



THE HOLMWOODS *Magazine*

Distributed to Mid and South Holmwood
February 2026



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- **Mondays** - Musical Monday - 2pm during winter hours - St Mary Magdalene Church
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Welcome from the editors...

Dear Readers

We are delighted to present to you the second edition of The Holmwood magazine. Following the fantastic feedback we received on our inaugural issue, we have made a key improvement: the print is now larger and much easier to read, hopefully ensuring everyone can enjoy the content without strain.

Producing this magazine is a real labour of love, but it is also quite a challenge. We would greatly appreciate more support from our wonderful community—especially from younger members who can bring fresh ideas and perspectives. If you have a story to share, a photograph, or even a suggestion for future articles, please do get in touch. Your input is vital to keeping The Holmwoods vibrant and relevant.

Going one step further, if there are any budding journalists out there who would like to start their career by editing a magazine (this one!), then also, please get in touch. There is plenty of room on this editorial group to have additional help produce the magazine. Training given obviously!

Additionally, we are seeking more advertisers to help us cover the costs of production. If you or your business would like to promote your services to our readers, please consider advertising with us - it's a fantastic way to connect with the local community while supporting an important community initiative.

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support. Together, we can make The Holmwoods magazine bigger, better, and even more engaging.

With warm regards,
The Editors

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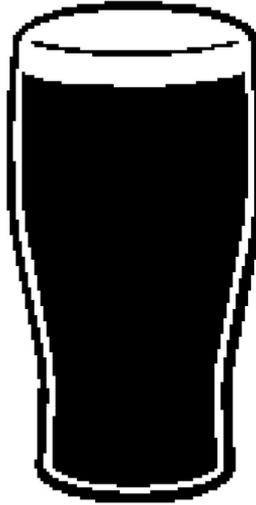
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6th January 2026

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All the play equipment and surrounding safety surfacing in the playground were inspected in January. The results of that inspection have declared no hazards to users, and all equipment is in good working order. Any problems with the playground should be notified to the Clerk on the email address.

Polite reminder to dog owners: would you please keep your dog out of the playground and please, please don't leave your dog poo bags out. Bin them!

GATWICK NORTHERN RUNWAY EXPANSION

The Secretary of State for Transport has given consent for the development of Gatwick Airport. This includes a second runway which has the potential to double the number of flights that the airport can handle. The Planning Inspectorate and all affected local councils had recommended against the expansion plan. A high court hearing is taking place regarding this decision which was challenged by CAGNE. Results and further information can be seen on their website cagne.org.

The CAA have launched a consultation that will impact airspace with a potential change affecting the skies over our villages. There is also an ongoing consultation regarding aircraft noise and its affect on the population.

VILLAGE HALL

The Council continues to act as managing agents to the Trustees of the Village Hall. As well as accommodating the Village Club, the hall is available for hire for parties, clubs and events of any kind. There is a kitchen and bar facilities are available via the Village Club. Bookings call 01306 889642 or Facebook [@southholmwoodvillageclub](https://www.facebook.com/southholmwoodvillageclub).

Rose tinted view of our village? →



Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) launched a Community Governance Review (CGR) in July 2025 to examine how local communities are represented and whether changes to parish governance are needed. A 12-week stage one consultation ran from July to October 2025, attracting 561 responses. These informed draft recommendations for stage two consultation which were presented to the full Council in an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday, 13 January 2026.

The draft proposals include exploring the possibility of creating seven new parish areas – Ashted, Box Hill, Dorking, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Westcott, and Westhumble – and amending boundaries for the parishes of Brockham, Headley, and **Holmwood**.

Councillors were also asked to decide on next steps for implementing the review, considering the impact of the local government reorganisation. The full Council report can be accessed on MVDC's website.

Councillors decided that they would like to accelerate the Community Governance Review with the aim of completing it in early March 2026, which would require stage two of the public consultation to commence in January.

The consultation will give residents and stakeholders the opportunity to have their say on the draft proposals. All residents will receive direct communication about the draft recommendations, and postal ballot packs will be sent to all households where a change is being recommended. These will include a set of frequently asked questions to support residents in responding. *(Will not affect South Holmwood but maybe Mid Holmwood - Ed)*

The information provided will clearly explain any extra charge that would be added to your council tax if a new parish council is created. This extra charge is expected to be between £20 and £80 for a Band D property in the first year. Final decision will be made by the full Council in March 2026.

