

# BUCKLAND PARISH MAGAZINE



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## What's going on in the church?

Dear All

As some of you may have heard, the APCM for St Michael's BETCHWORTH has been deferred for a month and will now be held after the service on Sunday 19th May. The reason that it has been deferred is because we are struggling to find anyone able to take on the role of Churchwarden. St Michael's is a small worshipping community of about 30-ish on a Sunday which means that church roles are spread thickly amongst those who help, in a congregation that isn't getting any younger either.

The Church of England states that each church must have at least one church warden, more often than not there is two, as we have had up to now. Their role, along with the parish priest, is the general responsibility for the day-to-day functioning of the church building and parish. Aware that this is a hefty role to take on, the wardens and I have tried to lighten the pressure a little by re-jigged the role and created deputy wardens who will take on an aspect of the warden role.

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The Churchwarden would still be the visual representative of the laity who will act as supporter to myself and advisor to the deputy wardens and will need to be prepared to step in when needed. However the deputy wardens with help by taking on an aspect for us. Each role is very different and will hopefully draw on the gifts and experience of a variety of people.

With a small congregation we are having to look beyond ourselves to see if there is anyone who could help us with any of this. To qualify you must be over 21, should consent to being appointed (!), be on the church electoral roll, be confirmed, and should have received communion at least 3 time in the previous year. If you fit these criteria and feel you would like to help, please do get in touch and we can talk more.

Buckland readers: you have been very patient reading this and wondering what it has to do with you, but the truth of the matter is that when our St Mary's BUCKLAND wardens step down next year, we will likely run into similar problems finding new recruits and will be introducing the warden/deputy warden system there too.

To all of you who are of a praying persuasion, please do keep both churches and their worshipping communities in your prayers as they seek to carry on God's work and continue to discern what plans God has for them in the next few years.

God bless  
Pru



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## COVER PICTURE—AN APPEAL TO ALL READERS

*The cover illustrates our stained glass window of a Knight in Prayer,  
in St Mary's Buckland, behind the choir stall.*

It is an appropriate choice this month, following Reverend Pru's introductory letter.

We need to **'Battle for Buckland's Community'** and pray that more people in the village get involved in village affairs, to maintain the status quo. You will see that there are 6 volunteer roles vacant, many re-advertised again in this issue (p.6,7,8) in BUCKLAND alone. **Friend's of St Mary's Buckland** is also looking for one or more people to help organise fund-raising social events.

Please volunteer a few hours a month to give something back to our community...  
And it can be very rewarding for you too!

*Editor, Duncan Ferns*

## CHURCH SERVICES—MAY

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
<b>5 May 2024</b> <i>Easter 6</i>		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>9 May 2024</b> <i>Ascension Day</i> THURSDAY	<b>7pm</b> Ascension Service Rev. P. Dulley	<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>12 May 2024</b> <i>Easter 7</i>	<b>10am</b> IONA Communion Rev. P. Dulley	<b>5pm</b> Choral Evensong Rev. P. Dulley
<b>16 May 2024</b> THURSDAY MORNING		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>19 May 2024</b> <i>Whitsun</i>		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Followed by Betchworth APCM Rev. P. Dulley
<b>23 May 2024</b> THURSDAY MORNING		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>26 May 2024</b> <i>Trinity</i>	<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley	
<b>30 May 2024</b> THURSDAY MORNING		<b>10am</b> Parish Communion Rev. P. Dulley
<b>2 June 2024</b> <i>Trinity 2</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, continue the extra  
**THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE.**

## IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CHURCHYARD GARDENING & CHURCH LOCKING & UNLOCKING

Hello, I'm Everett. I used to live in Buckland for 26 years down by the Jolly Farmers. Ooops, now The Pheasant! We 'downsized' to Reigate in 2008. We have always regarded Buckland as 'our village'. I have never been a committed church goer but I have always considered St Mary's, as the centre of the village and of village life. Call me old-fashioned but this is why people driving by on the A25, at speeds varying from 30-70, say to themselves 'What a lovely village setting, church on one side and pond on the other'.

Buckland is 'special', lovely scenery, a fantastic village shop and a home-grown village Council looking after your interests. When people walk past each other they acknowledge each other. Here in Reigate strangers are just that, no recognition, sometimes a weak smile.

OK, cut to the chase as an advert for Australian wine declares. I have been looking after St Mary's churchyard for umpty dump years now and, frustratingly, my frame is telling me I am getting old and it is now reminding me I am 85 this month. I cannot do what I used to do and I must give up and retire gracefully. So, what does this entail. There are 56 standard roses and their surrounding small beds to look after, plus a few bush roses here and there. I think we have reached the plimsoll line (named after the Victorian Samuel Plimsoll MP) regarding the number of roses planted. However, very old ones could be replaced by more modern, disease resistant, cultivars.....Perhaps there is someone in the village who doesn't have a garden and would like to be in the fresh air and can look after them?

#### **And secondly..**

Carol and I have been locking and unlocking the front door of the St Marys most days for some time now. We make the car journey from Reigate and I've noticed the engine does not reach working temperature throughout. Apart from environmental concerns re emissions, is there any villager who could actually walk to unlock and lock regularly? Times are normally c. 9.00 to c.16.00 in winter and to c.17.00 hrs during the summer.

*Carol & I can be reached on 01737 247399 or [everettleeds@gmail.com](mailto:everettleeds@gmail.com) Please!*

## VOLUNTEER ROLES AVAILABLE

***Are you a Buckland resident willing to volunteer a few hours per month working from home?***

### **Church Administrator**

Are You Administratively Minded? Can you do emails, manage both church diaries, remind the rector of things needing doing and be someone to liaise between the two churches? If so we would love to have you volunteer for us and again we are not looking for anyone 'holy' just someone or a couple of people who could commit to a couple of hours a week to help keep our admin on track. You would be working from home and closely with the Rector, Pru.

