

# The Ewhurst & Ellens Green NEWS

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## Concerning Broadband

At a meeting with Alan Young, Openreach and BT + two representatives from SCC, we heard that as Cranleigh (& Ewhurst) has been a commercial development from Openreach, the chances of getting further monetary assistance for our outlying subscribers is currently nil. This is because of the EU State Aid Provisions that prevent public money being spent on areas which have already benefited from private investment. A challenge in the European Court, if successful, may change this scenario, but it is unlikely to be in the near future.

Meanwhile, this does not mean that the outliers will be ignored because constantly improving technology is enabling up to 15Mbps broadband to be pushed further down the copper wires so there is still hope. If necessary, we may have to raise some matched funding from those who require the service to enable it. When Openreach first connected us to fibre, the fastest speed available was 40 Mbps and within weeks this was raised to 80 Mbps for example. They are now trialling up to 10 Gbps!

The myth long propagated about capacity was also put to rest - there is no reason why every subscriber in Ewhurst should not be connected to "Fibre Broadband" if they should so wish. The Cabinets that we have are all upgradable to cope with the total number of subscribers in the village and surrounding areas. The current take up per cabinet is (14/01/2013): Cab 18 - 27 signed up out of a potential 287 (9.4%), Cab 19 - 60 signed up out of a possible 436 (13%), Cab 20 - 58 signed up out of a possible 483 (12%) and Cab 6 - one signed up out of a possible 330 - this last because the cab has only recently been enabled. It is worth stressing that the scale of the problem with outliers is not yet fully identified and cannot be until more outliers have applied to upgrade.

Please report any difficulties to the Ewhurst Broadband site <http://www.ewhurst-broadband.org.uk/> or to Mike Turner: [turner13@btconnect.com](mailto:turner13@btconnect.com) and best endeavours will be made to resolve them. This includes results from the BT Wholesale Broadband checker: <https://www.dslchecker.bt.com/pls/adsl/adslchecker.welcome> should it tell you that you cannot get fibre broadband.

## RESTORATION OF LARKFIELD POND

Thanks to the generous contributions of local groups including the Village Society, it has been possible to restore the Larkfield Pond. The local support was instrumental in leveraging funds from the national Biffa Awards Small Grants Scheme. Work began during probably the only dry & sunny week of the summer in July 2012! The pond was quite dilapidated, being heavily silted up. Banks had collapsed and were overgrown. Hazel hurdles were constructed to re-build the banks and then filled with approximately 50 metric tons of silt dredged from the pond. A clay dam was constructed at the northern end to raise the water level. Areas were created around the pond edge to give wildlife a chance to flourish and planted with a wide variety of aquatic & marginal plants which will ensure colour & year round interest. A September workparty of Larkfield residents cleared banks of brambles & other weeds and replanted with grass seed. Landscape planting round the pond is ongoing.

Ponds are icons of the English rural landscape. Historically, they provided a source of water for a wide variety of domesticated and wild animals, birds & insects. The Larkfield Pond is a 'Dew Pond' as its primary source of water is rainfall. It is a rich habitat for wildlife, providing food & shelter for newts, frogs, mayflies & ducks. A information board acknowledging the financial & other support from the community and elsewhere will be in place this coming spring.

Steve Wells

## Ewhurst Village Society Meeting

### Are We Alone (In The Universe)?

Talk by Peter Bond

Author and Space Science Advisor

**Monday Feb 25th**

**EYSC Building**

**8pm**

Until now, Earth is the only place in the Universe known to support life, but hundreds of planets have already been found to orbit distant stars, and the number is rising rapidly. How likely is it that we will one day discover alien life, or even intelligent alien life? And how should we respond if / when this day comes?

Come and find out at the EVS Meeting - All welcome

## Progress on Cranleigh Village Hospital Project

Extensive discussions have resulted in two definite steps forward.

First: a letter of commitment has been received from the RSCH NHS Foundation Trust on the provision of Services in the Outpatients Department.

Secondly: the key principles have been negotiated for an acceptable deal with an Operator for the Care Home which is an essential part of the strategy for replacing 'community beds'.

