

# The **Village Voice**

**Dormansland  
October 2025**



The official opening of the Dormansland War Memorial Hall on Saturday, 9 October 1920.

Details of the refurbished hall's Open Day are inside, 105 years on.



# **Rake & Cake Anyone?**

**St John's Church responds to recent heart-breaking vandalism in the community church garden by offering everyone the chance to help us to repair the damage.....AND prepare the garden for the winter**

**YOU BRING:** Hand tools, trowel, fork, secateurs, rake etc. gloves, wellies if wet, a plant for the garden, children and/or dog!

**WE PROVIDE:** CAKE CAKE CAKE  
CAKE and tea!  
& A treasure hunt for the children!

**Saturday 4th October  
10am – 12 noon**



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# Worship at St. John's

[www.stjohnsdormansland.org](http://www.stjohnsdormansland.org)

## Sundays

Said Communion (1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month) 8.00am  
Family Communion on 1st Sunday, Parish Communion all other  
Sundays. Sunday Smilers (children 4-11) meets on 2nd Sunday. 10.00am  
Informal Service every Sunday. 5.00pm

## Weekdays

Wednesday - Service of Compline on Zoom 8.00pm  
Friday - Prayer Time. St Andrew's chapel. 4.00pm

## Vicar of Lingfield and Dormansland

The Reverend Ian Whitley 07961 382293

## Associate Vicar

The Reverend Annie Kurk 07774 4377471  
St John's Vicarage, The Platt, Dormansland, RH7 6QU  
email: [vicar.dormansland@gmail.com](mailto:vicar.dormansland@gmail.com)

Benefice administrator - [officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com) 01342 832021  
Centenary Room Bookings - Benefice Office 01342 832021

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# Dormansland Baptist Church

[www.dormanslandbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.dormanslandbaptistchurch.org.uk)

Sunday Morning Service 10.30am

## Minister

Rev. Jacqueline Parson [dbcminster@gmail.com](mailto:dbcminster@gmail.com) 07551 493418

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# St Bernard's Catholic Church, Lingfield

Sunday Morning Service 9.00am

Father Jack Lusted 01342 325705

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# Claridge House Quaker Meeting

[www.claridgehouse.org.uk](http://www.claridgehouse.org.uk)

Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship 9.45am

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

Resident Friend 01342 832150



# From Revd Annie

## Let's be a community that restores that which is broken

My daughter once brought a drug dealer home with her...(don't ask!) I will explain but first let me say why I wanted to tell you all this story...

Some of you may be aware that the beautiful seating area in the church garden was recently vandalised which was upsetting to all of us at St John's Church, especially those who had carefully built it as an offering to the community of Dormansland.

As a church we discussed how we ought to respond to this mindless act. Many wanted to find out who it was so we could talk to them and explain the distress they had caused and see if we could help them. Others wanted to put pictures all over Facebook and The Village Voice and ask folk to tell the police if they thought it might be their neighbours who had done it.

There were plenty of suggestions that didn't sit too comfortably, and what made me rather uncomfortable was the number of times the perpetrators were referred to in conversations as 'youths' or 'teenage boys'. Maybe it was, but let's make sure we are not being judgemental. What is the right response we asked ourselves?

We decided that we need to restore that which is broken – our lovely garden area, into something even more beautiful. We are inviting one and all of our Dormansland residents to come and join us in a Rake and Cake event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 12 noon. Please come and bring a plant, a trowel, a fork, gloves, a child (yes, do bring the children!) and help us to weed, plant and repair the area. And in return, we will supply tea, coffee, squash and CAKE!!

Let's not let this anti-social behaviour infect us with anything other than love for our neighbour and a willingness to help put it right.

Oh, and my daughter and the drug dealer....

It was in her more rebellious days as a teenager and among her rather dubious friends who she sat on the wall at the corner of the street with, was a young chap – a youth – who sold drugs to anyone who wanted them.

My daughter's choice of friends left me feeling very nervous each time she went out but other than explaining how to be careful – which I did – or keeping her under lock and key – which I didn't...I felt rather powerless. I have to say that if you ever feel powerless, turn to prayer as my goodness it works!

