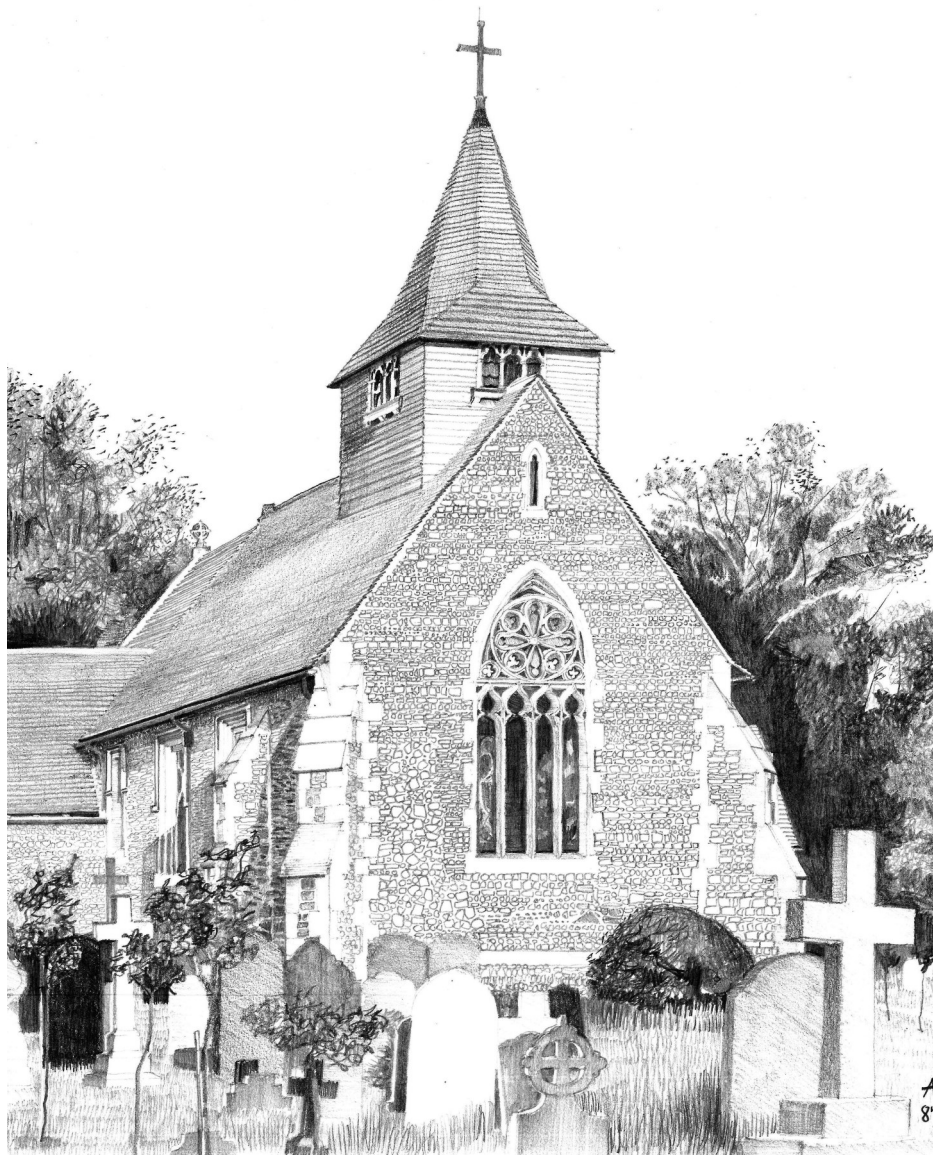


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I've been thinking a lot about saying thank you and how important such a small thing can be. I imagine all of us can think of some large organisation that fails to acknowledge its gratitude towards those who work for them. Whether we admit it or not, not having our efforts recognised can be hurtful, demoralising and over time builds resentment and a lack of trust. The church has at times been one such organisation and as willing helpers age or re-evaluate their commitment level to the church, we are seeing just how much we have taken people's commitment to the church for granted.

One explanation for why the church hasn't always thanked very well is that it was assumed, expected even, that a church goer would automatically wish to serve God and the church as a means of praising and thanking Him for the many good things they/we receive. It can sound rather pious and smug and it's a tricky one because there is a definite precedence for this in the bible (eg. Romans 12:1 or 2 Corinthians 9:12). From this perspective, it could be argued that to thank someone for how they choose to thank or praise God becomes a bit weird and potentially almost insulting. However, as we all know nothing is ever that clean cut. To hold such a simplistic view of people's motivation fails to recognise other factors such as the importance of relationship both within the church and between the church and community. This lack of understanding has led to people feeling they are taken for granted or are valued only for what they do, not who they are.

