

The **Village Voice**

**Dormansland
November 2025**



Starts 6th November!

see overleaf for more details



JOIN THE FUN EVERY WEEK

DORMANSLAND YOUTH HUB

Connect, Create, and Explore Every Thursday
at Dormansland Memorial Hall. 3.30–5.30pm.
Years 6–11. £1 per young person appreciated.

Starts 6th November!



From Revd Annie

Generosity

Deep down, every one of us is generous. We all give our money, our time, and our energy away to someone. The problem is that some people are only generous for their own benefit. Even when they're "giving," they're really only looking for something in return.

Over the past few weeks I have seen some incredible generosity from the Dormansland community – mostly given without fanfare or expectation of a reward.

St John's Church held a Rake and Cake event which was our response to the mindless vandalism in the church garden. On the morning of Saturday 4th October over 40 people from the community arrived wielding spades, trowels, rakes, plants, children...and joined us in repairing the damaged garden area. You were all absolute heroes. It was blowing a gale and yet everyone worked so hard. Thank you so much for your generosity.



On Sunday 5th October we held our Harvest Festival and not only did we collect a huge amount of food for the Foodbank but we also had a collection in aid of the Farming Network Community which supports farmers and their families who struggle through difficult times. No one asked for anything in return for their donations.



The War Memorial Hall stands as testimony to the generosity of so many in our community who give their time and resources for the benefit of others. We even have the new weekly Dormansland Youth Hub starting there on Thursday 6th November. I could go on....

Jesus, of course, was the most generous person who ever lived, giving His life for people who did not deserve it and who could never repay Him. For all of us, our lives should be marked by radical generosity. We should give financially when appropriate, being radically openhanded when a need is presented. But generosity with money is only a start. Generous people see the needs of others around them as opportunities to share the love of God, to invest in others, and to build genuine relationships.

Sincere, Biblical generosity gives to others without expecting to ever be paid back.

We all know the story of when Jesus took one boy's lunch and multiplied it so there was enough food to feed everyone present. The accounts say there were five thousand men present, which means there might have also been an equal number of women and children present. They weren't important enough to be counted in those days!

Jesus could have warned the crowd in the morning that they should bring a packed lunch. He could have shrugged off the needs of those people, saying, "Not My problem." The disciples knew that the people would be hungry, and they offered a sensible suggestion to Jesus: Send everybody home before dark.

But Jesus didn't send the people away. He provided for them. That's the generosity of Jesus. He gave when He didn't have to and with no expectation of anything in return.

Would others consider you a generous person? Make it a point this month to be intentionally generous with someone in need.

Prayer: God, thank You for the generosity You displayed when You sent Jesus to die on the cross. Thank you for the generosity of our Dormansland community in so many ways. Show us how we may generously give of our resources to help those around us who are in need. Amen.

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?" (1 John 3:17).

Revd Annie

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

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



Sunday 9th November

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

**St John's, Dormansland
Remembrance Service
Sunday 9th November,
10.30am
All welcome**



Flower Festival

**St Bernard's Church
Vicarage Road, Lingfield. RH7 6EZ**

**Friday 7th, Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th November 2025
Open: 10am to 4pm Friday & Saturday
11am to 4pm Sunday**



Free Entry

Any donations will go to the
Baby Feeding Project in South Sudan

Tea, Coffee & biscuits will be available
in the adjoining hall.

All welcome!

Meeting Up Together & Community Hub!



Centenary Room, St John's
10am-12 noon. All welcome
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Lingfield Marathon Minibus Shopping Trips.

Upcoming shopping trips in **November** are:

- Friday 7th. Sainsburys, East Grinstead
- Friday 14th. Morrisons, Oxted.
- Friday 21st. Tesco, 3 Bridges.
- Friday 28th. Crawley town centre & M&S Foodhall at Acorn Retail Park.



Suggested donation per trip is £3. Call Scott on 07710 269369 to book your place.



