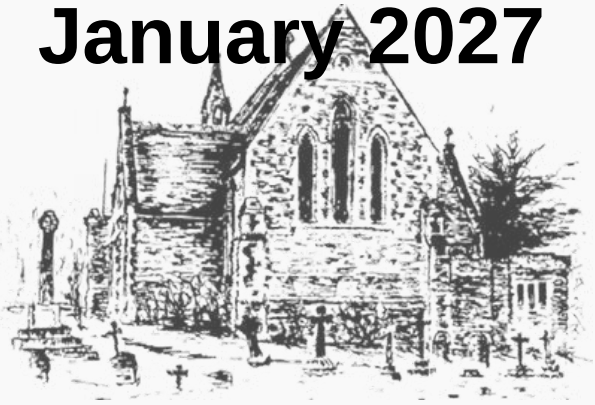
The Village Voice

Dormansland
December/
January 2027





Lighting of the Christmas tree
Friday 11th December, 6pm
Carols & refreshments
Be prepared to be dazzled!



BUBBLE CHURCH

Church service for little ones,
1st Sunday of every month,
8.45 for 9am start



6th Dec & 3rd Jan

in the Centenary Room, St John's church

We look forward to welcoming you!



TUESDAY 26TH JANUSRY
3.30-5PM
CENTENARY ROOM, ST JOHN'S CHURCH.

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



From Revd Annie

Where will we find God this *Christmas?*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then the angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger;. And suddenly there was with the angels multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' Matthew 2.

If there was a company that could manufacture 'joy' and market it in person-sized packages, they would sweep the board.Many have tried, and all have failed.At this time of the year especially, everyone is searching for the magic ingredient that will make their Christmas joyful.



We are inundated by all the permutations on offer.It's very hard to escape the conclusion that if we spend enough money, consume enough food and drink and arrange for the right combination of people to share our Christmas dinner, all will be well.

Yet we know that isn't always so. Christmas heralds the highest prevalence of suicide in the year. Many, many people dread the approach of the 'festive season', and even those who do have families and friends with whom to share the festivities sometimes find, on Boxing Day, that they are tense and exhausted and relieved that 'It's all over for another year'.

Those first shepherds felt the joy that God gives to the world. What was it then that the shepherds understood, but that we seem to be missing? We who try so very hard, and with genuine good will, to make Christmas a special time, yet all too often we miss out on the joy it is supposed to bring. The shepherds weren't trying at all. For them it was just another night on the hillside, getting on with their routine. The whole thing took them completely by surprise.

There's the surprise visit of the angels. Aren't visitors a part of what Christmas is about?But surprise visitors....mmm? We might invite the neighbours round for a drink but secretly we hope they will come at the appointed time and not outstay their welcome. The angels didn't wait to be invited and the shepherds went a good deal further than a mince pie and a cup of tea in response. They immediately set off for Bethlehem... and in doing so became surprise visitors themselves, to the little family in the stable.

Where will we find God this Christmas? Certainly in the church services at St John's. Certainly in the hospitality of our friends. But perhaps, more visibly and powerfully, in the faces of those who have no home, no friends, no resources behind which they can hide their vulnerability. A surprise visit to such a person would perhaps surprise us with the warmth it would generate.

Surprises are for sharing. The bigger the surprise, the less it can be contained and all our present unwrapping and our sharing is just a pale reflection of God's own great act of unwrapping our gift – a helpless baby in the arms of two inexperienced parents.

So here's the Christmas challenge. Why not plan to surprise someone in the village with a touch of God's love this Christmas season. It doesn't mean you invite yourselves in and eat them out of house and home. Think what God would like to surprise them with and join in. You might be surprised at the results...

Christmas prayer: *Lord, your gift to us of your very self still lies, unwrapped, in the forgotten corners of our world. Give us, this Christmas, the joy of rediscovering your presence in the presence of each other. Amen*

Also, Exciting New Environmental Community Programme Launching in Dormansland!