Here in our two villages, we do recognise how much people in both parishes do for the church whether it is out of a wish to serve God, to preserve an historic building or help the community out or a combination. Whatever it is, the wardens and I are profoundly grateful. We genuinely wouldn't be able to keep going even at the level we are now without you. In recognition for your time and work we would like to invite you all to our harvest thanksgiving – Buckland on Sunday 29th September at 11am and Betchworth on Sunday 5th October at 11am (please note the later time for these services). Both services will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch at Buckland or cake and light refreshments in Betchworth. Harvest seems a particularly good time to say thank you so I do hope you can join us.

Love Pru x

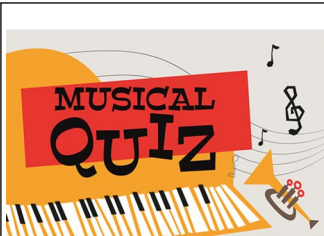
CHURCH SERVICES—OCTOBER

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
6 October 2024 <i>Trinity 19</i>		11am Harvest Thanksgiving followed by refreshments <i>Mark 5: 25-33</i>
13 October 2024 <i>Trinity 20</i>	10am IONA Communion <i>Mark 10: 17-31</i>	5pm Choral Evensong
20 October 2024 <i>Trinity 21</i>		10am Parish Communion <i>Mark 10: 35-45</i>
27 October 2024 <i>Trinity 22</i>	10am Parish Communion <i>Matthew 10: 46-end</i>	
3 November 2024 <i>Trinity 23</i>	4pm All Souls Service <i>John 5: 25-27</i>	10am Parish Communion (All Saints) <i>Mark 12: 28-34</i>

We also hold a said, midweek Holy Communion each Thursday morning 10am at St Michael's church in Betchworth. It is open to anyone in either parish or visiting from elsewhere.

Southwark Cathedral livestreams their services throughout the week from <https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/worship-and-music/worship/live-service-stream/>

You can also find it by searching '**Southwark Cathedral live service stream**'



**Friday 11 October , 7.30pm–10pm
Buckland Reading Room**

All tickets are now sold. We hope for a great evening. Thank you for your support!
Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)

Cover Picture - Our church by Buckland Artist, Andrew Cornish, 2004.



Suggested items for foodbanks donations



- Pasta, baked beans, tomatoes, teas and coffee are great, but try to get other items – meat and fish, meal in a tin – eg chilli con carne, curry etc



- No need for expensive brands or items. Go for the cheaper brands and buy more.



- Opt for tins with ring pulls. Homeless people may not have a tin opener.



Food Items



Cereal



Tinned meat & fish

Meal in a tin

Pasta sauce



Pasta/rice/noodles/ instant mash/lentils

Cooking Oil – sunflower rather than olive

Curry powder, chilli flakes, dried garlic & onion



Tinned veg & fruit

Rice pudding/custard

Tea/coffee/sugar

Biscuits/ crackers/ricecakes



Peanut butter

UHT milk

Juice



Alternatively



There will be a collection during our Harvest service where you can donate cash to the foodbank.



WINTER LUNCHESES - Friday 25th October 2024

Just a reminder to our friends in Buckland and Betchworth to say that Winter Lunches will start on Friday the 25th October from 12 noon. We will be in the Buckland Reading Room again and look forward to seeing old and new friends for a two course lunch and plenty of natter. Cost will be £4.50 or a donation. Please phone Carol Leeds on 01737 247399 or Liz Vahey on 01737 221444 for more information or to say that you will be coming for lunch. We look forward to seeing you.

Carol Leeds

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: 30th October & 27th November our 13th
Anniversary Party.

Margaret Miller

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 5 Oct, Drop-by 1pm-4pm. Applefest, Betchworth Village Hall, p.23
- 7 Oct, 7.15pm. Short talks by members, Dorking Crossways, DLHG. p.26
- 6 Oct 2pm, Betchworth Castle Tour. Dorking Museum, p.29
- 11 Oct, 7.30pm - 10pm. Music Quiz, Buckland Reading Room. FOSM, p.4
- 21 Oct, 2.30pm. Talk: Jewelry & Fashion. Arts Soc Betchworth, p.25
- 24 Oct, 7.15pm. Talk: Roman Road in Surrey & Sussex. ZOOM, DLHG, p.26
- 25 Oct, 12 noon. Winter Lunch, Buckland Reading Room, p.6
- 26 Oct, 10am-4pm. Model Railway Exhibition, Merrow, p.25
- 25-27 Oct, 10am-5pm, Dorking Group of Artists Exhibition, Denbies, p.28
- 30 Oct, 2-pm-4pm. Afternoon Teas, Hamilton Room, p.6

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 16 Nov, 7.30pm. Rossini Choral Concert, Redhill. BBCS, p.24
- 29 Nov, 7.30pm. Annual Dinner Hartswood Manor. B&B Soc, p.22

BUCKLAND BELLRINGERS

My (amusing) experience of Organising a Bellingring Tour



The highlight of the bellingring year for members of Betchworth & Buckland towers is the summer outing. Each year, some poor unsuspecting ringer must be inveigled into organising it. This year it was me, having been unable to disprove the age-old but questionable “oh the newbies always organise the outing” spiel. I learned a lot in the process, and mention below my most helpful hints and tips, in the hope that

should any of you be tempted to join us in time for next year’s outing, all you budding, enthusiastic wannabe bellingrings out there can benefit from my mistakes.