With these in place a detailed planning application for the site can now be submitted.

## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Would you be prepared to give up some of your time in maintaining and improving the footpaths and bridleways in your area? Working independently or with other people, you would make a valuable contribution to the rights of way network under the guidance of the Parish Council and Surrey County Council

Keep fit, enjoy fresh air & make a difference. Tools provided, hours to suit & full support always available.

For more information, please contact: EPC Clerk, Jane Bromley, 01483 267646, [clerk.epc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk.epc@btinternet.com)

## The Queens Diamond Jubilee Panel

Anyone who has been in the Village Hall must have been struck by the beauty and magnificent craftsmanship of the wonderful needlework panel that has been done to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The whole village joins in congratulating the people who brought this project to such a remarkable conclusion.

The design was done by Yvonne Farrington and the coordination of the individual pieces by Anne Lyth. Then each panel was done by an individual who had some connection with the piece. None of this would have been possible without our Stitch Master Pat Butler.

Thank you everyone who took part in this project celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

# EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Ewhurst Parish Council Annual General Meeting

Everyone welcome.

**Wednesday 24th April.**

7.30 in the village Hall

Come along and hear what is happening in the village.

A selection of Speakers

Wine and Nibbles

Don't miss this popular social occasion - an opportunity to meet and speak to your Parish Councillors

This winter the Parish Council have not been idle. With great patience the Precept for the Parish Council has been finalised. The precept is the small charge added to your council Tax Bill to finance the up keep of the Village. This year it has been a particularly onerous task as central government were altering their share of funding of local government which affected what financial support local government were able to offer us. Whilst our precept from you has increased slightly our overall funding has decreased. Richard Cleaves, our Chairman, redrafted his figures many times before final information was received mid January from our Borough council.

At our recent Parish Council meeting we were fortunate to have two speakers. The first speaker, Lizzie Utley, a Rural Affordable Housing Enabler, was able to enlighten us on her function within Surrey Community Action. She facilitates a survey of resident's thoughts on Rural Housing within a community. The second speaker, Steve Wells, a resident of Larkfield, took us through the work that had been carried out on Larkfield Pond in the autumn. The Parish Council along with a lot of other organisations had provided some funding for this project and all at the meeting agreed it was money well spent. The project will be completed with the erection of a wild-life information board.

Councillor Ruth Reed has noticed the poor state of the telephone and post boxes throughout the Parish. You may have noticed unusual activity around the telephone boxes as the BT assessor recorded the work needed to bring these boxes up to scratch. The work is to be carried out in the spring and will involve re-glazing, painting or just a good wash.

Similarly although yet to be confirmed, it is hoped the post boxes will be given a spring clean. The state of the road signs has also been mentioned to Surrey Highways whose responsibility it is to ensure they are clearly visible.

The Village Hall is continuing to prove a popular venue for residents and is used for performances by the Ewhurst Players. However, it has caused some disquiet in Mount Close as the audiences park along their road rather than in the village car parks. The Parish Council has noticed that there is some long term parking of residents' cars in the Village Hall Car Park and would ask

that, if it is necessary to use extra parking away from individual's homes, they use the Recreation Ground Car Park where car park space is not at such a premium.

You will shortly see posters around the village asking for your help with maintaining the rights of way. Councillor Chris Lyth is to manage this scheme for the village and anyone interested should contact the Clerk: clerk.epc@btinternet.com or telephone 01483 267646.

Councillor Victoria Helstrip chairing our Playground Committee has received quotes for the next phase of renewing & updating the playground. She is now looking for funding and plans a fashion show & Quiz Night which we hope will be well attended.

Councillor Rob Matthews has arranged the planting of a tree at Deblin's Green which was the suggestion of a resident to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The tree is an Amellanchier Lamarkii and it was chosen by the residents of Deblin's Green as one resident had an example in their garden which all thought appropriate. Ewhurst Horticultural Society

arranged some funding for it and a plaque is to be put at it's base.