I did pray for her lots and often and then one day she came home and announced that Charlie the drug dealer had been talking to her about Jesus and she had told him to come over to talk to me. I suggested that next week might be a good time but she said no, he was on his way over right now!

Thirty seconds later the door bell rang and a tall chap with hoodie and bicycle came in (he said he had brought his bicycle into the house because it might get stolen) and my daughter went out and left me on my own with him. I can't say I felt relaxed.

We did have a long chat. I asked him if he took drugs and he looked at me as if I was mad and said 'No way! Absolutely not!'

He explained that he only sold drugs because his parents couldn't afford to keep him and he had been in prison before for a minor offence which meant no one would give him a job. So what was he supposed to do to earn money?

I asked him what his interests were and it became obvious that he was keen to explore the world of music technology. To cut a long story short, that youth decided that day to stop dealing drugs, he applied for a music tech course at Liverpool Hope University, was offered a place and has turned his life around.

Not all youth are bad people. Even the ones who at first glance appear to be. Often they are the victim of circumstances that are out of their control and they can't see a way out.

Let's be a community that restores that which is broken – whether it is damaged church seating areas or human beings in need, into something more beautiful. See you on 4<sup>th</sup>...

*Revd Annie*

## A Big Thank You to Yvonne!

Yvonne Lusty, after many years of hosting & baking for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 'Meeting Up Together' (& previously for the Mother's Union), hung up her tea towel & cake tins on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. She will be sadly missed by all that attend.

Yvonne was presented with a gift and the following poetry recital!

*Dear Yvonne*

*It's time to stop the baking,  
The tea and coffee too!  
We've enjoyed the taste of everything  
And the welcome given by you.*

*Years and years of service,  
And tons and tons of cake  
You've given every single month  
You now deserve a break!*

*We all shall really miss you  
It will not be the same  
Our efforts unlike yours  
May appear somewhat lame!*

*So enjoy 'your retirement'  
And a slot now diary free  
Just don't fill the gap  
By inviting us all to tea!*



**TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER**

**3.30-5PM**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH,  
DORMANSLAND  
IN THE CENTENARY ROOM.**

**A SNACK IS PROVIDED.**

**STORIES & ACTIVITIES WITH A BIBLICAL THEME  
FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-11 & THEIR PARENTS/CARERS**

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**



## **St John's Harvest Lunch**

This will take place after the service on Sunday 5th October. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church if you'd like to attend.



### **Sunday 12th October**

During the 10am service at St John's. We look forward to seeing you!



# Meeting Up Together & Community Hub!



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

## East Grinstead Community Bonfire



This year's **FREE** event

**Saturday October 18th 2025**

A brief Remembrance Service is held at the War Memorial at **6pm**.

At **7pm** the procession forms in The Vicarage Car Park, Church Lane,  
proceeds down Church Lane and turns right onto the historic High Street.

**Torchlit Procession | Bonfire & Fireworks**



# Dormansland Baptist Church Community Hub

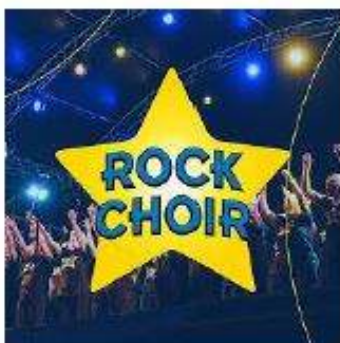
Fridays  
10-2pm



*Tea, coffee, cake  
and light lunches  
available.*

*Offering a calm and warm environment for you to come sit,  
work, read, relax or knit etc.*

## Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre



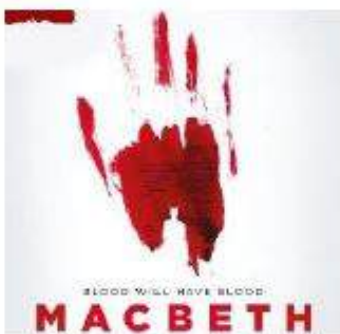
### ROCK CHOIR

*An uplifting evening of powerful vocals and joyful energy!*

**Saturday 18 October, 7.30pm**

Tickets £10

Licensed bar



### MACBETH

*Award winning Guildford Shakespeare Company brings Shakespeare's super-charged thriller to your doorstep!*

