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A very Happy New Year to you all!

Isn't it extraordinary to think that 25 years ago we were ushering in the new century with so many hopes for the future. New Year's Eve 25 years ago and I was working a night shift in accident and emergency in Chelsea and Westminster. We were poised for a big influx of drunk and disorderly (or as they had delicately been reclassified for that night - 'tired and emotional'). I thought my life was settled then, I knew where I was aiming professionally and what I was doing privately. I would never have imagined I would become a priest. I'm sure my colleagues would have found it hilarious.



I remember there was such hope for peace and reconciliation yet here we are: Syria's in turmoil, the Middle East is torn apart, Sudan is trapped in civil war and the Ukraine still locked in battle with a Russia. That's the thing about the future, you can hope and plan and plan but never fully secure it. Circumstances change, we change, our priorities change, and unexpected things happen.

As a God's church it's important that we too reflect on what we have achieved, or failed to do, and to work out what we would like to do better or differently in the future. In November we had a church away day that was led for us by Charles Lamont who goes under the new title of Dean of Reinvigoration.

In our conversations, we established some of the ways the two churches work well together - including the fortnightly, alternating services between the two churches, the joint choir, and the mutually supportive way that social events such as the afternoon teas are organised. We also learnt that both parishes value their uniquenesses and 'selling points' which is important to recognise and maintain going forward. Of course, it is important to acknowledge that both St Mary's and St Michael's face significant challenges, both in their leadership and in dwindling numbers and finances.

We learnt that we need to:

- Know what we believe
- Know our purpose.

Before we can start putting plans in place to change or move forward. Charles also left us with some questions to think about:

- What are we saying about our church? (church as in people not as the building)
- What are we, as a church, 'selling' and how are we doing it?
- How accessible is what we are selling to the people out there?

They are interesting questions which is why I'm opening them up to you all to see if you have any insights or ideas that the PCC can think about over the next couple of months. We are hoping to have Charles back for a return visit during Lent so that we can explore this further. Please do let me know if you do have any thoughts on these questions and if you are interested keep an eye out for our next date in Lent.

Wishing you all a very peaceful and blessed 2025.

Reverend Pru

COVER PICTURE

The Dining Pods on a dark night in December. The Reverie, Buckland Park Lake

JANUARY 2025 EVENTS

- 3 Jan, 7.30pm.** Ukelele Orchestra of GB. Dorking Halls, p.24
6 Jan, 7.15pm. Talk: Rock Music in Surrey. DLHG, p.25
10 January, 12 noon. Winter lunch. Buckland Reading Room, p.7
19 Jan, 4pm. Choral Concert: Gesualdo Six, St Martin's Dorking, p.24
20 Jan, 2.30pm. Talk: Atkinson Grimshaw, London Artist. Arts Society, p.27
20 Jan, 7.30pm. Talk: William de Warenne. DLHG by ZOOM, p.25
23 Jan, 7.30pm. Talk: Wild Birds of the 4Bs. Betchworth Memorial Hall, p.11
29 Jan, 2-4 dropin. Afternoon teas, Hamilton Room, p.7

CHURCH SERVICES—JANUARY

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
5 January 2025 <i>Epiphany</i>		10am Parish Communion & Baptism <i>Matthew 2: 1-12</i>
12 January 2025 <i>Epiphany 1</i>	10am IONA Service with Communion <i>Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22</i>	5pm Epiphany Choral Evensong
19 January 2025 <i>Epiphany 2</i>		10am Parish Communion <i>John 2: 1-11</i> <i>Christian Unity Week</i>
26 January 2025 <i>Epiphany 3</i>	10am Parish Communion <i>Luke 4: 14-21</i>	
2 February 2025 <i>Candlemas</i>		10am Parish Communion <i>Luke 12: 22-40</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**'



You will know you're old, when you cease to be amazed.