Bells and churches: Don’t waste any time researching suitable churches or bells as it is entirely unnecessary. It transpires that bells are bells, and churches are churches. There are nice churches, small ones, cold ones, interesting ones, and pretty ones, as well as tuneful bells, odd ones, tin cans, dodgy ones and grand ones. Bellingrings, being a pretty pragmatic bunch, will take what they’re given and enjoy them all, delight in the lovely ones and get great satisfaction and pride from being able to ring the difficult ones.

Route guidance: Any research is likely to be wasted effort. It transpires that sat-nav, map references, what3words, postcodes, and other such brilliantly technical devices to ensure that no one gets lost are entirely useless without a signal. Additionally, detailed instructions which omit basic information (like which way to turn when leaving the churchyard) will just frustrate you and give the comedians in the band great fodder to ridicule you with during the upcoming bellingring year.

Advice on choosing a great picnic spot: Any research you do will be a complete waste of your time. It transpires that although you may have been given a long and detailed criteria list (must haves: free public access, loos, plentiful parking space, a pub, a cafe, somewhere to get ice-creams/chocolate/drinks etc.) you can simply ignore it. The band will rebel and set up camp in the nearest field or car-park if they feel like it on the day. If there happens to be a cricket pitch with benches handy they will abandon your well thought out and researched plan in a heartbeat.

Topics of interest for conversation: Don't bother arming yourself with interesting news items to discuss on the day (should you worry that conversation might start to flag). It turns out that bellringers are an amicable and versatile lot and good company to boot. Interesting snippets overheard on the day included a comprehensive critique of Taylor Swift's new album, compelling facts about the secret lives of spiders, recent Archers story lines, what makes a great cocktail and wild swimming (as well as the odd comment or two about bells and blue lines).

It takes all-sorts to make a merry band, and many a decent bellringer has been discovered lurking inside the unlikeliest of characters, so why not check us out. The Surrey Association includes ringers of all ages, from 10 to 80 plus, just come and have a look around the tower if you like, or join us for the next practice night with no obligation to join us permanently. (Please note: an interest in churches and/or church-going/spiders/Taylor Swift/wild swimming or anything else is entirely optional.)

Linda Spratt

VOLUNTEER ROLES—an update

BUCKLAND ST MARY'S CHURCH—Treasurer

An essential role for the Church to exist, anyone with spreadsheet or book-keeping experience would find it easy to move into.

Please contact Simon Thomas, Treasurer.bucklandstmarys@outlook.com

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S (FOSM) - Village Events Organiser

Someone to lead a team to organise larger events, (e.g May Fayre, Flower Festival, Open Village Gardens, to support church funds)

Please contact Chairman, Roger Daniell, rogerdaniell@icloud.com or Simon Thomas, sgthomas@btinternet.com

BUCKLAND ST MARY'S CHURCH—PCC (Parochial Church Council) Secretary. Main role is to take minutes at a quarterly meeting. Can be someone not currently on the PCC, but willing to be co-opted, following the retirement of Rosey Davy.

Please contact Rosey Davy, roseydavy@gmail.com

Updates will be provided each month until we are back on track to maintain our village activities. Please do come forward if you possibly can. The incumbents in these roles have each served the village for many, many years, and they deserve a retirement from duty! It is not too onerous and can be a rewarding way to give a little back to the community. **Thank you!**

Ed.

Buckland Matters

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Village Pond

The effort of all those who contributed to this year's pond clearances has helped maintain this local habitat.

Thank you to:

- each and every resident who turned out to help at either or both of the two pond clearance events led by the Reigate Area Conservation Volunteers (RACV) on Sunday 18th August and Sunday 1st September;
- Simon Elson for leading the events, guiding the collective effort to manage the pond and providing feedback following this year's events;
- the RACV members who turn up to help in Buckland; and
- Buckland Estate for use of the trailer at each of the events.



A fuller update, based on feedback from the RACV, will be circulated via a parish update to everyone registered with the village email group.