**Friday 21 November, 7.30pm**

Tickets £15 adult, £7.50 child (under 16yrs)

Licensed bar

Tickets available online: <https://www.lingfieldcentre.org/event-list>  
or from the centre office: 01883833893 [enquiries@lingfieldcentre.org](mailto:enquiries@lingfieldcentre.org)

# Dormansland Parish Council



Following the August break, the parish council has had its most recent meeting in the first week of September. Please note that for the rest of the year, the parish council and planning meetings will be held in the Meeting Room at the Baptist Chapel; the next meeting is on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**, with planning at 6pm and the council meeting starting at 6.30pm. Agendas can be found up to a week before the meeting, on the parish website and on the parish notice boards in the 'Rec' and in Dormans Park.

We have to inform you that Jon Ford, has resigned from the parish council; in the short time he has served, he has enthusiastically shared his knowledge and experience for the good of the parish and his valued contribution will be missed. We have started the process of filling the vacancy.

The recent planning application for a solar farm on agricultural land at Haxted has generated a huge amount of local interest. The parish planning committee has sent in objections citing harm to the green belt, flood risk, harm to protected habitats and heritage assets, amongst a number of other objections. The parish council are not opposed to solar power generation but feel in the case of the Dormansland parish area, there are other sites, closer to the electricity grid and large urban areas, which are less harmful to the openness of the countryside, or they can be put onto the industrial, retail and residential buildings where the electricity is used. The application is likely to be decided at the end of the year, so if you would like to look at the details and submit your comments, the application number is 2025/644.

The parish council have been assured that the broken slide in the 'Rec' will be repaired and the much-needed repair to the toilets was thankfully undertaken before the Carnival. The planned refurbishment of the children's playground failed to get grant funding this time round, but they are now working on applying to other funding streams to

supplement the Tandridge budget, so that the village gets a state-of-the-art inclusive play area with lots of additional exciting equipment that will cater for children of all abilities.

Highways issues are often reported to the parish clerk, but you can report these directly yourself to Surrey Highways on a link to the Fix-My - Street website, where you can upload photos and pinpoint the exact location of the pothole or blocked gully on their map. It is a much more direct way of flagging the problem – go to [www.tellus.surreycc.gov.uk/](http://www.tellus.surreycc.gov.uk/) . If it is an emergency, like a tree blocking the road, or roadwork traffic lights not working, please call 0300 200 1003, which is open 24/7.

Contact us at [ParishClerk@dormansland.org.uk](mailto:ParishClerk@dormansland.org.uk), or by post PO Box 335 Lingfield, RH7 9BP or phone 07395 323456 (please leave a message)

*Steven Rees, Clerk*

Web. [www.dormansland.org.uk](http://www.dormansland.org.uk)



 **LIGHT STOP**

**Friday 31st October**  
**6.00pm - 8.00pm**  
**Dormansland Baptist Church**  
**All Welcome**

● **Music** ● **Refreshments** ● **Crafts** ●

**Why not pop in when out *Trick or Treating?***

Stay for as long or short time as you like! Children must be accompanied by an adult.





# THEATRE BUDDIES



We want everyone to feel welcome and supported, that's why we offer Theatre Buddies – friendly, trained volunteers who are passionate sharing their love of live performance.

## Ready to book a theatre buddy?

Get in touch with our box office team:

Call: 01342 302000

Email: [tickets@chequermead.co.uk](mailto:tickets@chequermead.co.uk)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
WELCOMING YOU TO THE  
THEATRE**

## Who can request a theatre buddy?

Anyone is welcome to use the service, but especially helpful for:

- People with physical access needs, visual/hearing impairments who may need extra support.
- Autistic or neurodivergent individuals or those with a learning disability.
- People who are anxious attending the theatre alone. older adults and people that feel socially isolated

## What your theatre buddy can do:

- Meet you at the theatre entrance.
- Assist with collecting tickets.
- Guide you to your seat and stay with you during the show
- Stay with you until you've been collected safely
- Offer friendly company throughout your visit.
- help with refreshments and finding your way around the building.
- keep a safe social distance throughout if preferred





# Lingfield Art Exhibition

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Once again, the ever-popular Lingfield Art Exhibition returns in the October half term. Held in the Community Centre in Lingfield, come and view some wonderful pieces of artwork, sculptures, ceramics and other creative art pieces. The standard of work is very high, attracting amateur artists from local villages and towns.

