

The Ewhurst & Ellens Green NEWS

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Ewhurst CE Infant School is 'Outstanding'

Ewhurst CE Infant School has been graded as 'outstanding' following a recent inspection by OfSTED. The Inspector awarded the highest rating in every category except one, noting that 'the School provides an outstanding quality of education in which all the children thoroughly enjoy their learning and make excellent progress'.

Head Teacher Jane Dyer commented that 'as the only Infant School in the Cranleigh area, I was delighted that the inspector praised us for the way in which we know each child; that we value them as individuals and that we ensure tasks are matched exceptionally closely to their capabilities. We have also been recognised for ensuring that children progress to other local Primary Schools having had the best possible start to their education'.

The Inspector noted that the children are always happy and engaged in their learning; they really love coming to school. She also said that through the range of exciting things the children do they learn an amazing amount for their age. Jane Dyer added 'The staff team are a wonderful group of dedicated people who are so committed to the children of the school. We have fantastic parents who are supportive of the school and help their children to achieve highly. These strong partnerships are key features of which I am very proud as they clearly benefit the children and this was recognised by the Inspector'.

The inspection report highlights the importance of the school in promoting community cohesion both within Ewhurst & more widely. One parent noted that the school is 'an asset to the village & community'. This was echoed by Bob Arnold, Chair of Governors. 'We are currently investing nearly half a million pounds in updating and extending the School's facilities. This report not only confirms that the School has continued to get better at everything that it does but also reinforces the importance of our village school at the heart of the Ewhurst community'.

Prospective parents may contact the school office 01483 277291 for a brochure or to book a visit to view the school in action.

Jane Dyer, Headteacher

Ewhurst Village Society Meeting Impressions of Africa

Talk by David Minns

Monday, February 22nd

The Burrow 8pm

Visitors Welcome

**Do NOT forget the Date –
Saturday, March 13th**

The Ewhurst Village Hall Grand Auction

In aid of the Parish Church Restoration Fund
Details on back page.

From Cranleigh Village Hospital Trust

It will come as no surprise that Surrey Primary Care Trust has again postponed the decision on the preferred location for new health facilities for our community.

While the PCT fiddles – some of our health facilities continue to burn. The 14 beds, temporarily closed for financial reasons, have now been permanently closed with the support of Cranleigh GPs. The decision in January came as a real blow and brings to an end our hospital's 150 year tradition for caring for patients.

Over Christmas the PCT closed wards at Haslemere, and closures at Milford and Farnham followed. Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee was unaware of this when it raised no objection to the Cranleigh bed closures, adding it would not support closures elsewhere. Sixty beds have also been closed around Surrey. Waverley Borough Council has made a scathing cross party attack on the PCT, claiming the public is getting a "raw deal" and accusing it of "covert action" on the future of healthcare provision. Let's hope it gets some answers – if it does it will be a miracle – as this PCT appears to be accountable to no-one.

Now the PCT chairman has "resigned" a new chairman has been parachuted in from Brighton to sort things out in Surrey.

Where does CVHT go from here? We await the decision on the 26th Feb, though are not holding our breath that it will favour the Knowle Lane site. In a PCT Press Release received on Saturday 6th Feb CEO Chris Butler said "I appreciate the postponement might cause frustration amongst local people but I would like to assure you that we remain committed to making a decision based on sound evidence and impartial advice."

However, CVHT has a different view. It has been prevented from seeing the Business Case, on which the decision will be based, so cannot vouch for how sound or accurate it is, even our MP has been prevented from seeing it, and was told to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act. The PCT also misled the press and public into thinking as late as 5th Feb that the decision would be taken on Tuesday as planned. Perhaps the 26th will be a special meeting and will it be held in Cranleigh? But don't hold your breath.

The public want to know how they should respond to the planning applications. Please write. Letters must be with Waverley before the 19th February. There are two separate applications – one for the redevelopment of a health centre after demolition of the old hospital buildings (not the listed cottage) – with no beds, and the other for a new health centre allowing for a new nursing home with NHS funded beds on the Knowle Lane site.

As a matter of interest, if the PCT dumps our plans for Knowle Lane on the 26th and Waverley refuses planning on the old hospital site on the 3rd March – WE COULD END UP WITH NOTHING – after 11 years, and after the PCT has spent millions of pounds.

Thank you Ewhurst for your unswerving support. Happy New Year. From all of us at Cranleigh Village Hospital Trust.