St John's Church, Dormansland, is delighted to announce a new two-year community environmental programme in partnership with **The Old House at Home.**

Together, we have successfully secured funding from The National Lottery Community Fund to deliver a wonderful range of free environmental activities throughout 2027 and 2028.

The Greener Dormansland project aims to bring our community closer together, encourage people of all ages to connect with nature, support local biodiversity and inspire simple, practical ways to care for our environment.

From wildlife projects and community planting to sustainable living activities and family events, there will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved, learn something new and have fun along the way.

We're excited to announce our first three events!



Wednesday 27 January 2027, 8pm
Environmental Quiz at The Old House at Home

Join us for a fun, free community quiz with an environmental twist! There will be fantastic sustainable prizes for the top three teams, along with complimentary refreshments. Entry is completely free, but teams must book in advance to secure their place.



Tuesday 23 February 2027
Birdhouse Making at Messy Church, St John's

A wonderful hands-on opportunity for children and families to learn about local wildlife and help create safe nesting spaces for our feathered friends. Free DIY birdhouse kits will be provided.



Saturday 27 February 2027, 1pm
Intergenerational Birdhouse Building Day at The Old House at Home

We're inviting residents of all ages, from young children and teenagers to grandparents and older neighbours, to come together for a fun afternoon building birdhouses. Free DIY kits will be provided, with the finished birdhouses placed around Dormansland to help support our local bird population. Kits are limited, so come early!

And this is just the beginning!

There are many more exciting activities planned over the next two years, including community growing projects, seed sharing, wildlife activities and environmental celebrations.

We are incredibly grateful to The National Lottery Community Fund and National Lottery players for making this programme possible.

We look forward to bringing our village together, making new friendships and creating a greener, more wildlife-friendly Dormansland for generations to come.

Keep an eye on St John's Church and The Old House at Home for further announcements!

Christmas Services

I look forward to welcoming you all to our services throughout December and beyond! Why not pop the pull out guide to our Christmas services on your fridge or notice board? You can find it in the centre of this magazine.

With Christmas love and blessings



Revd Annie Kurk
Vicar.dormansland@gmail.com

A huge Thank You to Iron Tech Scaffolding!

I appealed on social media for help to install our fabulous new lights for the outdoor Christmas tree and Emma replied in an instance!

A little bit about their business....





Director & lead scaffolder Antony says '*We pride ourselves on delivering top-tier solutions with unmatched precision and reliability. Our family-run business has over 20 years' experience and is dedicated to enhancing structures, ensuring quality access solutions and efficiency in every project.*'

You can contact Antony & Emma on **07724 647415**
Find us them Instagram & TikTok: **@irontechscaffolding**
Website: www.irontechscaffolding.my.canva.site

Annie Robinson (Ed.)

Dormansland Parish Council



We had a very interesting Council Meeting on the 4th November. In addition to our usual business, we considered our bus timetables and the fact that our 281bus service ends in the late afternoon. This led to discussion about the Surrey Connect: on demand bus service. This uses minibuses to tailor its service to meet demand and is available on Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm and Saturday from 8am to 6pm. To inform yourself further, please check out the website on www.surreyconnect.org.uk

If you are unhappy about our 281 bus services not being available into the evening, please contact Metrobus at feedback@metrobus.co.uk

With both these bus services, it is important to use them to avoid the risk of them being discontinued.

We also discussed the hazards caused by the misuse of e-scooters and extra speed e-bikes. It has been noticed that these are being ridden recklessly on the roads round Dormansland by people wearing balaclava helmets and dark clothing. Their dark attire and lack of lights cause additional dangers to both the riders and the public as the autumn days get shorter. If you are disturbed by these nuisances on our roads, please call the Police on 101 at the time of the incident.

The Parish Council is currently in conversation with Surrey Highways regarding a 20 mph speed limit on the High Street from New Farthingdale to Plough Road. We believe such a restriction will make the road safer, whilst also providing a more beneficial environment for pedestrians.