You can just pass the time by viewing, but why not bring the bank card or cash to purchase that piece of artwork that will fill the empty space in your home! We would also like you to vote for your favourite artist. They in turn will receive an art voucher for £100. As this was so popular last year, we have decided to award a second prize place and that person will receive a voucher to the value of £50.

Browse with a cup of coffee or tea with a piece of homemade cake or savoury scone!

The centre is open from 10am-4pm daily, except on the Sunday when we close the exhibition at 2pm.

*Brenda Gilbey*

Lingfield Art Exhibition Team 2025







Dormansland Carnival  
CIRCA 1953



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## Big thank you to everyone (and all the gorgeous furry entrants!) who came out and supported the rescheduled Carnival Dog Show on Saturday 6th September!

Thanks also to **Michael & Julia at The Old House at Home** for providing the venue, **Blackberry Vets** for their sponsorship & providing the rosettes, and our superb judge **Rob Wright, Dog Aggression Specialist** ([www.dog-aggression-specialist.com](http://www.dog-aggression-specialist.com)).

Rob was ably assisted by two brilliant up-and-coming judges Jack (10) & Louisa-Joy (8) – seen right.



**To continue this great annual tradition** together with the Carnival, please consider offering your help for next year's event at the meeting on **Thursday 2nd October** in the **Parish Rooms**.





After the sterling work of the 2025 Carnival team it would be very sad if this much loved community run event wasn't to continue :/

## **But with your help it will!**

Many of the roles are purely admin based and wouldn't event planning look good on your CV?

Admin not your thing? Maybe you're creative and full of ideas to make the day extra special.

Not creative either? There's always jobs to do in the lead up to the day like popping up banners etc.

I propose to hold a meeting in the Parish Room on

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 8pm**

in the hope of creating a brand new team!

Thanks & I look forward to seeing you there.

There will be cake!

Any Qs please email [editor@dormanslandvillagevoice.co.uk](mailto:editor@dormanslandvillagevoice.co.uk)  
and it will be forwarded to me

*Clive Robinson*

# Lingfield Marathon Minibus Shopping Trips.

Upcoming shopping trips in **October** are:

- Friday 3rd. Crawley town centre & M&S Foodhall at Acorn Retail Park.
- Friday 10th. Sainsburys, East Grinstead
- Friday 17th. Morrisons, Oxted.
- Friday 24th. Tesco, 3 Bridges.
- Friday 31st. Crawley town centre & M&S Foodhall at Acorn Retail Park.



Suggested donation per trip is £3. Call me book your place.

## Other News

It has been a busy summer for the Lingfield Marathon Community Mini bus. Friday morning shopping trips for older residents have continued. For some residents this is their only day out during the week. It's a great opportunity for some laughter, gossip and getting the weekly food shopping done. Lingfield Scouts, Lingfield Running Club and Dormansland Primary School have all used our mini bus for various activities. Lingfield Taekwondo transported their students to and from their summer camp. For the first time, the mini bus provided transport from Lingfield Train Station for guests attending the Edenbridge and Oxted Agricultural Show. We also brought guests back to the Train Station later in the day.

As schools have returned from their summer holidays, we have returned to assist Hever Primary School on a weekly basis transporting Teachers and Students to swimming lessons. The Cross country league is around the corner and Lingfield Running Club will be using the mini bus to get their members to various venues for racing. For more information on our community mini bus, please visit our website and a reminder our annual quiz is **Friday 7th November** in the Victoria Club in Lingfield. Please contact me for further details if interested in entering a team. All proceeds go towards keeping the mini bus on the road eg. Insurance, servicing, MOT, fuel, repairs etc.

*Scott McDonald. 07710 269369*

# *Christmas* **MARKET**

**ST PETER & ST PAUL  
CHURCH, LINGFIELD**



**Saturday 15th November  
11am-3pm**

**Gifts, Food, Raffle & much  
more!**

*Free Entry*





# DORMANSLAND WAR MEMORIAL HALL OPEN DAY

## SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER

For many months now, the volunteer decorating team and others have been working hard to transform the old bar & the result is stunning!