Everyday Essentials E-Voucher Scheme

Support from Surrey County Council

Helping residents who may be finding it difficult to afford everyday essentials such as:



Food



Toiletries



Period products



Soap and other essentials

Applications open monthly:

1 October 2025 – 31 March 2026

(Subject to available funds)



Find out more:

Visit the Surrey County Council website for full details on;

- Eligibility criteria
- How to apply
- Other support available through the Household Support Fund



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

Everyday Essentials E-Voucher Scheme

This scheme is open to eligible Surrey residents who may be struggling with the financial costs of everyday essentials. Eligible residents can receive up to £300 in the form of an e-voucher which can be redeemed at a supermarket of the applicant's choice.

Applications opened on 1st October and can be made until March 2026 or the funding runs out. The application portal opens each month and will close once that month's funding has been fully allocated and reopen again the following month.

For more details visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/everydayevoucher.

If you want to make an application but don't have internet access or are unsure about making on-line applications then help is available. Please contact Revd. Ian or Revd. Annie.

Neighbourhood Watch Update



No crimes have been advised via the Tandridge Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for Dormansland during the 4 week period from 11th September and 8th October 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.

Clive Robinson.

One of your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators



Warm Hubs

Partly supported by Lingfield United Trust
ALL offer a warm welcome and a free hot drink.

* Where other food is offered donations would be welcome if possible

** indicates 'pop in' anytime during opening times

TUESDAYS

10am - 12 noon**

*St Peter and St Paul
Church, Lingfield,
Free WiFi*

TUESDAYS

1ST AND 3RD

10am - 12 noon**

*St John's Church
Centenary Room
Dormansland
Free WiFi,
and cake*

WEDNESDAYS

10am - 12 noon**

*Claridge House,
Dormansland,
Free WiFi*

WEDNESDAYS

Mid Week Mingle

2am - 4pm**

*Lingfield and
Dormansland
Community Centre
Free WiFi, scones,
books & mags*

FRIDAYS

10am - 2pm**

*Dormansland Baptist
Church
Free WiFi Cooked lunch*
Free fitness (seated)
Board Games available
07551 493418*

SATURDAYS

9am - 11am**

*St Peter and St Paul
Church, Lingfield
Free WiFi
Cooked Breakfast **

SATURDAYS

(LAST OF MONTH)

12.30 - 2.30pm

*St Bernard's Church
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Free soup & bread *
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PLANTS,
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St Barnabas**

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**we look forward to
welcoming you!**

Dormansland Baptist Church Community Hub

Fridays
10-2pm



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Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre



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Dormansland Parish Council



At our most recent Council Meeting in early October, the Councillors discussed the state of disrepair of the roads in the Parish. Whilst several roads had been repaired recently there are still several, including Hollow Lane, West Street and Locks Meadow that still need work. Following on from the Council Meeting, four of your Councillors met with the Surrey County Council Highways Liaison team to better understand how roads are assessed and prioritised for repair. Whilst it is recognised that there are limited finances available for road works it was resolved to continue to pursue Surrey County Council to ensure that our worst roads appear on the maintenance schedule.

Residents can record their own highways issues directly with Surrey Highways on a link to the Fix-My -Street website, where you can upload photos and pinpoint the exact issues on their map. It is a much more direct way of flagging the problem – go to www.tellus.surreycc.gov.uk.

The Council also discussed the issue of speeding through the Village, particularly on the High Street, Plough Road and Dormans Road. We are hopeful that the second speed activated sign, on Plough Road, will be operational shortly and it is felt that these signs do have an impact upon speeds. As a first step to address the issue, the Council have resolved to commission a speed survey to assess the scale of the issue.

The Council have also been active in liaising with Tandridge District Council Planning Enforcement Team in relation to the unauthorised developments in a field just off St Pier's Lane, including the re-routing of a public footpath. Enforcement Officers have attended the site to cease work and are now working to ensure that the site is returned to its former condition.

The second round of Grants to local groups or organisations will now be considered by the Council with the application window now open and closing on the 21st November. Please contact the Parish Clerk for an

application form. The applications will be considered by the Council at their December meeting.