Councillor Claire Malcomson, Deputy Leader for MVDC, said:
“This review is about ensuring local governance reflects community needs and remains effective during a time of significant change. We encourage all residents to take part in the upcoming consultation and have their say on the future of local representation in Mole Valley. More information

about available options and how to take part will follow shortly. You can find more information about CGR on our website [molevalley.gov.uk/CGR](https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/CGR).”

For more information on all services from Mole Valley District Council visit their web page on <https://www.molevalley.gov.uk>



Surrey County Council News

Help, advice and support available for residents this Winter

Here are some things that could help with the rising cost of living expenses:

Everyday living support

Visit the [Cost of Living hub](#) on our website where you will find information on:

- Help to [reduce your energy bills](#), your everyday household bills and tips to keep your home warm this winter.
 - There are lots of ways you can [check what benefits](#) your household might be eligible for.
1. Eligible residents can apply for the Everyday Essentials E-voucher that can be used at a supermarket of your choice to help with the cost of everyday essentials. This is part of [Household Support Funding](#) for Surrey. Applications are open on a monthly basis until March 2026.

Warm Welcomes - come on in

As the weather gets colder, there are over 80 [Warm Welcome Centres](#) across Surrey opening their doors to provide a safe, welcoming, and warm space for all. They will be open for everyone to enjoy a free hot drink, get warm and enjoy the company of others. Some venues also run activities and provide access to other local support services if needed.

Health and Wellbeing

While the festive period can be a time of joy, parties and get-togethers, it can also be a difficult time for people who are experiencing bereavement, loneliness or struggles with their mental wellbeing.

- The Healthy Surrey website has information on [mental wellbeing support](#), including [self help tools](#) and resources that can be accessed at any time. Healthy Surrey also has information on the support available if [money worries](#) are affecting your mental wellbeing.

- The [Healthy Surrey Connect](#) page has tips and ideas to help us feel connected with ourselves, others, and the world around us.
- [Mary Frances Trust](#) has a list of Surrey Community Christmas Day lunches for people alone on Christmas Day and would like to connect with others.
- [Bereavement support](#) is available, both locally and nationally, including groups, family services and support for children and young people.
- Crisis support is available for anyone in need of urgent help, including the 24/7 Mental health crisis helpline. Just call 0800 915 4644.
- Relationships can sometimes be strained over this time of year, visit our page on [relationships](#) for advice.

Plan for the unexpected

Emergencies are rare but [Surrey Prepared](#) is encouraging residents to take a few simple, practical steps to plan for unexpected events such as power outages, severe weather, flooding or other local disruptions during the winter months.

Check if you're eligible to join the [Priority Services Register \(PSR\)](#)—a free service that helps utility companies provide extra support to those who may need it.

Create an [In Case of Emergency Plan](#)- use our form and take a few minutes to talk to your household about the key things you might need to remember in an emergency.



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Have you ever wondered about the origin of your favourite phrase or wanted to learn more about the fashion and dress of the people who sailed on the Titanic? If so join members of Holmwood WI at their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month. We meet at 2pm, except February when we meet for our Fish and Chip lunch at 12noon, at South Holmwood village hall.

Each month knowledgeable speakers entertain and teach us about a variety of subjects before we enjoy a traditional WI afternoon tea. We'd love everyone to join us for our fundraising Spring Fair also taking place in the village hall from 2-4pm on Saturday March 21st. There's always a bumper raffle, tombola, stalls with crafts, gifts, books, jigsaw puzzles and cakes, savouries and preserves. "It's always a fun-packed afternoon where you can pick up a bargain or win prizes before tucking into refreshments and a cup of tea," said secretary Maureen Lewington

For more information about our WI contact Maureen Lewington on 07780 675235 or email maureen.lewington@btinternet.com
We are always delighted to welcome guests.



Whatever you do in this world, do NOT believe everything you read on-line. Take a look at this little gem!

