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Happy New Year! It has been such a pleasure celebrating Christmas and the New Year with you and a real delight to see both churches full of people for the Christmas services. As Candlemas passes and the dried carcasses of our Christmas trees are shredded, the final crumbs of Christmas cake have finally been eaten, and as cosy Christmas carols become a distant memory, it can be tempting to pack Christ away too. Not totally abandoned, but definitely stored away until the next major Christian festival comes along or until, God forbid, some family crisis draws us back, looking for comfort or hope or protection.

And so what happens now? We're still in the throws of the bleak midwinter, it's cold, and wet and dark and spring with its new life and hope is still a way away. I wonder how we keep the message of Christmas alive in any meaningful way. How do we who live, for the most part, comfortable, safe lives here in Surrey actually live out the Christmas challenge of loving, of caring for the most vulnerable in society in a way that demands we actively engage rather than simply donating remotely as we go about our comfortable days. The task can feel overwhelming; how do we choose our priorities, how should we divide our energies? As mere mortals, we cannot do it all but we can do something.

I'd like to share with you a story that I came across a couple of years ago. You may already be familiar with it. It was inspired by the writing of Loren Eiseley. Eiseley was unusual in that he was both an anthropologist and a poet and from those two perspectives he wrote insightfully and beautifully about the world and our role in it.

There was a wise man, who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach each morning, before he began his work. One day he was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day so he began to walk faster to catch up. As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man and the young man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean. As he got closer, he called out, "Good morning!

What are you doing?" The young man paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish into the ocean." "I guess I should have asked, Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

"The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die. "But young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely. Then bent down, picked up another starfish and stood looking at it in his hand before again throwing it into the sea, past the breaking waves. "It made a difference for that one!" His response surprised the wise man. He was upset. He didn't know how to reply. So instead, he turned away and walked back to the cottage to begin his writings.

All day long as he wrote, the image of the young man haunted him. He tried to ignore it, but the vision persisted. Finally, late in the afternoon, he realized that he the wise man, had missed out on the essential nature of the young man's actions. Because he realized that what the young man was doing was choosing not to be an observer in the universe and watch it pass by. But instead was choosing to participate in the universe and make a difference. He was embarrassed.

That night he went to bed troubled. When the morning came he awoke knowing that he had to do something. So he went to the beach and found the young man. And with him he spent the rest of the morning throwing starfish into the ocean. You see, what that young man's actions represent is something that is special in each and every one of us. We have all been gifted with the ability to make a difference. And if we can, like that young man, become aware of that gift, we gain through the strength of our vision the power to shape the future.

And that is your challenge, that is my challenge. We are each called, not to be observers of the world and its struggles, but to actively become one of Christ's starfish throwers. Our actions, no matter how small, will mean the world to those we impact and collectively as the body of Christ just imagine what a difference we could make.

Rev. Pru



## CHURCH SERVICES—FEBRUARY

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
<b>4 February 2024</b> <i>2 before lent</i>		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>11 February 2024</b> <i>1 before Lent</i>	<b>10 am</b> IONA Communion Rev. P. Dulley	<b>5pm</b> Choral evensong Rev. P. Dulley
<b>14 February 2024</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>7pm</b> Ash Wednesday Service. Rev. Pru Dulley	
<b>15 February 2024</b> <i>THURSDAY MORNING</i>		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>18 February 2024</b> <i>Lent 1</i>		<b>10 am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>22 February 2024</b> <i>THURSDAY MORNING</i>		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>25 February 2024</b> <i>Lent 2</i>	<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley	
<b>29 February 2024</b> <i>THURSDAY MORNING</i>		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>3 March 2024</b> <i>Lent 3</i>		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley

This month we continue our regular pattern of services alternating between the two churches and also, from 15 February, introduce an extra **THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE** as we enter the season of Lent.

Our church websites have a link to the live Online Services streamed from Southwark Cathedral each week:

<https://stmarythevirginbuckland.net/> or <https://stmichaelsbetchworth.net/>

## WINTER LUNCH - FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2024

Our winter lunch will be on Friday the 9th February from 12 noon. Lunch will be served from 12.15 pm. Unfortunately we had to cancel our January get-together because of cooks and helpers having to keep in doors because of the dreaded colds, covid and other ailments. We hope that by the time February is here we will all be better and ready to meet everyone again and have a lovely lunch together. Please let Liz Vahey or myself Carol Leeds know if you are able to be with us for that day. We will also be able to give you dates for our Lent lunches, which consists of homemade soup, village shop bread and lots of chatter and are held on every Thursday during Lent again from 12 noon. Donations from this go the Bishops' Lent Appeal.

### CHRISTMAS TREE

On behalf of everyone at St. Mary's Church can we say a big THANK YOU to Buckland Nurseries for donating the beautiful Christmas Tree this year. I think it was one of the 'special' trees because it did not shed its needles and it was a most beautiful shape. Thank you Linda and David.

*Carol Leeds*

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### A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



**The  
Children's  
Society**

Thank you to all in the Betchworth and Buckland Parishes who, during this last year 2023, have, by buying the hand-made cards displayed in St Michael's Church, by having a House-box, or by making a donation, raised the amazing sum of **£356-16p** for this charity supporting children and young people during their childhood.

The cards and separate donations have raised £193.41p, and we thank Linda for her ideas and handiwork in producing these beautiful cards, suitable for many occasions. The box holders raised the rest by putting their small change into the CS boxes kept at home, lots of pennies, five penny, twenty and fifty pence coins and a few £1 coins all add up to this wonderful total. In the meantime, please continue buying the cards, or if you would like to support the Children's Society on a regular basis, I do have CS donation boxes for your small change. However, if your box has not been opened recently, please get in touch. Thank you on behalf of all the children helped by the Children's Society.