We are so proud of what has been achieved that we would like to invite everyone living in the village to come and see the progress so far (and what is left to do of course!)

Please pop in & join us for:



Coffee/tea and cakes from 10:30am to 12 noon



Soup and a roll from 12 noon to 2pm



Cream tea from 2pm to 4.30pm



Children's colouring competition all day

## All for Free!!



*Ed. I know this article has appeared in local publications before but it seems fitting to include again as it will be of interest to newer residents I'm sure.*

## **The Dormans Land War Memorial Hall**

World War I, also known as the Great War, lasted for four years, three months, and fourteen days. These years had taken their toll on local families, many of whom had lost loved ones, not only during the conflict but also in the years following, due to their wounds or illnesses caused by the intense bombing and mustard gas. Family life in Dormans Land had been filled with worry and uncertainty, and the need for fun and laughter was in the minds of many once the war had ended. The feeling of freedom led to the building of memorial halls, which sprang up in many towns and villages. These venues offered solace and a return to normality for families of the fallen and returning service members, providing places where bands played and people danced. Lt Col Herbert Henry Spender Clay, M.C., C.M.G., of Ford Manor, generously contributed the land for the Dormans Land War Memorial Hall, and the building was funded by local subscription.

The official opening of the Memorial Hall took place in the afternoon of Saturday, the 9th of October 1920, by General Henry Sinclair Horne, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., 1st Baron Horne of Stirkoke, a highly distinguished British Army officer who commanded the British First Army in France in 1916. A Guard of Honour was presented by the 4th Battalion, the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Several villagers volunteered to form a committee to establish a club for residents to join. Club members paid a yearly subscription and in return were given a membership card, which offered cheaper entry to functions and subsidised drinks at the bar. The subscription, along with regular profit making events, such as whist drives, dances, and jumble sales, was a positive way to raise the necessary funds for the upkeep of the hall.

Known affectionately by all as The Club, this establishment became an important asset to the village, being a popular venue for many villagers. Between the wars, old folk's dinners and children's parties

were held at Christmas time. The hall became a much needed morale booster during the years of the Second World War, holding parties, etc. During the 1950s and 60s, local groups often played at the weekends to a well attended audience, and pantomimes and band concerts were also very popular.

Into the 1970s, bingo nights were a particular favourite, with people from Lingfield, East Grinstead and Edenbridge attending; the hall would always be packed to the gunwales. Throughout the evening, fag breaks were organised, when the side doors would be opened and people would spill out onto Hollow Lane, nearly emptying the hall, to frantically finish a complete cigarette before the next session started. Many would take chairs out with them only to have to take them back in – it was always a fun-packed night. The well-attended jumble sales with those impenetrable lines of feisty ladies with their deadly elbows, eagerly scrambling for bargains, would have been a challenge for Big Daddy and Giant Haystacks, the popular wrestlers of the 1970s.

Sadly, these village social events became less supported than in previous years, and eventually the hall lost its popularity. The days of The Club are long gone, and there was a time when the building stood empty, but fortunately, during the last few years, a group of volunteers have dedicated their free time to give the building a new lease of life. Our hall has risen like a phoenix from the ashes, and once again it stands proudly to serve the community.

The Memorial Cross in the churchyard of St. John's Church, Dormans Land, names 49 men who died in the conflict. Give a thought and pay tribute to those valiant men who lost their lives for us and to whom the hall has stood as a memorial for 105 years.

The Dormans Land War Memorial Hall was officially opened on Saturday, the 9th of October 1920. See front cover for image of the day.

*Garry Steer*





# HASSLE FREE – STIR UP CHRISTMAS FUN

PRE ORDER BY FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER

£14.00 CHRISTMAS CAKE (SERVES 16) (ADD MARZIPAN, ICING, EGG AND BUTTER),  
£10.00 CHRISTMAS PUDDING (2.5 PINT SERVES 6-8) (ADD FRUIT JUICE OR ALCOHOL TO  
SOAK THE FRUIT PLUS EGG AND BUTTER),

ALSO:

- DEMONSTRATION OF MAKING: CHRISTMAS DOOR WREATH, CHRISTMAS TABLE CENTER PIECE
- GINGERBREAD ICING FOR THE CHILDREN
- COFFEE/TEA AND MINCE PIES, CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