South Holmwood is a small village located in the county of Surrey, England. It is situated on the outskirts of Dorking and is surrounded by beautiful countryside. The village has a population of around 1,000 people and is known for its peaceful and tranquil atmosphere. South Holmwood is a popular destination for those who enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, cycling, and horse riding.

TRUE

One of the main attractions in South Holmwood is the Holmwood Common. It is a large area of heathland and woodland that is home to a variety of wildlife. The common is a popular spot for picnics, walks, and bird watching. There are also several walking trails that lead through the common and offer stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

TRUE

South Holmwood is also home to several historic buildings, including St. John's Church. The church dates back to the 12th century and is a Grade II listed building. It is known for its beautiful stained glass windows and impressive architecture. The village also has a number of traditional pubs and restaurants that serve delicious food and drink. Overall, South Holmwood is a charming village that offers a peaceful and relaxing escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

WHAAAT!!!



Our National Trust Representative is Judith Ressler. She is the Lead Ranger for Holmwood Common, Harewoods Estate, Oxted Downs & Limpsfield Common.

Judith Writes:

Happy New Year 2026!

Looking back and into the future in the Surrey Hills.

2025 marked the National Trust's 130th birthday. In each chapter of our history, we've adapted to the needs of the day. Now, it's time for a vision that takes us into the future. Our new strategy sets out our aims and ambitions for the next decade and beyond. Over the last 18 months, we've listened to more than 70,000 people – our partners, members, visitors, volunteers, staff but also people we hadn't met before to ask, 'how can we serve you?' This strategy is the result of those conversations. It comes from the people of our three nations. And we're sharing it as an invitation for everyone to join us in the next, crucial decade of our mission.

Membership and visits to the National Trust remain the absolute foundation of all our work, and we will continue to push for greater quality, greater enjoyment and more reasons to return. That will continue and grow through this strategy too.

At its core, the strategy has three ambitious goals for 2050 that we'll work towards over the next decade:

- to restore nature – not just on National Trust land, but everywhere;
- to end unequal access to nature, beauty and history;
- to inspire millions more people to care and take action.

Restore nature – not just on National Trust land, but everywhere. We'll inspire people to help nature – and nature will help us all.

Cont.

We all need nature to survive. UK nature is in trouble, but we can help restore it by working together. We'll focus on local efforts toward the global target of protecting 30% of land. We'll do this by putting the long-term interests of nature and people first in our decisions. And we'll help millions of others, and those who serve them, to do the same.

By 2035 we'll:

- work with others and on the land in our care to create 250,000 hectares of thriving, nature-rich land;
- influence and inspire society to care for a more climate-positive future.

By 2050 we aim to:

- have enabled nature to flourish and adapted important sites to meet the challenges of climate change;
- have played our part in the UK reaching net zero and creating a resilient climate-positive economy and society.

But what does this mean for Holmwood Common?

Many of the actions that I took in 2025 will be repeated in 2026. We will endeavour to bring back the Shire Horses to manage the meadows in North and Mid Holmwood. We will continue with pond enhancement works along Willow green pond. We will continue to maintain the margins along the 6km of circular trail. We will set up a new dormouse survey in Holmwood Common.

My strategy going forward is based on 3 main aspects.

1. Maintain & expand existing high-quality habitats
2. Enhance & diversify existing less favourable habitats
3. Create new biodiverse habitats

Please join me on this journey by becoming the voice for nature. Join the Friends of Holmwood Common or sign up as Volunteer with the National Trust!

We are still recruiting for Volunteers for the Surrey Hills East, covering Holmwood Common, Limpsfield Common & Oxted Downs and Harewoods estate.

FRIENDS OF HOLMWOOD COMMON

Chairman's New year message.

There has been some interesting activity late in the year. Judith our ranger arranged the acquisition of some hedging whips. A community event was arranged by her for their planting. Sadly I was otherwise engaged but Adrian Washbourne one of the committee members did get involved on the day.

Adrian arranges the periodical newsletter that all members of the Friends receive.

We are hoping to arrange a Spring event when a speaker will give a talk on a subject relevant to the Common. There will be more news of that later.