*Margaret Miller - jma.miller@btinternet.com - 01737842098*



## ST MICHAEL'S BETCHWORTH

### Christopher Herrick Organ Recital

### 2.30pm Saturday 10 February 2024



The next Organ Recital in St. Michael's Betchworth. The Date is 10<sup>th</sup> February it will be at 2.30 in the afternoon and the most exciting thing of all is that the internationally known organist **Christopher Herrick** is going to play for us!! He has recorded over 50 CDs of Organ music, playing some of the best organs around the world, and has regularly featured on BBC Radio 3.

Now in his ninth decade, he has offered to play for us and for all the proceeds to go to The Pillars of St. Michael's Betchworth, which was set up to look after the fabric of St. Michael's.

This really is one not to be missed so please put the date in your diary. Tickets, to include wine and soft drinks, £15 per adult and £9 children.

Pam Armitage. [armitagepam@hotmail.com](mailto:armitagepam@hotmail.com)

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## AFTERNOON TEAS at THE HAMILTON ROOM 2024



Drop-in from 2-4pm on  
The last Wednesday each Month  
in the Hamilton Room, Church Street, Betchworth  
Come for a cup of tea or coffee, cake and biscuits,  
and a chat with friends

**2024 Dates:** 31<sup>st</sup> January, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> June,  
31<sup>st</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 30<sup>th</sup> October  
and on 27<sup>th</sup> November our 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party.

For transport / information: contact Margaret Miller on 01737 842098  
We look forward to seeing you there.

## ANTHONY EISINGER 1937-2023 - obituary



Anthony was born in Austria, in 1937. Austria was annexed by Nazi Germany in 1938, and as an infant, his parents literally 'escaped' with their infant children to England. Anthony did not speak much of this background, but it must have shaped his parents and his childhood upbringing.

Anthony went to prep school and recalled the coincidence of being in the same class as Buckland's very own Adrian Sanders, both at the age of 8. From 1949-1954 he attended Wimbledon College, and then went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he achieved a double-first.

He went through medical training at the Middlesex Hospital in London. One of his friends and colleagues wrote '*Like others who did their medical training at the Middlesex I was overawed by the intelligence of Anthony, who joined after his pre-clinical studies at Cambridge*'.

His career took him to briefly to work in Southampton and Sheffield and in 1971 he was appointed the first consultant Nephrologist and Director of the recently founded Renal Unit for the S-W Thames area based at St Helier Hospital in Carshalton. Anthony's appointment to Consultant at the young age of 35 was a British record. He stayed at St Helier until his retirement as Consultant for kidney patients. However, in parallel, he maintained a role in leading edge medical research and technology at St Helier which was in line with the top-few University Hospitals in the world with this speciality.

He and Marie-Claude moved to Buckland in 1971, into the recently built house called 'The Cop'. The house had been designed by a famous modern architect, Michael Manser (1929-2016). It has floor-to-ceiling glazing and a central courtyard and it features in several architectural books. Anthony was very proud of the house and was pleased to have it featured in the 2019 book on Buckland (p211-212).

Anthony loved France and all things French, not least Marie-Claude! He played golf to quite a good level, as a member at Walton Heath Golf Club and on courses around the UK and France. He loved to listen to and analyse classical music and especially Schubert. He had written pamphlets about Schubert in retirement.

Both he and Marie-Claude were active in Buckland's village life for over 50 years, and especially so in his retirement years. They have many close friends in the village.

Anthony was a founder member of the **Betchworth & Buckland Society**, as he recalled in a B&B Soc Newsletter of Summer 2009: 'A Mr Maskrey and a Mr Milton founded the Society in the late 1970's, with GP's Jim Russell and Boyd Newton (of the present Brockham Practice), and myself. Jim and I met at Cambridge and then were both clinical students at Middlesex Hospital. Together we were the first Committee.

*I felt it an important thing to do—to keep the rural aspect of the villages even with their proximity to Greater London. We have the best of two worlds, in that we are fairly rural but close enough to benefit from the work opportunities offered by London and the huge cultural facilities of the city; musical, artistic, theatrical and academic. I served on the Committee and became Deputy Chairman to the late Marjory Tait, and then as Chairman from 1999-2007. [Since Anthony, the Society's Chairmen have been Duncan Ferns, Trevor Cook, Richard Worsley and Simon Thomas]’.*

Anthony's son Nick described his father as 'The True Renaissance Man for the modern age. Demanding but fair, clever but not aloof. Kind, generous and thoughtful. Dedicated to his patients, quick to question mindless authority and usually to rout it with his superior intellect’.

Always busy in retirement, he made plenty of time for family: son Nick and wife Dominique with their children Harry, Charlie & Beatrice; and daughter Olivia with husband Ian and their girls Tess & Alice. Anthony will be fondly remembered by people in Buckland as a gent with a good sense of humour, humility, a positive view of life, and a good share of fairness and common sense.

Anthony died on 27 November 2023. He had a civil funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium Leatherhead on 20 December 23, with over 150 people attending.

*Thanks to Nick Eisinger for the main part of this obituary, and it's approval.*

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A sign of Maturity:  
‘The more you know who you are and what you want,  
the less things upset you’

*Lost in Translation, 2003 film*

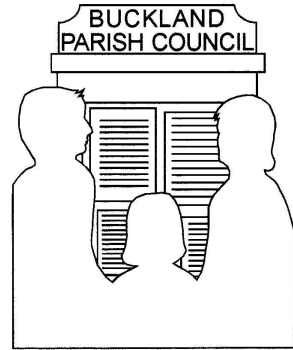
# Buckland Matters

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## BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### Have your say on Road Safety in Surrey

In recent years, the annual number of road casualties killed or seriously injured on Surrey's roads has not reduced. Surrey also has some of the highest numbers of pedestrian and cycling road casualties of any local authority in Great Britain. The Surrey RoadSafe Partnership, which consists of Surrey County Council, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, Surrey Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, and National Highways have collaborated to develop a new "Vision Zero" Road Safety Strategy; aiming for zero road deaths and serious injuries by 2050.



