

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

The Pope died just after Easter, and the world mourned the passing of a truly great man. How history will assess him remains to be seen, but initial attempts (on all sides) were clear enough about his faults as well as his strengths. It is, perhaps, a measure of Jean Paul II that the faults are unlikely to detract too much from his overall greatness, especially in regard to his undoubted part in the fall of Eastern European Communism

The following is taken from a sermon I preached on the Sunday after he died:

“The late Jean Paul II was a man who clearly radiated his strong faith, even at a distance (as on television), someone who, in his own life, stood up for what he believed – against the Nazi occupation, against the Stalinists, against others (both inside and outside the Roman Catholic Church) whose views on issues like birth control, warfare or the `right to life` were at odds with his. He left others in no doubt where he stood.

But the Pope – any Pope – is not the message, only the messenger. And a Pope is in a different position to the rest of us, for he is expected not only to hold and to express the Christian message, but also to legislate for it. And that is where the system breaks down, for the Gospel of Christ cannot be enshrined in legislation, any more than the crucified Christ could be entombed in rock. Both are so much bigger than that.

The Gospel is about restoring people who know they have fallen short of God's wishes for them, and legislation (inevitably) is the means of guilt-inducing, even criminalizing – which is the very opposite of what the Gospel stands for. This is the dilemma that the Catholic Church has faced over things like birth control. This is the dilemma that every country's legislature faces over the whole range of issues arising out of what is loosely referred to as the `right to life` when it comes to abortion or to dying with dignity.

Let us pray that Jean Paul II will be remembered best for his faith and his stand against tyranny, and not for the tyranny that he himself tried to impose upon the Catholic faithful in terms of various rules of life – terms that future Popes will inevitably have to change if the Church is to maintain credibility with its own people (never mind the world at large).

Perhaps, therefore, it is the very nature of the modern papacy that needs to change. No reading of the Gospels could possibly present Jesus as authoritarian – indeed, it is in precisely this area that he clashes with the religious leaders of his own day – but he is the inspiration of the faithful, a leader by example, a leader by exhortation, a leader by love, not a leader who constrains, whose demands simply induce further guilt in his followers. He releases people, rather than enslaving them: “whose service is perfect freedom”, as one of the Prayer Book collects says. That is the challenge to Jean Paul II's successor.”

By the time you read this we will know who has succeeded him, but we will only be beginning to discover how he will meet the challenges ahead. Pray for him.

William Lang.

N.B. Please note that our Family Services on the second Sunday of each month will now be held in the School Hall, starting on 8th May at 10 am.

Make Poverty History:

THE TRADE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

The UK government is committed to making 2005 a year when poverty is on the international agenda. To tackle poverty it must address the injustices in world trade. Christian Aid Week this year asks churches to call for trade justice.

'There are many women working at the sugar plantation. Before the sugar factory opened, we were very poor... Now things are better, we can all earn money and buy food from the markets.'

Louisa Elias Mahahale works on a sugar plantation in Mozambique, earning enough to feed her family. Her job is one of thousands that have been created since the Mozambique government helped its sugar industry by attracting investment to it. It set the price for imported sugar, most of which comes from rich countries where it is subsidised. This set price means that the locally produced sugar is able to compete with imports.

But Mozambique is an exception. Other poor countries are prevented from helping vulnerable industries and farmers. Rich countries and international institutions that lend poor countries money force governments to accept free-trade policies.

For example, in Ghana, thousands of farmers have been forced to give up farming because they are no longer able to make a living selling their produce. Kofi Eliasa used to be a tomato farmer. He now works 12 hours a day in a quarry, breaking rocks to make gravel. He struggles to earn enough to feed his family and send his children to school.

In exchange for loans, Ghana was forced to open up its markets to international trade and take away the government help given to farmers such as Kofi. This is the same for other poor countries across the world. The result is that millions of people now face an uncertain future as they lose the means to make a living.

Free trade means that governments may not interfere in the market place, and all traders – from rich and poor countries alike – must face each other in open competition. This gives the poorest no chance. To begin to make a decent living for their families they need some help from their government to support their industries – that is they need trade justice, not free trade.

This is why Christian Aid is campaigning for trade justice, not free trade. The campaign is informed by the biblical vision of a just world where the needs of the poorest people are met. To compete in today's global marketplace poor farmers and traders need special help from their governments until they are strong enough to manage without it.

To find out more go to www.caweek.org or call 08080 006 006.

Don't forget the Village Halls AGM on the 15th June

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Place: Elstead Youth Centre

Come and tell us how you think we're doing.

If you'd like to join the team that keeps our Village Hall and Youth Centre going, we'd like to hear from you. So far we have one new volunteer. The more volunteers we have, the less onerous the task!