We were pleased that Councillor Bright laid a wreath at the War Memorial on the 8th November to honour the soldiers who died in the defence of our country.

Later in the month, our Parish Clerk, Steven Rees will be checking out the

pavement salt bins and ordering more so that you might make the footpaths safer should we get winter frosts. Please use the salt sparingly, as a little goes a long way.

We will also be holding our budget planning meeting where we review our spending from last year and plan our spending for next year, so that we might inform Tandridge how much Council Tax to raise for the use of Dormansland in particular. Last year we claimed £58,000. If you look at the agendas of our full Council Meetings you will see where we spend your money. This administration has made it our policy to keep any increases in the Dormansland share of your council tax to a bare minimum. It must go up each year because of the costs of the goods and services we purchase on your behalf. A Band D property paid in the order of £34 during this financial year.

As we are now in the Festive Season we advise you to be particular careful with regard to scams and general security. Only pay money to trusted sources and make sure your home is sufficiently safeguarded.

Dates of upcoming Meetings. All welcome:
These will be held on the following Wednesdays starting with **Planning Meetings at 6.00pm** followed by the **Full Council Meetings at 6.30pm**

- **Wednesday 2nd December 2026**
- **Wednesday 6th January 2027**
- **Wednesday 3rd February 2027**

The above meetings will all take place at Dormansland Baptist Church.

The Parish Council wish you all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Steven Rees, Clerk
Dormansland Parish Council – working together for our village.

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claustrophobia!
Why does Santa have three gardens?
So he can 'ho ho ho'!



Penny's Chat Table Mondays from 11am for Chat & Laughter

We've been successfully offering the Chat Table on Mondays for five months now and wanted to re-introduce it to the community.

As a reminder, this Chat Table was started as an opportunity, for people that are usually alone during the week, to get out of the house, pop in for lunch or coffee and have great chat and a laugh with someone new or familiar (everyone seems to know everyone in this community) with no obligation. We felt it would be great to dedicate one specific day and time that's open to anyone that wishes to attend and come and go as they please. We have a consistent amount of people each Monday at 11am that talk and laugh about all sorts of things, and we wanted to extend this invite once again to anyone who may benefit from some good company (and coffee of course).

This is open to all our community and surrounding neighbours, so tell your friends and of course anyone you might think would be interested.



Penny's Place is an artisan cafe located behind St John's Church in the Centenary Room.
Open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri and 9am-2pm Sat

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Dormansland
PTA

Dormansland School PTA have had a successful first half term so far, with discos, pumpkin decorating, mufti days and cake sales! But now the run up to Christmas is upon us and we have a very busy schedule of exciting events for both the parents and children.

We love creating fun and magic for the kids during the festive season and it's also one of the PTA's most profitable couple of months, with our Christmas Fair contributing to a significant chunk of our yearly fundraising. These vital funds go towards essential items for the school, as well as specific things on the Headteachers' Wish List! This year, The PTA are really hoping we can tick one of those items off the list - **the school hall floor!** It's very old and very tired, and as I'm sure you'll all remember from your own school days, it's probably the most frequently used room on site.

🎄**Can you sponsor a Square of the school hall this Christmas?** 🎄

We have already successfully raised £2000 towards purchasing and installing a new floor but we'd love your help for this final push to the £7000 total! 80 out of 280 squares have been bought, leaving 200 still to sell!

One square is £25 which we appreciate is a lot of money but the cost of the new floor is massive. Feel free to buy more than the one if your wallet allows!

Those who donate will get their name/business name on a shiny plaque on the hall wall.

Scan the QR Code to make your donation!

Or visit our website for more information:
www.dormanslandschoolpta.co.uk/new-floor

Thank you and Merry Christmas to you all!

