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Children so happy taking part in church trail

CHILDREN scurried around St Lawrence Church in Chobham on Thursday last week, seeking answers to questions aimed at raising their interest in the historic building.

Teams of six pupils from Year 3 at St Lawrence Primary School were taking part in the launch of a children's trail designed in partnership with The Arts Society.

It is part of a nationwide project by the society which is sparking interest in the art, architecture and the history of buildings.

Chobham's Grade I listed church is the oldest building in Surrey Heath and part of it dates back to Norman times.

It has many historic artefacts, including a 13th-century records chest, a 16th-century font and a pulpit made in 1893 by local boys as part of a woodwork class.

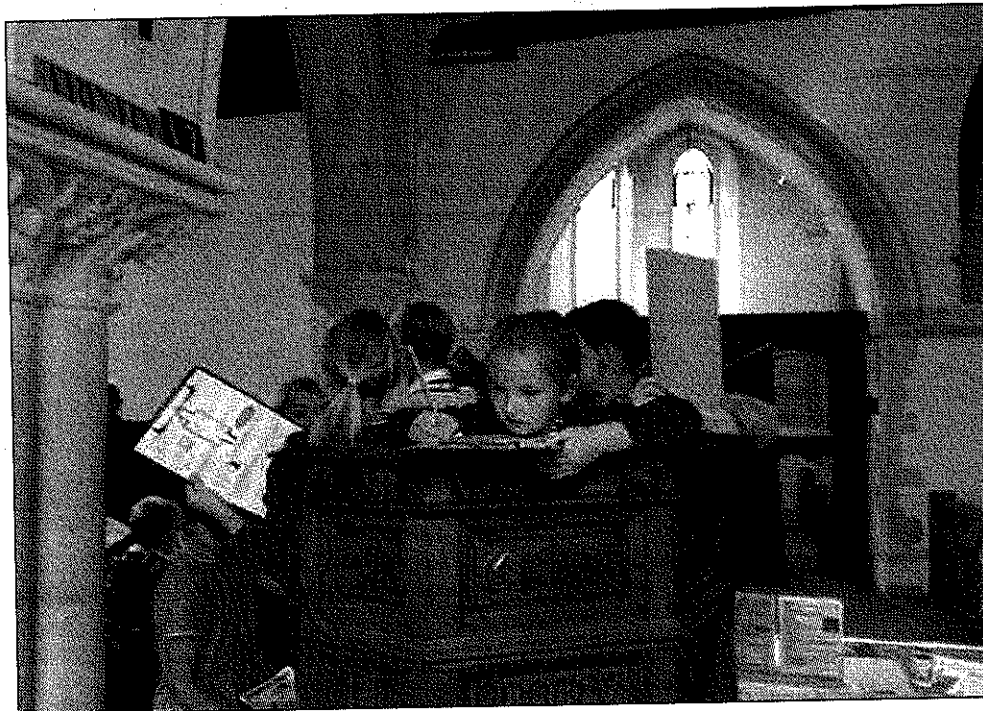
"The children's trail is a way for families and schools to make a tour of the points of interest to be found in the church," said the Vicar of Chobham, the Rev Chris Bessant.

Members of The Arts Society Runnymede, including church congregation members Lucy Delacombe and Davina Smiley, compiled the work sheet, which is aimed at children aged eight to 10.

Its questions include calculations, anagrams, fill-in-picture gaps and a wordsearch.

"Children are always keen to come into the church and explore because it is so different to anywhere else they go," added Mr Bessant.

"In fact, St Lawrence is open all day and every day for visitors and anyone can use the trail to find out more about our common



YOUNG EXPLORER – A St Lawrence Primary School pupil uses the pulpit to rest her questionnaire on

the church for children's trail challenge. For more information or to book, send an email to parish administrator Charlotte Brehaut at chobhamparish@outlook.com.

Other schools are welcome to take pupils to

Experience classical music by candlelight

TICKETS are still available for Chobham Festival's finale concert on Saturday evening.

The Carneal String Trio will be performing pieces by Beethoven and Bach in St Lawrence Church. The musicians – Kamila Bydlowska on violin, Shiry Rashkovsky on viola and Timothée Botbol – will be playing by candlelight in the festival's signature event.

The trio of Royal College of Music graduates has achieving astounding success since it was founded and is in great demand around the UK.

Tickets are £20 for reserved seats and £15 for unreserved, from the box office on 01276 857222

The two remaining events in the 2018 festival are the Chobham Art Club exhibition and the Songs of Praise service. The exhibition, displaying members' artwork, is in the church hall, on Saturday from 10am to 4.30pm and Sunday from 11.30am to 4.30pm. The service is in the church at 5.30pm on Sunday.

Exhibition to detail Neighbourhood Plan

THE latest stage of the Chobham Neighbourhood Plan will be reported at a public exhibition in the village hall on Saturday.

Residents can drop in to be updated on the proposed blueprint for the community's future development between 10am and 3pm.

Free tea, coffee and cake will be provided as people browse the displays and ask questions of steering group members.

Call to cut lane accident risks