A25 Road Safety Improvements

At the time this update was written the Surrey Roadworks Map advised permission had been granted to close the A25 between Reigate High Street and Flanchford Road (i.e. between The Red Cross and The Black Horse and likely to include the junction of Flanchford Road and the A25) between 23rd September 2024 and 19th October 2024.

SCC Highway engineers have advised the parish council that the works, described as *“Major resurfacing including full reconstruction and civils works were necessary, including highway improvement scheme the existing advisory cycle lanes to wider and lightly segregated mandatory cycle lanes, as well as upgrading some of the uncontrolled crossing points to controlled crossing facilities (zebra crossings)”*, will, in the main, be undertaken overnight with a full road closure in place between 8pm and 6am with any work undertaken between 6am and 8pm completed using traffic lights.

This work is described on the SCC website as scheme 14 of the 16 schemes that make up the programme of “safety improvements” along the stretch of the A25 between the High Street in Reigate and the Cockerel roundabout in Dorking, work being funded by a £1.8m grant from the Department of Transport. A news item on the village website includes links to more information about this project.

Village Email Group

If you do not currently receive emails issued via the email, group please consider signing up. The easiest way to sign up is via the village website using the contact us tab and selecting Buckland Parish Council under the Type of Query tab. Alternatively please send an email to parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.org.uk.

Sheena Boyce, Clerk parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.org.uk 01737 448023



LET'S BUILD ANOTHER RUNWAY

A poem to suggest that we don't—by Colin Gates

Representing GACC (Gatwick Airport Conservation Campaign)

They're shooting now in Palestine
And bombing in Ukraine
Our politicians seem so powerless
And some of them insane.
The whole world is suffering
With poison and pollution
So, let's build another runway
It's the obvious solution.

The seas are full of acid and
The pole caps are all gone
So, book your flight to Tenerife
And bring your friends along.
We've got to make more money
So, let's fill up the sky
And build another runway
While we watch our planet die.

The air is full of plastic and
There's sewage on the tide
So, come and get your ticket
For another aeroplane ride.
The airport is surrounded
By a carbonated glow
But we'll build another runway
While we watch our profits grow.

The whole world is suffering
From a bad pandemic spoor
So, build another runway
And spread it round some more.
Yes, our lovely planet's dying fast
As pollution gets much thicker
So, fill the skies with aeroplanes
And get it over quicker.

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Features

GARDENING NOTES

Autumn – Nature’s time for planting

As we head into October, what a great opportunity we have to refresh our garden spaces. The ground is still warm, and with plenty of moisture around why not get planting now rather than wait until the spring? Plants will establish well now before the frosts and frozen soils in mid-winter limit the opportunities for working the soil. Don’t worry if the perennials, shrubs and trees don’t look at their best now – it’s the roots that matter and will spread and find their way before shutting down until warmer weather reappears in March – or maybe February if we are lucky!

Again thinking ahead to 2025, plant spring bulbs such as daffodils, alliums, tulips, snowdrops and dwarf iris. The beauty of bulbs is that they will sit and wait until the best conditions arrive for them to send up sturdy stems and flower. No problem with a harsh winter- they are protected in the soil both in pots or the open ground. Plant them deep which will allow you to plant winter bedding plants on top. Violas look delicate but are ultra-reliable to flower both in the autumn and the spring; polyanthus are also bullet-proof reliable if they don’t get too waterlogged; bellis will flower well even in frost and snow. For topping up hanging baskets, try ferns, heuchera and solanum as well as muehlenbeckia, which is a wonderful trailing alternative to ivy.

Elsewhere in the garden, enjoy the fiery autumnal leaf colours and be prepared by emptying composters where possible by spreading their (hopefully) well-rotted mulch onto beds and borders. So there will be plenty of space at leaf fall to start the composting process again...

When pruning and tidying, remember many plants have berries and seed-heads which are useful for wildlife. Likewise, a few piles of twigs and leaves can also provide a home for over-wintering insects and animals.

David Hogg, Buckland Nurseries

Hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature.
To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but
the soul.

Alfred Austin (Poet 1835-1913)

ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On the perils of being a school governor

My dear Nephew Darren

I was interested to hear that from this academic year, your vicar has asked you to take his place as a school governor. A whole new world of exciting meetings is about to open up to you. Naturally, you will have been told that the governors only meet three times a year. You will probably not have been told that you will also be expected to be on at least two sub-committees, where you will be immediately asked to become secretary, as a way of getting to know the job. Add on training days, parents' evenings, sports days, school socials, end of term services, charity events and accompanying classes on days out and you will begin to realise that your vicar's suggestion was not as innocent as you may have thought.



Remember, too, that all meetings require you sit on chairs designed for five-year-olds. You will then spend countless hours going through a 40-item agenda, trying to look dignified with your knees somewhere round your ears while drawing up school plans as if they were the Normandy landing. Be prepared to receive paperwork measured by the hundredweight; entire rainforests have been obliterated by your education authority sending what they seem to think is vital information; it does, however, make good cat litter.