Peter Hartley (Chairman)
2, Hazelwood, Elstead
(01252-703461)

ELSTEAD VILLAGE DIARY

MAY				
Sat 7 th	Evg WI Coffee & Sale	Youth Centre	703 378	p17
Sat 7 th	Peter Pan Jumble Sale	Village Hall	703 546	p8
Tue 10 th	Favourite Hymns + Coffee	URC		p7
11 th —15 th	R Dahl "The Witches"	New Victoria Theatre	01483 545 900	-
Sat 14 th	Coffee Mornng Phyllis Tuckwell	Youth Centre		p14
15 th –21 st	Christian Aid Week			
Sat 21 st	Garden Club Plant Sale	URC Hall		p17
Sat 21 st	P Tuckwell Garden Party	Farnham Castle	702 462	p14
JUNE				
Wed 15 th	Village Halls AGM	Youth Centre	703 461	p5
Sat 25 th	Paper Boat Race	The Moat	702 196	p15
JULY				
Mon 4 th	Peter Pan Open Day	Sports Paviliion	703 456	p17
Fri 8 th	Guildford Harmony	Village Hall	729 433	-

PARISH REGISTERS

MARRIAGE

8th April Benjamin Cox & Rosalind Freakes

FUNERALS

31st March Kathleen Hazel (Win) Martin, Aged 89 years
 31st March Henry Ernest William (Bob) Martin, Aged 87 years
 8th April Peggy Stokes, Aged 86 years

Please Note: Initial arrangements for baptisms and Marriages should be made with the Rector or with Peter Waddell (Parish Co-Ordinator).

Initial arrangements for Funerals should be made with an Undertaker.

St James Ladies Fellowship

Coffee Morning in Aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

Youth Centre.

May 14th 10.30 – 12 noon

Tiptoe Through the Tombstones by Norman Robbins

Pets – the word conjures up the image of cuddly, fluffy, doting companions but don't let that fool you. This is the notorious village of Elstead and if you look back over previous years you will realise that this bunch of players have a predilection for murder, mayhem and things that go bump in the night! Even the title gives the game away but in this latest production they hardly had time for tombstones; as the body count mounted, their favourite swamp was all that was required and if you thought Sherlock Holmes's Gripton Mire had a reputation, as they say , 'You ain't seen nothing yet'!

At curtain up Brian Wilkins's set left the audience in no doubt about what was to come – spooky dark library shelves festooned with cobwebs and hiding secret passages all guarded by Audrey Barnes's fearsome portrait of the founding father of the Tomb family - Uncle Septimus. Nobody could be more aptly named as it soon turned out that this ancient family harboured more numerous serial killers than rode with Attila the Hun. Every member of the cast entered into the spirit (many soon to become one) of the thing with gusto. The elaborate plot centres around the dastardly intention of the family solicitor Mortimer Crayle (Brian Godman) and his long-time secretary mistress Zoe Mapleton (Peggy Tilly) to turn the tables on these professional killers before absconding with the inherited loot. However, things are not that simple. Octavia Tomb (Denise Cleaver) begins by sensing the spooks in true Madame Arcati style, some created by her own fair hand and soon the body count is mounting rapidly. The Tomb family fight back with the guile and ruthlessness expected of practised professionals in the art of culling the unloved, neither are they averse to despatching their nearest and dearest as part of the process. Stiff and unbending Henrietta Tomb (Gillian Drew) is the perfect foil for devious Athene Tomb (Anne Tull) while irascible Augustus Tomb (Doug Hall) makes life a misery for the hired staff: the camp Vernon Prewitt (Phil Ellis) and his partner in crime the naive Edna Honeywill, played convincingly by Stacey Wills. Into this mix of the ungodly stumbles the hapless Larry Lewiss (Gary Padwick) who is easy meat for the machinations of the family tart, Fabia Tomb (Kay Padwick) determined to seduce him before despatching the poor lad with antics akin to a preying mantis – well practice makes perfect!

We all know the murderer and the weapons – the blood stained meat cleaver, the pistol, the poisons and drugs. Just like Pagliacci - 'it's the clown wot's dunnit'. But who is the clown? No, I am not going to tell you – if you did not see it, take the opportunity elsewhere, but I doubt you'll find a cast as good, enthusiastic and so ably supported by all the back stage folks as you will here, in Elstead. Auditions for the corpse(s) in the next production anyone?

Yes - and Dot did peek in all the cupboards before deciding to come to bed!

Len

ELSTEAD UNITED REFORM CHURCH

Come and Sing Your Favourite Hymns

At 2pm

On Tuesday May 10th

Followed by a Cup of Tea and a Chat

Everyone Welcome

Country Diary April 2005

The bird feeders are still being visited but the interest in nest building and the opposite sex now occupy the birds attention and the continual business of weeding the borders has started to occupy us. The first weeding in the year is reasonably easy in our soil as being sandy the weeds (mainly couch grass) are pulled out without too much of a problem. It does depend how well you carry out the first weeding that dictates the amount of effort that needs to be put into the subsequent tidying of the borders. Sandy soil may be easy to weed but being poor soil it needs a good application of compost to produce anything worth looking at, although the weeds don't have a problem growing a good healthy size.

When I was young and spent much of my spare time at the farm at the end of our road; before a field was sown it had to be thoroughly harrowed to bring the couch to the edge of the field where it was burned. When you had an eight acre field (3 1/2 hectares in new money) this activity occupied a good part of the day.

A pair of bluetits have been taking an interest in one of the nesting boxes that we (I) have erected above the kitchen window. One of them perches on a nearby shrub with a beak full of dry grass and has a good look around, it then moves to a twig closer to the box and after a further good look around, dives to the box and enters. A pair of birds will try a number of sites out and we are interested to see if our box comes up to the required standard.