Kate Fletcher &The Dormansland PTA Team

St Peter & St Paul Church, Lingfield

Tiny P's Stay & Play

For children aged 0-3 years old!
Come and make new friends while your tiny p's play. Parent/Guardian MUST stay with their little one

Refreshments available

Every Tuesday from 30th September
10am-12pm (Term Time ONLY)
in the Lady Chapel

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DORMANSLAND DIAMONDS

Here to Help

Dormansland Diamonds are still very much here for the community in these difficult times. If you need any help or support, please call or text Lisa in confidence on 07710 917427.

Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre



QUIZ NIGHT

We are delighted to announce the return of the Community Centre Quiz in January. A wide range of subjects old and new but, above all, nothing too serious and plenty of fun. Teams of 6 and don't worry if you don't have a team we will happily join you up with new friends.

Tickets £12.00 Licensed bar & Ploughmans
Saturday 30 January, 7.30pm

Tickets available online: https://www.lingfieldcentre.org/event-list
or from the centre office: 01883833893 enquiries@lingfieldcentre.org



MIDWEEK MINGLE

Brighten up the winter afternoons by joining us at the community centre for tea, scones/cake, and good company in a warm, welcoming space. With free Wi-Fi, friendly faces, and plenty of chatter, everyone is welcome!

Wednesday afternoons, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

2026 Lingfield Art Exhibition

The 2026 Lingfield Art Exhibition took place between Monday 26th October & Sunday 1st November at Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield.

Favourite Exhibit Competition
Visitors were invited to vote for their favourite exhibit. First and second prizes went to the paintings with the most votes by the exhibition's final day.

First Prize:



Sarah Bellini for her 'Supermarket Oranges'. Sarah collected a £100 voucher from Jackson's Art for artists materials.

Second prize:



Berene Willcocks for her painting 'Just a Good Note'. Berene receives a £50 Jackson's Art voucher.

Congratulations to both winners, and thank you to all the artists and visitors who took part in this year's exhibition**.**

Franciszka Ozog



Dormansland Cricket Club is seeking new players for the 2027 season

With two Saturday XIs playing in the Sussex League, a full Sunday friendly XI fixture list and a thriving junior section, we have opportunities for players of all abilities. What's more, we're a welcoming club, our ground is in a great setting, and we do the most amazing teas. Come and join us.

Contact Al Murray on 07932 161392, email: joindormansland@gmail.com

DORMANSLAND CRICKET CLUB
EST 1880

Dormansland Cricket Club, St. Clair Cricket Ground, Station Road, Dormansland, Surrey RH7 6NL

We invite you to....

Come and Sing Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*

Workshop 30th January 2027
11am – 4.30 pm
Trinity Church, East Grinstead RH19 2HA

Join East Grinstead Choral Society to learn and perform this exciting music with the help of Vocal Coach Jeff Stewart and EGCS MD Phil Wilcox.
For further information see www.egcs.co.uk/event

Fiona Ablett
Publicity officer



THE RH7 HISTORY GROUP

The RH7 History Group's January meeting will take place at the Jennings Hall on **Monday 11th January.** The talk, to be given by Lady Mary Teviot, will be "**Kill or Cure – Medicine in the 19th Century**". Doors open at 7:30pm for an 8pm start.

There is a charge of £2.50 for visitors to our meetings.

Please have a look at our revised website, www.rh7.org, which has details of our events through the year, 138 factsheets on local history (including a fascinating factsheet on Leslie Quie of Dormansland), details and pictures of the villages in our area. If you have any queries on local history, then contact our chairman (rh7histsoc@gmail.com) and one of our team will arrange to meet you at the library.

Bill Stevenson

Trees like us need water and sun

Thankfully all our trees in the village seem to have survived the previous very wet winter and then the exceptionally hot and dry summer – only time will tell if they come through this winter successfully, so fingers crossed.

I have requested from Surrey CC to replace the dead cherry tree opposite the church and find small infill area trees in the New Year. With the imminent changes to council administration, sadly tree planting may not be top of their list but we just must hope they continue to support tree planting in the area.