*Please contact Reverend Pru for more information (details on inside front cover)*

### **Church Choir members**

The churches of St Mary's Buckland and St Michael's Betchworth are looking to recruit more choir members – all ages welcome.

All you need is a love of music and to be able to sing in tune (perfection not required) and be willing to learn. You don't have to be 'religious' as long as you can be respectful of our beliefs. We sing Hymns and occasional Anthems in Sunday services at both Buckland & Betchworth and of course special services at Easter & Christmas. We have practices most weeks at from 5 to 6 pm on Fridays.

*Please contact our Music Director Martin Hall (details on the inside front cover) or talk to any member of the choir.*

## Bookings secretary for Buckland Reading Room

The Buckland Reading Room is an integral part of our Buckland community. On behalf of St Mary's, a small autonomous Committee manages this facility looking after its upkeep and renting its facilities to a wide range of groups and activities. The Reading Room is generally self-funding and contributes surplus funds to the Church.

Unfortunately, our long-serving bookings secretary is now moving out of the area and will no longer be able to undertake this role. If you are looking for a part-time role that is an indispensable and involved part of our local community, then this could be you. The duties are not onerous and is largely carried out by email with an established on-line booking system. With no set hours, the work can be arranged to fit in around your other commitments. Finance and marketing are the responsibility of others and in recent years most of the bookings come by word of mouth/recommendation. There is a meeting of the committee every three months lasting about an hour. If you would like something of interest that involves regular contact with a wide range of local people then this could be for you.

*Please contact Tim Howe, Chairman, either on 07961 123126 or email [komoka28@gmail.com](mailto:komoka28@gmail.com).*

## Church Treasurer

Our call for a new Treasurer last year was not successful but we are grateful to Simon Thomas who has taken on the role on a temporary basis. The role is still open. This role is for the church of St Mary the Virgin Buckland (Betchworth have a separate treasurer). The post is voluntary, but we hope not too onerous. The volunteer does not have to be a Church-goer, simple to be supportive of the work of the Church. Experience of book-keeping and accounts reporting would be beneficial, though not essential. A handover/training will be provided. In the first instance,

*Please contact our Interim Treasurer, Simon Thomas ([treasurer.bucklandstmarys@outlook.com](mailto:treasurer.bucklandstmarys@outlook.com))*

SPECIAL OUTDOOR SCREENING  
**Four Weddings  
AND A BBQ!**



It is 30 years since the release of “Four Weddings and a Funeral”  
starring... St Michael’s, Betchworth!

To celebrate, The Pillars of St Michael’s are holding a fund raising:

**Outdoor showing of the film and a BBQ on 18 MAY 2024  
in the grounds of Betchworth House.**

**Entry: 6.30pm - BBQ: 7pm - Film: 8pm**

**Tickets £20pp to include film and BBQ. Paying bar.**

Pre-payment essential as places are limited. To book: email [pillarsbetchworth@gmail.com](mailto:pillarsbetchworth@gmail.com)  
Dress appropriately, bring your own seats or blankets. In the event of rain, we will get wet!

# Buckland Matters

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## BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### Volunteer Events

Two pond clearance events are planned for later in the year, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. More details will be published nearer the time. For now, please mark the dates on your calendars to ensure you keep the days free to take part.

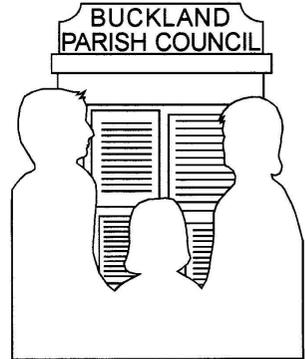
### Have noisy or speeding vehicles been a problem where you live?

Surrey & Sussex Police want to know about the road safety issues that are impacting your community. You can help by completing their survey to share with your local police what's happening on the roads in your local area. A link to the survey is published within the news section of the village website [<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WC7VDL/>].

This information will help Surrey & Sussex Police build a picture of where road safety issues need to be tackled and how the summer road safety intensification, Operation Downsway, is monitored.

This year, during every weekend between April and September, officers from teams across the police force will take part in Operation Downsway, an operation dedicated to providing a highly visible and unmarked presence on the road network across Surrey and Sussex, engaging, educating and taking enforcement action where necessary.

By engaging with road users Surrey & Sussex Police aims to continue to reduce the number of collisions and deaths on our roads. If you do believe noisy or speeding vehicles are a problem in Buckland and want something to change for the better, please play your part.



## Village Email Group

If you do not currently receive emails issued via the village email group, please consider signing up. The easiest way to sign up is via the village website, by using the contact us tab and selecting Buckland Parish Council under the Type of Query tab. Alternatively send an email to [parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.org.uk). Please include your post code and house name or number in your message.