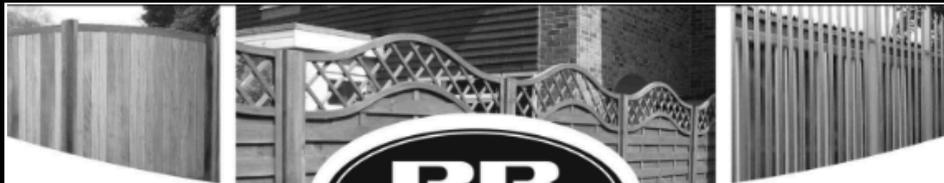
If you are interested the annual subscription for a family is currently £7. Do contact our membership Secretary by email to fohc.members@gmail.com for further details.

We are trying to raise funds for another visit by heavy horses to mow and rake the meadows at Willow Green (North Holmwood) and Brooke Valley. They are booked to come to harrow the Betchets Green meadow in February - date to be confirmed. If you are interested in donating please contact our membership Secretary.

My message to all who live on or near Holmwood Common is have a very Happy New Year and continue to enjoy the wonderful amenity we are fortunate to have on our doorstep.

Nick Freeborough
Chairman of the Friends of Holmwood Common Committee





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Jane's Jottings



Revd Jane Schofield

Dear friends,

As we turn the page into February, I find myself reflecting on the recent weeks and looking forward with hope and expectation. The Christmas period, as ever, was a whirlwind of activity and emotion. It was brimming with life, from the fabulous wreath making workshop to the Carol Singing at the Village Club, 9 lessons and carols, Blue Christmas, Christmas Communion in the evening and at Midnight, the fun filled Crib service, and a warmth that reached far beyond our stone walls. From the candlelit services to the joyful gatherings, it was truly moving to witness our community come together in celebration, kindness, and generosity.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who contributed their time and energy, whether by preparing refreshments, singing in the choir, helping decorate the church, or simply joining us in prayer and fellowship. Your acts of compassion and togetherness are what make our village so special. The Christmas festivities were not only moments of joy but powerful reminders of the strength we find in one another.

Now, as we settle into the new year, there's a sense of quiet anticipation. The turning of the calendar is always an invitation to pause, reflect, and consider what lies ahead. I imagine many of us have set intentions or resolutions – perhaps to spend more time with loved ones, to lend a hand where needed, or to seek peace in daily life. Whatever your hopes, I pray that this year brings renewed purpose and gentle encouragement to follow where your heart leads. I confess to an occasional desire to hibernate through the next couple of months, but thankfully this season also invites us to look for the subtle signs of Spring.

Even as the winds still bite, snowdrops are beginning to brave the cold, and the first birds tentatively test their songs in the morning. These early glimpses of new life remind us of the enduring promise of renewal and hope. Nature's quiet transformation mirrors the spiritual renewal that this time of year can bring – the chance to grow, to shed old burdens, and to embrace the possibilities before us.

In this spirit, let us continue to nurture one another and build up the bonds that unite us. Whether through a friendly word, a helping hand, or simply sharing a cup of tea, our small acts of kindness ripple outwards, creating warmth and connection. Together, we can meet the challenges and joys of the coming months with open hearts and a sense of shared purpose.

As we look ahead, I invite you all to join us in the events and gatherings planned for February and beyond. Whether you've been coming for years or are new to our parish, your presence is valued and welcome. Please know that our door is always open, and we are here to support you in whatever way we can.

May God's blessings be with you and your loved ones as we journey into spring. With every good wish for a peaceful, hopeful, and joyful year ahead.

Yours warmly,
Jane



CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE PARISH OF HOLMWOOD INCLUDING BEARE GREEN At St Mary Magdalene Church

Sundays 10 am Parish Eucharist.
Wednesdays 9.30 am - Midweek informal communion EXCEPT first
Wednesday monthly 11.30 with lunch





THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, HOLMWOOD.

2006. It's already here and well under way. And so are the Friends! We are already planning our programme for 2026. Our objective is to raise £10,000 this year. Yes, £10,000 to add to the £120,000 that we have raised over the last fifteen years.

Why do we do this? Let me tell you why....: St Mary Magdalene Church is a vital asset to the village of Holmwood. Vital because it is the centre of our village community. A community that is so important to support and encourage so Holmwood can be the best village it can be.