We have commenced the process of filling the vacant Councillor position, following Jon Ford's resignation, by co-option and anyone interested in the role should request an application form from the Parish Clerk – parishclerk@dormansland.org.uk The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026 with an appointment made at the February 2026 Full Council Meeting.

Please note that for the rest of the year and into 2026, the parish council and planning meetings will be held in the Meeting Room at the Baptist Chapel; the next meeting is on Wednesday, the 3rd of December, 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.

Contact us at 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



For more details, check out the Events page at
www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk



News from your local Ramblers

It's not just toddlers who love mud – we Ramblers do too, and there's often a lot of it about in November. But please don't worry, our local walks often include a warning if conditions are challenging and with decent boots and support from your local branch of the Ramblers – East Surrey Walkers – you'll be fine.

We walk for fun and fitness and, of course, the chat. We are walkers of all ages from all sorts of backgrounds – what we have in common is a love of the great outdoors. Our programme includes 'ambles' – easier and shorter walks – which are great for newcomers or those getting fit.

We organise 50 guided walks for all abilities from 3 to 10 miles every three months. Start time is normally 10:00am. No need to book ... just turn up and have fun. You're welcome to join us for a couple of walks before thinking about becoming a member.

Our leaders are all experienced and we always have a nominated back-marker to ensure we all keep together and no one drops out without warning.

Dogs are welcome on leads.

If you're interested, your first step should be to check out our programme here on the web at www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk

Walks are colour-coded: Blue: Easy/Amble (about 1.5 miles per hour); White: Leisurely (2.0mph); Green: Moderate (2.5mph); Purple Strenuous (3.5mph). All these walks are 'circular' – so we finish where we start, often near a pub that does good food. The calendar also has a 'map view' so you can check the start-finish nearest to you.

Two walks stand out for locals: on **Wednesday 19th November at Dormansland**, parking and meeting at 10:00am in Ford Manor Road.

This is an easy walk on tarmac driveways, bridle paths and farm tracks. Past Ford Manor, then a very gentle climb up to far-reaching views, zig-zagging back through pretty woodland and farmland.

On Thursday 27th November there's an amble starting and finishing in Lingfield. Park in Gun Pit Road at 10:00am for an easy stroll through farmland around Lingfield. Optional drinks at The Star.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Chris Fazer Myers

Gents, Please Head to East Grinstead for a Probus Club



After deep thought and indeed sadness, the remaining members of The Probus Club of Dormansland, Lingfield and District decided earlier this year that the membership had eroded from a level of some 80 members at the turn of the century, to some 23 members at the last AGM. Some members were already members of the East Grinstead Probus club as well as our local one.

This was helpful, in talking with the East Grinstead group about our problem, It transpired that they too had reduced their membership over recent years and would welcome the added membership we could bring to them. In fact the remaining 19 active members of DL&D are now members of East Grinstead Probus.

The membership is still open at East Grinstead, and if there are any readers of this news who would feel like join their Probus club, then the contact is Roger Tristram. Membership Secretary.

Email:- rogertristram@btinternet.com

John Benstead

LAST DITCH ATTEMPT TO HAVE A CARNIVAL IN 2026. WE NEED A TEAM LEADER!

As you will have seen/heard, the team that led this year's event have decided to step down and take a well-earned break.

As the last person left with an official role (Treasurer), I had advertised a meeting via the Village Voice and social media where I hoped we'd have sufficient volunteers to deliver the Carnival for 2026.

So, on 2nd October I held a meeting in the Parish room in the hope of finding people to step forward to undertake the roles required and to lead the event.

Although I had 4 new people attend and I was advised of a few others interested but not able to make the meeting, no one stepped forward to lead the team, taking responsibility for co-ordination and thereby ensure the carnival succeeds once again.

There are tools available to help. A tracker with all of the inherent tasks required to deliver the carnival, templates for the programme/the site plan and lists of previous contacts for stalls, advertisers etc. I'm sure there would be mentors available IF required too.