Wishing you all a very happy and healthy festive season

Fiona French
Dormansland Tree Warden



THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME
— EVENTS —



DECEMBER 2026

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING



Thu 3 Dec · 8pm & Sun 6 Dec · 6pm
With Ellie Davison
£45pp including Prosecco
£10 deposit to book

Scan to book

3 December

6 December

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP



7–8 December · All day

CHRISTMAS MARKET



Sunday 13 December · 6pm

LIVE MUSIC WITH REVIVAL



Friday 18 December · 8.30pm

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING



Monday 21 December · 4pm
Advance booking required
Scan to book

BRUNCH WITH SANTA



Tuesday 22 December · 12–2pm
Advance booking required
Scan to book

CHRISTMAS DAY DRINKS



Friday 25 December · 12–3pm

CHRISTMAS BINGO & MEAT RAFFLE



Sunday 27 December
Bingo 4pm · Meat raffle 6pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Thursday 31 December
Live music from Laura Fuller
Tickets only · Purchase at the bar

JANUARY 2027

FRI 8 JAN 8.30pm | **LIVE MUSIC WITH HARRY SPADGE**



WED 27 JAN 8pm | **ENVIRONMENTAL QUIZ**



Free entry · Sustainable prizes
In partnership with St John's Church
Part of the Greener Dormansland community project

SUN 31 JAN 4pm | **MEAT RAFFLE**



QUIZ NIGHT – EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 8pm

Teams of up to 6

Bookings & enquiries: 01342 836828 | oldhousedormansland@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Latest available reported crime between 8th October to 18th November 2026. 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.

Seven crimes have been advised via the Tandridge Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for Dormansland/Dormans Park during this 6 week period.

Vehicle Crime

Racecourse Road, Dormansland – Theft. Between 5am 17th October & 10am 18th October index plates OX23HKK were stolen from a car.

Station Road, Dormansland – Criminal Damage. Overnight 29th/30th October the front windscreen of a car was smashed, door locks damaged and an attempt made to remove a BMW badge from the bonnet.

New Farthingdale, Dormansland - Theft. Between 12.45am & 7pm 12th November index plates BD65OLM were stolen from a car.

Burglary Residential including Sheds and Garages

Osmunda Bank, Dormans Park. Around 4.50am a lock was broken on an outbuilding but nothing was stolen. This incident is linked to a number of incidents between 1am & 4.50amin Dormans Park where a male was seen trying car doors and looking through cupboards in a car port. He was described as a white male wearing a baseball cap, black North Face coat with denim jeans and white trainers and a bum bag. He had a face covering and gloves.

Lake View, Dormans Park. Between 1st & 25th October a locked bicycle was stolen from a car barn.

Park Road, Dormans Park. Between 1st & 5th November a house was entered via the rear utility room door and an untidy search took place but it is not believed that anything was stolen.

High Street, Dormansland. Around 22.30pm on 5th November a suspect smashed a window of a porch door before getting spooked and running away. The male suspect was wearing all black, gloves and balaclava.

I hope this spate of crime may encourage you to 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 Coordinators

Lingfield Marathon Minibus Shopping Trips.



Upcoming shopping trips are:

December

- Friday 4th. Tesco, Three Bridges.
- Friday 11th. Waitrose. Horley.
- Friday 18th. Sainsburys. East Grinstead.

January

- Friday 8th. Morrisons, Oxted.
- Friday 15th. Tesco, Three Bridges.
- Friday 22nd. Waitrose. Horley.
- Friday 29th. Sainsburys. East Grinstead.

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

Support a Young Entrepreneur



Hi I'm Josh, I'm 11 years old and I'm selling kindling for £4 a bundle from my driveway at 106 West Street, Dormansland, RH7 6QT.
I'm chopping and bundling it up myself and looking to save up for a bike. If you would like to place an order as the weather gets colder please can you call my Mum (Danielle) on 07495502318. Thank you

Josh

A Thank You from the Lingfield Marathon Mini Bus Team



A massive thank you to everyone for joining us recently. 11 teams and 62 of us turned up despite the storm!