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

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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:** 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

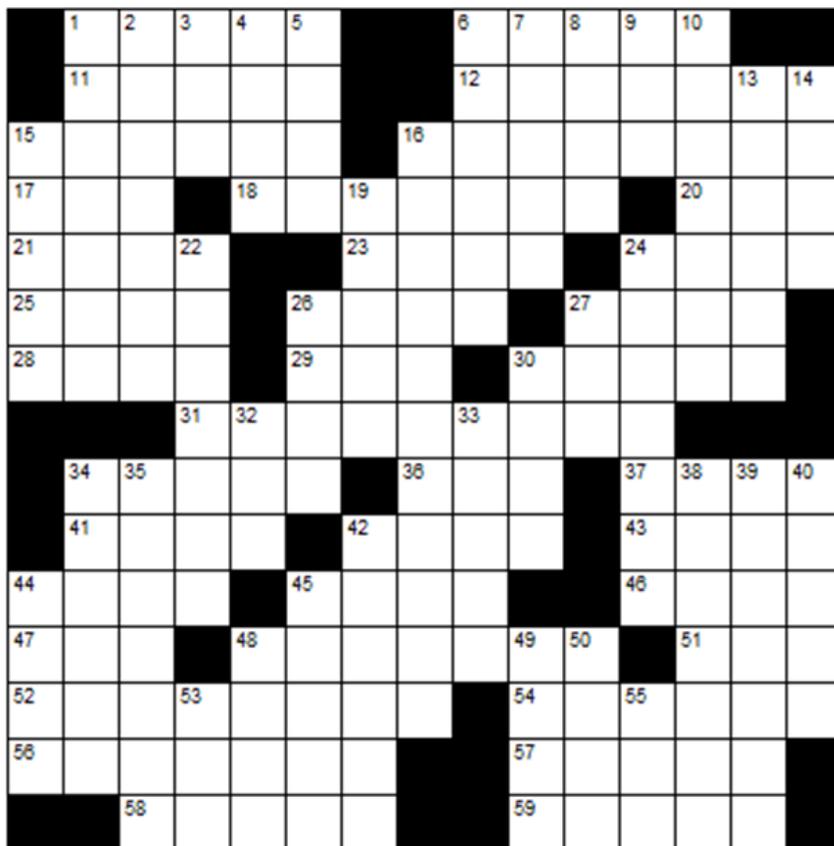
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## MAY EVENTS

- 3-6 May, 10am-5pm.** Dorking Group of Artists Exhibition, Betchworth, *p.35 April mag*  
**4 May, 10am-12 noon.** Annual Plant Sale, BGHS, Brockham, *p.31*  
**7-18 May.** Surrey Hills Music Festival. *p.37 April mag*  
**8 May, 7.30pm.** AGM & Talk: Air Ambulance. B&B Society, *p.26*  
**13 May, 7.15pm.** Talk: Barnes Wallis Inventions, DLHG, *p.30*  
**15-18 May, 7.30pm.** Play: 'The Enchanted April'. BODS, *p.27*  
**18 May.** Open Air Cinema, Betchworth House: 'Four Weddings & a Funeral' *p.9*  
**20 May, 2.30pm.** Talk: JMW Turner, Artist. Arts Society *p.29*  
**20 May, 7.15pm.** Talk: Lidar in Surrey for Archaeology. DLHG ZOOM. *p.30*  
**24 May.** Spring Walk, Betchworth. B&B Society, *p.27*  
**25 May, 2.30 pm.** Organ Concert, *p.8 April mag*
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# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

## Solution p.34



### ACROSS

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Flair                 | 20. Small amount        | 34. Severe                 | 51. Transgression           |
| 6. Desert watering holes | 21. Hindu princess      | 36. Seated oneself         | 52. Surface layer (geology) |
| 11. Railroad             | 23. Friend in war       | 37. Little devils          | 54. Old-time helmet         |
| 12. Artificial           | 24. Enormous            | 41. Apart from this        | 56. Small exploder          |
| 15. Falsely incriminated | 25. Flower stalk        | 42. Leave out              | 57. Primp                   |
| 16. Identical            | 26. Covet               | 43. Half-moon tide         | 58. Stitched                |
| 17. 3 in Roman numerals  | 27. Fill to excess      | 44. Bundle                 | 59. Leavening agent         |
| 18. Candidate            | 28. Duration            | 45. Smile                  |                             |
|                          | 29. How old you are     | 46. Moveable fence barrier |                             |
|                          | 30. They form skeletons | 47. Before, in poetry      |                             |
|                          | 31. Accompanying        | 48. Din                    |                             |

DOWN

1. Streaked
2. Fitness guru
3. Sweet potato
4. Legal claim
5. Prefix meaning "Within"
6. Candidly
7. Laneway
8. Out of harm's way

9. S

10. Established law
13. Pictures
14. Yield
15. Not second
16. He works with silver
19. Tropical fruit
22. Dunk
24. Suspension

26. Apiece

27. Male child
30. Ship post
32. South southeast
33. Sully
34. Eavesdropper
35. Asserts
38. Childhood disease
39. Forbearing
40. Exhausted

42. Spoke

44. Large mass of floating ice
45. Coast
48. Talon
49. Glimpse
50. Scarce
53. Half of a pair
55. Grassland

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## Sign for the Church Door?

**When you enter this church it may be possible that you will hear 'the call of God'. However it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.**

**Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.**

**If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.**

# SUDOKU

Grade: Medium.  
Solution on p.34

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## WORDSEARCH—Rogation Sunday, 24 May

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Bounds

Prayer  
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Boundaries  
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Harvest  
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Blessing  
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Land  
Romans

Processed  
Cornfields  
Spring  
Earthquake  
Storm

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Solution on p.34

# Features

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## GARDENING NOTES

### May: Alpines, shrubs and trees are full of fresh colour



Late spring sees many shrubs and trees at their freshest and colourful best. Blossom abounds on flowering cherries, malus and amalanchier; many are very attractive to pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Most shrubs are best-looking now, whether it's their vibrant new young foliage or plentiful flowers.

While most herbaceous perennials are still emerging from their winter slumber, alpine and rock plants are in full bloom. They are small, low-growing and delicate-looking and are ideal for

smaller spaces, pots and odd crevices. A rock garden is an ideal opportunity to grow a miniature landscape with a few well-placed stones or pieces of slate. Good drainage is essential with plenty of grit or sandy soil. An open, sunny position will give best results. Once established, they are easy to grow and will thrive with minimal maintenance. With a full range of colours, they will fit in with any colour scheme.