Most meetings will be so full of acronyms that for the first few years you will have the feeling that conversation is taking place in a language that may bear a passing resemblance to English, but isn't. There is little point in trying to learn what they all mean because before too long, they will all be replaced by another set anyway, which will be equally incomprehensible. Your computer abilities will be expected to be far beyond what anyone over the age of 30 could ever be expected to achieve; if you sink without trace, ask a seven-year-old, who will soon put you right.

You will also be encouraged to attend training days; I strongly suggest you select all-day events, as at least you will get a lunch out of it. You needn't bother to arrive on time, since the first hour will be spent with everyone introducing themselves and you can leave early, as the final hour will go on filling in evaluation forms. Just keep reminding yourself that your term of office is a mere five years; you may even get remission for good behaviour.

Your Loving Uncle, Eustace

FORGIVENESS & FREEDOM

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

The Spirit within us creates an unrelenting desire toward forgiveness and reconciliation; the instinct to do ‘what is right’. The entire gospel reveals the unfolding mystery of forgiveness; it is the beginning, the middle, and the end of the gospel’s transformative message. The energy of being forgiven—in our unworthiness of it—first breaks us out of our merit-badge mentality. The ongoing experience of being forgiven is necessary to renew our flagging spirit and keep us in the infinite ocean of grace. Toward the end of life, a universal forgiveness of everything for being what it is becomes the only way we can see and understand reality and finally live at peace.

Zechariah said that God would ‘give God’s people knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of sin’ (Luke 1:77). Forgiveness given and forgiveness received are always the pure work of uncreated grace. Such unearned and undeserved forgiveness is necessary to break down the quid pro quo world that I call meritocracy. Only when we experience undeserved love does this inward and outward flow begin to happen. Before that, we are dry, dead cisterns. Before that, we might perhaps practice ‘religion’, but we don’t really have any dynamic notion of God or even our self.

Grace re-creates all things; nothing new happens without forgiveness. We just keep repeating the same old patterns, illusions, and half-truths. Sometimes neither the desire nor the decision to forgive is present. Then we must grieve and wait. We must sit in our poverty, perhaps admitting our inability to forgive the offender. That is when we learn how to pray and how to ‘long and thirst for righteousness’ (Matthew 5:6).

True Spirit-led forgiveness always frees and heals at least one of the parties involved, and hopefully both. If it only preserves my moral high ground—as a magnanimous ‘Christian’ person, then I doubt it is true forgiveness at all. In forgiveness, we live up to our true and deepest dignity. We then operate by a power and a logic not our own.

Community is where forgiveness is often most needed. It is where forgiveness is very free to happen. And if it doesn’t happen on a daily basis, at least imperfectly, there will be no community. Without forgiveness, the logic of victimhood and perpetrator rules. With forgiveness, we maintain our feelings of love for the world, which is rewarded, for all of us, by experiencing personal freedom.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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20. Allergic (Br. sp.)

22. Frosts, as a cake

23. Energy

24. Allied

26. Garden shovels

30. Fragment

32. Spoken for

33. Foreshadowed

37. Majestic

38. Handouts

39. Big brass

40. Slender cigars

42. Steam

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47. Evening (poetic)

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MARRIAGE JOKES—BY THE CYNICAL MALE (next month , the cynical female perspective)

Young Son: ‘Is it true, Dad, I heard that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?’ Dad: ‘That happens in every country, son.’

Then there was a man who said, ‘I never knew what real happiness was until I got married and then it was too late.’

A man was telling his mate, ‘It is my wife that made me a millionaire’. ‘Yea, but what were you before you got married?’ asked the friend. He replied, ‘A billionaire.’

Two elderly gentlemen were talking and first said, ‘You're having an anniversary soon, right?’ The other replied, "Yup, a big one... 20 years." ‘So what are you going to get your wife for your 20th anniversary?’ “We're going on a trip to Siberia.” ‘Wow, Siberia, that's some gift!’ said the other man. ‘That's going to be hard to beat. What will you do for your 25th anniversary?’ He replied, "Go back and get her."

A man used a dating app to say ‘Wife wanted’. Unexpectedly he received a hundred replies from men. They all said the same thing: ‘You can have mine’.

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Their wives somehow deteriorate during the night.