How can you help me? Become a member? For a monthly subscription of £15.00 (set up a standing order?); £100.00 for a. Life time membership (give us a cheque today?) OR make a donation in any amount. But make a donation Please? Please?

2026 is already well underway and so are the "Friends". We are already planning a number of concerts for 2026. Some new stuff and some old stuff. The church has a new sound system. We intend to exploit it to its maximum.

Get your diaries out! Already booked for 2026.

Swing Into Spring will return to entertain us on Saturday April 18th

The Greenwood Quartet will be with us Saturday 2nd May

And **Serendipity** will be playing a very special concert on Saturday 27th June

Much more to come - watch this space. The best thing that you can do today is:

Become a member; Make a donation; Support the friends; Make St Mary Magdalene the centre of our village.

Happy New Year to you all

John Morris - Chair.
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Pam Chiverton - membership secretary.
pam.chiverton@btinternet.-com

It has been an eventful autumn term at The Weald and Scott Broadwood. The highlight were the two Christingles services led by Reverend Jane and Reverend Liz. As always, they were a joy to behold, and involved me dressing up in a Christingle outfit, which as always brought a great deal of laughter!

Our year 6 pupils enjoyed their annual residential to High Ashurst. Many a sleepless night was had by the teachers and teaching assistants, but the children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Our pupils also enjoyed a number of educational visits, from an Egyptian workshop through to a geographical study of Box Hill. These visits link to our enquiry curriculum offer.

We have also continued to have some church services in school led by Reverend Liz and Reverend Jane, most notably a Remembrance Service to honour the war dead and our annual harvest festival service(s).

The Weald also attended a number of sports competitions including gymnastics and football. The children did the school proud.

Furthermore, The Weald has been working very hard with the support of a Forest Schools expert to develop their outdoor learning provision. Over the Christmas period, the forest school area has been transformed into a nature area, where children can use a variety of lookout posts to watch and observe the local wildlife. A huge thank you to Victoria and her team for supporting the school in this venture.

At the dawn of 2026, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a positive and belated happy New Year.

James Baguley
Headteacher
Scott Broadwood and The Weald





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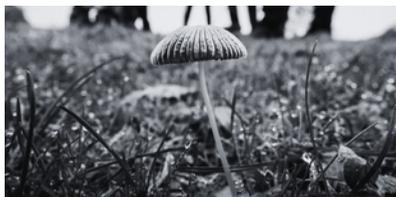


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A few things to do in the garden

- **Chit Potatoes** Stand early seed tubers rounded end up in trays in a bright frost-free location for 4-6 weeks.
- **Prepare Runner Bean Trenches** Choose a sunny site with moisture retentive soil. Dig a trench 45cm deep and fill with well-rotted garden compost or manure to get the ground ready ahead of spring planting.
- **Prune Autumn Fruiting Raspberries** Cut back all old, fruited stems to ground level to allow new fruit-bearing canes to appear in spring. Apply a thick layer of mulch, which will help retain moisture and deter weeds.
- **Start Summer Cabbages** Sow seeds 2cm deep in modular trays in a greenhouse or on a sunny windowsill. Sowing indoors helps give cabbages a reliable, early start prior to transplanting outside in spring.
- **Sow Tomatoes** For greenhouse crops, seed can be sown from late February in modules, pots or seed trays. Tomatoes need warmth to germinate, so use a heated propagator or place them on a warm windowsill and cover with a clear bag.
- **Maintain Houseplant Health** Check your indoor plants for insects including mealybugs, thrips, scale and aphids. Maintain good air circulation and clean leaves and stems to prevent any unwanted guests.
- **Water Indoor Pot Plants Springly** With low light and cooler temperatures through the winter, indoor plants grow less, so need less water. Check regularly and water only when the compost is dry just below the surface. Don't leave plants standing in water.



DORKING CONCERTGOERS SOCIETY

Forthcoming concerts arranged by DCS in Dorking Halls:-

Saturday, 7th February at 7.30 pm in the Grand Hall

English Chamber Orchestra

One of the world's finest chamber orchestras, the E.C.O. will perform favourite baroque and classical era works, incl. Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" and Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and concertos by Bach and Handel. Tickets £20, £25, £28, £30; Under 18's Free; 18-30's £10

Sunday, 1st March at 3.00 pm in the Martineau Hall

Carducci Quartet

This highly acclaimed string quartet, formed in 1997, will play a well-known piece by Mozart, an early Shostakovich quartet and a work by Rebecca Clarke, a talented English composer.