Aubretia is a popular favourite for massed flowing impact, often seen cascading over walls. Saxifrage are reliable fillers with masses of flowers on top of neat straight stems. Dianthus are often highly fragrant and come in a range of shades of mainly pink flowers. Larger-stemmed varieties make excellent bud vase cut flowers. Low-growing phlox will give you a carpet of colour.

Sedum and sempervivum are especially resistant to drought and enjoy full sun. Like all alpines, they dislike winter wet and shade. Others to consider are viola, lewisia, arabis, and rhodanthemum, but there are many more to appreciate and enjoy. With alpines, small is definitely beautiful.

*David Hogg, Buckland Nurseries*

# memories

*This months memories are contributed by Carol Leeds, following a meeting that occurred 40 years ago in 1984 with two visiting Australian ladies, Joyce & Trice. They had both been billeted in Carol's house in Buckland whilst assigned to the Land Army in WW2.*

## WW2 LAND ARMY MEMORIES IN BUCKLAND

### Background (by Carol Leeds)

In January 1982, Carol, Everett & children Emma & Jane Leeds moved into The Old Cottage, Reigate Road (two doors up from what is now 'The Pheasant'). In the June of 1984 two couples appeared at the gate and were looking intently at the house so I wandered down and asked them whether they needed any help. One of the girls, Joyce, said that during the war they were in the Land Army and were billeted at our house and lived on the top floor in the attic. They had subsequently both married Australians and were over in the UK catching up with their memories and showing their husbands their land army days. Naturally we invited them in and they went to the top of the house to see where they had slept. After a good cup of tea, cake and chat they made their farewells.

### The letter

On their return to Australia, Joyce wrote a letter of thanks to us, dated 26 November 1984:

'Hello to you all, greetings from Australia, what a thrill it was to be in your home in June. A place that means so much to me. So many memories of those years, living and working around Betchworth & Dorking district, and in the weeks previous to have met again in Canada a friend who was stationed at Betchworth.

At Buckland, by the village shop was a small building which was the local NAAFI and next to that, the beautiful big house which was the hostel for the land army girls. We did live there first after our 6 weeks training at Godalming but Mr Keen was impressed by the way Trice and I worked and applied for us permanently, so hence we moved to the Old Cottage.

Despite the bombs, doodlebugs and rockets we survived and live to tell the tale. When war was declared over, we were picking beans. We just shouted 'What are we doing here?' We were given the day off so on the 414 bus we jumped and away home to celebrate with our loved ones. We were both blessed with caring and devoted parents, who, mind you, took an age to sign the consent papers to join up, aged 17 and a half and I suppose in those days young but I think both Trice and myself must have been very sensible for our years.

I have been looking at my scrapbook, at a newspaper clip of myself helping in the field of wheat which had nearly all been blown down by heavy rain and wind. Also at several view cards which you may like to have. The barn on the right we were sorry to see nearly falling down, we used to go in there in fear and trepidation to feed the bull and heifers with huge wheelbarrows of mangel-worzels. Many times we took refuge on top of the fence, with the bull just careering around the small yard. Did you know that Italian prisoners of war were interned somewhere in the district, perhaps you might like to find out [NB at *The White House, Old Road, ed.*] We did work alongside them but were asked not to fraternise, I think the word is. They came with their little parcels of food and a ration of tea and powdered milk. We provided hot water.

I go to a Christian women's meeting each week and on Nov 14 I was down to tell them of our 3 and a half months trip. I gave an elderly lady my copy of the Daily Express with D Day memories on and a picture of Vera Lynn. Some of these folk have never been back to the Old Country and I believe this lady to be one of them. She was so thrilled and I know will read every word. I told them of our visit to your cottage and right through the whole trip. I had collected a pile of brochures, photos and card souvenirs and all our many plane, train and bus tickets all displayed. It went well I believe because it was happy and sad (when I visited my fathers grave at Mitcham-couldn't go to mothers, she only left us in 1978) such a lovely story really and one lady assured me, very serious she was, that I should write a book. Well who knows, when I tell people *all* my teen years were war years, 13-19 and many stories I could tell about those 6 years. Our Christian love to you all and have a blessed Christmas, we have much to thank God for.

You can see why our trip was so wonderful and then to get to England and meet up again after so many years with some dear friends. Well, after all that, I'll just say cheerio to you and many happy hours finding out about the heritage of your home.

God Bless you from Joyce (nee Messenger) and Danny Hampton.

## CHILDREN WITH A SENSE OF HUMOUR, ANSWERING EXAM QUESTIONS ...

*What is a nitrate?* Cheaper than a day rate.

*What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?* He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

*What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?* Unusual names.

*Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.* Learning to speak Latin.

*Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.* Two polar bears. Four seals.

*Assess why Fashion House plc chose to locate its factory near Birmingham. Is Birmingham the right location for this type of business?*

No. People from Birmingham aren't very fashionable.

*How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?*

It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

*Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?* At the bottom.

*What happens during puberty to a boy?* He says goodbye to his childhood and enters adultery.

*What is the meaning of the word varicose?* Close by.

*What is a fibula?* A little lie.

*Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?* You might walk into it.

*Where was Hadrian's Wall built?* Around Hadrian's garden.

*The race of people known as Malays come from which country?* Malaria.

*Why do some particles like quarks & electrons have mass? [A level question!!!].*  
Because they're Catholic?