The Surrey RoadSafe Partnership wants to provide a more flexible approach to implementing 20 mph speed limits that have the support of local people. The draft strategy does not advocate a blanket approach and recognises that some main roads outside the centre of towns could remain at 30 mph.

You are now being asked what do you think about the proposals that have been drafted? Please make sure you follow the link from the news page of the village website to have your say before the 24th March 2024 deadline.

### Have your say on a new Surrey Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Surrey County Council (SCC) is responsible for around 2164 miles (3482 km) of public rights of way across Surrey. These paths are both in the countryside and urban areas. They are important for enjoying and exploring, for travelling to work or school and for health and wellbeing. They are part of what makes Surrey a special place to live, work and enjoy.

Every council that is responsible for public rights of way must have a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). This sets out how public rights of way meet the public, now and in the needs of the future. SCC's current Rights of Way Improvement Plan dates from 2014 and needs to be reviewed.

Your views will help SCC make sure that its new Rights of Way Improvement Plan meets the needs of everyone in Surrey. If you use public rights of way, SCC would like to know about your experience and how important they are for you. If you don't use public rights of way, SCC would like to know what prevents you and what, if anything, we can do to support you in using them.

Your feedback will help to develop the priorities and actions of the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan, which will be produced in 2024. Once the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan has been finalised and approved by SCC it will be published on SCC's website. Please make sure you follow the link from the news page of the village website to have your say before the 10th March 2024 deadline or, if you do not have access to the internet, call SCC on 0300 200 1003 to request a printed copy of the consultation form.

### **Refreshed content on the village website**

A new "Support" section has been created on the village website. If you have internet access do take a few moments to check out the advice and make sure, if you are eligible, that you are signed up with UK Power Networks to the Priority Service Register. One other change you need to be aware of relates to the planned closure of telephone exchanges and replacement of analogue telephone lines with a digital service. More information is published on the Broadband, Mobs and Landlines option under support. If you do not have access to the internet, you can view the information by visiting Dorking library where library staff will help you to use one of the computers available for public use.

*Sheena Boyce, Clerk   [parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.org.uk)*

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### **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

- 1 Feb, 7.45.** WI meeting. Hamilton Room Betchworth. p33
- 5 Feb, 7.15pm.** Talk on Ashted pottery, DLHG. Crossways Church Dorking. p26
- 9 Feb, 12 Noon.** Winter Lunch, Buckland Reading Room. p8
- 10 Feb 2.30pm.** Christopher Herrick Organ Recital. St Michael's Betchworth. p.9
- 19 Feb, 2.30pm.** Talk on London's Lost Department Stores. Arts Society. p29
- 19 Feb 7.15.** Talk on Dunsfold Airfield in WW2, DLHG. ZOOM talk. P.26
- 19 Feb 7.30pm.** Talk on Bat Ecology & Conservation, BGHS. p.32
- 27 Feb 2pm-4pm.** Drop-in Afternoon Teas, Hamilton Room. P9

- 15 Mar 7.30pm.** Wine Tasting Evening. Buckland Reading Room. B&B Soc. p28
- 28 Mar.** Leith Hill Joint Choir Concert. Bach's Matthew Passion. p27

# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

## Solution p.34



### ACROSS

1. Shove
5. Hitches
10. Apollo astronaut Slayton
14. Black-and-white cookie
15. Weighty books
16. Not odd
17. Coldest part of the year
19. Gave a stage signal
20. Finish

21. Accomplishments
22. Howdy
23. Delivers from danger
25. They can be fraternal or identical
27. Play a role
28. Bragging
31. Duplicate
34. Leases
35. Not your
36. Tirade
37. Adjust again
38. Initial wager

39. American Sign Language
40. What we are called
41. Pantywaist
42. Murder mystery
44. Unhappy
45. Path around a star
46. Blood line
50. Birthday desserts
52. Breakfast bread
54. On behalf of
55. Environs

56. Enticement
58. Resolute
59. Licoricelike flavor
60. Rear end
61. Not difficult
62. Absolute
63. G G G

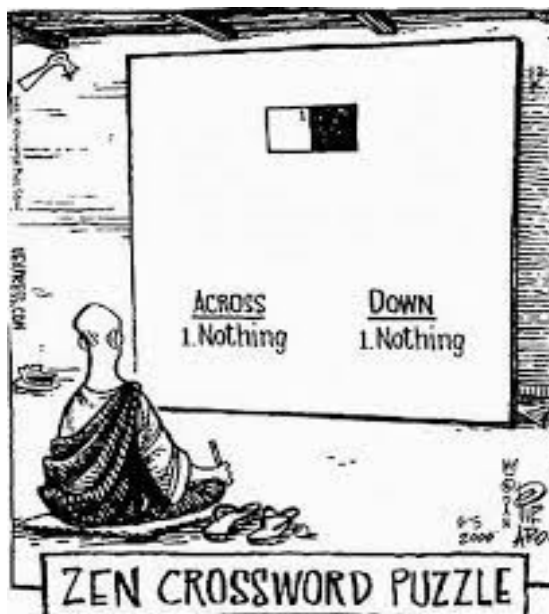
## DOWN

1. Might
2. Liquid bodily waste
3. Dispatches
4. Not cold
5. Avenue
6. Jottings
7. In the center of
8. Diamonds etc.
9. South southeast
10. Nice
11. Forcible extractions