As you read this, we are nearing the point to decide IF the 2026 carnival is viable. Currently it isn't as we have no lead(s).

So can you help? **COULD YOU LEAD OR CO-LEAD THE CARNIVAL?**

Thanks for reading,

Clive Robinson

Carnival Treasurer





Christmas **MARKET**

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



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

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

Free Entry

Remembering Frances (Fran) Dobson

Robert Powell, Fran's son, asked that we make mention of his mum. On behalf of his sister Kaylene and himself he writes.....

Our Mum, Fran, passed away peacefully on Friday 19th September, aged 87, at Abbeygate Rest Home in Crowland, Lincolnshire. Our family lived in Dormansland for nearly 50 years, from 1970, until Mum and our Stepfather Bob moved from the village in 2017, to be near Kaylene in their older age.

We moved to Holly Cottage in Dormansland as a family shortly after I was born in 1970, as our father, Philip Powell, worked at Gatwick Airport as an Airport Fire Officer. Unfortunately our father died in an accident in 1975 while we lived in Bahrain, and he is laid to rest in Dormansland churchyard. After this traumatic event Mum brought us back to Dormansland where friends in the village and nearby family helped us grieve and rebuild. Fran brought a Shop at the bottom of Dormansland High Street and opened the Maid Marian Convenience Store. It is as the Proprietor of the Maid Marian that Fran will probably be most fondly remembered in the Dormansland community.

Fran met Bob Dobson in the village and they were married in St Johns in 1981. Mum and Bob spent many happy years living in Dormansland as a family. Later in the 1990's when Fran's Stepfather Jock passed away, her mother, Voilet, also joined us in Dormansland. Both Jock and Voilet, our Grandparents, are also laid to rest in St Johns.

Both Mum and Bob made many friends in Dormansland and were active in the church and community, especially through Maid Marian, supporting residents in Newhache, the Village Fete and as a School Governor of Dormansland Primary School.

The growth of larger supermarkets and a horrible robbery of the store eventually led to the difficult decision to close Maid Marian and Fran retired. Fran and Bob moved into a Bungalow in the High Street for their retirement, but Fran continued to play an active part in the community, being a regular Cleaner at St Johns and also a part-time Carer at the College of St. Barnabas.

My sister and I moved away from Dormansland, my sister to Crowland

and myself working across the Middle East, but we have fond memories of returning regularly to visit Mum and Bob. Eventually to support them both in their older age, they moved to Crowland in Lincolnshire, to be nearer Kaylene and their granddaughters Lucy and Stefanie, but the wrench from Dormansland was difficult for them both. Bob passed away in February 2023 after suffering from Alzheimers and since then Fran had been living with Kaylene. A short illness over the summer meant that Fran needed additional care, and she passed away peacefully after being resident in Abbeygate Care home for only two months.

Robert Powell



Dormans Evening WI “DEWI”

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INSPIRING WOMEN

At the October meeting Gillian Perry MBE gave us very interesting facts about the History of Afternoon Tea which also showed us how refined or not we are ? Do we have ‘milk in first’ or after? Lots to discover!

This month DEWI members are looking forward to a Skittles Night together, and starting a craft meeting with a Quilling lesson in November. We also meet to play mah jong and rummikub as well as enjoying theatre visits. Our weekly walks in the winter countryside are now in the morning.

Also in October DEWI members donated dental products which were delivered to a local women’s refuge. This was part of the WI campaign ‘Dental Health Matters’



We warmly welcome new members and visitors to our meetings held in The Parish Room, The Platt, Dormansland on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm–9.30

For further information contact Karil Greenhalgh on 01342 832038

Margaret Blake

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CHURCH, LINGFIELD**

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NOVEMBER, 12PM-2PM

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Christingle Service

at St John's

Sunday 7th December, 10am

All welcome!



Let's

EXPLORE!