# Local Services

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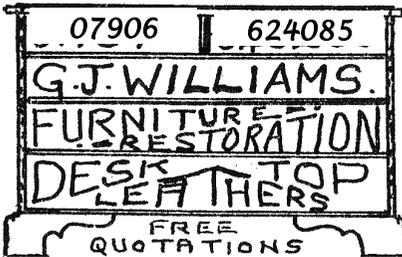
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## ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

### On the perils of building a kitchen in church

The Rectory, St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

It never fails to amaze me how, in church life, an issue can suddenly become an Issue. In the last month, we have acquired an Issue: a proposal to convert a space at the back of church into a kitchen. Inevitably, battle lines have been drawn and trenches dug. Attendance at church council meetings has soared and unofficial sub-committees meet in the car park after Services. It's obvious that feelings are running high, because people have become remarkably polite to one another.



Some who are wildly in favour see it as an opportunity of being able to leave the pews ten minutes early, in order to get ready for the rush for weak coffee and damp biscuits. I can already hear in my mind the final hymn being drowned by kettles being filled, biscuit tins opened, cups thunderingly placed on saucers, while the volunteers discuss the dress sense of others in the congregation in deafening whispers. I was a little surprised to hear that Colonel Wainwright was all in favour – until I realised that it would give him a place to totter into to read his newspaper once he got bored with my sermon, which usually seems to happen in the first minute. There is conflict about whether we should get new crockery, what colour carpeting tiles would look right – and most importantly of all, who will take charge of the coffee rota.

Others are totally against the project: the treasurer dreads the thought of signing yet more cheques, the churchwardens worry about removing pews which have quietly hidden the dry rot, and the theologically angst-ridden agonise about the fact that St Paul never mentioned coffee after Sabbath worship.

Naturally, I encourage all sides, especially if it will bring any possibility of progress to a halt. I proposed bringing in flasks of coffee, thus stopping anyone being able to escape before the end of the Service; I suggested drinks being brought to people in the pews, thus ruining the Colonel's hopes of finding a safe haven; I organised a group to study High Priestly attitudes to refreshments in the Temple in Jerusalem in Leviticus. I am sure that by the time all these groups have come up with their conclusions, we will have safely moved on to fight the next Issue.

*Your loving uncle, Eustace*

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25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30, Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, £16

The highlight of the month will undoubtedly be the final concert of the season for the Dorking Concertgoers – a recital by Sheku and Isata Kanneh-Mason, the distinguished cellist and pianist. Brother and sister Sheku and Isata come from an extraordinary musical family which has been much in the news and they need no introduction. Their programme is an ambitious one, comprising four major cello sonatas by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Chopin and Fauré. Perhaps not surprisingly, this concert was sold out long ago.

The Dorking Chamber Orchestra, performing in Bookham, has a programme of melodious music to celebrate the spring. They open with Fauré's *Pavane* and follow this with Mozart's lovely clarinet concerto with Andrew Meredith as the soloist. The second half begins with Schubert's ballet music for *Rosamunde* and concludes with one of Mozart's finest symphonies, no.40 in G minor.

The Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra, playing in Ashtead, opens its programme with Wagner's *Siegfried Idyll*, a lovely short work using themes from his opera *Siegfried* and written as a birthday greeting for his wife. Then comes Richard Strauss's first horn concerto, a brilliant and virtuosic early work, and the concert finishes with Gounod's first symphony, rarely heard but a delightful piece.

The Dorking Halls has two screenings of Bizet's opera *Carmen* from the Royal Opera House, the first being a live relay, and also a screening of a ballet, *The Winter's Tale*, from the Royal Ballet with music by Joby Talbot.

Ian Codd

## THE SOUL OF NATURE

### An opinion piece by Father Richard Rohr (Franciscan & Author)

If you think nature is wonderful, and that you benefit from being with nature as an OBSERVER, then you have begun a journey. We often read about this, especially in the new literature of ‘wellbeing’. It is beneficial to us, but it is only Step One.

Step Two is to fully realise that you yourself are nature. Your wholeness of being is with nature. Your internal sensitivity, feelings, gratitude and connectedness are awakened. Your soul is touched. You recognise that every plant, stone, stream has a complexity, a role, a ‘life’ in nature, like ourselves. For everything we see, we must spend time not only to observe, but TO UNDERSTAND it’s intelligence, TO RESPECT it AND TO LEARN from it. And perhaps then we might appreciate that every tree, plant, insect and stone has a soul. We learn that EVERY PART OF NATURE HAS A SOUL. Only then, can our soul, recognised in nature, fully connect to the soul of what we understand in nature.

While calling ourselves intelligent, almost all of us have lost touch with the natural world. As a result, we’ve lost touch with our own souls. I believe we can’t access our full intelligence and wisdom without some real connection to nature.

My spiritual father Francis of Assisi spent many days, weeks, and even months walking the roads of Umbria and letting nature teach him. Francis knew and respected creation, calling animals, sun, moon, and even the weather and the elements his brothers and sisters. Through extended time in nature, Francis became intimately connected with non-human living things and came to recognize that the natural world was also imbued with soul. Almost all male initiation rites—including those of Jesus and John the Baptist (see Matthew 3:13–17)—took place in nature, surely for that reason.

Without such soul recognition and mirroring, we are alienated and separated from nature, and quite frankly, ourselves. Without a visceral connection to the soul of nature, we will not know how to love or respect our own soul. Instead, we try various means to get God and people to like or accept us because we never experience *radical belonging* to the world itself. We’re trying to say to ourselves and others, “I belong here. I matter.” Of course, that’s true! But contrived and artificial means will never achieve that divine purpose. We are naturally healed in this world when we know things centre-to-centre, subject-to-subject, and soul-to-soul.

I think of *soul* as anything's ultimate meaning which is held within. Soul is the blueprint inside of every created thing telling it what it is and what it can become. When we meet anything at that level, we will respect, protect, and love it.

Many human beings simply haven't found their own blueprint or soul, so they cannot see it anywhere else. Like knows like! When we only meet reality at the external level, we do not meet our own soul and we have no ability to meet the soul of anything else either. We clergy would have done much better to encourage Christians to *discover* their souls instead of to "save" them.