Sunday, 15th.March at 3.00 pm in the Martineau Hall

Carducci Quartet

The quartet's second concert comprises Mendelssohn's third quartet, the last of Beethoven's Razumovsky quartets and the third quartet by the American minimalist composer Philip Glass, which began life as music for a film soundtrack.

Tickets, for both Carducci concerts, £25, Under 18 Free, 18-30's £10

Tickets and further information about Dorking Concertgoers presentations are available from the Ticket Secretary Pam Chiverton, Tel. 01306 740619, E. pam.chiverton@btinternet.com



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CRAFTY CORNER

- low-cost, plastic-free, seasonal activities for families with young children... be creative, don't be too fussy about the results: just have fun!

Go outside!
How do you know
it is **WINTER**?
Look for signs
of **SPRING** ...



February 14th is Valentine's Day

Cut out nine squares of paper. Write the letters

V A L E N T I N E

Mix up the letters. Make some new words.

How many can you make? Write them down!

Draw and cut out a head for your

Tape it
at the back
to a stick
or a straw
or a pencil.
Add a face,
hair, arms...



Puppet
Pal.

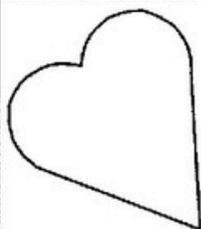


Be a squirrel:

Keep a box with some old magazines, wrapping paper, thin card, egg-boxes, fabric & wool scraps..
Scissors & glue tool

Make your pal pop up when they have something to say!

Get help to make a hole here!



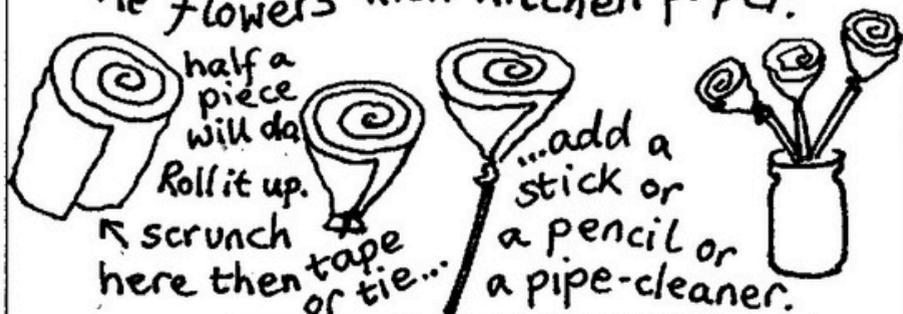
Practise drawing hearts.

Find (or draw) some flower patterns
or find pictures in a magazine.

Cut out heart shapes.

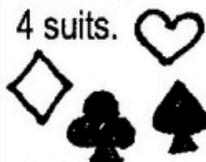
Make a card for someone you love.

Make flowers with kitchen paper.



Find a pack of cards.

There are 4 suits.



Ask someone to teach you a game.

SNAP ..

PAIRS ..

RUMMY ..

Wordsearch: 8 Spring Flowers

S	N	O	W	D	R	O	P
V	I	O	L	A	P	M	R
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V	S	T	U	L	I	P	E

Anemone Crocus Daffodil Iris Primrose Snowdrop Tulip Viola

CUBS & SCOUTS

An Exciting Year Ahead for 24th Dorking (Holmwood & Capel) Scout Group

As we look ahead, 2026 is shaping up to be a truly exciting year for the 24th Dorking (Holmwood & Capel) Scout Group. Our young people have an inspiring programme ahead, filled with opportunities to challenge themselves, learn new skills, and be part of the wider Scouting family.

In April, we will join with all the Dorking Scout Groups to celebrate St George's Day. This is always a special moment in the Scouting calendar - an opportunity for us to come together as a community and renew our Scouting promise to do our best in everything we undertake.