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WORDSEARCH—Halloween, All Hallows Eve. 31 October

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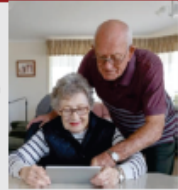


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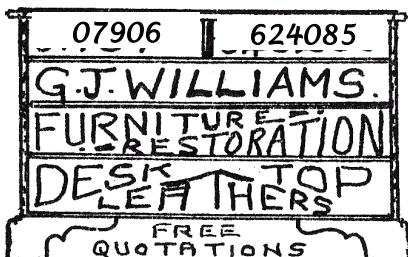


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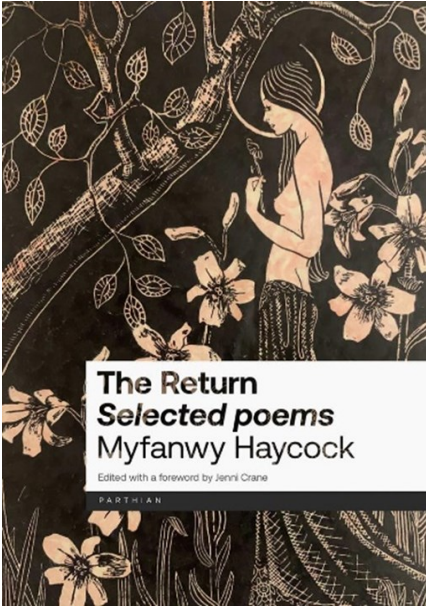


Myfanwy Williams, nee Haycock, 1913-1963. A Welsh poet, the subject of a recent revival of interest in her work, both in Wales and beyond. She lived at Broome Perrow House in Buckland from 1951 until her death in 1963.

Myfanwy was born at Glyndr, Mount Pleasant, Pontnewydd, Monmouthshire on 23 March 1913, the youngest of the three daughters of a coal miner, James David Haycock (known locally as Jim Pearce) and Alice Maud, née Perry. She was educated at Cwm-ffrwd-oer primary school, Pontypool Grammar School for girls and Cardiff Technical College, which later became Cardiff College of Art.

Her skill as an illustrator in black and white, coupled with her early success with a lyric in English at the Port Talbot National Eisteddfod of 1932, where W.H. Davies was the adjudicator, prompted her to reject a career as an art teacher and to take up one as a freelance journalist. From 1936 her poems and stories, illustrated with scraper-board drawings, appeared in *The Western Mail* and other newspapers and journals.

On the outbreak of World War II she was, a wages clerk in a munitions factory, assistant welfare officer in a factory in Cardiff's slumland, teacher, and information officer for the Institute of Agriculture at Usk.



2023 reprint of selected poems, with Myfanwy's artwork on the cover

In 1943 she joined the BBC in London. Two of her radio plays were broadcast and her poems read over the air. Leaving the BBC in 1945, she became a successful journalist in London, writing articles and poems, illustrating books, designing Christmas cards and becoming a member of the Council of the Society of Women Journalists.¹

She published four books with collections of poems: Fantasy and other poems (1937), Poems (1944), More poems (1945) and (posthumously) Mountain over Paddington (1964). There have since been reprints of selected poems, Some Perfect Morning (1989) and The Return (2023).¹

Reviewers praised her fluent impressionistic style, 'her imagery often touched with elfin whimsicality' (A.G. Prys-Jones). W H Davies (1871-1940), a lifelong professional poet had been called 'the voice of Gwent', so it was some tribute for

David Wynn Williams (1949-2018)

Myfanwy's son, David Williams spent his childhood in Buckland and lived most of his life in Reigate. He had a lifelong interest in archaeology and was an active member of Surrey Archaeological Society, publishing several papers on Roman archaeology in Surrey and a book '50 Finds from Surrey' (2016). From 2003 to 2015, he had his dream job as the Finds Liaison Officer for Archaeology in Surrey, employed by Surrey County Council. He was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (FSA).

David took an interest in the first edition of the History of Buckland book and I interviewed him back in 1999. He expressed fond memories of his childhood at Broome Perrow House and was proud to share the illustrated 'scrapbooks' compiled by his late mother Myfanwy, of family life and her artwork in Buckland. These books have since been donated to the Torfaen Museum Trust in South Wales.



Broome Perrow House c.1910

Myfanwy to be called 'Gwent's Second Voice' by William Evans. A review of her first book said:

'she used traditional forms with an effect which echoed W.H. Davies. Miss Haycock's versatility does not stop short at words. She is also an artist of really exceptional talent, and her poems are accompanied by her drawing which show the same spirit which runs through her poetic work. 'I am all dreams' says Miss Haycock – very nearly right. The qualification is that she has also the practical power to give effort to her dreams'.²

In July 1947 Myfanwy married Dr Arthur Merion Williams of Borth at the Presbyterian church, Llanover.

Arthur was a consultant anaesthetist at Redhill County Hospital and the East Surrey Group of Hospitals.