Can we remind everyone that the Parish Council sends out an e-newsletter. This publicises dates of events & circulates information which affects parishioners. If you are interested in receiving this bulletin would you please send the clerk (clerk.epc@btinternet.com) your e-mail address.

## Ewhurst Calendar Update

Ewhurst 2013 calendar sales are on course to reach £1400. 3 Ewhurst organisations have so far been nominated although there is still time for anyone to nominate a group or body that could benefit from the funds raised by the calendar sales. To do so please just email your nomination to dianemjames@btinternet.com. It is hoped to distribute the final monies raised in late February.

## Work to be done

Advanced notice  
of tree surgery  
because of  
disease

On the roadside between the bus shelter and Mount Cottage, one of the oaks in Garlands garden is dead and the one next to it is also infected with the same fungus, and has been condemned too. In an attempt to do something more aesthetic than complete felling, the Waverley Tree Officer has been consulted. But for safety's sake drastic surgery will be needed. A third tree near the bus shelter will have approximately one third removed where dead wood is evident. The work will be done in the next few months. *Angela Wimbledon*

## News from Sayers Croft

Happy New Year to everyone! The Sayers Croft Trust is hoping to start 2013 in a more positive way than we finished. Most people will have heard that our roundhouse was sadly burnt down in November 2012 meaning that we were unable to use it as Santa's Grotto for our Christmas Trail or for any group visits. However we are happy to say that the rebuild is being planned as we speak and we hope to get the main structural posts into the ground in early February (snow dependent!). I'd like to say a huge thank you to AVS Fencing in Rudgwick for kindly donating these posts to us for free! In other news we said goodbye to our part-time fundraiser and Executive Secretary Michael Zilka who retired at the end of the year after over 15 years of service. We wish him all the best in his retirement. We are hoping to replace Michael with a new part-time Community Engagement Officer which will allow us to expand the current activities we offer. Details of this post will be advertised locally very soon and if anyone would like more information about this post we would love to hear from you.

We hope that 2013 will be a great year for The Sayers Croft Trust and we are always looking at ways to improve our services and become more involved with the community so please get in touch if you have any comments about what we do or what you would like us to do! Our February half term activities are already on the website to book and our Easter activities will be appearing soon including a week of Forest School activities. I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

For more information, or to book on any of our activities, you can visit our website [www.sayerscrofttrust.org.uk](http://www.sayerscrofttrust.org.uk). Alternatively you can call us on 01483 275990, email [trust@sayers-croft.org.uk](mailto:trust@sayers-croft.org.uk), Like us on our Facebook page or Follow us on Twitter @SCTrust.

Sat 2nd Feb -Community Coppice Day 9.30am - 12.30pm

Sat 9th Feb Parent and Child Club 10am-12pm

Mon 18th Feb Action Stations 10am-3pm

Tue 19th Feb Starry Night Nightwalk 5.30pm-7pm

Wed 20th Feb Crafternoon 1.30pm-3.30pm

Thu 21st Feb High Adventure 9.30am-3.15pm

Fri 22nd February Epic Explorers 9.30am-3.15pm

Sat 9th March Parent and Child Club 10am-12pm

Mon 8th April Charity Pub Quiz at

The Bulls Head 7.30pm

Sat 13th April Parent and Child Club 10am-12pm

Sat 11th May Parent and Child Club 10am-12pm

Sat 8th June Parent and Child Club 10am-12pm

Sat 13th July Parent and Child Club 10am-12pm

# CLUB FOCUS

## The Ewhurst Playground Project

To complete phase 2 of the play park refurbishment. We need to raise around £45,000 and although a large part of this target will be achieved through grants and fund raising trust applications we need your help to raise as much money as we can ourselves.

Through 2013 we'll have a diary of events for you and your family to enjoy. Please save the dates and look out for further information and posters around the Village or Like us at [www.facebook.com/ewhurstplaygroundproject](http://www.facebook.com/ewhurstplaygroundproject) to get updates on your Facebook page.

