trade supplier to churches and businesses around the country.

**David**

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# The Farncombe Initiative



*This year The Farncombe Initiative has continued to work on ongoing projects and is studying new ideas.*

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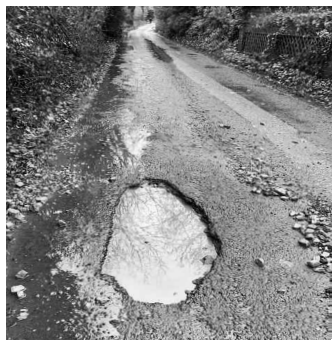
As is well known, Farncombe signal box is scheduled to close this year. Although we were unable to preserve this building, we are in contact with Network Rail with a view to having its nameplate and panel on permanent display in the booking office. We also recorded an interview with the signalman which will form part of the oral history of our village which we are compiling.

## ROAD MARKINGS

Our direct contact with Surrey County Council Highways have resulted in progress being made on painting these. However, we have identified further places where remedial work is needed. A further list of these has been sent to SCC.

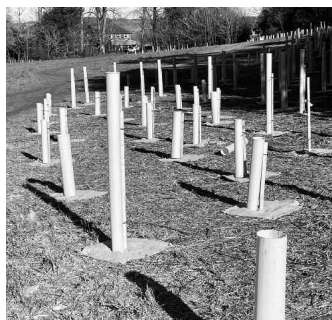
## BLOCKED DRAINS AND OVERGROWN HEDGES

These are widespread problems and action needs to be taken especially before the Spring growing season. TFI is writing to SCC about this, but we encourage all to report problems they meet by using the website [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com). This is surprisingly effective.



## POT HOLES

The situation with these is similar. Progress has been made, but after so many years of neglect much remains to be done.



## TREES!

Good news! Under GTC's "Farncombe Village and Binscombe Community Vision" one of the planned actions is to encourage the planting of trees in our area. Funds are available for this and now it's time for our community to get involved. Firstly, please propose public spaces which you think benefit from tree planting. Later there may be opportunities to get involved not just in the planting, but also the care and maintenance of the trees.

*Anyone with a love for Farncombe is welcome to take part. Do get in touch to join the steering group or one of the teams. [farncombeinitiative@gmail.com](mailto:farncombeinitiative@gmail.com)*

# Celebrate at St John's

Spring is almost here but it certainly seemed like a long winter. Over the past three years the effects of the pandemic have been long reaching. For many of us, life was effectively put on hold - but now we are delighted to see lots more Weddings and Christenings being booked here at St John's Church. Here are some photos of celebrations from previous years and we look forward to more to come.





# REGULAR SERVICES at ST JOHN'S

## SUNDAYS

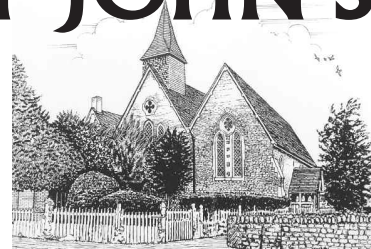
8am Holy Eucharist  
 8.45am Roman Catholic Mass  
 10am 1st Sunday in the month, Sunday Space  
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 6.30pm 1st Sunday in the month, Sung Eucharist  
 7.30pm 2nd Sunday in the month, Compline over Zoom

## TUESDAY

10.30am Holy Eucharist

## FRIDAY

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For all other information see our website: [www.farncombe.org.uk](http://www.farncombe.org.uk)

The 11th March 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the first Roman Catholic Mass held at St. John's which has been held continuously ever since

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### *Weddings*

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### *Baptisms*

Henry Swallow



## Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Easter, and preparing for it, is the most important season of the year for Christians. At St John's we have lots of opportunities for marking the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, and everyone is very welcome at any of our events.

Sunday 19th March, 10am - Mothering Sunday service

Friday 24th March, 6.15pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 25th March, 10am - Lady Day Communion service

Sunday 26th March, 6.30pm - Choral Devotion for Passion Sunday

Saturday 1st April, 12noon - Stations of the Cross - outdoors,  
 weather permitting