Kay Newnham

The Hurtwood is enjoyed by all including Mountain Bikers

The Hurtwood has become one of the most popular locations for mountain bikers adding a new dimension to the many uses of the wonderful facility that we have at our doorstep. As more and more bikers come to use the many bike trails on the hills great care has to be taken so that bikers, horses and walkers do not converge at the same spot at the same time. Mark Beaumont, the Hurtwood Ranger, is very aware of this problem and has continuing dialogue with the bikers and all concerned.

Earlier this year, funding was secured from the Surrey Hills, for a diversion to the ending of one of the most popular bike trails, called Barry Knows Best, to avoid crossing a bridleway eliminate some of the erosion and provide a safer exit onto the Ewhurst Road. The new trail was designed by the specialist trail builder, Ian Warby from the Cyclist Touring Club and contracted to Mai Black from Extreme Tracks. Not only was the work completed in record time, but was also severely tested by the heavy rains and snow. Feedback from users has been very positive, showing that with a bit of planning, not only can conflict issues be reduced, but also a more enjoyable experience for bikers and all can be created.

One sad note on the Hurtwood is that their trailer was stolen. Therefore, Mark has requested that we all keep our eyes and ears peeled for anything suspicious or untoward and report it to him, no matter how trivial it may seem. His contacts are: telephone: 01483 267267, mobile: 07920 705070 or e-mail: mark@hurtwoodcontrol.co.uk. Just for the record, no one is allowed on the Hurtwood with a quad bike or motorcycle so if you see anyone, get as good a description as possible and report it to Mark.

Susan Handle

EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Review of Parish Council Activities

for January/February 2010

ICE & SNOW

The weather, of course, has been a subject of much discussion & aggravation this winter. We all suffered greatly due to snow & ice the weekend before Christmas and early in the New Year. We are waiting for the formal result of the 'inquest' by Surrey County Council Highways into the chaos caused by untreated roads, but it appears to have been due to a mix up between the contractors as to who was responsible for the gritting resulting in icy roads which were almost impassable for days on end.

The 'silver lining' of this was that once again the residents of Ewhurst showed what a good lot they are in their support for each other. Many thanks to so many who showed such community spirit in turning out in the cold and giving lifts to their neighbours, clearing pathways, etc. Too many individuals to mention by name, but the Parish Council would like to particularly mention Damian and Kerry at Hazelbank Stores who did so much for everyone. They kept us supplied with all the day to day necessities,

going to the trouble of travelling themselves to pick up supplies, and delivering to those who could not get to the shop. On behalf of all residents – thanks to everyone who helped and showed such a fantastic sense of community. No wonder Ewhurst achieved Village of the Year!

Whilst on the subject of vulnerable people in the cold weather, the Police advise the following :

If you think there are serious grounds for concern regarding the welfare of a neighbour who you have not seen around and believe may be in their own home, please call 999.

If you know of anyone who is struggling with heating and wants easy to access free advice, the following links and numbers may be of interest :

Age Concern :

0800 800 6565

Winter Fuel Payments

Advice Line :

0845 15 15 15

Pension Credit :

0800 991 234

Richard Cleaves

POTHOLES

What had been small holes in the road surfaces are now deep and wide. Huge potholes appearing everywhere! The problem is that water in the small holes expanded when frozen making large sections of tarmac loose under the snow & ice, which then break up completely when they melt. PLEASE REPORT POTHOLES to the Surrey County Council Highways Department via their website. There is a direct link from our own village website (www.ewhurst.org) or direct to www.surreycc.gov.uk – select 'Report It' option from the main screen, then select the 'Roads and Transport' link followed by 'Pothole or other defect on the highway'. You will need to describe the location – ie. Pitch Hill, Ewhurst north of Peaslake Road turn – and once reported the council will issue you with a job reference. The more people report potholes the quicker they will be dealt with! Other Highways problems can also be reported this

way too. If you believe it to be an emergency highways situation then telephone instead the CONTACT CENTRE immediately on 0300 200 1003

MEETINGS AND VENUES

As from the start of 2010 the Parish Council meetings (including the Planning Committee meetings) are being held at the New EYSC (upper floor), at the Recreation Ground, Broomers Lane, Ewhurst. Parish Council meetings are held on the third MONDAY of each month starting at 7.45pm (with the exception of August and December), and Planning Committee meetings are held on the first and third THURSDAY of each month starting at 5.30pm. Members of the public are very welcome at parish council meetings, and notices of the meetings and the Agenda are shown on the notice board in advance, as well as lodged on the website (www.ewhurst.org).