12. Longitudinal ship beam
13. Prefix meaning "Within"
18. Elicit
22. Snake sound
24. Tilt
26. Unit of power
28. Assail
29. Daft
30. Between black and white
31. Sticking point
32. Whip

33. Witnesses
34. Reduced
37. Hindu princess
38. Assistant
40. Gists
41. Father Christmas
43. Languid
44. Female sibling
46. Oversight
47. Ardent
48. Long-necked migratory bird
49. Anagram of "Sneer"

50. Bistro
51. Diva's solo
53. Leave out
56. Letter after sigma
57. Label



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Grade: Medium.  
Solution on p.34

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WORDSEARCH—Candlemas, Jesus is taken to the Temple

Valentine  
Rose  
Romance  
Love  
Present

baby  
temple  
Mary  
Candlemas  
presentation

Restaurant  
Hearts  
Kiss  
hug  
Girlfriend

boyfriend  
fiancé  
worship  
repentance  
angels

Solution on p.34

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# Features

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## ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

### On why rural church-goers like to freeze in church

The Rectory, St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren



Winter certainly exposes the difference between those of you who live in cities and us rural folk. While you bask in your centrally heated flat, and complain about the half an inch of slush outside, we country folk wear overcoats in our houses, open all doors and windows to let the heat in and battle through snow drifts, measured in feet, to get the morning paper.

Colonel Wainwright has acquired a new toy: a snow blower, of sufficient power that I believe it could clear the Antarctic. He kindly volunteered to clear the paths around the church. Working outwards from the church door, the path to the church soon became snow-free. Unfortunately, he only realised when his job was complete that the blown snow then formed a ten-foot drift under the lych gate.

Miss Margison, ever helpful in the worst sense of the word, decided to unfreeze the pipes in the church hall. A blow torch was not the ideal solution, although the resulting burst did make some rather attractive ice sculptures round the kitchen equipment. The village badminton team that uses the hall has now temporarily changed sport to ice hockey. Inevitably, congregations have soared. There is nothing like adversity for making people want to prove they have the moral fibre to overcome it. Much satisfaction seems to be obtained on discovering who has not dared venture out, which is taken as judgement on their strength of character. The Prentices upstaged most people by arriving on a sleigh. Mr Prentice was warmly wrapped in a travelling rug, while his wife pulled it. As they both explained, they couldn't possibly let the pony work in such conditions.

What I momentarily thought was applause during my sermon was merely people keeping their hands warm. Our organist complained that the cold made his fingers so numb that he couldn't play properly – although I didn't notice that things were much different from normal.

No, my dear nephew, a few flakes of wet snow may close your car park for health and safety reasons, but we shall continue to triumph heroically over adversity. We return home after Mattins, knowing we have proved our Christian commitment in being utterly uncomfortable.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

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## GARDENING NOTES

### Hedges and windbreaks for windy gardens

The end of 2023 and beginning of 2024 has seen some exceptionally wet and windy weather. Many gardens, especially on clay, have endured sloshy lawns and standing water, and plenty of tree and shrub debris has needed to be cleared up.

It's worth a walk around the garden to bed in any plants or trees that have worked loose, especially any non-deciduous shrubs which tend to catch the wind. At least sandy soils have provided drainage during these challenging months: the trade-off is that any lurking goodness in the soil will have been diluted by all the rain. A good mulch in early spring will be a welcome replenishment.

There are plenty of options if you want to provide a windbreak in your garden – these can also act as a screening from roads or neighbouring properties. Laurels and are a good option as they are dense, fast-growing and lush. Photinia are similarly vigorous, but provide better colour in an open sunny position. Yews (taxus) are slower growing but, with regular trimming, will ultimately give a neater appearance. A mixed hedge of mainly evergreen shrubs can give you a year-round flush of colour. Upright cotoneaster, eleagnus, escallonia, pittosporum, berberis and forsythia could provide a start, with possibly a couple of climbers as the hedge becomes established. These could include jasmine, honeysuckle and rambling roses to give some summer colour and a more wild look.

You could also go for the hedgerow look for your hedge. This can be a mix of hawthorn (crataegus), beech (fagus), privet (ligustrum) and hornbeam (carpinus). Even a deciduous hedge, as it grows dense and tall, will have enough body in the winter to provide excellent protection from wind damage.

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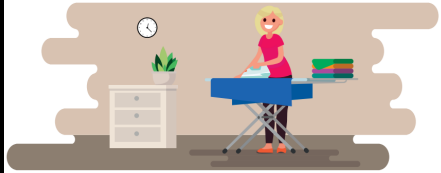
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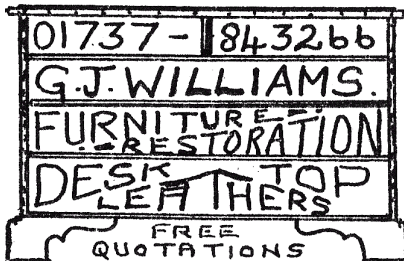


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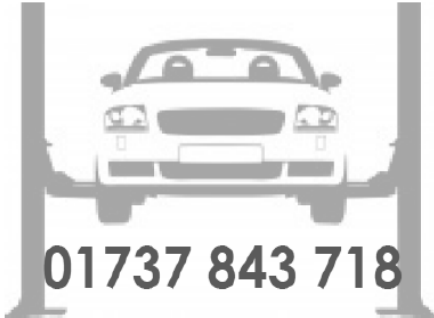
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*Spending time with Quakers provided Howard Thurman with sacred space to experience his oneness with God and other people. It proved to be a doorway to both action and contemplation. Author Lerita Coleman Brown writes:*

For more than four hundred years, a vibrant Quaker commitment to the mystical practice of silence has persisted.... Staunch promoters of the “still small voice,” Quakers believe that everyone carries the divine light of God within them and that we are all equal regardless of title or socioeconomic status. They believe that God speaks ceaselessly to us and that quietness and stillness are prerequisites for hearing the soft, gentle, wordless communication of God. Yet for Quakers, being contemplative is not enough; they assume that actions emerging from the silence should facilitate the end of social injustices and the creation of a more benevolent world. As advocates of peace and equality, many Quakers participated in the Underground Railroad, assisting thousands in escaping slavery.