Sunday 2nd April, 10.10am - Palm Sunday procession from  
 Lower Manor Road

Monday 3rd April, 6.30pm - Communion Service for Healing

Tuesday 4th April, 6.30pm - Evensong & Benediction

Wednesday 5th April, 7.30pm - Compline Online  
 check our website for details

Maundy Thursday, 8pm - Mass of the Last Supper & Vigil

Good Friday, 9.45am - Service for Children

2pm - The Liturgy of the Day

Easter Day, 5.45am - Dawn Mass of the Resurrection

8am - Holy Eucharist

10am - Parish Eucharist

# TOYS



*It's often hard to bring children to church unless there are activities specially directed at them, and at St John's we haven't had enough children to run a creche or Sunday School for some years. That makes it all the more important that when families do come to church there is something for small children to occupy themselves with if the liturgy goes over their heads a little. So we're grateful to Natalie from the congregation who has reviewed the toys in our children's area, disposed of some and sourced some new ones - some nice things for little fingers to play with. - James*



# MARVELLOUS MESSY CHURCH

## SAT 11th MARCH '23



THE TEAM

Coming just a week before Mothering Sunday, our topic was, appropriately, 'Bible Mothers' and it got us racking our brains to remember the surprisingly few mothers who are mentioned in the Bible. We discovered that Abraham's wife Sarah was told to try and count the stars as God was explaining that she would have many descendants. We also learned about Samuel's mother Hannah, who took her son a new robe each year when she and her husband went to the Temple to offer the yearly sacrifice. Perhaps the best known mother is of course Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was told the news of her special son by an angel. Our craft activities included maps of constellations to colour, making angels (using some very interesting paper folding) and also little baskets which referred to the mother of Moses who put him in a little basket to keep him safe from the Egyptians. After the activities there was a short service followed by tea, a popular way to finish! The next Messy Church is on Saturday 13th May at 3.00pm, it would be good to see you.

**John**



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# Julian Lewry Music

## KEEPING MUSIC LIVE

### A message from Julian....

Thank you to all those who have attended recent concerts in Haslemere. It is wonderful to see average audience numbers increasing as more people return to support live music. There are some great shows coming up in 2023 with a number of acts I've not promoted before as well as popular, old favourites returning to the area. I've already confirmed one act for 2024 and more will be announced in the coming months. Hope to see you soon. Please keep supporting live music.

**Friday 31st March**  
**SIMPLY DAN**  
**(STEELY DAN TRIBUTE)**  
**@ HASLEMERE HALL**



Founded in 2016, Simply Dan are an 11-piece band with a passion for the music of Steely Dan and focus on producing the complex harmonies and intricate rhythms of Donald Fagen and his band. Simply Dan use a 4 piece horn section to add to the already rich harmonies and sound. Along with two soulful backing vocalists, this Steely Dan tribute band aim to do justice to one of the world's most interesting and challenging groups ever recorded performing hits picked from the iconic 70s albums such as Aja, Reelin' in the Years, Peg, Josie, Do It Again, Kid Charlemagne and FM.

**Tickets: £21 inc. booking fee. Show starts @ 8.00pm (doors and bar open from 7.00pm)**

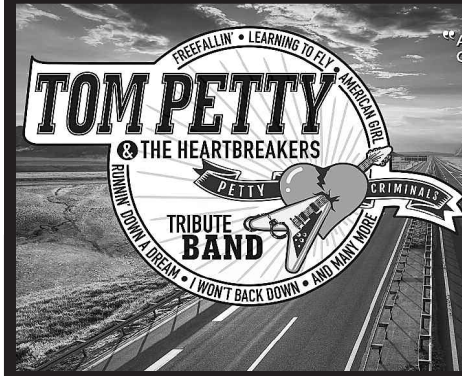
**Saturday 15th April**  
**@ HASLEMERE HALL**



Progressive rock legends Focus almost require no introduction to local audiences following their previous sold out shows in both Farncombe and Haslemere. Fronted by founding member Thijs Van Leer, and best known for their hits 'Hocus Pocus', 'House of The King' and 'Sylvia', as well as critically acclaimed albums 'Moving Waves', 'Focus 3' and 'Hamburger Concerto', the iconic Dutch music masters head back to Haslemere to perform their classic hits plus work from their latest albums.

**Tickets: £23 inc. booking fee. Show starts @ 8.00pm (doors and bar open from 7.00pm)**

**Friday 19th May**  
**@ HASLEMERE HALL**



When Tom Petty died in 2017, the world lost one of the greatest songwriters and performers. Petty Criminals make every effort to authentically recreate the sound and stage show of a Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers concert, including using authentic equipment: Rickenbacker guitars, Fender valve amplifiers and a Hammond organ. The 2 hour show will include classic songs such as American Girl, Breakdown, Refugee, The Waiting, Don't Do Me Like That, Freefallin', Runnin' Down A Dream, I Won't Back Down & Learning To Fly as well as The Traveling Wilburys' Handle With Care and End Of The Line, and his duets with Stevie Nicks, Stop Draggin' My Heart Around.