One thing that makes our group particularly special is that we are the only Scout Group in Dorking to offer all sections of Scouting - from Squirrels at age 4 right through to Explorers up to age 18. This gives us the unique privilege of supporting and positively influencing young people for up to fourteen years of their lives. That is an extraordinary amount of time to invest in shaping confident, capable, compassionate individuals—young people who will one day go out into the world and help make it better.

Our Cubs have a real treat in store as they head off to Scram, their triennial fun day, packed with adventure, activities and plenty of happy memories. Meanwhile, our Scouts are preparing for something extraordinary: a pilgrimage to Kandersteg, the international home of Scouting. This trip offers a once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet Scouts from around the world and experience Scouting at its very heart. We would like to thank the community in helping us raise fund for this incredible opportunity.

We are also delighted to share the brilliant news that both successful local applicants for the next World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027 come from within our own group! We are immensely proud of them - but it also means our fundraising hats are firmly on (again) as we support their journey over the coming months and years.

Scouting remains one of the most important movements for young people today. We pride ourselves on giving them skills for life. When a young person learns to tie a knot, they are also learning resilience. When they camp out and add to their Nights Away tally, they are learning independence - taking responsibility for their belongings and, we hope, their personal hygiene... though that last one is still a work in progress!

For adults, Scouting is equally rewarding. Our volunteers often say that one of the best parts of being involved is the sense of family - people with shared values and a shared purpose, working together to give young people the best start we can. We are always looking for new volunteers, and whatever time you can spare - big or small - we can find a role that suits you.

If you'd like to join our Scouting family or simply learn more about what we do, we'd love to hear from you.

Thanks, Alex.

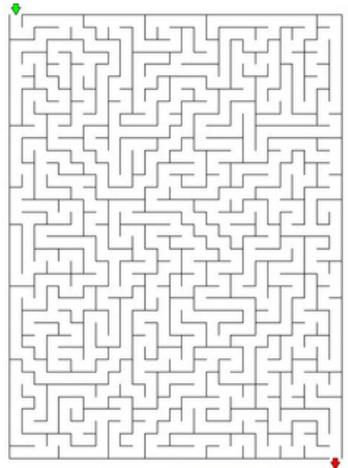
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Anyone for puzzles? Easy peasy?

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		4		8			1
7		3	9	2		6	5
6		2					8

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DORKING MUSEUM IN FEBRUARY-MARCH

Hidden in Stone: Dorking's Dinosaur Discovery: The Museum's new exhibition celebrates Dorking's contribution to the developing understanding of the wild life that roamed the area 125 million years ago. At that time, the Dorking area was part of a vast tropical river delta with swamps, sand flats and lagoons that extended across much of what is now South-East England and the Isle of Wight. Extreme seasons and changing conditions resulted in the evolution of amazing species and the Wealden clay has yielded much evidence of the dinosaurs that evolved.

A discovery of a giant claw by fossil enthusiast Bill Walker in a quarry near Ockley in 1983 led to the excavation of an almost complete skeleton which resembled a crocodile that stood up on its hind legs. This provided evidence of a previously unknown dinosaur species and led to the recognition of a new group of specialised fish-eating dinosaurs. The creature was given the scientific name *Baryonyx walkeri* in honour of its finder and provided the key to understanding more fragmentary remains of similar dinosaurs that were being unearthed on other continents. They became known as Spinosaurids because some had elongated neural spines and they had a semi-aquatic lifestyle based on hunting fish and scavenging whatever they could find.



The fossilised skeleton found by Walker – and dubbed ‘Claws’ by the media at the time – is now on display at the Natural History Museum. Four decades on from the discovery, two new *Baryonyx* cousins have been found in the cliffs of the Isle of Wight, and maybe other unknown species are still down there in the clay.

The new exhibition explores Dorking's dinosaur connections in greater detail, displays including lifelike replica models on loan from the University of Southampton. Takeaway model templates of Dorking's most famous dinosaur are available to go with the exhibition.

Museum Saturday Family Activities at Dorking Library:

The Museum is pleased to continue its collaboration with Dorking Library in a series of monthly events linked to library themes. Chinese New Year: Make a horse mask or Chinese lantern to celebrate the year of the horse: Saturday 14th February, 10am-noon. Create a Blue Plaque for yourself: What are your hopes and dreams? How would you like to be remembered in the future? Create a blue plaque to commemorate the life you hope to lead: Saturday 28th February, 10am-2pm. World Book Day: Come and see some old books that your grandparents or great grandparents might have used at school and make a bookmark: Saturday 14th March, 10am-noon. Free, materials provided and children must be accompanied.