PLAY CAFE

Saturday 15th November

10.00am to 12.00pm

Dormansland Baptist Church

**Free SEND
stay and play café.**

Everyone welcome

Friends

Crafts

Games

Refreshments



THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME

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

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

- Thu 6th** 6-9PM THE THREE FISH CLOTHES POP UP SHOP. JOIN US FOR A SPOT OF RETAIL THERAPY WITH YOUR FAVOURITE DRINK
- Sat 15th** BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! THE VARLIES TRIO RETURN WITH A NIGHT OF LIVE MUSIC, COVERS AND ORIGINALS FROM 20:30
- Tue 18th** CARDS AGAINST HUMANITY NIGHT (18+) 8PM START, FREE TO PLAY. A NIGHT OF HILARIOUS FUN WHERE YOU CAN BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND ENJOY A GREAT CAUSE FOR A LAUGH TOGETHER!
- Tue 25th** ANOTHER DELICIOUS SUSHI NIGHT COURTESY OF 'SUESHI' PRE-BOOK YOUR PLATTER NOW!
- Sat 29th** DONT MISS DJ SUGA'S WINTER MIX DISCO. HITTING THE DECKS FROM 8.30PM WITH NON STOP FLOOR FILLERS TO KEEP YOU DANCING!
- Sun 30th** PAINT AND SIP - CHRISTMAS BAUBLE. 6PM. A FESTIVE EVENING OF CREATIVITY, DRINKS AND HOLIDAY CHEER. £35PP INCLUDING A GLASS OF FIZZ ON ARRIVAL

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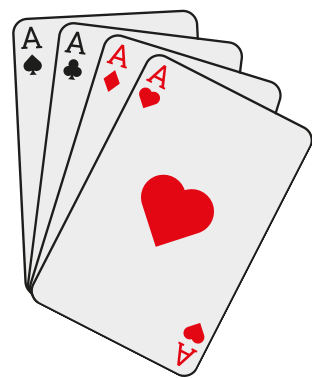
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DORMANSLAND MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2PM TO 5PM

GAMES AFTERNOON

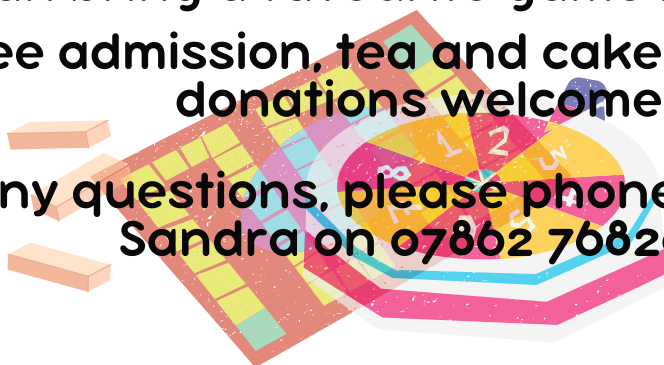


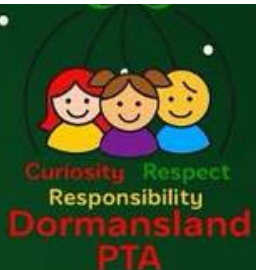
All ages welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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





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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

DORMANSLAND SCHOOL XMAS FAIR

10-10.30AM
SEN SESSION

10.30-12.30PM
GENERAL
ADMISSION



Chronicles From My Cabin #4

Greetings from Freetown, Sierra Leone and apologies for the lengthy radio silence.

Our annual maintenance period on board MV Global Mercy (GLM) was full of adventure and change.



We sailed for Cadiz in June after a sad end to the field service with the death of a young crew member from malaria. Everyone was ready for a change of scene and a new ship season of annual maintenance.

Hospital crew disembarked and were replaced with project managers and all manner of technical crew including plumbers, carpenters, engineers and electricians. They arrived with fresh energy and enthusiasm for the tasks ahead. Many are regulars and return every year to work on the ship during this period of refit and repair. The atmosphere was friendly but focused. There's a deadline and a finite period for maintenance. This year was also special with a month in dry dock, a first for the GLM as it only occurs every five years. Being on board as a ship goes into dry dock and is raised above the water line was not on my bucket list plans but it was an interesting experience and one I'm glad I didn't miss.