My thanks to those who donated raffle prizes - Lingfield Post Office, The Royal Oak in Dormansland, The Star Pub, Bonce hairstylist, Tarana Restaurant, Lingfield Racecourse, our local MP Clare, Lingfield picture framing, and Contemporary Stained Glass Training based in Lingfield. And to the Victoria Club for hosting our event.

With team entries, raffle, donations and Gift Aid we have raised £662.60 towards our existing mini bus upkeep and a new mini bus which will be our 6th mini bus since our charity started in 1981. Our mini bus is used at least 3 times every week - from weekly OAP shopping trips, Hever Primary School, Lingfield Scouts, Lingfield Girl Guides, Lingfield Marshal Arts, Lingfield Running Club, Lingfield Youth Club, Greathed Manor Care homeand Lingfield walking cricket team - many thanks for your support !

Scott McDonald

Extra Soup Lunch at St Barnabas, Lingfield



As the last Saturday of December falls on Boxing Day, St Barnabas are offering an extra date.

You can join them for a free simple soup lunch on both **Saturdays 3rd January** & **30th January** at 12.30pm

Annie Robinson (Ed.)

Your pull-out guide

CHRISTMAS SERVICES at ST. JOHN'S 2026



The first Christmas

Advent and Christmas Services & Activities at St. John's



Sunday 6th December
8am **BCP Communion**.
9am **Christmas Bubble Church.**
A fun packed, puppet led service for 7 year olds and under with parents/carers
10am **Parish Communion**.
5pm **The Five** - Informal worship.

Friday 11th December
6pm **Lighting of the outside Christmas tree** with Carols, hot chocolate and a special guest (Ho, ho, ho!). This year, check out our fabulous new tree lights!!







Sunday 13th December
8am **BCP Communion.**
10am **Christingle Service**. Everyone invited to come along and make your own Christingle.
5pm **The Five** - Informal worship.



Sunday 20th December

8am **BCP Communion.**
10am **Parish Communion**.
6.30pm **Carols by Candlelight**.



Thursday 24th December
Christmas Eve

4pm **Crib Service**.
Please come dressed as a
Christian Christmas character
eg Mary, Joseph. angel, shepherd, king!
And be prepared for some of our Bubble Church friends to make an appearance!
11.30pm **Midnight Communion.**



25th December
Christmas Day

10am **All Age Communion Service.**



Revd Annie & Revd Ian
and all at St John's
wish you a very happy
Christmas
as well as
God's richest
blessings in 2027.

Happy Christmas

News from Claridge House

It has been a busy Autumn so far here at Claridge House. We have embraced the turning of the season and are beginning to lean into the cosy evenings and warming meals, with the changing colours in the garden providing a stunning backdrop to many of our retreats. Recently, we've welcomed new and old guests to Yoga weekends, Alexander Technique Courses, Sound Healing, Pilates and Silent retreats and we're continuing to plan a varied and exciting programme for 2027. So if you're thinking about putting yourself first next year and making your wellbeing a priority, there is always something Claridge House can offer to you and the local community. Please have a look at our website and remember most of our courses & retreats can be booked as non-residential options for local guests!

Did you know, our Garden Therapy Room is available to hire? Are you a local practitioner looking for a place to work with clients? We have a beautiful garden view, free parking, & very reasonable hourly rates – please get in touch on welcome@claridgehouse.org.uk.

We're thrilled to have two new therapists who have joined our Garden Room Therapy team: Lucy Glancy and Naomi Canham. Lucy is offering 1-1 Art Therapy and Naomi is providing Advanced Clinical Massage & Facials. You can find out more about them, as well as all our other therapists and book directly via our website. A treat for yourself over the holidays? Or perhaps a much-needed massage would make the perfect Christmas gift?