## Retail Therapy Fashion Show

Ewhurst Village Hall

**Friday 1st March**

– only £5 a ticket Ticket hotline: 01483 267020

Everyday High Street collections and boutique brands at up to 50% off - if you enjoy grabbing a bargain and having a good night out, this is a great opportunity to raise funds for your local play park.

Our fashion show will be staged by local image and colour consultants, with a dedicated compere to introduce the show and guide you through the collections. You'll be given general advice on colours and body shapes whilst the clothes are modelled, so you can see which clothes can work for you and afterwards get the chance to try before you buy.

Tickets are limited and on sale from 7th February - Call 01483 267020

## Quiz Night

The Bulls Head, Ewhurst

**Monday 3rd June**

The Ewhurst Playground Project was formed in 2012 to raise funds to build a challenging, exciting and fun playscape where children can unwind, be creative and make friends. With the generous help of the Parish council, many Village organisations and the Carnival Committee, along with many personal donations we have upgraded nearly one third of the play area already and it's been a pleasure to watch children and families enjoying the new play equipment.

**Thank you for your support**

## EW CARE

We want to help; that's what we are here for. Ewcare is a good neighbour scheme providing support to people in the Ewhurst & Ellens Green community. We have many village volunteers who are eager to help in any way they can.

Do you need help with minor household repairs or walking your dog or would you simply like someone to visit you for a chat? Could you use some help with the shopping or picking up a prescription or could we drive you to a surgery or hospital appointment?

You can contact us by ringing the EwCare number 01483 277606 between 10.00am and 12 noon. The message will tell you who is the Duty Officer and their phone number. Just give them a call and they will do their best to arrange the help you need

## Ewhurst WI

In November Ewhurst WI held its AGM. While there was a sad farewell to a few committee members, we warmly welcomed those joining the committee and especially Pam Childs as our new president. A report of our meetings during the year was read out which reminded us just how informative and fun our meetings have been.

In December we held a Quiz & Games Social Evening giving members a chance to chat & get to know each other better. The Christmas Alphabet Quiz revealed amazing vocabulary skills from members & guests. A delicious buffet followed.

In January Dennis Champion, a volunteer from The Surrey Air Ambulance Service, gave us an interesting talk on their amazing work. This charity helps save lives providing a 12 hour, 7 day, 365 days a year service relying solely on voluntary donations.

The WI meets at 8pm in Ewhurst Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month. If you would like to attend any of our meetings we will give you a warm welcome. Either come along on your own or with a friend. For more details please contact Lyn Southgate on 01483 548966. Topics covered by speakers in the forthcoming months include Rainforest in Equador, Global Warming and 25 Jobs and 1 Career of an 11+ failure.

## Arctic Weather... Copper Theft...the show must go on!

Despite some extremely challenging times over the past few weeks, the unfazed Ewhurst Players cast and crew battled the elements to put on yet another cracking show. Cinderella sold out in record time and lived up its billing! Playing out to packed houses the co-directing dynamic duo of Graham Taylor and Jeannie Metcalf are immensely proud of their team.

The Pantomime. However, that's just the beginning of what promises to be an action packed year for The Players. Coming up...our next production, 'The Dresser' by Ronald Harwood. A perceptive & often hilarious play set in 1940's war-torn Britain looks set to shine with performances scheduled for May 15/18.

Another important date is our AGM to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th February at the Ewhurst Village Hall. This is a great chance for anyone thinking of joining the group to come along and meet some friendly faces. If you think you might like to join this dynamic group, come. Please don't be shy.

We are celebrating 40 glorious years next year!! If we are to enjoy another equally glorious 40 years to come, new active members will be needed. It goes without saying that we always welcome new talent on-stage but there are also numerous equally important backstage and off stage rolls to fill for each production. If you have got something to offer - please do get in touch.

Email - [secretary@ewhurstplayers.com](mailto:secretary@ewhurstplayers.com) or find further information and contact details on our website: [www.ewhurstplayers.com](http://www.ewhurstplayers.com) or find us on facebook. Thank you!!