NON PROFIT. ANY DONATIONS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE MONIES  
TO BE USED TOWARDS THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

**SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER**  
**12 NOON – 2 PM**

**ST PETER & ST PAULS CHURCH,  
LINGFIELD**

**Contact Sue Ellis [suebellis@outlook.com](mailto:suebellis@outlook.com) (01342 870261)**  
**or Gill Williams [Gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk)**  
**(01342 833994)**



Let's  
**EXPLORE!**  
PLAY CAFE

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

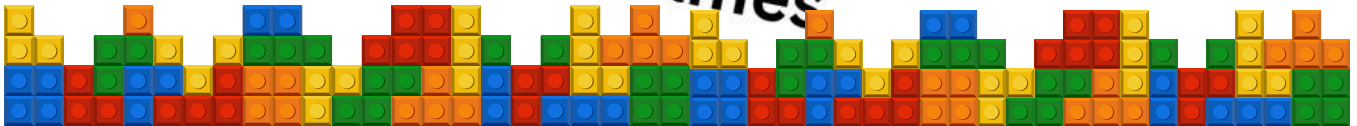
**10.00am to 12.00pm**

Dormansland Baptist Church

**Free SEND  
stay and play café.**

**Everyone welcome**

**Friends   Crafts   Games   Refreshments**



**Welcome to the '5'**  
**our weekly informal service**

Every Sunday, 5pm in  
St John's Centenary Room  
Coffee & chat from 4.30pm  
All welcome!

# THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME


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JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 20:00 FOR OUR PUB  
QUIZ - £2.00 ENTRY

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## WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

- Thu 2nd** SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP... WITH A GLASS OF FIZZ IN HAND! THE  
THREE FISH POP UP SHOP 18:00-21:00
- Fri 3rd** LIVE MUSIC FROM BANJO BILL & FRIENDS. FROM 20:30
- Thu 9th** CURRY NIGHT TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL CURRY WEEK. BOOK YOUR  
TABLE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!
- Fri 17th** BINGO NIGHT! MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
- Sun 26th** MONTHLY MEAT RAFFLE - TASTY PRIZES UP FOR GRABS, £2 A   
TICKET. DRAW AT 16:00. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BAR!
- Fri 31st**  I SEE DEAD PEOPLE! HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS PARTY WITH LIVE  
MUSIC FROM UKEROX. THE THEME - DEAD CELEBRITIES. PRIZES FOR  
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# Lingfield United Trust Christmas Distribution 2025

For the benefit of those in need, aged 60 years or over,  
resident in the Ancient Parish of

**BALDWINS HILL, DORMANSLAND and LINGFIELD**  
who have lived in the Parish for at least 5 years.

Application forms are available from:-

**Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre**

**St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Lingfield**

**St John the Evangelist Church, Dormansland**

**Dormansland Baptist Church & Post Office**

**Lingfield Library & Lingfield Surgery**

or

**[www.lingfieldunitedtrust.org](http://www.lingfieldunitedtrust.org)**

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE  
RETURN ADDRESS NO LATER THAN **7th November 2025**

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Return address  
Lingfield United Trust  
c/o Clerk, Jacqui O'Sullivan  
129 Station Road  
Lingfield  
RH7 6DZ

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Charity Registration number **1150971**.




# DORMANSLAND MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2PM TO 5PM



## GAMES AFTERNOON

All ages welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Come on your own or with a friend. Board games and playing cards will be available but you can bring a favourite game if you prefer.

Free admission, tea and cake provided, donations welcome



Any questions, please phone or text Sandra on 07862 768293

# BLOOD!



We have all seen it, whether you have cut your finger in the kitchen or you work in the Emergency Services and NHS, we have seen plenty of it. However, how many of us have donated blood ? Next week I will be making my 55th donation. A little bit of important information that might make some of you consider donating.

On average 4,300 donations are needed everyday to meet the needs of patients in England but only 2% of people who are eligible to donate blood actually give.

30% of blood donors stop donating each year. So, 140,000 new donors are required to replace those that can no longer give.

Every new donor who joins is helping to make the supply of blood stronger and more dependable, which means people have a better chance of getting the blood they need.