Free Events Open to the Community:

Quaker Meeting For Worship. Sundays 9.45-10.45am. Refreshments provided. All welcome.
Festive Carols with A Capella Group. 23rd December. 7:30-8:30pm Mince pies, hot drinks. All welcome
Death Café. Tuesday 2nd February 2027. 3-4.30pm – Free Drop In
Quiet Garden Movement. Our 2-acre woodland garden is designed to

enhance quietude and offer something for every season. As part of this movement, all are welcome to visit and enjoy our peaceful sanctuary, ideal for reflection and renewal. Please contact us if you'd like to visit.

Half Day Workshops & Retreats:

Yoga Morning with Mel Davies. Wednesday 2nd December 10am-1pm. £40pp
Mindfulness Mornings with Lina Newstead Thursday 3rd December 2026 & Thursday 4th February 2027 10am-1pm. 40pp per session.
Pilates Workshop with Olivia Newstead. Sunday 20th December 10am-1pm. £15pp

Wellbeing Weekends:

We're very excited that our Wellbeing Weekend is back for 2027 – but this time, we have not one, but 2 Restore & Reset Wellbeing Weekends to get involved in. Designed to allow the time and space to unwind, relax and renew. With Mindfulness, Sound Healing, Tai Chi, Art Therapy, Writing, Singing, Yoga and Pilates, there's something for everyone on their healing journey. Choose one or all of the workshops and enjoy a truly restorative weekend – residential or non-residential. B&B options and nourishing lunches available. Discover more on our website.

Final Reminders:

Ahead of the festive and New Year period – if you have friends and family looking to stay nearby, please let them know about our B&B options. Comfortable, en-suite rooms, delicious breakfast, single, twin & double rooms and competitively priced! The perfect place nearby for loved ones.
(Please note this excludes dates between 23-27th December)

We look forward to welcoming you to Claridge House soon!



Kate & the team at Claridge House
www.claridgehouse.org.uk

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We offer a unique blend of academic excellence, supportive pastoral care and rich co-curricular opportunities that help prepare them for exciting futures.

Prep School Experience Day: Thurs 19 Jan

Prep In Action Afternoon: Mon 25 Jan

THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

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Good Schools Guide 2025-26



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Reiki Reality
Becky Read - Reiki Master



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And 'Ki' (pronounced Key) = 'Energy'.

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Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual Levels



Contact me directly to book at one of these Locations:

- **Claridge House**
  Lingfield / Dormansland RH7
- **My Happiness Hub**
  Godstone Green RH8

Or you can also contact me for:

- **Home Visits**
- **Distance Reiki** over Zoom

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At the November meeting members were reminded of events that were shared by everyone in the last year. We were reminded of many interesting speakers, visits, outings and craft meetings that were held in 2026.

There still lots to look forward to in December. We are going to visit Hever at Christmas, and see the Christmas Lights in London. We have a pantomime at Chequer Mead planned, silk painting and ear ring making craft days!

At the December meeting members will share a Christmas party with entertainment and look forward to new meeting and speakers in the New Year.

At our January meeting there is a Games Night planned, a Social Night with fun guaranteed .

In the new year there will be visits to Bletchley Park, Furnace Wood and a just discovered World War Tunnels exhibition. There are lots of exciting visits planned .

Members will continue to enjoy the weekly walks, book clubs, theatre groups, and going out together for meals, games nights and coffee meetups.
We meet at The Parish Room, The Platt, Dormansland RH7 6RA on Thursday 14th January at 7pm for 7.30pm start.
New members and visitors welcome .

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As winter approached so did our annual AGM! We celebrated another successful year with several new members joining us. we watched a presentation of our year in photos and it was lovely to relive some of our outings and events this year.
Following our AGM, Louise Pyrie helped us get our pelvic floors in good order - in a fun way! So we are in good working order for Christmas and for years to come!

Our trip to see Moulin Rouge in the West End was a great success. What a wonderful show. We highly recommend! Also in the planning are trips to see Les MIserables in March & Caberet at the KitKat Club. We also have a new card & games group starting in the new year.

Some members are be gathering together at the Parish Room to make our Christmas wreaths. This is always a lovely afternoon filled with Christmas music, refreshments & laughter!