A Date for your Diary

**EWHRST SECRET GARDENS**

Saturday & Sunday - May 11/12th

**Friends of the Hurtwood  
SPRING EVENT**

**THE CROP CIRCLE  
MYSTERY**

ANDY THOMAS (of Vital Signs Publishing)

**Thursday 18th April**

7:30 for 8:00pm Shere Village Hall

Tickets: Gold & Silver Friends Free,

Bronze Friends £5.00 Non-Friends £7.00

Available from Trasna Palmer 22 The Glebe, Ewhurst, GU6

7PZ01483 277589 or email: [trasna@talktalk.net](mailto:trasna@talktalk.net)

Make cheques payable to 'Friends of the Hurtwood' + SAE

**Rainbow's End Pre-School  
FUN BINGO NIGHT**

**Friday 15th March 2013**

Village Hall doors open at 7:30 for 8

Tickets cost £10 and include all bingo books. Doors open at 7.30pm ready for "eyes down" at 8pm. For tickets and further information contact Paula on 01306 627204.

# News from the Churches

## PARISH CHURCH

Once again the church calendar turns to Lent - the period of reflection & preparation for Easter. Traditionally Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday service when we apply ash to our foreheads to symbolise penitence and ends 40 days later on the Saturday before Easter Sunday when we commemorate Jesus risen from the tomb. The 40 day penitential season is significant as a time of contemplation when we are called to prayer, fasting & giving of Alms. As part of this mood of abstinence many people give up a personal vice such as chocolate or alcohol. We hold our 'Lent lunches' on Thursdays, lovely social occasions over a bowl of soup & a roll with the donations going to charity. (The penitential aspect of this is slightly lost because the soups are varied and delicious - so it's hardly fasting - but it's the thought that counts!) In the Middle Ages rich foods like eggs, milk and Butter were banned during Lent and so were used up by making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, before Lent began.

If, like me, you find yourself wondering 'well who decided that it would be 40 days - and why?' a quick glance through the Bible shows that the number 40 is clearly a significant number in Scripture.

In the Old Testament Noah's flood lasted 40 days and Jonah offered the sinful people of Ninevah 40 days to repent or be destroyed. Moses spent 40 days on the mountain receiving the Law from God, he sent spies to check out the Promised Land for 40 days, and as a result of their unfaithfulness the people of Israel spent 40 years wandering the desert before they entered the Promised Land. Elijah received enough food and energy to travel 40 days running from Jezebel, he ended up meeting with God.

In the New Testament Jesus in the wilderness was tempted by Satan for 40 days & nights and this is the reason given for the 40 days of Lent.

On a more joyful note, after his triumphant conquest of death Jesus was seen by more than 500 people in the 40 days up to his Ascension into heaven.

As part of Lenten tradition our own church removes flowers & decorations for the 40 days of Lent and the congregation is invited to take more time to read Christian books, to pray and study scripture; this year we are having an extra service of Compline (traditional night prayer) each week in Lent and each evening in Holy Week.

We do hope you will join us on our Lenten journey at one of our many & varied services if you can. You would be most welcome.

*David*

## Easter Market At The Parrot Inn Tues March 19

A special vintage bus from Ewhurst to Forest Green on March 19 will get you to the Easter Market at the Parrot Inn and help blow the winter blues away. It's all in support of our Parish Church and, judging by last year's success, it will be a brilliant opportunity to socialise with friends and step into spring with a little relaxed retail therapy.

This year's stalls include out-of-the-ordinary gifts, women's clothes & accessories, books, jewellery, crafts, cards, plants & homewares - many of them local, handmade and not available on the high street. You're sure to find something different and affordable there.

Parrot Inn refreshments are available throughout - tea, coffee as well as lunch. The vintage bus will take you back to Ewhurst throughout the 4-hour event. It connects with the local 53 bus service to Cranleigh and Guildford. So why not invite your friends from farther afield?