Spring has now well and truly started. The trees have a green tinge to them as new leaves begin to emerge. The bumble bees are out tasting the nectar of the early spring flowers and to pollinate them. It is no accident that the flowers of early spring are predominantly gorse, forsythia, and primrose to name but a few as bees are attracted to yellow. They also love the flowering red currant bush in our garden which has a strange scent.



A very warm day in March brought out the Peacock butterflies from hibernation, on this day I also saw commers and brimstone yellows. These hibernate over winter and emerge in early spring to mate and lay eggs. Their offspring are the butterflies you will see in the summer. All the aristocratic brightly coloured butterflies need stinging nettles for the caterpillars to eat. We keep a wild life patch in our garden for this purpose. The caterpillars also provide food for the nesting birds and young, so perpetuating the natural balance of nature. A recent visit to the woods on the downs just outside Guildford, was a rare treat to see the delicate

wood anemonies which carpet the woodland floor. Also in flower were white and purple violets and marsh marigolds; adding to the magical morning was a single skylark, trilling it's unmistakable song high up in the bright spring sky.

Richard & Diana Terry

PETER PAN PRE-SCHOOL

Jumble Sale

Saturday 7th May 2005

10.30 a.m. at the village hall

Donations can be dropped off before 10 a.m.



Helen 703 546

THIS IS HOW YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:

- £5** Buys five chickens, helping to restore a family's livelihood in Mozambique.
- £6** Maintains one girl at the Bridge School in India for a month, giving her a chance of education that otherwise would not be available.
- £66** Will pay for the internet connection for a computer school for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in the Democratic Republic of Congo. £11 will buy the network card to access the internet, so students can train in computer programming.
- £112** Buys a water tank for a Peruvian village. This means that the villagers can get water without having to walk to the nearest stream, which could be over 2 km away.

Any donation, no matter how small or large, will be used to give a better future to those who have little or nothing at the moment. Please be as generous as you can.

When making your donation, don't forget about **Gift Aid!**

Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows Christian Aid to claim back the tax paid on any donation made by a UK taxpayer. If you are a UK taxpayer then all you need to do is fill in the declaration on the red CAW envelope and your gift is worth 28 per cent more to Christian Aid. If everyone does this it will raise at least an extra £1 million for the world's poorest communities.

GIFTAID IT.

*Jean Wheatley
on behalf of Elstead Christian Aid Committee*

Correction

In Country Diary last month I inserted some images incorrectly. They should have been as here:



Fallow Deer



Badger.

As large as a dogs paw print. Claw marks are often visible.



Fox.

Four toes, claws distinct, hair between pads.



Cat,

No claw marks.



fore paw



hind paw

Wood mouse.

The hind paw is longer and has five toes.



Domestic Dog

Compare this to the fox.

Editor.

ELSTEAD AFTERNOON WI

The April meeting of the Elstead Afternoon WI commenced on a high note with the news that they had been awarded the Southey Cup jointly with Stoneleigh WI. This is awarded each year for the best WI out of the 170 groups in Surrey. Anne Moon said this award was achieved by the loyalty and dedication of the Committee and the constant support of members. She had baked a celebratory cake for all members to enjoy.

The President gave us a report from the Annual Council Meeting of the Surrey Federation where Ann Widdecombe was the speaker for the afternoon and gave an insight into her life, which was greatly enjoyed by all members. The Art Group, also enjoyed a painting course at Mytchett, run by Terry Harrison, a local artist.

Mr C Read gave us a most amusing and entertaining talk on 'Treasures from Victorian Rubbish Dumps.' He brought with him a sample of old bottles, which he had started collecting after visiting a Bottle Fair, and being fascinated by a small ointment bottle which promised to 'cure all the ills of society'. His aim was to collect bottles with a social significance. We were shown codswallop bottles, feeding bottles and poison bottles which always had a rough bottom so they were easily identified. There was a lot of audience participation and the audience guessed immediately the bottle used for gin! He then told us how to identify a rare bottle. The colour to look for is Cobalt Blue and these can sell for several thousand pounds.

Doreen Watkins was the competition winner.

The next meeting is on the 5th May in the Village Hall. This will be our Resolution Meeting with bring and buy and a quiz.

CHRISTINE WELLAND

St James Ladies Fellowship

St James Ladies Fellowship Held a Desert Island Discs Afternoon in March. As always on these occasions it was amazing what a variety of choices people brought along. We were able to imagine ourselves on a tropical beach, listening to the strains of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" calculated both to calm us down when we got too upset about being cast away, and with the Spring section that we listened to, bring back memories of the present beautiful season of the year. We then heard Enya singing "Marble Halls" another very calming and relaxing piece, but before we could get too spaced out, we were brought back to reality by the drama of a section from a Rachmaninov piano concerto!

Debussy's "Clair de Lune" continued the theme of relaxation, most people seemed to feel that being on a desert island would be a fairly stressful experience! It would surely be necessary to have a good laugh however, and this was surely provided for by a departure from the musical, with Bob Newhart's "The Driving Instructor". The robust tenor tones of Peter Dawson with "Old Father Thames" certainly provided some stimulation, and we finished in fine style with a beautiful duet from the musical "Chess" and Louis Armstrong singing "Wonderful World", a very appropriate thought for a desert island, or indeed anywhere else. Home grown afternoons, whether they be music, poetry prose, or even cookery recipes, always provide a rich mix with plenty of interest.