While everything has a soul, in many people it seems to be dormant, disconnected, and ungrounded. They are not aware of the inherent truth, goodness, and beauty shining through everything. [They are stuck on step one, looking at nature as an observer, aloof and separate from nature].

If God is as great, glorious, and wonderful as religions claim, then wouldn't such a God would make such "wonderfulness" universally available? Surely, such connection and presence are as freely available as the air we breathe and the water we drink.

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# Buckland's PAST LIVES

Learning from memorials

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William & Elizabeth  
Clutton

## THE INSCRIPTIONS

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Elizabeth, died 13 Oct 1822, age 18

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Memorial plaque A164 (in church)  
Buckland MI Report



*Hartswood Manor, Buckland Detached.  
Built 1615, photo from 1911. List Gd II\**

The Clutton's were owners of Hartswood Manor for over 130 years, from 1790 through to 1923. Hartswood Manor was in 'Buckland Detached', part of Buckland Parish until local boundary restructuring in 1932.<sup>1</sup>

The Clutton family came from Malpas in Cheshire. Ralph Clutton (1695-1761),

born in Malpas, became the Vicar of Horsted Keynes, West Sussex. He married and had 8 children, 6 of whom survived to adulthood.

The 6<sup>th</sup> child, youngest surviving son, was **William Clutton (1735-1826)**, born in Horsted Keynes in 1735. William was taken on as an apprentice surveyor to

one Robert Chatfield of Cuckfield in West Sussex. William then married his boss's daughter, Sarah Chatfield. When his father-in-law retired in 1765, William inherited the business which became known as William Clutton<sup>2</sup>. William Clutton developed a prosperous country and land agents business which he conducted from his house, Ockenden Hall, at Cuckfield – this is now Ockenden Manor Hotel. William continued in business until his death in 1826 at the age of 86. William and Sarah had 5 children, one of which was William Junior<sup>2</sup>.

His son, the second generation in the company, **William Jnr (1765-1839)**, had been trained in the surveying profession by his father, and was made a partner of the firm in 1790. To reflect this addition the name of the family firm changed to 'William Clutton and Sons' that year. William Junior moved to Hartswood Manor, a house that his father bought from Lord Gwydir, a client of the firm. The land agency business then transferred from Cuckfield to Hartswood and William Junior took over the running of the firm. William Junior had 12 children in the period 1795-1814, one with his first wife, Elizabeth (nee Pollert), and 11 with his second wife, Maria (nee Boxall). The Buckland burials on the memorial plaque inside our church, include William Jnr. Clutton, both of his wives, and five of his children who each died before the age of 19 (see the Inscription box above).

The third generation of Clutton's in the company were three of William's sons, **Robert, John and Henry** who each joined the business. William Junior died in 1839 and the three brothers continued in business with considerable growth and profitable success<sup>3</sup>. The 1861 census for 'Robert Clutton, age 59, unmarried' contains the following note: 'Landed proprietor Surveyor and owner of Hartswood Manor and 610 acres employing a Bailiff, 19 men and 4 boys'. By 1872, they had doubled the land under ownership to 1276 acres, in the parishes of Regiate, Buckland, Leigh & Horley<sup>4</sup>.

The fourth generation of the Clutton family was Robert & Henry's nephew, **Ralph William Clutton (1846-1926)**. The direct involvement with the Clutton family ended in 1923 on Ralph William's death, following which the family name was kept as the company name. Today there are two independent legacy companies, Cluttons Estate Agents with offices in Chelsea & Wapping; and RH & RW Clutton, with offices in East Grinstead and Petworth the latter of which deals mostly in land and rural properties in Sussex.

As the large Clutton family owned and occupied Hartswood Manor for 130 years from 1790 to 1926, it is perhaps surprising that so few of them are buried in our Parish Church at Buckland. However, the explanation for this can be clearly stated:

- The first-generation William Clutton (1736-1821), lived in Cuckfield, Sussex, and was buried at Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, where the gravestone survives.
- We have the second-Generation William Jnr, his two wives and 5 of their children (who each died under the age of 19), all buried in Buckland.
- Henry Clutton, of the third-generation, decided that our Buckland church – a distance of 4.7 miles by road from Hartswood Manor – was too far away for them to worship here. So in 1861-62, Henry Clutton designed, funded and built a church close to Hartswood Manor in Buckland Detached, which is now called Emmanuel Church at Sidlow Bridge (on the A217 South of Reigate)<sup>5</sup>. Subsequent generations of the Clutton family worshipped at Sidlow Bridge and were ultimately buried there. It is a measure of the wealth of the family that they could afford to build their own church at the end of the drive to Hartsfield Manor.

RH and RW Clutton were the managing agents of the Buckland Court Estate for Francis Henry Beaumont and the Sanders family from at least 1883-1960. Much of the correspondence between F.H. Beaumont and the Cluttons of Hartswood concerning the management of the Buckland Estate properties survives, demonstrating not only their relationship with Buckland estate as a client, but also their close friendship and position of trust with the families of Buckland's Lords of the Manor.<sup>6</sup>

Also worthy of comment, is that an earlier Past Lives story (Number 9 in the series), detailed the work of Joseph Nash, also buried in the graveyard of St. Mary's Buckland. Like the Clutton's, Joseph Nash was a Land & Property Surveyor and Auctioneer, who lived at Hartswood Manor, a property which he rented outright from 1768 to 1793: all prior to the occupancy by the Clutton family.

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# Societies & Charities

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

## 2024 Events

### The Betchworth & Buckland Society

**AGM : Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm The Reading Room**

We are delighted to welcome a speaker from The Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Charity ,talking about acts of bravery and their operation. Wine & nibbles will be served.