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### FUTURE SHOWS PLANNED INCLUDE THESE EXCITING ACTS ALL AT HASLEMERE HALL

Friday 29th September - Oye Santana (Santana tribute)

Friday 13th October - China Crisis

Friday 3rd November - Fleetwood Bac (Fleetwood Mac tribute)

Friday 8th December - The Alter Eagles (Eagles tribute)

Friday 23rd February - Totally Blondie (Blondie tribute)

Tickets for Haslemere shows are available from [www.haslemerehall.co.uk](http://www.haslemerehall.co.uk) or the box office on 01428 642161.

To keep up to date with news and info on upcoming shows, please see [www.julianlewrymusic.com](http://www.julianlewrymusic.com) and Facebook page Julian Lewry Music



# Kettle's On



Tea and Sue's sumptuous cakes delighted everyone on Wednesday 16th February plus a welcome guest Yvonne Budd's husband joined us for chat.

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### DATES FOR 2023

March 15th April 19th May 17th June 21st July 19th  
August - No meeting Sept 20th Oct 18th Nov 15th  
Dec 13th Joint Christmas Party with Mother's Union

## Farncombe Cricket Club

It is a lovely thought that the new league cricket season starts again next month. Training is already underway after the closed season. The men's first team will be competing in the top flight of the seven league I'Anson competition.

The men's fixtures have been announced and the first teams early matches for the season are: 29th April, Puttenham, away; 6th May, no game, King's Coronation; 13th May, Grayshott, home; 20th May, Tilford, away; 27th May, Grayswood, home. The men's second team will be competing in Division 4 and start with home match against

## CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS THE BAPTIST CHURCH GODALMING

Conservatoire Concerts proudly announce that they will be holding two concerts this Month. Opening the month, on the 1st of April, Trinity Laban String Ensemble will be once again performing under the direction of Nic Pendelbury. The main work will be Tchaikovsky's 'Souvenir de Florence' On the 29th of April, Violinist/Violist Sofía Gómez Alberto will be performing a varied programme by Bach, Beethoven, Debussy, Prokofiev and Brahms.

For booking and more details please visit  
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Chiddingfold 2nd team on 29th April. The men's third team, who will play in Division 7, start with a game against Tongham.

The women's teams, Fernettes against Churt & Hindead, 7th May and our Ferns team play Grayshott on 14th May. Our 6 Junior Teams including two Girls teams have over 70 matches this season, with a new Academy Team playing from June onwards on Sunday.

There is further information that can be obtained about the men's and women's adult and junior cricket teams and other activities via the Farncombe Cricket Club website, [Farncombcc.com](http://Farncombcc.com).

We wish all our teams another good and joyful summer.

**Damian Wheeler**

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# SPRING GARDENING

Spring is a very busy time in the garden, with old vegetable crops to take out, ground to prepare and new seeds and plants to put in. Planning ahead is important, as is trying not to get over-ambitious - remember that plants grow and get bigger but the space stays the same!

**Vegetables** Sow crops such as cabbage, leeks, cauliflowers, peas, beans, spinach, lettuce and carrots through the season to extend the cropping period (and hopefully dodge any late frosts). Potatoes and onions should be planted according to their type, potatoes can be earlies, main crop or late and onions vary according to variety. Keep up with the weeding on a regular basis otherwise it could damage the crops, make sure the soil is well fertilised and put in supports for climbing beans before planting them.

**Fruit** Established fruit trees and bushes will need plenty of feed as they start to grow and produce flowers so put compost round the base of trees and some liquid fertiliser, which is also good for new bushes and plants grown in containers.

**Ornamentals** Springtime is the busy time for sowing hardy annuals outdoors as well as planting new perennials, dividing overcrowded perennials, pruning bush and climbing roses, preparing hanging baskets, sowing tender annuals in a frost-free place, dead-heading bulbs and generally clearing up, weeding and enjoying the fresh air.