We do urge residents to keep an eye on these boards so that they are aware of what is happening around and about the villages - in addition to the parish notices and meeting agenda, there is

often current information on day to day matters, such as the adjustments to the refuse collections recently etc. The main Notice Board in the village (opposite Hazelbank Stores) also has notices on other panels from the various societies and the churches, as well as contact information for support groups, Ewcare and the village charities. All this information is also available on the website and its links.

COUNCILLOR NEWS

We are sorry to report that after 10 years as a member with the Parish Council, Lt Col Leslie Clarke has resigned as he lives too far away from the village to make it feasible to continue. This has resulted in a change in the various portfolios, with Tim Bloomfield taking on 'Airways', Chris Lyth with Rights of Way and being our representation on the Surrey County Association of Parish & Town Councils, and Valerie Dixon Henry adding Security/Law & Order to her portfolio. A full list of the Councillors and their portfolios can be found on the notice boards in Ewhurst and Ellen's Green.

Council shows HGVs where to go

The Parish Council has often raised with Surrey County Council the problems of lorries on our narrow lanes, and have just received news from them that it is working with satellite navigation companies such as Tom Tom to show lorry drivers the best and safest routes through Surrey. The aim is to cut congestion on rural roads by stopping lorries blocking narrow lanes and prevent damage to roads. The county council is drawing up a network of 'preferred' lorry routes so satnav companies can update their systems, which were originally designed for cars. It is also passing the information to the freight industry.

News from Sayers Croft

After the January snows Sayers Croft Trust is looking forward to Spring with a half term holiday activities programme to get children outdoors & active. The activities:

Tuesday 16th Feb 10am-3pm- Wildlife Detectives and Camp cooking (age 7+)

Wednesday 17th Feb 10am-3pm- Energy Explorers (for ages 6+)

Thursday 18th Feb 10am-12pm- Natural Art (for Ages 6+)

1pm-3pm- Archery (for Ages 8+)

Friday 19th Feb 10am-3pm- Adventure Challenge (for ages 8+)

Full details & booking forms are on our website: www.sayerscrofttrust.org.uk

Don't forget the Trust offers fantastic day & evening visits for schools & groups of all ages. If you are looking for something adventurous or environmental for your club, school or organisation, contact Ellie on 01483 275541 or ellie@sayerscrofttrust.org.uk

Bus 50 Service from Ewhurst to Horsham

The East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership has asked us help boost patronage of the Bus 50 service which runs on a Tuesday only from Ewhurst to Horsham as it seems it is little used. The bus leaves the Bulls Head at 10.43, stopping at Ewhurst Green at 10.46, and then on to the Broadbridge Heath Tesco, Horsham Bus Station, and Horsham Carfax. The return journey departs the Horsham Carfax at 13.06 and Broadbridge Heath Tesco at 13.13. Fares are Adult return £5, Single £2.50, child fares 5-15 half price, Under 5 free, and concessionary bus passes are accepted. This means there is a good two hours shopping opportunity in either Tesco or Horsham itself. Full details are on the notice boards

How GREEN is your footprint?

CLUB FOCUS

Ewhurst Cricket Club

Bazzumble

Saturday, April 10th

Village Hall 10am to 12

EWCCARE

We are now in our 11th year of providing help & support to anyone in need in Ewhurst and Ellens Green. This help and support usually takes the form of transport, household repairs, home visits, shopping, dog walking, collecting prescriptions, and even clearing snowy pathways!

Please contact us if you need help, even in the smallest way. That's what we are here for. We have a large number of community volunteers who are eager to help. Money is not an issue: just donate what you can afford.

Telephone us on 01483 277606 between 10am and noon Monday to Friday if you need anything!

Ewhurst Youth Club

Skittles & Supper

Evening

Friday, March 5th

Bulls Head 7:30pm

Raffle

Tickets are £14.50 available from Cherry 01483 277895 or Robert 07779628950

SAVE THE CHILDREN

SPRING

GIFT FAIR

Thursday, March 18th

At the Parrot Inn 10am-2pm

A Wide variety of stalls filled with exciting gifts

Coffee & Biscuits and Lunch available

Raffle Entrance £2

Plenty of free parking

Do come!

TREASURE ISLAND A BIG SUCCESS!