Get involved:

The Museum depends on its enthusiastic team of volunteers to maintain this valuable community resource. Maybe you could spare a few hours a month, with opportunities in an interesting range of key roles with flexible working in the Museum, in the community or from home. Perhaps you could help maintain our collections, recruit and train volunteers, maintain our website, train as a guide on our walking tours, organise events, welcome visitors, help with maintenance or be a trustee.

See dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities for further details.

Dorking Museum, 62 West Street. Thursdays 1pm-4pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10am-4pm, free entry.

www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk. Visit dorkingmuseum.org.uk/digital-guide/. 01306 876591.



DORKING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The DLHG continues its popular programme of both live and Zoom talks on a fascinating range of topics. These are free to members, but non-members are welcome. Upcoming dates include:

- Munich and the Czech refugees in Surrey: Live talk by Trevor Brook. As Hitler took over the Sudetenland in 1938, Social Democrats, trade unionists and Jews fled for their lives. 150 of them came to live in Albury – a piece of “lost” WW2 history. Monday, 2nd February at Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking RH4 3HB, 7.15 for 7.30pm, £2 at the door for non-members.
- The History of Shepperton Studios: Zoom talk by Nick Pollard. An incredible array of films have been produced at Shepperton Studios – Goldfinger, The Day of the Jackal, Bridget Jones’s Baby, Carry on Camping and many more ... the list goes on. Thursday, 19th February 7.30pm, <https://www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup/>.
- Trig Point Charlie!: Live talk by Alastair Clark. Why do we have concrete blocks on hill tops? Have you come across trig points while walking the Surrey Hills, and are curious to find out more about how they came to be there? Monday, 2nd March (details as above).
- The Dorking & Petworth Emigration Schemes in the early 19th century: Zoom talk by Dr Judy Hill. After the 1832 riots and unrest in the town, Dorking assisted the emigration of almost 100 local poor people to Upper Canada by providing funds, food and clothing for the journey. Tuesday, 17th March (details as above).
- A Romany Lifestyle in Surrey: Live talk by David Rose and Geoff Burch about where they made their camps, the work they did on farms and market gardens, hop picking and their ways and traditions. The talk will include vintage pictures and personal family details. Monday, 30th March (details as above).

For further details of talks and other activities – or to join DLHG – go to <https://dlhg.org.uk>.



Situated in the grounds of St Mary Magdalene's church, St Mary's Pre-school has been at the heart of the South Holmwood community since the 1980's providing early years education to local children and their families. Welcoming some of our former pre-schoolers own children to us has been a delight and joy in recent years.

We provide a safe, stimulating, caring, and fun environment for children to explore and grow as individuals. We have an enclosed area for outside play during good weather, an established forest school space on adjacent land, and a further outside learning area/allotment close by.



We operate during term-time and offer additional services such as, early drop-off with breakfast, and later collection at the end of the day. Our dedicated staff team have constantly evolved, adapted and updated our provision to ensure we are sending children to their school Reception class as well equipped as possible for the next steps in their learning experience and journey in life.

All our staff live locally to pre-school, and many have been with us for considerable years. We have good local connections with community services and support networks, and we will always do our best to support our families however possible.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, we are registered with Surrey County Council and Ofsted, and are proud to have achieved three consecutive outstanding Ofsted awards (two trading as 'St Mary's Pre-school', and the latest one as 'The St Mary's Pre-school').

More information can be found on our website:
<http://southholmwoodpreschool.org.uk>, or on our social media pages:
<https://www.instagram.com/thestmaryspreschool>
<https://www.facebook.com/SMPS1980>



St Mary Magdalene Church

— Join us in 2026! —

Sundays 10am
Parish Communion Service

Wednesdays 9.30am

Informal Communion
with Coffee & Croissants

Except 1st Wednesday of the Month

11.30am with Lunch



Wild Church

1st Sunday of the Month • 10am
for Children and Families

Meet in church then go to
the Vicarage Garden

Dress appropriately for the weather!