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8th December** when we welcome Pete Allen to talk to us about the History oi Pantomine. ***Oh yes he is!!!***
And we'll be getting in the Christmas spirit with our now infamous 'Nice & Naff Xmas gift' game.

Plans are already being made for our '27 meetings including games, a war correspondent and Easter Egg painting

Interested? Why not give us a try?!

We always like to welcome new members to our meetings which are held at Parish Rooms in The Platt at 8.00pm usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If you would like more information, please contact us on the membership enquiry on the website or call Fiona on 07836 334794. Our full meeting schedule and information about the sub groups can be found on our website.

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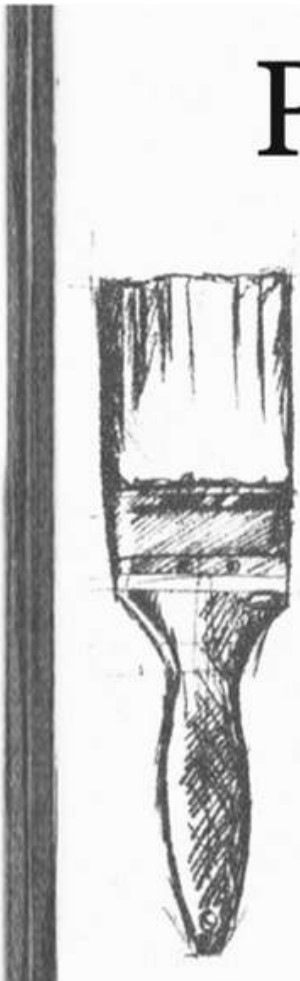

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From the Editor

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & prosperous 2027 from all the Village Voice team!!

I hope this edition finds you well and ready for the festive period! I'm never ready! I buy a few presents early and lull myself in a false sense of security that I'm ahead of the game :-)

December is especially busy for us Robinsons as our eldest son, Ben (BCM Electrical) is getting married! Fingers crossed for a cold, bright day rather than rain!

Copy date for the February edition is **Tuesday 19th January.** I look forward to hearing from you about events or anything you think may be of interest to your fellow residents.

Annie Robinson (Ed)

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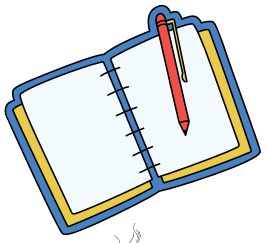

More dates for your diaries & don't forgets!

Every Tuesday	**Pop-in & chat** at the SS Peter & Paul, Lingfield. 10-noon.
Every Tuesday	**Lingfield table Tennis Social Club** Victoria Club, Lingfield. 7-6.30pm.
Every Thursday	For youngsters years 6-11. 3.30-5.30pm (term time) Dormansland Memorial Hall.
Every Friday	**Community Hub** at the Baptist church. 10-2pm.
1st Tuesday of month	**SEND peer support group** for parents & carers. Dormansland baptist church. 10-11.30am.
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 Hub In Station Road. breathing life back into broken items and gadgets
3rd Saturday of month 10am-1.30pm	**Repair Cafe Forest Row.** At the Community Centre In Hartfield Road. breathing life back into broken items and gadgets
3rd Wed. of month 1.30-3pm	Support group for parents/carers for those with epilepsy and/or learning difficulties. St Peter & St Paul's church, Lingfield.
Last Sat of month from 12.30pm	A free, simple lunch is offered at St Bernard's church, Lingfield
Last Tues of month from 7.30pm	**Wine & Wondering!** Spiritual **not** religious! The Star, Lingfield.
Last Thurs of month	**Age UK Surrey Tea & Chat.** 2.30 - 4pm Jennings Hall, Lingfield & Dormansland Comm. Centre. Anyone over 50 is welcome
3rd Sunday of month	During the 10am service at St John's. We look forward to seeing you! 3rd Sunday of each month.
Last Sunday of month	**Men's Walks.** 10am meet at Viewpoint Centre in Moons Lane.

Viewpoint Centre

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