By August, the ship had been stripped of barnacles and given a fresh coat of paint on the outside and was looking shiny and ready for action on the inside too. Carpets had been cleaned, galley floors repaired, engines checked, hospital equipment recalibrated and the pharmacy restocked. We sailed back into Freetown, Sierra Leone in high spirits having made good time in the calm waters. The solitude at sea with only dolphins, turtles and flying fish for company, plus ten days with limited internet coverage, offered a peaceful interlude to the frenzied maintenance activity we left behind and the busy start to field service which lay ahead on arrival.

Back in Freetown we embarked over 300 day crew within the first week. All waiting eagerly to rejoin the ship and become part of our extended family on board again. It was wonderful to welcome them back. A new Captain and hospital crew arrived, some with their families so the focus

was on induction and orientation. Plus a sense of anticipation as the Academy classrooms were opened and the hospital was unpacked, deep cleaned and prepared for use.

Our first patients arrived in September and as I write this update we are running four operating rooms offering vital surgery in a range of areas which are currently not available, or only on a very limited basis, in Sierra Leone. We have hosted visits from both the Vice President and local Major who spoke passionately about the changes being made to healthcare in the country. They expressed gratitude to Mercy Ships for the part the organisation is playing in facilitating some of those changes. Through training and mentorship arrangements with local hospitals, support is being offered to physiotherapists, dentists, technicians, nurses and many other practitioners in their development. It is wonderful to see and learn about these sustainable programs which will make a lasting difference long after the ship sails.

For now, it has been a rewarding and exhausting few months. I feel stretched to my limits often as my days are long and hard but there is joy in all of them and so much to be grateful for. As our final period of field service gets underway I hope I can share the work being done here by our dedicated crew and you enjoy reading about it as much as I am enjoying experiencing it.

Theresa White



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Update from the Patient Participation Group (PPG) for Lingfield Surgery

The PPG are hosting a community information meeting on **Saturday 15th November 2025**. This will be held in Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre and is open to anyone who is a patient at Lingfield Surgery.

The surgery partners will be giving a talk titled 'exploring the current changes underway in the NHS and their impact on Primary Care', which should be of interest to the public. There will be an opportunity for questions afterwards.

Date: Saturday 15th November 2025

Time: 10am to 11:15am

Venue: Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, Llewelyn Palmer Hall

The aim of the PPG is to be 'the voice of the community' for the Lingfield Surgery (GP practice). The PPG is a group of volunteers who are patients of the surgery and want to help it work as well as it can for patients, doctors and staff. The NHS requires every practice to have a PPG. For more information about the PPG, visit lingfieldppg.org.uk.

Any questions about this meeting, or the work of the PPG, please feel free to email hello@lingfieldppg.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing those able to attend on Saturday 15th November at 10am.

Claire Rowley



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Back to School

It's been a buzzing start to the new school year at Dormansland Primary! The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, and we've loved welcoming some new families into our community.

September kicked off with our PTA AGM, held at the school, where our brand-new team of fabulous volunteers came together. They've already thrown themselves into planning a host of exciting events for the year ahead, all with the aim of raising much-needed funds to support our children and their learning.

Fundraising Aims

One of our biggest fundraising priorities right now is replacing three sets of classroom chairs, which cost around £700 per classroom. We would love the support of local businesses, organisations, or families who might be able to help.

- **£25** buys a whole chair
- **£10** buys the seat and back
- **£5** buys a chair leg

If you're feeling extra generous, sponsoring an entire classroom set would make a world of difference!

You can support this campaign here: www.pta-events.co.uk/dormanslandschoolpta

We are also in the process of setting up a JustGiving page, which will make donating even quicker and easier, and allow us to claim an additional 25% Gift Aid on contributions. We will be sharing more details of this in the coming weeks.

Festive Events

The festive season is just around the corner, and we're excited to share what's happening at Dormansland Primary School!