Please RSVP so we can plan catering

**Spring Walks** - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May . Meet in the Betchworth Church carpark at 10am for a walk and some local history. Approx. 2 hours



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

**Annual Dinner** – Hartsfield Manor Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Drinks** - The Reading Room , Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

*Catrina Martin 07710 498 591*

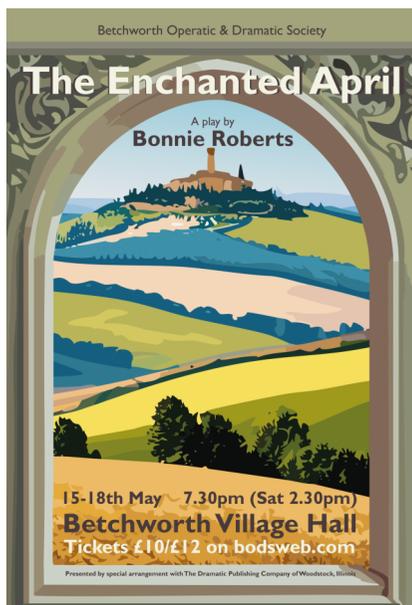
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**BETCHWORTH OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY  
THE ENCHANTED APRIL**

**15 to 18 MAY, 7.30pm, BETCHWORTH VILLAGED HALL**

Four ladies make a bold decision to escape the dire winter weather of 1920's London and rent a villa in Italy for the month of April. All have very different characters and backgrounds, but each has a deep dissatisfaction with their everyday lives.

Will their time together at San Salvatore help bring them the friendship, resolution, peace and most of all, love, they crave? Join Lotty, Rose, Caroline, Mrs Fisher and assorted husbands on their Italian idyll to find out, in this gentle play adapted from a novel written by Elizabeth von Arnim. We are delighted to welcome Jane Hogg to direct a BODS production for the first time.



Weds-Fri performances are at 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Doors open half an hour before, and there will be a bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks. Tickets are £ 12 adults, £10 senior citizens/under-16s

*Linda Slater*

Betchworth Operatic and Dramatic Society has been staging drama and musical productions in the Village Hall since 1936. The hall is in Station Road, RH3 7DF, just off the A25.

Please book on ticketsource (card required) using this QR code or via our website bodsweb.com. In case of any problem mail [info@bodsweb.com](mailto:info@bodsweb.com)



## BROCKHAM BOWLS CLUB

*(All in Rick's own words & self-depreciating humour! Ed.)*



Hi all. I'm sure you'll all be pleased to know the madman with the pen is back. Spring is here and I hope you have wintered well and by the time you read this we will be back to playing our favourite sport of bowls. The Club is now open again and after a winter where I think we will all agree we had our fair share of wet stuff the green is looking in fantastic condition. It has been flooded five times recently and although the muddy waters actually give the grass nourishment there is a lot of cleaning up

to do once the levels have subsided. We have had a lot of work done on the rink over the few months especially the raising of the two long edges which has levelled things off. That work has been marshalled by Paul Darling who has taken over as Green Keeper and is doing an excellent job just like his predecessor Bob Gregory. After many years' service Bob has decided to concentrate on his bowls. From all the members Bob thanks for your hard work and now go and enjoy your bowling. There is a change at the helm this year in that we have a new Club Captain in the amiable form of Frank Tipping. Frank is well known around the village and we are all sure he will do a sterling job. He takes over a Club that now has nearly 50 league and friendly fixtures so he is going to be a busy man. In addition, we have a dozen internal competitions as well as a variety of Surrey events that many members are entering this year. It's going to be a hectic season.

As like last year we will be running a couple of Open days which proved a huge success where we recruited many new members all of whom have re-joined this year. They are on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May from 11.00 until 4.00. A flat pair of trainers is all you need. The rest we will provide. Meet and greet you, show you round the Clubhouse and our facilities and then take you onto the green and introduce you to the game of bowls. We hope to see many faces from the 3 B's on at least one of those dates. Alternatively come along to our Teas on the Green day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April and have a chat to our many members and you can learn a bit more about the game.

Frank is often seen pottering around the village and he would gladly have a chat or would happily take any calls regarding our Club or the game so please feel free to ring him on 01737 843678. Otherwise please ask me any questions you have about Brockham Bowls Club as I'm flying around and I will answer you in my normal mundane fashion. Look forward to seeing many of you at our Open days.

*Best regards from all at our Club. Rick Lawrence*

## THE ARTS SOCIETY BETCHWORTH



### LOOKING OVER THE ARTIST'S SHOULDER: THE ITALIAN SKETCH- BOOKS OF JMW TURNER



**MONDAY 20 MAY 2.30 pm**  
**Betchworth Village Memorial Hall**  
**(and on Zoom)**

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries Italy was the country of every artist's dreams. This lecture recreates a visual tour of Italy in the company of J.M.W. Turner. By studying rarely seen drawings from his travel sketchbooks we will take a privileged look into the world of the artist, following in his footsteps through Venice, Rome, Tivoli and Naples. Through his most intimate and private sketches we will recapture the excitement and dangers of nineteenth-century tourism, and the British love of Italian culture and history. In addition to on-the-spot sketches documenting where he went and what he saw, we will examine Turner's artistic response to his Italian experiences, tracing the evolution of his ideas from preparatory studies to finished watercolours and oils.

**Our lecturer Nicola Moorby** is an independent art historian specialising in British art of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. She studied at the University of York and Birkbeck College, London

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*Carole Evans*

# **buckland betchworth** C H O R A L S O C I E T Y

## **BBCS sing Jazz in the Afternoon - St Michael's Betchworth** **Date for your diary - Saturday 22 June**

We're looking forward to seeing you at our light, jazzy afternoon concert which includes pieces by the great Will Todd, Bob Chilcott and George Shearing. We also have the pleasure of welcoming a young Jazz Trio, comprising pianist, double bass player and drummer. Come and enjoy cool music, followed by a glass of fizz and afternoon tea on Saturday 22 June, at the beautiful, medieval St Michael's Church, Betchworth. You can book your tickets for our Summer Jazz Concert online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or directly from choir members.