After their marriage they first moved to Wychwood, in Glade Sur, Kingswood, Surrey.³

This property was sold in 1950 and they then moved on to their home in Broome Perrow House, in Old Road, Buckland. The original 'Broome Perrow' was called Fayfield. Built in the 1880's, it was a large house with around 30 rooms. Around 1950 it was split into 3 homes, called Broome Perrow, Broome Perrow House and Hilbre.⁴ The deeds of the house show that Arthur & Myfanwy Williams were the first purchasers of 'Broome Perrow House' in January 1951, following the conversion.⁵

Their first two children, Gerald R (b. 1948) & David Wynn (1949-2018), would have been born whilst at Kingswood, and the third, Rhiannon J (b.1951) at their new Buckland home.

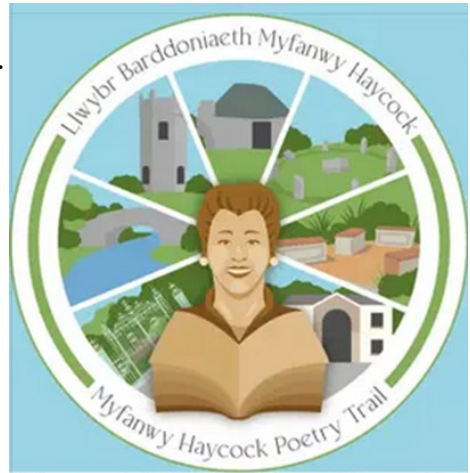
Unfortunately, after moving to Buckland, Myfanwy suffered serious ill health. Despite this, and the effort of raising three children, she continued to write and frequently had television. Appearances to read her poems.

She died on 9 November 1963, aged 50. The cause of death is stated as 'Bronchopneumonia & Astrocytoma of cervical spinal cord'.⁶ Bronchopneumonia affects the bronchi of the lungs; Astrocytoma is a type of cancer; and the cervical spinal cord is the upper spine in the neck area. The symptoms of the latter include back pain, weakness of posture, bowel & bladder dysfunction, mild spasticity, and gait difficulties. It would explain why she had 'not been well for some time prior to her death'.⁷ The obituary in the Buckland Parish Magazine states that she 'had a long illness, so patiently and courageously borne. No one who visited her could not but admire the immense interest she took, in spite of her many infirmities, in everything that was going on. She leaves a great gap in her family and amongst many friends'.⁷

The Posthumous Revival

In 2023, a Journalist named Jenni Crane, who like Myfanwy, was from Pontypool, shared how Myfanwy Haycock was the inspiration for her own career.

Jenni has recently contributed to the promotion of Myfanwy's work across Welsh media channels. She was the inspiration behind setting up a public read-



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ing of her poetry by leading Welsh poets of today; establishing a walking trail around Pontypool visiting many places mentioned in Myfanwy's poems; a radio programme on Myfanwy broadcast on Welsh radio; and the publication of a new collection of Myfanwy's poems.⁸

The walking trail has a phone App with details of three walks around Pontypool: search 'Myfanwy Haycock Poetry Trail' in your Apps.⁹ The audio track includes Myfanwy's poems concerning the places and buildings that inspired her.

There is also a collection of original works of Myfanwy Haycock's poems and art work at the Torfaen Museum Trust in Pontypool.¹⁰

In addition, Michael Buckingham, a Welsh author and journalist, has taken

up the challenge of writing Myfanwy's biography, to be published in the next year or so. Michael and I have shared information on her life and he has kindly contributed to review this text. I look forward to reading his book with further details of Myfanwy's life, works and inspirations.

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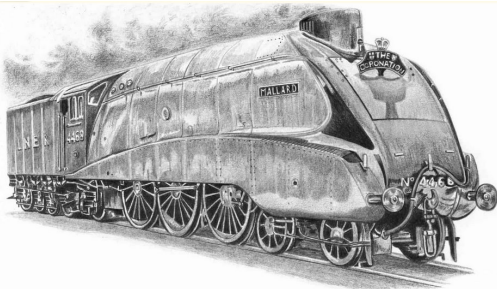
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In the Friendship League we had a narrow lost against Pippbrook but a strong win over Reigate Priory which means if we can win our last game against Bookham we will end as runners up behind Banstead Neville who were determined to win the League this year and who have comfortably achieved that. We had just one friendly against Albury where we managed to win by two rinks to one.

At the beginning of the month we had our Poland Day where we invite up to sixteen teams from around the local areas to compete in a round robin competition. It takes a massive amount of organising so very well done to John Hoad who oversaw proceedings. He couldn't have done so without the help of most the Club members who turned up to assist in some shape or form. It all went so very smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our great thanks go to Seymour's Estate Agents who sponsored this year's event and whose contributions made the day such a success. This year the competition was won by a team from Erith which obviously made their long journey worthwhile.