Our Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 6th December, 10am–12.30pm**. The first half-hour, 10–10.30am, will be a dedicated session for SEN families, before we open to everyone from 10.30am. Each class will be running its own stall, with all proceeds going directly towards essential items for the school. In the run-up to Christmas, we'll also be hosting a Festive Wreath Making Evening on Thursday 27th November, 7–9pm, in the school hall. Tickets are £30, which includes all the materials you'll need plus a glass (or two!) of fizz to get you into the festive spirit. Book your place here: www.pta-events.co.uk/dormanslandschoolpta/

Contact Us!

If you'd like to get in touch to help hold a fundraising event, support us, or sponsor the school in any way, we'd love to hear from you at dormanslandschoolpta@outlook.com. Every penny raised goes directly towards improving the children's learning experience.

With huge thanks,
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Upcoming Events

- **Festive Wreath Making:**
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- **Christmas Fair:**
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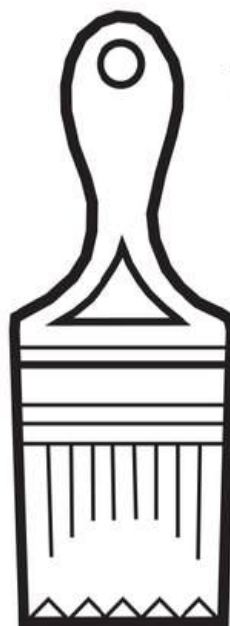
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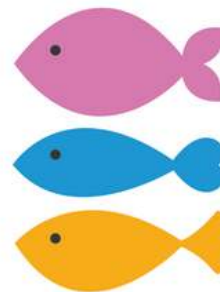


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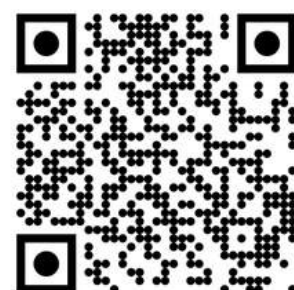
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Recently, we've hosted...

Silent retreats

Yoga Retreats

Watercolour Workshops

Calligraphy Retreats

Sound Healing weekends

Tai Chi, QiGong and Forest Bathing sessions and so much more...

But we're always on the look-out for NEW course leaders and new offerings – this is where you come in! Are you from the local area and looking for a venue for your community group or event?

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Looking for a local space to run your own small courses or treatments? The Garden Room is a serene space set in our garden, specifically available for therapists to hire for treatments or small, creative group work etc. For outdoor courses we can now offer the Cabin with Firepit which can also incorporate our Woodland Meditation Walk.

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Please get in touch by emailing events@claridgehouse.org.uk and we can arrange for you to come and have a look around.

Kate Fletcher

The East Grinstead Art Society (EGAS)



Wednesday 12th Nov. Watercolour demonstration by Adrian Leppenwell

This will be our last meeting of the year and we will start again on 11th February with a review of past demonstrations.

All meetings take place from **2.00 to 4.00pm** in the Meridian Hall, East Court, East Grinstead

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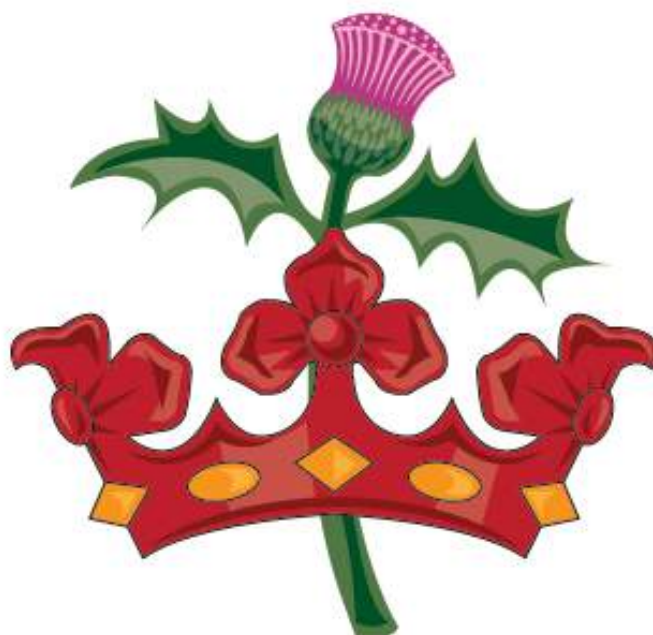
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In October at YWI Dormansland, we held a paint and sip evening with a choice of wine or soft drinks available. One of our members showed us how to transform a rainbow on the page into a beautiful sunset, from a series of Dr Hauschka therapeutic paintings called Sunset to Sunrise. Everyone was surprised at the results and went home with their own