As part of his study of mysticism, Howard Thurman was a guest at Quaker meetings and sat in the silence that characterizes unscripted forms of Quaker worship. He recorded his personal experience of group silence during a traditional Quaker meeting:

Nobody said a word ... just silence. Silence. Silence. And in that silence I felt as though all of them were on one side and I was on the other side, by myself, with my noise. And every time I would try to get across the barrier, nothing hap-



pened. I was just Howard Thurman. And then ... I don't know when it happened, how it happened, I wish I could tell you, but somewhere in that hour I passed over the invisible line, and I became one with all the seekers. I wasn't Howard Thurman anymore; I was, I was a human spirit involved in a creative moment with human spirits, in the presence of God. [2]

[1] Howard Thurman, *The Creative Encounter: An Interpretation of Religion and the Social Witness* (Richmond, IN: Friends United Press, 1972), 23–24.

[2] Lerita Coleman Brown, *What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman* (Minneapolis, MN: Broadleaf Books, 2023), 31–32; Howard Thurman, “The Strength of Corporate Worship,” sermon, April 8, 1951.

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What merit is it to you, if you only greet those who first greet you  
And if you only love those who love you?

You must **be all loving** as your heavenly father is all loving, for he makes the sun to shine on good and bad alike, and on saints and sinners alike.

*Kabir (1398–1518) Indian Mystic poet*



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Commemorative rose Plot A137  
(Buckland MI Survey)**

They had 11 children, 10 of whom survived to adulthood. Thomas & Grace continued to live in Holmwood until 1891, but by the 1901 census they had moved to Brockham where Thomas is still a 'Brickyard Labourer, at 'Brickyard Cottage, Brockham', adjacent to Coles Hill Farm (near Brockham Park). In 1911 he was listed as a Brickmaker in Brockham; and in the 1921 census, age 67, he was a driver for Young Bros. Coal Merchants.

### **Thomas (1854-1931) & Grace Mercy Saunders (1862-1948)**

Thomas was born in Hove in 1854, but by the age of 17<sup>1</sup> he had moved to Holmwood for work, where he was a 'Brickfield labourer' probably at the 'Dorking Brick' factory, located at South Holmwood. In 1882, Thomas married Mercy Grace King of Holmwood, at St Martin's Dorking.

### **Tom Leonard Saunders (1896-1972) married Dorothy Ada (1899-1950)**

Tom Leonard – known as Leonard – was born in Holmwood, near Dorking in 1896, but by the age of 5 his parents (Thomas & Grace) had moved to Brockham, and that is where he spent his childhood. Leonard was the third of 11 children.

In 1914 at the outbreak of World War I, he was just 18, and joined the Royal Horse Guards – known as the ‘Blues & Royals’ where he was a Trooper. The smart photo of him (below) in uniform is dated 1919. Leonard served in France on the front line. When he returned he suffered from what we might know as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).<sup>2</sup> He does not appear in the UK 1921 Census, so he may have still been overseas in the Army.



*Tom Leonard Saunders 1919  
in his Royal Horse Guards uniform*

It was probably his experience of being on horseback in the War that enabled him to get work on the Buckland Estate,

when all the agricultural work would involve the care of horses for all the field machines and carting of goods and crops. Jennifer recalls working shire horses on the estate from her childhood in the 1960's<sup>2</sup>.

In the 1920's, employees of the Buckland Estate were allocated an Estate-house, and the first of these he lived in was Sandpit Cottages in Old Road. In 1923, the quarrying started in Buckland, with the Buckland Sand & Silica Company (owned by a different Sanders family – spelt without a 'u', and unrelated to the family that is the subject here). It is almost certain that Leonard Saunders was one of the first employees at the Buckland sandpits in 1923-24.

In 1926 he married Dorother Ada White at Reigate St Mary's. At the time of marriage, Leonard lived at Elm View on St Mary's Road, Reigate, and his wife on Lesbourne Road, Reigate. The newly married couple were allocated number 6, Tranquil Dale: one of the 6 new houses built in Tranquil Dale to house quarry workers on the Buckland Estate.<sup>3</sup> Their residence at 6 Tranquil Dale is confirmed in the Electoral Rolls of 1927 and 1939, the latter of which describes his job as 'Loading Bank, Silica Sand Quarry.'

Tom & Dorothy had 5 children, Eileen b.1927; John b.1927; Albert Arthur b.1928; Edward (Ted) Reginald b.1930; and Anthony Ernest b.1938. It was Edward (Ted) Saunders who followed in

his father's footsteps, also working for Buckland Estate after leaving school and living all his life in Buckland.

At some point, probably on retirement, Leonard moved from the Estate-owned property to a Council-built house, at No. 12 Tranquil Dale, where he lived until he died in 1972.

Leonard and Dorothy are buried in our churchyard at Buckland St Mary's (plot 192).