Next month we hear about the building of the M6 Motorway, and on May 24th, Pat Pearce is coming to give us one of her splendid flower arranging demonstrations. 2.30 p.m. in the Church Room. Hope to see you there. Do come to our coffee morning in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice 10.30-12 Saturday May 14th in the Youth Centre, cakes, raffle, bric a brac, and handicrafts.

Gillian Drew

ELSTEAD EVENING WI

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2005

We were delighted to begin our meeting by congratulating our sister WI, Elstead Afternoon, on being awarded the Southey Cup by Pip Davis, Federation Chairman, and the Committee at the Annual Council Meeting at Dorking. They are joint winners with Stoneleigh WI and this is a great achievement.

Our speaker, Mrs Suart, gave us an enthusiastic talk – Cigarettes and Tea in China – on her experiences during a visit to this country in 1974 before it was open to tourism. Her husband, who worked for Cable & Wireless, was involved in organising the laying of a cable from Hong Kong to Canton and this was so successful they were invited on an 'all expenses paid' holiday to China. The population is 1000,000,000 and the policy then was for one child per family. Mrs Suart has given her talk this title as the Chinese chain-smoke from a very early age and continually drink tea.

When asked what she would like to see, she requested the Antiquities in Peking, gardening, theatre and the painting of snuff bottles from the inside. There were some examples displayed of this fine, detailed craft. Mrs Suart also asked to watch an operation performed under acupuncture anaesthesia as a friend had related the experience of viewing the removal of a large neck tumour with the patient fully conscious and sucking oranges!

In Canton they were met by a deputation of men and women in Mao uniforms and exchanged polite, flowery sentences. During their stay they saw pandas, commune hospitals, brigade clinics and barefoot doctors. In the hospitals patients are treated with acupuncture and herbs and were taught where to find these locally and how to use them.

The Suart's courier organised a visit to Tieneman Square in Peking/Beijing. This is more than half a mile square and bordered by the Forbidden City and the Palace of the People. They visited Canton and saw traditional Chinese opera and a wonderful puppet theatre. They climbed the Great Wall of China, with the guide hacking off a small sample of the stone as a souvenir!

Mrs Suart showed us beautiful examples of silver filigree jewellery set with amethysts, lapis lazuli and turquoise and a Shanghai dress, Mandarin coat, padded Cheo Saam and May modelled an old man's padded winter robe. Susan warmly thanked her for sharing her memories with us.

Every member was given a copy of the 'new look' Surrey News which contains details of a variety of County events and activities together with news from WI's throughout the area.

We like to support the Godalming Theatre Group and will be attending their performance of Jesus Christ Superstar at the Ben Travers Theatre, Charterhouse on 8th April. We are also meeting at Frensham Little Pond car park at 10.45 on Friday 15th April for the shared monthly walk with lunch at The Barley Mow, Tilford and our Out and About local visit is on Tuesday 19th April to Seale Church followed by tea at Manor Farm Craft Centre.

A Coffee Morning and Sale in Elstead Youth Centre on May 7th is our fund raising effort for 2005 and we look forward to seeing members and supporters at this event.

At the May meeting we will discuss the two Public Affairs Resolutions proposed for this year, Care of our Environment and Farmgate Milk Prices. These are two topical subjects and should produce some lively debate. Further information on any of our social activities or meetings please contact May on 703378.

Diane Tulett

ELSTEAD THEN AND NOW

Gillian Drew and I conceived the idea of producing a book depicting the history of our village and its surrounds. At that time the most recent publication had been written approx 15 years earlier by Gillian in pamphlet format and many new facts had since been unearthed. Additionally, Elstead, as indeed the whole of our great country, had passed through various changes in its life and environment which we believed needed to be reflected in a new publication. Gillian then agreed to be the writer / editor and I would take on the role of fundraiser and publisher. After various attempts to raise money I decided to examine the implication to fund the project myself. A budget was prepared and I agreed with Gillian that once break -even, approx £6,500, had been reached any surplus funds would be donated to Elstead Village organisations.

Due to Gillian's research and writing abilities the publication has proved to be a great success and the following Elstead organisations have benefited:

- The Elstead Village Hall
- Friends of St James Church Restoration Fund
- St James Primary School
- Bridge House Residents
- Milford and Villages Day Centre
- The Anchor Housing Association
- Harrison's Heart Foundation

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for acting as unpaid sales agents:

The Newsagents, Thursley Road
The Woolpack Public House

A number of books are still available from The Newsagents, Thursley Road, Godalming Book Shop and myself – 782070

Gillian is in the throes of matrimony and as a consequence is relocating to St Albans. I am sure that all Elstead Villagers will join me in thanking her for leaving a lasting dedication to Elstead and wish her a very happy and contented future in her new home.

Carol May

Vintage Clothes at Help the Aged Farnham.

Have you any clothes that you don't use that were made before 1980?
Help the Aged (Farnham) would love to be given them as they are "Vintage" and sell like hot cakes.

We are looking for all sorts of clothes and accessories such as mens and ladies evening wear, day wear, bags, shoes and even underwear!!! From Crimplene to calico.

Don't worry about the condition of the clothes - we can sort that out and we can collect from you.

For collection:
Please ring Sue at the shop 01252 714025
Or evenings 01252 725647

CALLING ALL JUNIOR BUDDING BOTHAMS

Elstead Cricket Club Junior Section is looking for new members. We have a lively, friendly and enthusiastic junior section at the club, catering for all ages from 8 to 15. We currently have some 60 junior members and run two coaching and practice sessions per week with the support of trained coaches, senior team players and volunteer parents.