*There is a lot to do in the garden but it provides good exercise and fresh air and a feeling of achievement as you can see what you have been able to do.* **Happy gardening John.**

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# SLIMMING WORLD NEWS - GREATEST LOSER 2023

*These lovely members from my Farncombe and Godalming Slimming World groups have lost over 20 stone between them which is life changing. Here's what they have to say about their journeys.*

"I've lost 3½stone! I feel very proud of myself, it's taken determination and perseverance. I spent years thinking that I was big and always would be and losing weight was so difficult that it wasn't worth trying.

I have changed what I eat and the way I eat and never have to feel hungry or deprived. It is a life style change which continues indefinitely.

I can now go into any clothes shop and am able to buy what I want and not make do with what is available. I feel so much healthier and have more energy. Put simply Slimming World works!" **Carol**

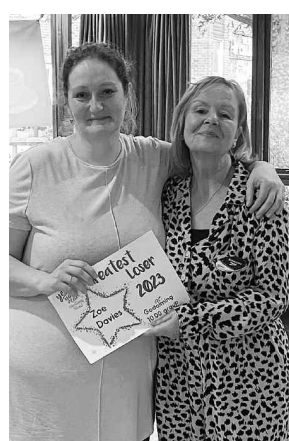
"Thank you so much to my lovely SW Group for helping me to lose 5 stone, 3 pounds. A year ago, I could not even imagine that I would look and feel so different in just 12 months' time. All of my chronic pain has gone and I have reclaimed my clothes from the loft! Thank you for helping me to get 'me' back." **Karen**

"I started back at slimming world at the very end of march 2022, after fracturing my ankle at the end of 2021. I had gained even more weight in recovery. With constant pain etc from that and back problems it took me a while to start again as kept putting it off. My next excuse would have been it was my 40th birthday the following month. But instead I pulled on my big girl pants and joined Pauline's Saturday group. With Pauline's support and members in both groups I attend, I have managed to lose 4st 10 lbs. I haven't set a target yet just happy to keep chip, chipping away" **Zoe**

As I approach my first anniversary of joining Slimming World, it was a surprise and a great boost to receive a "Greatest Loser" award at Group from our super Consultant, Pauline. I am delighted with the weight loss I have been able to achieve so far, even though I am only about a third of the way to my target. This last year has shown me that it is possible to achieve steady weight loss whilst eating delicious meals which my whole family enjoy and, amazingly, without feeling hungry. My clothes fit better, I have much more energy and feel healthier. Sometimes the weight loss stalls a bit, which is when Pauline and our wonderful, supportive group help me to stick to plan, make healthy choices and stay motivated. Thanks to all my friends at Slimming World - I look forward to enjoying the next stages of my journey with them!" **Peter**

"Getting to target feels such an achievement, as my weight loss journey hasn't always gone to plan! But Slimming World helped me to get the final 3 stone off when I rejoined in September. I feel I can tackle anything. I can join my son in the soft play, I can run after him without being breathless and I feel confident to deal with whatever life throws at me. Being in a healthy BMI, means, as I get older, I'm giving myself as much help as I can to live a long and healthy life." **Emma**

*I know it works, I lost 2 stone on my journey before becoming a consultant having tried lots of other options that did work but then the weight came back, this time it stayed off!! Just think this time next year this could be you!! Contact me on 07872 162842 for more information or pop into a group to join up. Don't delay start today.* **Pauline**



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## QUIZ

1. What word is used to describe something from the Orkney Islands?
2. Where was Anne Boleyn's family home?
3. What is 7 cubed?
4. Who wrote a set of keyboard pieces called '48 Preludes and Fugues'?
5. What is the correct name for a triangle which has 2 sides of equal length?
6. Who wrote the classic novel 'Great Expectations'?
7. Where in the human body would you find a hammer, anvil and stirrup?
8. The Wright brothers made the first powered flight in an aircraft. What were their first names?
9. Which cartoon character had a dog called Snoopy?
10. What is the name of the process by which yeast helps bread dough to rise?

The answers are on page 19

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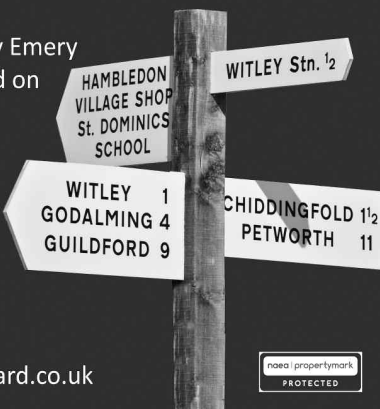
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This year the exceptionally talented students of Godalming College will be playing to raise funds for a Performing Arts project at Loseley Fields School, Binscombe, Godalming. The concert starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are only £10 (£5 for students).