### **Edward (Ted, 1930-1999) & Margery Saunders**

Edward, the son of Leonard & Dorothy, was born in 1930. He attended Buckland village school. In WW2, Ted was in the Army and saw active service in Greece and Africa. When he returned, he became an Assistant Gamekeeper for the Buckland Estate, and then moved to work for Buckland Sand & Silica with his father. Ted was involved in Plant Maintenance and in making sand 'patterns' for foundry casting. He did several jobs on the Estate and worked until he died at the age of 69, latterly in the role of caretaker and site-security.

In 1953, Ted married Margery Bryant in Reigate and with Ted working for the Buckland Estate, they were allocated a home at Lawrence Bungalow on Lawrence Lane.

**Jennifer Partridge (nee Saunders, 1955)**  
Jennifer, daughter of Ted and Margery, was born in Buckland in 1955. In the first two years of her life her father was on active Army service, and she lived with her Grandparents at 12 Tranquil Dale, then moving with her parents to Lawrence Bungalow on Lawrence Lane, and later to Lisa Cottage on Reigate Road. Like her father, Jennifer attended Buckland Village School (1960-68).

Jennifer married John Partridge, who became the 3rd generation of the family to work for Buckland Sand & Silica. He was a mechanic on the vehicles and quarry equipment. When Hanson took over the quarry, John worked as a contracted HGV driver for them, delivering sand all over the UK, including a regular run to Pilkingtons Glassmakers in Crewe, where the sand was used in glassmaking. As the quarry reduced output in later years, John transferred his expertise as a Mechanic to Buckland Garage, where he worked until his retirement in 2019. John & Jennifer continue to live in Buckland, on Reigate Road, in an Estate-owned property that has been their home for over 40 years.

Jennifer added a few memories of people from her childhood Buckland in the 1960's<sup>2</sup>;

- **Mrs Green**, tenant of the village shop in the 1950s to early 1960's.
- **Belinda Finch**, 1967-1979, daughter of Roger & Rosemary Finch, a neighbour and friend, who was fatally injured in a traffic accident, aged 12,

on the A25 close to her home, (also buried in St Mary's Buckland, plot 81).

- **Melinda Davies**, a girl in Jennifer's class at Buckland School, whose father Jake Davies, tragically died in the Paris air crash of 1974. Jake has a memorial at St Mary's Buckland (plot 47, and Past Lives profile, number 16).
- **Carl Seager**, of Robin's Close, Old Road, Buckland. Jennifer's mother was housekeeper here for a time. Jennifer recalls his vivid stories of living and working in India and travelling to exotic places, including a visit to Tutankhamun's tomb in Egypt in the 1960's. Carl Seager (1904-1995)

and his wife Joy (1910-1999) are also buried in St Mary's Buckland (plot 278).

### References

1. *Ancestry UK: 1851-1921 Censuses, Thomas Saunders; family Tree of Saunders (Marion Twigg, cousin of Jennifer Saunders); Thomas Saunders 1901 census, Betchworth (states 11 children).*
2. *Discussion with Jennifer Partridge (nee Saunders) of Buckland, October 2023*
3. *Terence Sanders recollections 1982 (BEA)*

*Thank you to Jennifer Partridge of Tapwood Cottages Buckland for approving the text, and confirming the fourth Sanders/Saunders family in Buckland. The others have been outlined in Buckland Past Lives numbers 14, 38 and 39.*

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## JOKES SKIRTING ON HEALTH & RELIGION ...

Doctor to hospital patient: 'Please don't pray for healing. If it works, your insurance won't know who to reimburse and it messes up our accounting system.'

Lady in hospital, explaining her near-death experience to her husband: 'There was a tunnel and a bright white light and a souvenir shop. I brought back T-shirts for the kids!'

Man with a harp, on a cloud, talking to angel: 'My estate agent found me this place. I said I wanted a home that requires no gardening, no painting, no snow shovelling. A place where the weather is perfect, nice views and neighbours who never complain about my music... and he sent me directly here. WOW!'

Adam to Eve in the garden: 'We're not supposed to eat the apple because apples have carbs and carbs are evil.'

'Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and you can sell him all of your old gear on ebay!'

# Societies & Charities

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## BUCKLAND & BETCHWORTH CHORAL SOCIETY



**BUCKLAND &  
BETCHWORTH  
CHORAL  
SOCIETY**

Happy New Year from us all at BBCS. We're excited to start the 2024 season under the leadership of our new conductor, George Inscoe. What better time to come and join us?

BBCS is a lively and friendly choir of local people, and some not so local, making music together – for the sheer joy of it. Whether confident or cautious, experienced, or rusty, we welcome new singers. Could this be you? No forms to fill in, no auditions – just bring your love of singing.

We meet on Wednesdays, 7.45 to 9.45pm at Betchworth Village Hall. Just pop in and see for yourself. You'll find us making a start on rehearsals for the 2024 Leith Hill Music Festival (LHMF) and many of us will also be taking part in the LHMF's performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion (see details opposite)

Find out more at: [www.bbcinfo.org](http://www.bbcinfo.org) or call Jean Cooke on 01737 245161

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## DORKING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP—Talks:

**5 Feb, 7.15pm—Ashted Pottery - Crossways Church Dorking**

**19 Feb, 7.15 pm—Dunsfold Airfield in WW2—ZOOM talk**



**Ashted Pottery After WW1:** Live talk by Anne Anderson on the pottery set up after WW1 to provide employment for disabled ex-service officers and their dependents.

**Dunsfold Airfield in WW2:** Zoom talk by military historian Paul McCue on the airfield built by the Canadian Army and used by allied air forces and the Dutch Resistance in WW2. [www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup/](http://www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup/).