The junior section is split into 4 age groups: Under 15 (school years 9 & 10), Under 13 (school years 7 & 8), Under 11 (school years 5 & 6) and Under 9 (beginners/school years 3 & 4). The three older groups (U15, U13 and U11) all play "proper" cricket and compete in The Berkley Sports Two Counties Youth Cricket Competition, which involves a series of 9 matches against other local village sides for each team. We also have links with Surrey and Hampshire County Cricket.

Coaching and nets practice for U15s and U13s is held at our Thursley Road ground on Friday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and this season will start on Friday 22nd April.

Coaching and nets practice for U11s and U9s (beginners) is also held at our Thursley Road ground on Saturday mornings from 9.45am to 11.15am and this season will start on Saturday 23rd April. The group is split in two, with Under 9s using a soft ball and as well as coaching in basic cricket skills, they play a version of the game called Kwik Cricket where everybody gets a go at batting, bowling, wicket-keeping and fielding using light weight bats and the softer ball. We also enter a team in the Haslemere six-a-side U9 Kwik Cricket tournament which this year is on Sunday 17th July.

We provide all the kit necessary (bats, balls, stumps, pads, gloves and helmets) for all age groups and refreshments on match days. Membership fees for U9s is just £10 per season and for all other age groups is £20 per season (with no further match fees), however we also offer a FREE 3 practise sessions introductory trial for all newcomers who would like to "try before they buy"!

Please feel free to simply turn up at a practise session (Fridays or Saturdays as appropriate for age group) either for a chat, to watch or to join in, or call one of our junior team managers below if you would like any further information:

Under 15s - Bernard Kiddier – 01252 702588.

Under 13s – Gary Simmons – 01252 705902

Under 11s and Under 9s – Graeme Page – 01252 702899

TRADCRAFT

Don't miss BBC1's Songs of Praise on Sunday 1st May. It is being recorded at the Sage, Gateshead, this month (April) and will feature Traidcraft.

Holidays

If you are planning a holiday why not consider joining one of the Traidcraft People to People Tours?

Cuba in November, Kenya in July, South Africa in August and November, India in October, Thailand Weaving Tour in October, South Thailand in November, Basketmaking in South India in January 2006 and Western India in February 2006.

For more information, visit the website <http://www.people2peopletours.com> or phone 0191 265 1110.

Jean Wheatley

GOOD COMPANIONS

Not having met in February, we were pleased to meet our friends in March, this afternoon being very nice weather as opposed to the previous month, We had a Bring & Buy Sale, and certainly had a good variety of things for sale. Food, household items, clothes books and bric-a-brac, and at the appointed time, there was brisk business going on at the various stalls.

Having nearly 'cleared the deck' as it were, we turned our attention to a table competition, and brain work!! How many words can you make, three or more using the letters contained in Easter. The winners were 34, being a tie between two tables.

We then had a couple of poems about Springtime and played some music on tape of the Thames Valley Accordion Band.

Having spent well from our purses, put our brain boxes into overdrive, heralded Springtime in verse, and listened to music, we were ready for our tea.

In all, an enjoyable afternoon.

F. E. Sheppard.

ELSTEAD ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

We held a Skittles Evening in March and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening the overall winner was Peter Ellis and the wooden spoon went to Pam Chandler. We had good turn out and a very nice supper served by the Committee.

The next meeting will be on 19th May when our speaker will be Mrs Liz Glover demonstrating Candy Bouquets the monthly competition will be a 3D Handmade Birthday Card.

We meet in the Legion Barn on the THIRD Thursday of each month at 7.30pm new members are always very welcome.

Sue Taylor
Secretary

The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Traditional Garden Party

This will be held in the beautiful grounds of Farnham Castle on May 21st, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm

There will be tours of the castle, entertainment by Jack Straw's Morris, a school choir will be singing and Farnham town band will be playing, there will be many interesting stalls including ELSTEAD's own cake stall.

Please could you send a cake to help our stall this year or perhaps marmalade or jam.

Please ring Cherry Spicer.
01252 702 462

Rainbows Nursery School

Sitting here in the glorious spring sunshine writing this, the chilling winds and snow of a few weeks ago seem as distant and diverse as the fun topics we explored and enjoyed last term.

Last term started with the children shopping for and enjoying our Chinese New Year banquet eaten of course with chopsticks. The children walked out to the shops with the lists they had made by cutting out pictures of the food they were to buy. At the hall the tables looked beautiful with twigs covered in tissue paper blossom.

The term drew to a close with Easter celebrations culminating in a fascinating trail of clues left by the Easter Bunny.

The Village Hall proudly displayed a wonderful collage of a cityscape – bustling with life during the day and quiet with the cunning fox making his way through the dark streets by night. This showed the children's work as they explored the opposites of day & night and light and dark.

This term following the successful introduction of "messy play" we will be holding a "Messy Play Evening – Teach the Parents". Then the delights of scented glitter play dough, soapy sand and coloured pasta sorting to name but a few will be explained and shared with parents. Dates and times will follow through our regular newsletter.