The Ewhurst Players staged yet another hit in the form of 'Treasure Island' and the combination of superb scenery, stunning costumes and an eclectic mix of song and dance performed by a cast of refreshingly juvenile actors mixed in with the 'experienced' was the perfect recipe for an extremely entertaining evening. The pace was athletic and the humour was mainly engineered by the two comic pirates 'Brass & Knuckles' whose energy never dwindled and got us leaping in our seats for the audience participation number. It was wonderful to see so many new faces on stage and a good time was had by all. Jeannie Metcalf as the director should take a pat on the back. What a great tonic after the snow and economic gloom!

The Ewhurst Players AGM is on Wednesday, February 24th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Non-members are very welcome to attend.

**Ewhurst
Horticultural
Society**

Spring Show

Saturday

March 27th

Village Hall 2.30pm.

**Friends of the
Hurtwood
SPRING
EVENT**

**'Saving
Time
- Saving
Life'**

Talk by the Kent, Surrey
& Sussex Air Ambulance

Tuesday

May 25th

Shere Village Hall 7:30

Wine & light

refreshments included

in ticket price of £5 for

Friends/ £7 Non-Friends

Available from Trasna:

01483 277589 e-mail:

Trasna@talktalk.net

165 not out!

We all know that Ewhurst has a lot going for it – a school, churches, shops and pubs – along with the extraordinary number of local clubs that help meet all our sporting, leisure and intellectual needs.

Ewhurst Cricket Club (ECC) is just one such club, and possibly one of the oldest. According to a 1947 Surrey magazine, cricket had been played on Ewhurst Green for 100 years – which means that, today, the club is around 165 years old. Ewhurst Green is also one of the most picturesque village cricket grounds in Surrey – the perfect spot for a bit of spectator cricket and a popular venue for visiting cricket teams.

Like all village clubs, Ewhurst Cricket Club owes its survival through the generations to the energy and dedication of cricket enthusiasts of all ages – from the youngest colts and their parents to the oldest past players and serial spectators. Today's colts will become tomorrow's 1st and 2nd XI players, and they in turn often become the non-playing backbone of the club's organising committee – and perhaps the fathers of the next generation of colts.

ECC currently fields a 1st XI and a 2nd XI in the Fullers League, and has a thriving colts section for younger boys and girls, with the under-16s in the IDentilam League. The Club always welcomes new players – whatever their age or ability – as well as social members. It caters for every level of cricketer, whether they want Sunday social cricket, mid-week 20/20 games or competitive league games. And most summers, players head off for a short cricket tour, either in the UK or abroad.

Always aware that it is a village club, ECC ensures that membership is open to everyone who loves cricket – whether watching or playing – by keeping subscriptions, fees & bar prices low. Active fundraising through local charities, social events and sponsorships ensures that affordable membership isn't at the expense of investment in the club's facilities and its future.

The new cricket season begins in April. Winter nets for Ewhurst CC colts & adults are underway at Cranleigh School.

Anyone interested in joining ECC should contact the Club captain, James Cation, on 07979 358002 or e-mail james.cation@camelltd.com.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or hiring the pavilion should contact the ECC Treasurer, Dave Allen, on 01483 277487, or e-mail allenplus@aol.com.

Or visit the ECC website: www.ewhurstcc.hitscricket.com.

Watch Out!

A Thief May Be About!

News from the Churches

PARISH CHURCH

Wintry weather does catch us out doesn't it? A fall of snow brings chaos to our roads & to amenities we expect at our disposal. We just aren't geared up for it; if we as a nation wanted to invest our money in expensive snow clearing equipment which would lie idle for years we could do so – but we don't, so we must accept that the authorities do their best & prepare to hunker down and keep warm as best we can in the conditions.

This winter has seen heavier than usual snow falls. We had a lovely few days snowed in in our caravan in Devon. We eventually got the car out but had to go back later to retrieve the Caravan once the snow melted. I find the snow quite fun – for a while, - as long as I don't have to be somewhere urgently or on time

But if you can avoid commuting and can keep warm, the snow's disruption of our normal day to day life need not be all bad. It does give us the opportunity as neighbours to serve one another, and it's encouraging to see how many people were out clearing snow, or giving lifts or doing shopping for the people around them.

One morning I joined in pushing cars up the hill by the School. I was struck by how many people were chatting happily to friend & stranger. A little adversity has that

effect. A number of elderly people received offers of help from neighbours so did not have to venture out. The community was there for each other!

A break from the breathless rush of life is a side effect of wintry weather. You can make the most of time with children home from school; a chance to make a snowman if you wish! A change in routine can usually be a good thing. Enforced rest gives us unexpected time to enjoy family, or to reflect.