Come and sing with us

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. Pop in and see for yourself – we're a friendly bunch! Find out more at: [www.bbcinfo.org](http://www.bbcinfo.org) or call Jean Cooke on 01737 245161.

*Sue Chamberlain*



## **DORKING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - Talks**

The DLHG continues its popular programme of both live and Zoom talks on a fascinating range of topics.

### **BARNES WALLIS CIVILIAN INVENTIONS**

#### **MONDAY 13 MAY, 7.15pm. CROSSWAYS CHURCH DORKING**

Talk by Peter Hoar: best known for the 'bouncing bomb', he also had many inventions in civilian aircraft and technology. £2 at the door for non-members.

### **LIDAR IMAGERY OF SURREY: IT'S USES IN ARCHAEOLOGY**

#### **MONDAY 20 MAY, 7.15pm, ZOOM TALK**

Zoom talk by Anne Sassin explaining Light Detection and Ranging and its impact on Surrey archaeology. Book for the link at [www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup](http://www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup)

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

**BROCKHAM GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**Betchworth \* Brockham \* Buckland**

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE**  
**SATURDAY 4 MAY, 10am – 12 noon, Brockham Green**

Please come along and support our plant sale. You will find lots of interesting plants to buy including Heritage Vegetable varieties. There will also be second hand gardening equipment, pots, ornaments and gardening related books. Maybe you can sow a few extra seedlings, take cuttings, or divide some plants for us. This is our biggest fundraising event and we do appreciate all the donations that we receive. With regards to the plants, please could we ask that they are well labelled/presented as we always get left with quite a few sad plants which are unsold as we can't identify them.

If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact us on the email below or bring along on the day.

on [bghsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:bghsociety@hotmail.com)

**Review of our March Talk—Professional Women Gardeners**

In March we invited Cherrill Sands to talk to us about 'Women Gardeners of the 20th Century'. We started in an age where the gardening profession was almost exclusively male, but women were enquiring about places at Horticultural Colleges. Swanley Horticultural College began teaching women in 1890. At that time women had to sit at the back of the classroom. By 1896 there were more female students there than the men and in 1902 it became an all-female college. Cherrill talked about the many influential women gardeners past and present including Gertrude Jekyll from Munstead Wood, Godalming, Constance Spry, who revolutionised the fashion for flowers at society and royal weddings, Vita Sackville West from Sissinghurst and Beth Chatto OBE, moving on to the more recent Charlie Dimmock, who we know from the TV series Ground Force and Garden Rescue, Sarah Raven and Carol Klein, a familiar face on Gardener's World who was awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour and also named the RHS Iconic Horticultural Hero.

We always welcome new members, so if you would like to join the Horticultural Society or would like more information, please contact us

*bghsociety@hotmail.com, Ruth Johnson*



Another year, another summer picnic at Buckland Park Lake! But not any picnic – as before we will be enjoying a glass of Pimms, cake and coffee as well as relax to the inspirational music of our guitar and ukelele groups.

The fun this year will be in seeing how many of our members will don WWII uniforms and costumes. For we will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in style!

Our June monthly meeting will be led by Commonwealth War Graves Commission speaker Martin Olney who will be looking at how the Utility scheme, government policy and the Make Do And Mend campaign affected everyday living and in particular the way people managed to dress themselves and their families on a budget.

This summer we are also launching Paint and Photo workshops at Buckland Park Lake. If you thought the u3a was all talks and no fun – think again and contact the membership secretary on 01306 711542 or email [johnsinclair@dorkingu3a.org.uk](mailto:johnsinclair@dorkingu3a.org.uk).

*Beryl Sinclair*

## DORKING MUSEUM IN MARCH

**A Call to Arms: The History of the Surrey Yeomanry:** The Museum's current exhibition following the history of the Surrey Yeomanry, from its formation in 1794, will close on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**Sweeping Through History: 100 years of Johnston Sweepers:** Opens on 30<sup>th</sup> May, celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Johnston Brothers, world leading designer and manufacturer of truck-mounted road sweepers with machines in 120 countries around the world all produced in Dorking.

**Family Activities at Dorking Library:** 28<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-noon: *Local and Community History Month:* put Museum objects in age order and guess the mystery items (for 4–11-year-olds). 30<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-1pm: *Spy School:* Morse code, invisible ink, hidden maps, home-made compass, secret disguises and camouflage, and an exhibition about a WW2 secret spy school on Box Hill.

**Walking in Dorking:** Hidden Historic Dorking: 12<sup>th</sup> May, 11am. Blue Plaques and Statues: 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm. Betchworth Castle tour, access to Castle enclosure: 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm. Deepdene Trail walk, access to Hope Mausoleum: 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm. Family Treasure Hunt: 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm. Details and booking: [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/). Private bookings available.

**South Street Caves tours:** Ever-popular 17th century caves: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm, 45 minutes. Details and bookings: [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/south-street-caves/](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/south-street-caves/). Private bookings available.

**Get involved:** New volunteers needed who can spare a few hours a month in the Museum, in the community or from home: [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities) for further details.

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

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Church is not an organisation you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing.

Nicky Gumbel (Priest & Alpha Course originator)

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

### Crossword (p.12) Solution

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### Wordsearch (p.14) Solution

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### Sudoku (p.14) Solution

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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)

*For booking enquiries please contact Stella Cantor, preferably by email:*

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