...and finally we look forward to our trip to Birdworld in May – travelling by coach, a picnic lunch, penguin feeding, petting zoo and underwater world are all sure to be great favourites and the subject of many a discussion and painting for the coming term.

Helen Duke

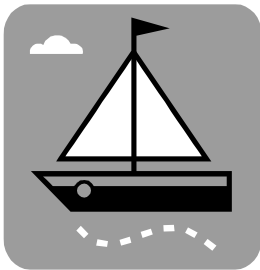
Sad News.

We were sorry to read Liz Lang's comment in the March Village News to the effect that she will not be taking an active part in the services in future. I am sure many people will want to join me in thanking Liz for all the help and encouragement she has given to so many of us in the past.

We wish her all the very best for her excellent work at the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, and for any future involvement here in Elstead.

Thank you Liz.

Brenda Gardner.



Elstead Paper Boat Race

Sponsored by Elstead Mill

Saturday, June 25th, 2005
The Moat, Thursley Road

Registration - 2pm
Races Start - 3pm

Entry forms from Spar and St James' School

For further information - phone 01252 702 196 or 702 079

NEWSFROM ELSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

It was very pleasing to see such an excellent attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th April followed by a talk on Re-cycling by Martin Shorten the head of Waverley Borough Council Environmental Services.

The Chairman's statement on behalf of the Council covered the action over the past year and plans for 2005/6 as follows:

- Our continual pressure on SCC and WBC has seen an improvement in the standard of highways maintenance and road cleaning.
- There is still no action on traffic calming in spite of 11 years of negotiation but a survey to decide on a pedestrian crossing is currently taking place.
- At Thursley Rd Recreation Ground the drainage scheme has been successful and the children's play area has been upgraded and fenced.
- Burford Lodge back land has been let for horse grazing.
- The Mobile Citizens Advice Bureau now visits the village every Wednesday morning outside the village hall.
- We are concerned about illegal horse riding on footways and also on riders crossing the village greens.
- Planning permission has been granted for 18 affordable houses on the Croft Nursery site to meet a growing need in the village.
- Continued support for The Thursley Rd Recreation Ground Pavilion Trust at last looks likely to see a start to the new pavilion this year.

In 2005/6 we plan to :

- complete the Thursley Rd Rec play area and move some of the equipment to fit in with the new pavilion.
- carry out more work on our trees.
- upgrade the Burford Lodge play equipment.
- repair Woolfords Lane.
- engage one contractor to carry out regular maintenance for the council.
- assist the Pavilion Trust to complete the new pavilion.

Many points were raised by members of the audience : the need for traffic calming, cars parking on pavements, need for a village litter clean day again, the village clock time to be kept correct, more police presence, proposal to improve the alignment of Thursley Rd footway between Copse Edge and the church, cleaning of Elstead Bridge, a thankyou from parents for the new play equipment and safety fencing.

So another busy year lies ahead for members of the Council.

Denis Holmes. Chairman

The Friends of St. James's Church, Elstead

Painting Exhibition

Artists in Elstead and Thursley are invited to contribute paintings for an exhibition of artistic talent to be displayed in October at the time of the Friends AGM. Paintings may be in any medium, and to any frame size not exceeding 30 x 30 inches. There is no restriction on subject matter but scenes should be taken within a five mile radius of Elstead. An entry fee of £2 for each painting, and a 10% commission on any sale will be charged. No more than three pictures will be accepted from each exhibitor. It is planned for pictures to be exhibited in St. James's church before and during Sunday 16th October. Further details will be announced in 'The Elstead Village News' later.

Arnold Beaton

PETER PAN PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY



Monday, 4th July, 2005
1.30 - 3 p.m.

**Please join us for an 'activity' afternoon
down at the Sports Pavilion, on Thursley
Road.**

We have spaces available from September
2005 for
children aged 2 years 6 months.

ELSTEAD EVENING WI

COFFEE MORNING AND SALE

In the Youth Centre

Saturday May 7th from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Traditional cakes, preserves, bric-a-brac, plants and paperbacks for sale.

Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits will be served.

Come along and join us for a browse and a cuppa!

Kind donations will be welcome from 9.00a.m.
No furniture or clothes.

Elstead Garden Club

Plant Sale.

10.30 am Saturday May 21st
URC Hall.



Good Plants at Reasonable Prices
Also
Trade Sales, Tombola and Cake Stall.



CHURCHES TOGETHER in ELSTEAD (C.T.i.E.)

St James' - U.R.C. - Roman Catholic



Rector	Rev. William Lang,	The Rectory, Thursley Road, Elstead, GU8 6DG	01252 703251
U.R.C	Rev. Rosemary Pullen,	16 Royal Huts Avenue, Hindhead, Surrey GU26 6FB	01428 608990
Catholic	Father Michael Perry	19 Croft Road, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1DB	01483 416880

Details of church services in Elstead appear opposite (for Roman Catholic - see below).

GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

St JAMES' LADIES' FELLOWSHIP.	Gillian Drew	702237	4 th Tuesday at 2.30 pm in the Church Room.
PRAYERS FOR HEALING.	Sue Allen	703452	Last Thursday at 7.30 pm, Church Room.
OPEN PRAYER GROUP	Richard Grey	702230	Mondays 8 pm at the Old Farm House
St JAMES' PRAYER GROUP.	Naomi Waters.	703966	2 nd /4 th Wednesdays 9.45 am, Church Room
St JAMES' BIBLE STUDY	Muriel Ragless	703037	Wednesdays, 10.15 am, the Church Room

Specially For Young People:

Junior Church (URC - 3 rd Sunday)	Mary Branch	703 346
St. James' Young People	Sarah Goodship	702 613

Other organisations

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP	Naomi Waters	703 966	
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY	Bridget Carter-Manning	702 120	
K.I.T.E. [Keep In Touch Elstead]	Peter Waddell	705 971	
TRAIDCRAFT	Jean Wheatley	702 450	1 st Saturday at URC Coffee Mornings

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Rosemary Pullen 01428 608990

Elders:	Pam Chandler	702 172
	Mary Parker	703 056
	John Wilson	735 180

Interim Secretary : Pam Chandler 702 172

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Parish Priest: Father Michael Perry 01483 416 880

Baptisms & Marriages - contact Father Michael Perry
 Elstead reps: Richard & Hilary Grey 01252 702 230
 Prayer Group: Mondays 8 pm at the Old Farm House

Saturday Mass: 6 pm at St James', Milford
 Sunday Mass: 8.45 am at St John's, Farncombe
 10.15 am at St James', Milford
 6 pm at St Edmund's, Godalming
 1st Wednesday of each month - Elstead House Mass
 For details contact Richard Grey 01252 702 230

St JAMES' CHURCH

Rector Rev. William Lang 703 251

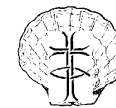
Churchwardens	{ Sarah Goodship	702 613
	{ Nigel Sorensen	702 032

Pastoral } Assistants }	{ Pauline Allison	702 158
	{ Peter Hartley	703 461
	{ Muriel Ragless	703 037
	{ Elizabeth Weston	702 571

Church Room	Irene Tracy	703 021
Co-ordinator	Peter Waddell	705 971
Electoral Roll	Barbara Bartlett	703 307
Flowers	Pat Pearce	703 697
Giving - Gift Aid	Arnold Beaton	703 423
Giving - Weekly	Ula Oakley	703 117
Hon. Treasurer	Michael Clarkson Webb	702 315
Lifts to Church	Brian Burgess	702 377
Music Group	Elizabeth Weston	702 571
Sidesmen	Lindsay Sellers	702 378



CHURCHES TOGETHER in ELSTEAD



MAY 2005 DIARY

SUNDAY 1st Easter 6	8am - St JAMES' - Holy Communion	6.30pm - St JAMES' - Prayer & Praise
	10am - St JAMES' Parish Communion	
	10.30am – URC – Communion led by Paul Murphey	
Monday 2 nd	Bank Holiday	8pm – Old Farm House – Open Prayer Group
Tuesday 3 rd		2.30-4pm – URC – Drop In
Wednesday 4 th	9.15am - St JAMES' - Holy Communion	
	10.30am – St JAMES' – Bible Study	
Thursday 5th	Ascension Day [also Election Day]	
Saturday 7 th	10-12 – URC - Coffee morning, Traidcraft. [+ Christian Aid bundling]	
SUNDAY 8th Easter 7	8am - St JAMES' – Holy Communion	6.30pm - St James' - Holy Communion
	10am - St JAMES' <u>SCHOOL</u> [NB new venue] - Family Service	
	10.30am – URC – Service of Words & Music	
Monday 9 th		8pm – Old Farm House – Open Prayer Group
Wednesday 11 th	9.15am - St JAMES' - Holy Communion	
	9.45am – Ch Rm – St James' Prayer Grp	
	10.30am – St JAMES' – Bible Study	
SUNDAY 15th Pentecost	8am – St JAMES' – Holy Communion	6.30pm - St JAMES' - Evensong
	10am - St JAMES' - Parish Communion	
	10.30am – URC – Worship led by Rev. John Whitton	

15th - 21st MAY - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th - 21st MAY - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Monday 16 th		8pm – Old Farm House – Open Prayer Group
Tuesday 17 th	1pm - URC - Elders' Meeting	2.30pm - URC - Church Meeting
Wednesday 18 th	9.15am - St JAMES' - Holy Communion	
	10.30am – St JAMES' – Bible Study	
Saturday 21 st		2pm – URC – Saturday Club
SUNDAY 22nd Trinity	8am - St JAMES' - Holy Communion	
	10am - St JAMES' - <u>Joint Celebration</u> of Christian Aid Week	
	Speaker: Caroline Mead, Christian Aid Worker	
	10.30am – URC – Junior Church	
Monday 23 rd		8pm – Old Farm House – Open Prayer Group
Tuesday 24 th		2.30pm - Ch Room - St James' Fellowship
Wednesday 25 th	9.15am - St JAMES' - Holy Communion	
	9.45am – Ch Rm – St James' Prayer Grp	
	10.30am – St JAMES' – Bible Study	
Thursday 26 th		7.30pm - St JAMES' - Prayers for Healing
Sunday 29th Easter 7	8am - St JAMES' – Holy Communion	6.30pm - St James' - Holy Communion
	10am - <u>THURSLEY</u> - Parish Communion. Speaker: Capt. Edwin Bates, Church Army	
Trinity 1	10.30am – URC – Worship led by Rev. Rosemary Pullen	
Monday 30 th		8pm – Old Farm House – Open Prayer Group
Wednesday 1 st	9.15am - St JAMES' - Holy Communion	
JUNE 2005	10.30am – St JAMES' – Bible Study	
Saturday 4 th	10-12 – URC - Coffee morning, Traidcraft.	
Sunday 5th Trinity 2	8am - St JAMES' – Holy Communion	6.30pm - St JAMES' - Prayer & Praise
	10am – St JAMES' - Parish Communion	

“AT YOUR SERVICE”

CHILD CARE (Emergency) - Mrs. D. Murphy
NNEB trained. 703 151.