Please support this popular event by booking now at [www.godalming.ac.uk/spring-benefit-concert](http://www.godalming.ac.uk/spring-benefit-concert). They are always popular and the students offer a variety of musical genres. This is no ordinary school concert!! Many of the students are going onto study music at Academy level.

**If you would like to volunteer as a helper at the concert please contact Carolyn at 07880 552343.**

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- Scarify the lawn, some areas may only need one pass but others may need more attention
- If there is a lot of thatch produced (and there usually is) the best way we have found to collect it is by mowing the grass again using the mower to compact the thatch in the grass box
- To help growth apply a top dressing (lawn sand, fertiliser and fine loam) which can be spread using the back of a garden rake

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## Career Talks

On 20th January, students in Years 7, 9 and 10 participated in 'Career Talks'. We were fortunate enough to have twenty local professionals visit the school to talk about their various industries which ranged from law, medicine, UK Border Force, engineering...to BBC broadcasting, childcare, pharmaceuticals, fitness and so many more! Our students were grateful to learn about some of the different types of professions they might aspire to once they leave Broadwater.

If you would be willing to give an hour of your time to talk about your profession and inspire young people, please contact Mrs Turpin at the school for more details.

## UK2Learn is looking for Host Families

Broadwater School will be working with UK2Learn, an international education company based in Godalming, to host a group of 12-15 year old Spanish students. The students will be studying at Broadwater School for two weeks this Summer, from Sunday 19/06 - 02/07 (2 weeks)

The Spanish students are coming to practise their English language skills and learn about British culture. Your child does not need to be studying Spanish, or even be in the same year group.

Host families will receive £350 in total for hosting a student. UK2Learn will visit all interested applicants and carry out suitable background checks before placing any students with a family.

Host families will need to provide breakfast and dinner every day, a packed lunch on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. Students will pay for their own lunch at school from Monday-Friday.

If you are interested and would like to know more then please contact UK2Learn via email; [guardianship@uk2learn.com](mailto:guardianship@uk2learn.com) or by phone; 01483 425500. [www.uk2learn.com](http://www.uk2learn.com)

## Broadwater Ski Trip 2023

A change of location to Italy for this year's Broadwater ski trip carried high hopes for pizza and sunshine and we weren't disappointed!

After the long coach journey, we were welcomed to our family run hotel in Pinzola, with comfortable rooms, friendly faces, and a 3-course meal. We had the hotel to ourselves for the entire week and acted as the perfect base.

The first day was an early start with ski fit and then straight up on the gondola, The sun shone brightly all day and the skies were beautiful clear blue. It was a delight to see the students and staff achieving improved levels of skiing throughout the week, and by day 3 all groups had made it to the top of the mountain and were treated to the most breath-taking views of the Dolomites. By the end of the week, we had several beginners successfully skiing black runs! Our more experienced in the party enjoyed greater adventures travelling across the mountain range to other resorts.

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Technology has greatly improved the lives of senior citizens in many ways. Firstly, social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and messengers like FaceTime, WhatsApp and Skype enable seniors to stay connected with loved ones who live far away for free, share photos and videos, and participate in online communities. Secondly, wearable technology like fitness trackers and smartwatches can help seniors keep track of their health metrics, including heart rate, blood pressure, and sleep quality. This information can help seniors stay on top of their health and identify potential issues early on.

Thirdly, technology offers a wealth of entertainment options for seniors, including streaming movies and TV shows, playing video games, listening to music, and reading eBooks. These activities can help seniors stay engaged and entertained, especially when they are unable to leave their homes. Fourthly, technology can provide seniors with access to a wide range of educational resources, such as online courses, tutorials, and educational videos, helping them learn new skills and keep their minds sharp.

Fifthly, technology provides access to information on topics such as health, news, and current events, helping seniors stay informed and engaged with the world around them. Finally, technology can make everyday tasks easier and more convenient for seniors, such as online shopping, online banking, and telehealth appointments.

In conclusion, technology has numerous benefits for senior citizens, including social connectivity, health monitoring, entertainment, education, access to information, and convenience. As technology continues to advance, it is important for seniors to learn how to use it and stay up-to-date with the latest tools and resources available to them.

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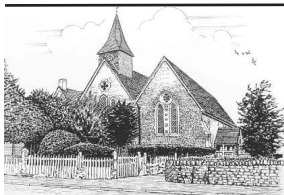
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