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### February

- 12 Ewhurst Horticultural Society - Vegetable Growing - Glebe Centre 8pm
- 14 Ewhurst Evening WI - Rainforest in Ecuador - Village Hall 8pm
- 18 Ewhurst Parish Council Meeting - EYSC 7:45pm
- 19 Ewhurst History Society Quiz Night & Supper in the Glebe Centre
- 25 Ewhurst Village Society - Are We Alone (in the Universe)? - EYSC 8pm

### March

- 1 Retail Therapy Fashion Show - Village Hall
- 12 Ewhurst Horticultural Society - Hints for Showing - Glebe Centre 8pm
- 14 Ewhurst Evening WI - Global Warming - Village Hall 8pm
- 15 Rainbow's End Fun Bingo Night - Village Hall 7:30 for 8pm
- 18 Ewhurst Parish Council Meeting - EYSC 7:45pm
- 19 Ewhurst History Society - A Drop of the Hard (and the Soft) Stuff - Baptist Church
- 19 Parish Church EASTER MARKET - The Parrot 10am-2pm

### April

- 6 Ewhurst Horticultural Society SPRING SHOW - Village Hall 2:30pm
- 11 Ewhurst Evening WI - 25 Jobs & 1 Career of an 11+ Failure - Village Hall 8pm
- 15 Ewhurst Parish Council Meeting - EYSC 7:45pm
- 16 Ewhurst History Society - The Making of Guildford Blue - Baptist Church 8pm
- 18 Friends of the Hurtwood - The Crop Circle Mystery - Shere Village Hall 7:30
- 24 Ewhurst Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall 7:45pm

### May

- 9 Ewhurst Evening WI - Resolutions - Village Hall 8pm
- 11 Horticultural Society Plant Sale - Village Hall 10 - noon
- 11/12 Ewhurst Secret Gardens Tour
- 15/18 Ewhurst players - The Dresser - Village Hall
- 20 Ewhurst Parish Council Meeting - EYSC 7:45pm
- 21 Ewhurst History Society AGM + Restoration of Old Stone Buildings - Baptist Church 8pm

### On going events:

- KIKS - Keep Interested Keep Socialising - every 1st & 3rd Monday Baptist Church 2-4pm
- Messy Church - every 2nd Saturday at eh Baptist Church 2:30-4:30pm
- Sonny's Café - every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - Wilson Room 8:45 to Glebe
- CTffee Mornings - every Wednesday at the Glebe Centre 10:30 to lunchtime
- Babies & toddlers every Wednesday - Baptist Church 10:15-11:45am
- Toddlers Group - every Friday during term time - Wilson Room 10-11:30am
- Women's Fellowship - every 3rd Tuesday - Wilson Room 2:30

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## EWHURST BAPTIST CHURCH

2013, a new year and a change for us all here at the Baptist Church. I took up my position as a 'Minister in Training' of the church here in Ewhurst in September 2010 and have since been living a dual-life, one half being here in Ewhurst and the other at Spurgeon's College in South Norwood, London where I have been benefiting from the formal side of my training.

In June of this year my three years of training come to a close and I am set free from college! This being the case the Baptist Church here in Ewhurst and I have been considering what happens next; do I remain in Ewhurst after my training or do I go to minister elsewhere.

Well, on Sunday January 20th the church met and voted on whether to call me to remain as their minister. The outcome of that meeting was a very resounding 'Yes!' which was a great encouragement to us all.

Although the Church's message is timeless, the ways in which it expresses it to every generation need not be. I personally believe that an awareness of the spiritual dimension of all of our lives is very significant when considering the well-being of all that we are as human beings. So here at Ewhurst Baptist Church we will continue to seek ways of ensuring that we present the Good News of Jesus Christ in ways that the men, women and children of Ewhurst can benefit from in 2013 and beyond.

*Simon Bodington - Minister*

## KIKS CLUB

Keep Interested  
Keep Socialising  
Ewhurst Baptist  
Church

On the 1st & 3rd Monday  
in each month  
From 2-4pm

We are going to put the kettle on and there will be biscuits

Come on your own or bring a friend, do you like to play board games, scrabble, cards, dominoes or chess? Bring your sewing or anything else you like to do. Call Brenda B on 351127 if you need a lift