Citizens Advice Opposite Village Hall Wednesday 10.12pm

DENTIST - Mr. R .Bourne 702 477.

DOCTORS -
Dr. R. Bray, Dr C. Rayner ,Dr. P. Jenkinson &
Dr. H. Grisewood. at Springfield Surgery, Springfield,
Elstead. GU8 6EG.
Tel: 703 122 for an appointment.
Office hours 8.30am – 6.30pm
All Emergencies will be seen the same day.
SPECIALIST CLINICS at the Surgery include Chiropody.
Health visitor 703 880
District Nurse 703 547
For URGENT medical advice when the surgery is closed
telephone:
NHS Direct 0845 4647 or
Thamesdoc 020 8390 9991

HELP IN ELSTEAD - 702702 Mon-Fri 10 -12 noon
[includes **Hospital Car Service**]

HOMOEOPATH - Sarah Bogue 01483 812 070

MEALS ON WHEELS - Denis & Susan Holmes 702 285

PHYSIOTHERAPY - Jane Grainger. Springfield Surgery.
01483 641 321 or 07769 587 218

MOBILE LIBRARY - Weekly on a Thursday:
Spring Hill 4.45 to 5.30 pm
Fortnightly, weeks 1 & 3:
Elstead Village Hall 3.50 to 4.35 pm
Fortnightly, weeks 2 & 4:
Beacon View Road, Elstead 3.50 to 4.35 pm
Enquiries and renewals 01483 422743

OSTEOPATH - Clare Badrick 01252 703 607
PHARMACY - Mr. Gohill, Milford Road. 703 322
POLICE - PC Sam Barnet. 01252 573 506
SAMARITANS - (Guildford) 01483-50 55 55

SOCIAL SERVICES. (Godalming) 01483 518 998
(Farnham) 01483 518 383

VETERINARY SURGEON - Mr. W. Croxson,
& Mrs. K. Aird Elstead
Veterinary Surgery ,
The Green Elstead **01252 703 412**
Mon-Friday: 8.30 to 6.30, Sat. 9 am to 1 pm;
Emergencies 01252 703 412

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All Council and Committee Meetings are held at the United Reformed Church Hall, Milford Rd and are open to the press and public. Notice of meetings is shown on the small Notice Board outside the Spar Shop. Members of the public who wish to raise any matters relating to Council business will be invited to do so at 8 pm.



Elstead Garden Club



Elstead Garden Club heard from an experienced vegetable grower, Mr Jim Duckham, at their March meeting about growing vegetables in hot weather.

This largely involves correct watering of the crop and we were horrified to learn that evaporation in hot weather can lead to the loss of a gallon of water per yard of ground, which points to the potential seriousness of the problem. The secret of good watering we were told, lies in encouraging the soil to retain as much water as possible, and we need to remember that the majority of vegetables do not have long roots, so deep down watering is no good. The soil should be well hoed and dug to form a fine tilth and not trodden down and compacted, as this does not encourage the retention of moisture. Humus should be plentifully applied but once again not too deep, and layers of newspaper in trenches could encourage water retention.

Vegetables need regular watering, and our speaker favoured doing this in the evening. Runner beans were particularly thirsty, and spraying them would not encourage flowers to set, this would only happen with moisture in the air, which came from water on the ground. A system of rubber piping, where water could soak continuously for a few hours through the vegetable area was recommended as being less trouble than constant attendance with a hose or watering can. When to water is also important. Watering onions and shallots too late in their growth cycle will ruin their quality.

Our speaker covered the growing of potatoes in some detail - of particular interest as the club is to hold a grand potato growing competition this year. He mentioned some of his favourite varieties, and the importance of remembering that potatoes are not, of course, planted with the roots facing down, and that they need to be "earthed up" three or four times during growth, to encourage water retention.

Our meeting in April is on climbers and Wall Shrubs. We hope to see you at the Spring Show on April 16th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall, and on May 9th we have Dr M Moss speaking on "Symmetry and Design in Nature" at 7.45 p.m. in the URC Hall. Our Plant Sale is on May 21st at 10.30 a.m. in the URC Hall. Do try and come - plenty of good plants of all types to be had at reasonable prices.

Gillian Drew

HELP IN ELSTEAD

A service for local people

What does it do?

Transport: Drive people to appointments [Doctors' and Dentists' surgeries, local Hospitals, foot clinic etc.].

Collecting: Shopping, prescriptions and pensions.

Form filling.

Dog walking.

Relief of carer: Sitting to enable carer to have time out of the house.

Repairs: Small handy-man jobs.

Note: A small mileage charge is made.

Contact: 01252 702702

10a.m. - 12noon Monday - Friday.

Can YOU help?

Drivers needed.

If you drive and can spare occasional time [not regular, fixed time] to fit in to your own life, please contact:: **01252 703976.**

Expenses are re-imbursed.