David Burton - <https://dlhg.org.uk>.

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**LEITH HILL  
MUSIC  
FESTIVAL**

**DORKING  
HALLS  
2024**

# **JS Bach St Matthew Passion**

**Concert Sunday 10th March 2024**

**Led by Jonathan Willcocks**

A wonderful opportunity to sing  
JS Bach's sublime St Matthew Passion  
under the leadership of Jonathan Willcocks,  
with the specialist baroque orchestra  
Canzona and a terrific line-up of soloists  
headed by James Oxley (Evangelist)  
and Gareth Brynmor John (Christus).



Many members of Buckland and Betchworth Choral Society  
come together with other local choirs to perform this magnificent  
piece...

**Date for your diary - audience concert tickets on sale soon**

*For the protection and conservation of the quality of life in Betchworth & Buckland*

## **2024 Events**

### **The Betchworth & Buckland Society**



#### **Wine Tasting Evening**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

**The Buckland Reading Room**

We're pleased to announce the return of our popular wine sampling event hosted by Vineking Tasting Rooms.

**Sampling seven wines with cheese ,  
biscuits, and nibbles**

*£22 Members/£25 non-members*

*Numbers are limited so please register interest as soon as possible*

#### **Further Events :**

**AGM with speaker – April date tbc**

**Spring Walk - May/April ( date tbc)**

**Annual BBQ - Buckland Green, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2pm (time tbc)**

***Please email for membership enquiries (£10pa)***

Additional Social Secretary still needed to join our friendly committee and help with events

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## THE ARTS SOCIETY BETCHWORTH



### London's Lost Department Stores. A Vanished World of Dazzle and Dreams

**Monday 19 February 2024**  
**2.30 in Betchworth hall and by ZOOM**  
(Doors open at 1.45)

Our lecturer Tessa Boase will take you back to that vanished era of confidence and style, celebrating such fabulous, much mourned emporia as the vast Whiteleys in Queensway with its sweeping stair-

case, Gamages of Holborn and its peerless toy department, and Grants of Croydon that kitted out the RAF.

Tessa grew up in the Ashdown Forest, Sussex; studied English at Oxford and Italian in Florence; and has worked for a variety of magazines and national newspapers including The Daily Telegraph.

Join us at Betchworth Village Memorial Hall, or by zoom from your home, It is free for members but if you are not a member (we are recruiting new members now) do come as a visitor for £5 either to the hall or by Zoom.

To register for Zoom or for further information please contact

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Last night our wif stopped working,  
so I had to spend a few hours with my family.  
They seem like good people.

*Anon*

# **BROCKHAM GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

## **Betchworth \* Brockham \* Buckland**

As promised here is the article about the lives of Arthur Fegan and Walter Smith, two local gardeners, researched and written by our Chairman Valerie Maud.

### **Walter Smith and Arthur Fegan**

Walter Smith's granddaughter, Helen Mitchell, asked if we had any information about two trophies named in memory of Walter Smith and Arthur Fegan. Although not the originals, both these matching trophies are still being awarded at our Shows, and we were delighted to welcome Helen to our 2023 Show, where she presented the Walter Smith Trophy to Alison Brown, for the best exhibit in the vegetable classes. The Arthur Fegan trophy was awarded to Ruth Johnson, for highest number of points in the Show. Thanks to local and Newspaper archives, and family memories, we have been able to piece together the tragic story that links the two trophies.



*The Walter Smith Trophy and The Arthur Fegan Trophy*

### **Two Society Stalwarts**

Walter Smith was a professional gardener and worked for the Bailey family who owned Silver Mist. They lived in the big white house at the end of Tweed Lane, now called Tweed Farm. Before that, he worked at Brooklands on Brockham Green, which belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

Arthur Fegan was a painter and decorator, and a keen amateur gardener. In the 1930's both Walter Smith and Arthur Fegan were regular contributors to Brockham Green Horticultural Society Shows. As a professional gardener, Walter was

only able to enter a few classes including those for 'single handed gardener'. Arthur was able to enter far more, as a 'cottager'.

There were no Shows during the Second World War, but they restarted in August 1950. The president and Chairman of BGHS was G. Sherlock, and both Walter and Arthur were 'officials'. They put in many successful entries at this Show, and Walter's prizes included a first for 'Collection of Vegetables' in the Open classes. Arthur won a first for 'Collection of Vegetables' in the 'Cottagers' classes.

## Two Cycling Tragedies

On 28 January 1960 Arthur suffered a fatal heart attack while cycling in Middle Street Brockham. He was 61.

Walter took on Arthur's roles as vice-chairman of BGHS, and secretary of Brockham Angling Society. Walter also suffered a heart attack but was able to return to light work as gardener at Silver Mist. He was cycling home on 9 January 1961, a very dark night, when he was knocked off his bicycle by a car and received fatal injuries. The accident was not far from where his friend Arthur had died less than a year earlier. He was not quite 51. The driver of the car was charged with driving without care and attention, but his passenger gave evidence there was no rear light on the bicycle. The police examined Walter's bicycle and found the rear light to be faulty, so the charges were dismissed.

It is over 60 years now since these tragic events, but the two trophies in memory of Walter Smith and Arthur Fegan continue to give inspiration to our local gardeners, helping us maintain our proud tradition of Flower Shows since about 1897.

If anyone has any information they would like to share with us, please get in touch.

Just a reminder of the dates for our talks in Spring 2024

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Bat Ecology and Conservation - Surrey Bat Group

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 24** - Women Gardeners of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century – Cherryll Sands

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 24** - Plant Heritage and the National Plant Collection Scheme

Join us in Brockham Village Hall at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome, so please bring friends. The entrance fee is members £3 and non-members £5. b We always welcome new members.