masterpiece. We also had another 2 potential new members join us, it's always nice to welcome new faces. One new member said *"I felt very welcomed and I look forward to meeting more of the members soon."*

On Saturday 18th October our Sole Sisters walking group took to the local footpaths then several of our members helped at the Memorial hall open day with cakes, teas and greetings! The new bar area looks absolutely great!!

Our next meeting will be held on the **11th November**, when we will hold our AGM, and vote in our new committee. This will be followed by a talk from an RAF veteran, Barrie Griffiths, a Help the Heroes ambassador to tell us about the work of the charity and how it's helped him following a spinal injury.

We regularly organise trips to the theatre & cinema. In November some of us will be seeing the live screenings of Inter Alia & Mrs Warren's Profession.



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

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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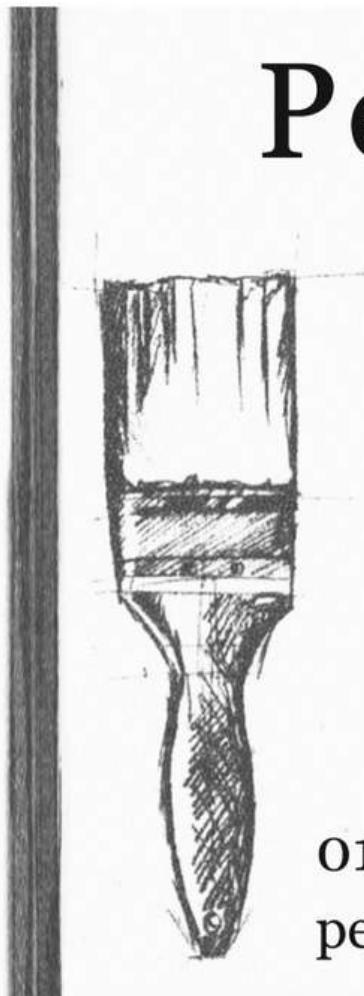
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Lingfield table Tennis Social Club
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1st Tuesday
of month

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



Every
Wednesday

For secondary school age youngsters.
Scout HQ, Saxbys Lane. 4-6.30pm.



1st Saturday
of month

Breakfast Hub at SS Peter & Paul church, Lingfield.
Bacon rolls etc. 9-10.30am.



2nd Saturday
of month
10am-1.30pm

Repair Cafe East Grinstead. At Glen Vue Community
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3rd Saturday
of month
10am-1.30pm

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3rd Wed.
of month
1.30-3pm

Support group for parents/carers for those with epilepsy
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St Peter & St Paul's church, Lingfield.



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Last Tues
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Last Thurs
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Sunday
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Last Sunday
of month

Men's Walks. 10am meet at
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From the Editor



Won't it be great to have the new Youth Hub up and running for the village youngsters?! The starting time allows for Dormansland year 6 children to pop down the hill at the end of their school day, and for the secondary youth to come straight from the bus.

Did you get along to the Memorial hall open day? The refurbished bar area really does look amazing! It was lovely to see so many neighbours relaxing with tea & cake! A really inviting space for parties & gatherings. Well done to all the volunteers!

October saw the village welcome two new publicans to The Plough & The Royal Oak and I'm sure we all wish them well.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this month's edition. Once again we are bursting at the seams!

Copy date for the double **December/January** edition is **Sunday 16th November**. 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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