The Chrystie League is a men's evening tournament in which we don't normally excel and I said last month we needed results to go our way for us to have a chance to win it. Well, they did and we ended tying on points with Epsom. So back to countback on shots difference over the season and we lost by two shots. The narrowest of margins over the whole year. Poops.

Our Internal Club competitions have reached the finals to be played at the beginning of September. There will definitely been some new names on the trophies. More next month to close our season.

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Christmas Wreath, Garland and Table Decoration Workshop Saturday 7 December, 2:15 to 4pm – venue to be confirmed



Come and make a Christmas garland for a mantle-piece or staircase rail, a front door wreath or a table / mantelpiece decoration. Last year, attendees made beautiful door wreaths and table decorations but this year we are also offering the opportunity to make a garland too. There will be time to make 2 of the options below should you wish, with a small discount. This proved to be a very popular event so if you are interested, please book a place (indicating your preference) asap by contacting us on the email address below.

We will provide the oasis/containers, wire, ribbons and refreshments. You will need to provide your own greenery/foilage, secateurs, decorations, plus a candle if you opt for a table decoration. Suitable for accompanied children too. Costs per person are: Wreath with ribbon £20; Table Decoration £15; Garland £15

Planning for the winter season, we are organising Monday evening talks in Brockham Village Hall on **17 February, 17 March and 14 April 2025**. The first of these for your diary on 17 February is the fascinating **'The Earthworm – all you wanted to know but did not dare ask!'** by **Chris Stewart**.

Ruth Johnson, bghsociety@hotmail.com



DORKING GROUP OF ARTISTS

DORKING GROUP OF ARTISTS SUMMER EXHIBITION at DENBIES WINE ESTATE Fri 25 Oct—Sun 27 Oct, 10am - 5 pm

Over 200 pieces of art for sale, framed and unframed.
Or just come and enjoy the exhibition.
Free entry.

DORKING MUSEUM IN OCTOBER



Betchworth Castle Guided Walk



*Johnston Bros. Factory in 1930s.
Vincent Lane, Dorking*

Walking in Dorking: October guided walks, part of Mole Valley Arts Alive (www.arts-alive.co.uk): Betchworth Castle tour: 6th October, 2pm. Blue Plaques and Statues Walk: 20th October, 2pm. Halloween Ghost Walk: 31st October, 6pm. Details and advance booking at dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/.

Family Learning Festival at Dorking Library (Arts Alive): Learn more about the Museum's collection, put items in age order, guess what they are, ask questions, draw them. Saturday 19th October, 10am-noon, aimed at 4-11-year-olds.

Family event at the Museum: *Be a Dorking Museum Curator* (Arts Alive), cleaning artefacts, debugging the gallery, checking insect traps, relabelling objects, and choosing items for the Cabinet of Curiosities. Saturday 26th October, 10am-4pm.

Sweeping Through History: 100 years of Johnston Sweepers: Johnston Sweepers has been an important part of the industrial history of Dorking since 1924, when Johnston Brothers acquired the Road Plant Construction Co. Ltd. It became a world-leading designer and manufacturer of truck mounted road sweepers, Dorking-produced machines operating in 120 countries

South Street Caves tours: Private tours available by appointment during October, 45 minutes, up to 10 people, no under-5s.

Dorking Museum, 62 West Street. Open Thursdays 1pm-4pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10am-4pm, free entry. www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk. 01306 876591.

David Burton

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

**Crossword (p.14)
Solution**

N	O	M	A	D		T	E	A	M		A	B	L	E
A	G	I	L	E		U	G	L	I		C	R	O	W
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P	A	R	T		A	R	U	I		A	M	O	U	R
D	I	A	L		T	A	L	C		G	I	V	E	N
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Wordsearch (p.16) Solution

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

Sudoku (p.16) Solution

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

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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.

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)
- Tuesday am Toddlers
- Tuesday 2.15pm Bridge Club
- Thursday 2.15pm Bridge Club
- Thursday evening Yoga
- Saturday pm Sugarcraft Guild (2nd Saturday)

*For booking enquiries please contact Jane Stewart, preferably by email:
Bookings4bucklandreadingroom@gmail.com or 07733 116992*

Arts Society, Betchworth	Carole Evans	01372 452563
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British Legion	Maurice Daley	843058
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Brockham Surgery/ <i>Chemist</i>	n/a	843259/842175
Buckland & Betchworth Choral Soc. (Sec.)	Jean Cooke	245161
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- Treasurer	John Maud	843530
- Secretary	Liz Vahey	221444
Reigate Pilgrims Cricket Club	Julian Steed	842220
St. Catherine's Hospice	Sheila Dyer	842046
Women's Institute	Margaret Miller	842098

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Village: www.bucklandsurrey.net

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