*bghsociety@hotmail.com, Ruth Johnson*

## DORKING MUSEUM IN FEBRUARY

**A Call to Arms: The History of the Surrey Yeomanry:** Our current exhibition – formed as a voluntary unit in 1794 during the war against Revolutionary France, disbanded during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, revived in 1900 for the Boer War, and based in Dorking during the First World War, when many of its members served in India and the Middle East.

**Great Game!** Our half-term family activity sees Shrove Tuesday Football return to Dorking as a blow football game, based on the famous game played on the High Street until banned over a century ago! Also try your hand at bagatelle or shove halfpenny and help create a bowling alley out of recycled drinks bottles. Dorking Library, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-2pm. The blow football game will then be in the Museum on Thursday to Saturday.

**Free Family Activities at Dorking Library:** Chinese New Year: on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm-4pm, children can make a concertina dragon for the Year of the Dragon. Aimed at 4–11-year-olds, materials provided free.

**Enhance the Museum experience:** Dorking Museum is now on Bloomberg Connects, the worldwide app which enhances visitor experience with video, audio and text to tell the history behind the objects and paintings. Search for Bloomberg Connects in the app store or scan the QR code at the Museum.

**Get involved:** Current volunteer vacancies include a digital communications manager and assistant(s) for website maintenance, social media and ticketing. See [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities).

Dorking Museum: Thursdays 1pm-4pm, Fridays & Saturdays 10am-4pm, free entry. [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk). 01306 876591.

David Burton

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What's the secret of your Serenity?  
'Whole-hearted co-operation with the inevitable'.

Anthony de Mello (1931-1987, Catholic priest & motivational speaker)

## PEBBLECOMBE WI

### Buckland & Betchworth's Womens Institute



If you are ever in Church Street, Betchworth at 7.45pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday on each month, you would find a group of ladies coming to the Hamilton Room for the Pebblecoombe WI meeting.

We have interesting discussions, speakers on subjects as varied as The History of Cheese, and Spring planting, and also craft evenings. We welcome all visitors, who often become members, so come and give us a try. 2024 dates are as follows:

#### Pebblecombe WI

**Meet at 7.45pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month in**

**The Hamilton Room, Church St, Betchworth RH3 7DN**

**2024 Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Margaret Miller , 01737 842098, [jma.miller@btinternet.com](mailto:jma.miller@btinternet.com)

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## SINGING FOR PLEASURE—BUCKLAND READING ROOM

If you follow our monthly news, and maybe thought you might like to join us, here is a chance to test your memory and your vocal skills. We just started a new selection of 14 songs. Our pianist referred to them as British Greats. Which of these can you sing or hum to: Top of the World, Born Free, There's a kind of Hush, Puppet on a String, Where is Love?, Food Glorious Food, Close every Door, I don't know how to love him, Downtown, Island of Dreams, Summer Holiday, The Last Waltz...



Join us on the **first and third Monday from 10am to noon in Buckland Reading Room**. Singing is good for you.

Meike Laurenson [m Laurenson@talktalk.net](mailto:m Laurenson@talktalk.net)

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

**Crossword (p.14)**  
**Solution**

P	U	S	H		S	N	A	G	S		D	E	K	E
O	R	E	O		T	O	M	E	S		E	V	E	N
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**Wordsearch (p.16) Solution**

N	L	A	A	I	B	E	P	E	N	G	A	I
A	R	H	S	R	C	R	R	P	R	T	S	K
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S	R	S	T	O	R	T	T	I	P	A	N	M
O	L	F	S	F	V	N	P	H	L	T	T	E
R	G	E	Y	T	E	E	R	S	E	S	A	L
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S	F	T	R	C	A	V	E	W	I	N	E	A
T	E	E	R	Y	T	G	U	H	Y	A	E	C

**Sudoku (p.16) Solution**

4	8	5	6	2	7	3	9	1
9	1	6	8	3	4	2	7	5
7	2	3	9	1	5	8	4	6
2	5	9	4	8	6	7	1	3
8	3	4	1	7	2	5	6	9
1	6	7	3	5	9	4	2	8
6	9	2	5	4	8	1	3	7
5	4	1	7	6	3	9	8	2
3	7	8	2	9	1	6	5	4

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## HISTORICAL NOTES

A book on the History of Buckland is available: **Buckland 1000-2000 with 2020 Vision** by Duncan C Ferns. 300pp, over 250 illustrations and a 600-name index. Purchase from Squires Nursery Buckland, local Waterstones, Amazon online or request to [fernsdc@gmail.com](mailto:fernsdc@gmail.com).

Buckland (then Bochelant) was mentioned in the Domesday Book as a village of 35 households, a church and a watermill. These days it is a picturesque village covering 1362 acres, with a total population of around 580 in 240 households. Buckland is in the Diocese of Southwark (Bishop: The Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun) and the Area of Croydon (Area Bishop: The Rt. Revd. Rosemarie Mallett).

## BUCKLAND READING ROOM ACTIVITIES

Regular activities in the Reading Room:

- Monday am Singing for Pleasure (1st & 3rd Mondays)
- Monday pm Art Group
- Monday 4.30pm Brownies & Rainbows
- Tuesday am Toddlers
- Tuesday 2.15pm Bridge Club
- Thursday 2.15pm Bridge Club
- Thursday evening Yoga
- Saturday am Children's Dance Class
- Saturday pm Sugarcraft Guild (2nd Saturday)

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Bell Ringers ( <i>practice Friday evenings</i> )	David Sayce	242776
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British Legion	Maurice Daley	843058
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- Treasurer	John Maud	843530
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