As winter draws to a close we enter Lent; the time in the church year for a period of reflection before the events of Easter. Christians use Lent to think of the focus of their lives. Is there room in our busy-ness for God or have we allowed the rush to squeeze out the spiritual, the reflective and the 'big picture' of life.

I am struck by Saint Paul's conviction that 'nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus'. (Romans 8:39)

God's love is all around – perhaps we need to take the time to discover the love that we can't be separated from; that's what Lent is for.

Do join us if you can at Church – you can be sure of a warm welcome and time to respond to God's love.

David

Ewhurst Village Hall GRAND AUCTION Saturday, March 13th

Entrance fee 50p including catalogue

We are raising £7,500 for the Church Restoration and Fabric Fund. Please support our Grand Auction. Viewing from 2 to 4:30pm and then the doors open at 5:30 for the Grand Auction to start at 6pm.

If you have any items for auction or would like further information contact
Jane: 01483 275047 Jackie: 268694,
Martin: 277541 Colin: 272814

EWHURST BAPTIST CHURCH

Another World - part 2

If you missed the first part I explained why I had lived in Ewhurst for a bit and why I moved to Fiji for a while... After working in Fiji, Nicola and I returned to settle in England and ended up in the beautiful Lake District. Those of you who have visited this part of the country will know that it is a spectacular part of the world - but there are lakes for a reason! It rains a lot! We have been living up here for 13 years now and love everything about it, apart from the liquid stuff that has a habit of falling out of the sky on regular occasions! Nearly 13 years ago God blessed our family with a baby girl, who grew up to be, as the local newspaper put it, "Multi-talented Mili Rich" - doing incredibly well at tennis, acting, piano and singing. We really thank God for giving Mili to us as we so nearly weren't able to have children. Nicola, my wife, went through a very early menopause (28 years old), just after Mili arrived - but it could so easily have been before! We know some people that have lots of children and we know others that can't have any - God's ways are so often a mystery to us but one thing we have learnt

is that we can always trust him and his plans for us. We have seen God heal, quite miraculously! We have seen God not heal! However, we continue to believe that He is there and that He loves us during the bad as well as the good times. We have met plenty of people that struggle with this concept, but through the experiences that have happened to us, we know with certainty that God could do something really amazing - but if he doesn't then He always had a good reason why not! The Bible says, "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things" (Romans 8v32) Next time I'll tell you more about what I do up in the Lakes and how my work really does take me to another world!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

If you wish to advertise a date, tell the Editors and the Newsletter tells the village!

February

22 Ewhurst Village Society – 'Impressions of Africa' – The Burrow 8pm

23 Ewhurst Players AGM – Village Hall 7:30pm

March

5 Ewhurst Youth Club – Skittle & Supper Evening – Bulls Head 7:30pm

11 Ewhurst Evening WI – Village Hall 8pm

13 Ewhurst Village Hall GRAND AUCTION – 2-4:30pm Viewing 5:30 door open

15 Parish Council Meeting – New EYSC Building 7:45pm

16 Monday Club - Glebe Centre 2pm

16 Ewhurst History Society "The Royal Manor & Palace of Woking" – Glebe Centre 8pm

18 Save The Children SPRING GIFT FAIR – The Parrot Inn 10am – 2pm

27 Ewhurst Horticultural Society SPRING SHOW – Village Hall 2:30pm

April

8 Ewhurst Evening WI – Village Hall 8pm

10 Ewhurst Cricket Club BAZZUMBLE – Village Hall 10am to 12 noon

19 Monday Club - Glebe Centre 2pm

19 Parish Council Meeting – New EYSC Building 7:45pm

20 Ewhurst History Society – 'Out of Sight, Out of Mind' – Glebe Centre 8pm

May

8 Ewhurst Horticultural Society PLANT SALE – Village Hall 10am

13 Ewhurst Evening WI – Village Hall 8pm

17 Monday Club - Glebe Centre 2pm

17 Parish Council Meeting – New EYSC Building 7:45pm

18 Ewhurst History Society – 'The Guildford Union Workhouse & the Vagrants' Casual Ward' – Glebe Centre 8pm

25 Friends of Hurtwood Spring Event – 'Saving TimeSaving Lives' – Shere Village Hall 7:30 for 8pm

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Help I need Prayer for my situation...

We invite you to come to
our service at

Ewhurst Baptist Church

On Sunday mornings at

10.30 a.m.

Waste Not! Want Not!