Please consider giving blood, the staff are helpful and afterwards complimentary drinks and biscuits await you. You book your appointment online by visiting [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk) and it takes about 1 hour of your time. I know we are all busy but that's not a long time when you consider you are doing something really important to help save another person. I personally have never had any issues before, during or after giving my pint, only once did I see a young lady feeling a little faint after her donation but staff did a wonderful job looking after her. After giving blood I often get updated as to where my blood has went, sometimes to a ward looking after seriously ill children or to a cancer ward, knowing this makes it all the more worthwhile.

Many thanks,

*Scott McDonald.*





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Please note that on our website, [www.rh7.org](http://www.rh7.org), there are details of our events through the year and 135 factsheets on local history available for you to read for free. If you have any queries on local history, then contact our chairman ([rh7histsoc@gmail.com](mailto:rh7histsoc@gmail.com)) and one of our team will arrange to meet you at the library.

*Bill Stevenson.*

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## Neighbourhood Watch Update



No crimes have been advised via the Tandridge Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for Dormansland during the 4 week period from 14<sup>th</sup> August and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Please remember these statistics are only as good as the information received so please report any crimes to ensure both an accurate reflection but also greater support from Surrey Policing for our village.

Please join the Neighbourhood Watch community as additional information is shared, providing guidance on how to secure your property, scams etc, which are all very useful.

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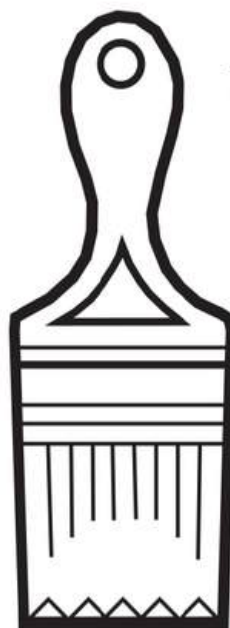
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Members have had an enjoyable time with a visit to a costume dance design company and are looking forward to the autumn when we will be having craft meetings, a skittles evening is planned as well as a literary lunch. We also meet regularly for local countryside walks, book clubs, theatre visits and board games.

Our monthly meetings are in the Parish Room, The Platt, Dormansland at 7.30pm on the second Thursday in the month. In October Gillian Perry will be telling us about ‘The Social History of Tea’. All are welcome, there is no charge for visitors.

For further information – Karil Greenhalgh, president.01342 832038

*Margaret Blake*





# The East Grinstead Art Society (EGAS)



**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Mixed Media demonstration by Adrienne Parker

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Watercolour demonstration by Adrian Leppenwell

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Visitors are welcome for a fee of £5. More info T: 07721 378596.

*Sandra Girling, Programme Secretary*



## News from the Rockets

Well here we go again, the start of another season, it soon comes round! Well I say the start, but the Saturday side are already two games in. This season they will be playing in the Mid Sussex League Division Three North.

Whilst the Sunday side kick off their campaign in the West Kent Sunday League Division One, having been promoted last season, on the 21st September.

Both sides are optimistic that they can hold their own in their respective Divisions this season, but as ever time will tell.

A constant battle that sides have at this level of football is having enough committed players willing to turn out at the weekend. If you are interested in joining us either on a Saturday or a Sunday (or even both) please give Russell Foreman a ring for more information. His number is 07884 472217.

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Session on Thursdays, 10:00am–12:15pm at the Viewpoint Centre until Christmas.

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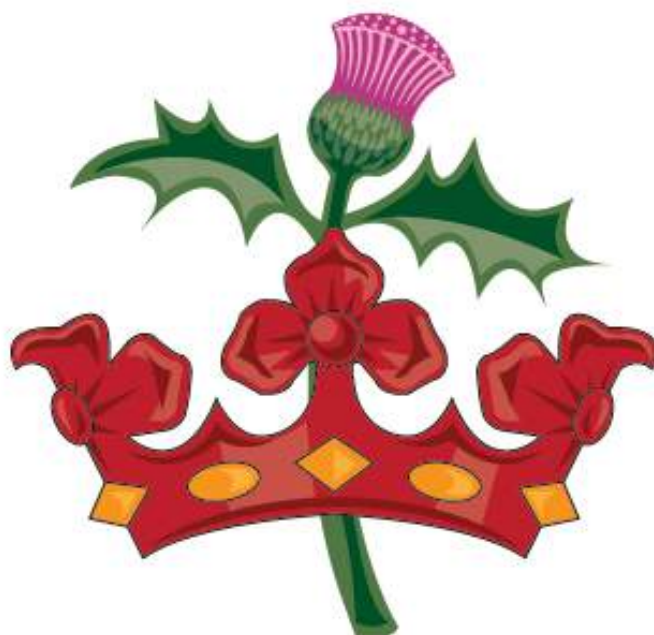
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In August at YWI Dormansland, we had a very interesting talk on Florence Nightingale. He spoke about her life, work and legacy. We also had 3 potential new members join us, it's always nice to welcome new faces.

Our next meeting will be held on the **14th October**, when we will be trying our hand at wet watercolour painting, with a sip and paint evening. No experience necessary just a willingness to have a go! One of our members has offered to lead us through a therapeutic Sunset painting, why not come along and give it a try, everyone will leave with their very own masterpiece!



We regularly organise trips to the theatre & cinema. A few of us saw the new Downtown Abbey film and we all agreed that it wrapped everything up nicely! We also have book groups, craft & walking group. Something for everyone we hope!

Our full meeting schedule and more information about our subgroups (which are exclusive and free to all members) are available on our website.

The YWI Dormansland meets at the Parish Rooms in The Platt at 8pm - 9.45pm usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and we always welcome new members. If you are interested in becoming a member, or would like more information, please drop us a line at the email address below. If you have not been a member before your first meeting is free.

*Dawn Dulley* on behalf of YWI Dormansland

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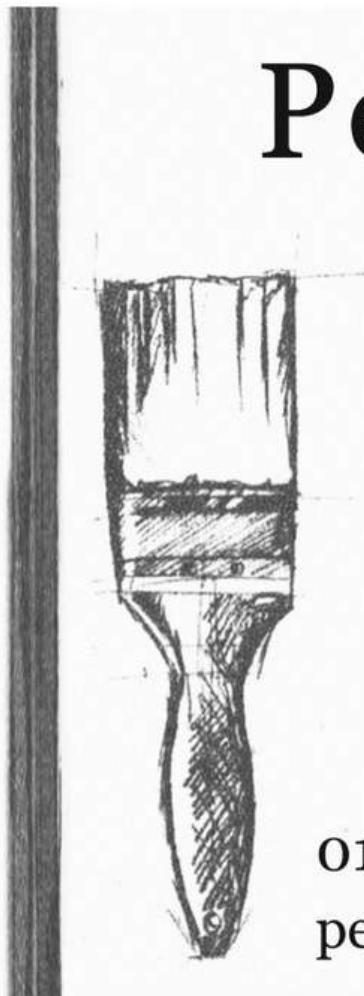
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1st Tuesday  
of month

**SEND peer support group** for parents & carers.  
Dormansland baptist church. 10-11.30am.



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1st Saturday  
of month

**Breakfast Hub** at SS Peter & Paul church, Lingfield.  
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2nd Saturday  
of month  
10am-1.30pm

**Repair Cafe East Grinstead.** At Glen Vue Community Hub In Station Road. breathing life back into broken items and gadgets



3rd Saturday  
of month  
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3rd Wed.  
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Sunday  
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During the 10am service at St John's. We look forward to seeing you! 2nd Sunday of each month.



Last Sunday  
of month

**Men's Walks.** 10am meet at Viewpoint Centre in Moons Lane.



# From the Editor



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this month's edition. There is plenty going on so hopefully something for everyone!

Please try & make it along to 'Rake & Cake' on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October (see inside front cover). What better way to respond to the recent vandalism to the beautiful memorial garden in the churchyard. I think it was my first edition as editor that I featured a spread on the making of the garden.

On a lighter note, when reading Gary's article about the history of the Memorial Hall, it occurred to me that the Great War ended on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918, and between then & it's official opening on 9 October 1920, authorities at the time managed to get funding, plan and build the hall! Can you imagine this happening nowadays! 😂

Copy date for the **November** edition is **Friday 17th October**. I look forward to hearing from you with your Christmas events or anything you think may be of interest to you fellow residents..

**Annie Robinson**

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