Noel Coward (1899-1973)

PEBBLECOOMBE WI BETCHWORTH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



We meet in The Hamilton Room, Church Street, Betchworth on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7.45pm. We are a small friendly group, meeting and discussing the topical resolutions put forward by the National Federation of WIs. We have interesting Speakers supporting each other when difficulties arise, and contributing to Village activities.

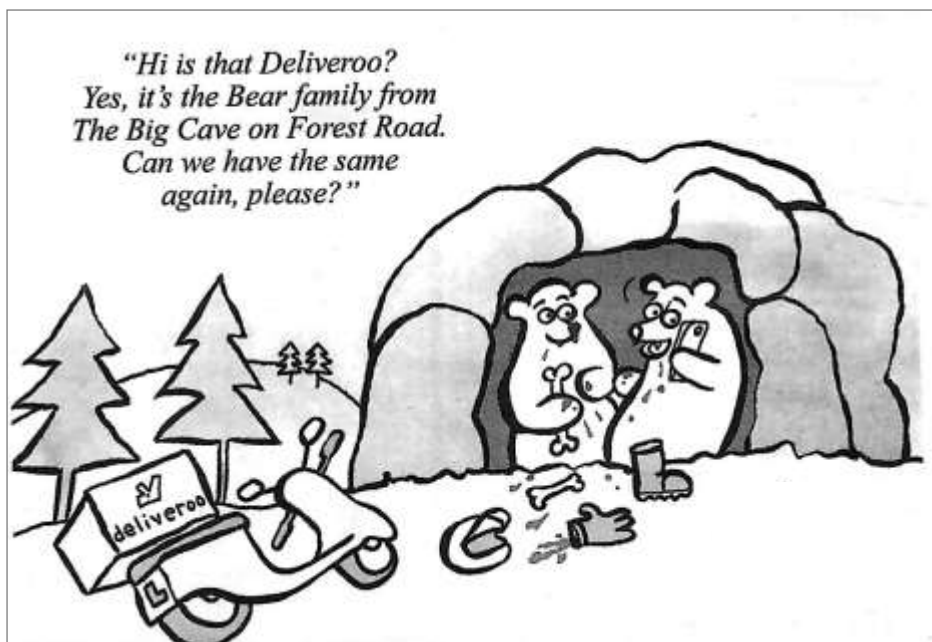
Visitors are welcome to all meetings.

2025 Dates are:

2nd January, 6th February, 6th March, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July
7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December.

If you are interested in joining us please contact:

Margaret Miller, 01737 842098



JANUARY WINTER LUNCH

10 January, 12 noon

Happy New Year to all our friends who come and have lunch with us on the second Friday of the month. Also a Happy New Year to everyone in Buckland from the Winter Lunch cooks. The first lunch of 2025 will be on Friday the 10th January 2025 from 12 noon. If you have not had lunch with us before we would love for you to come and join us in the New Year. If you would like more information please phone Liz Vahey on 01737 221444 or Carol Leeds on 01737 247399. Looking forward to hearing from you.

AFTERNOON TEAs at THE HAMILTON ROOM, BETCHWORTH –2025 **Welcoming residents of Betchworth & Buckland**



St Michael's Drop-in Teas has been running since 2011, meeting each month, January to November, at the Hamilton Room, Church Street, Betchworth between 2pm and 4pm on last Wednesday each Month. Come for a cup of tea or coffee, cake and biscuits and a chat with friends

2025 Dates

29th January, 26th February, 26th March, 30th April, 28th May, 25th June, 30th July,
27th August, 24th September, 29th October and on 26th November
our 14th Anniversary Christmas Party.

During 2024, our very generous visitors have donated to

- The Brigitte Trust in Dorking
- St Catherine's Hospice
- Spread a Smile - a charity taking entertainers into local Hospitals
- PSDS, a Reigate charity supporting families and children with Down's syndrome.

Come when you can, and go when you must

Looking forward to meeting lots of new friends and visitors in 2025. For transport or information, contact:

Margaret Miller, 01737 842098

BUCKLAND BELLRINGERS

Ringing in the New Year is an old tradition. On New Year's Eve, in some churches, the bells are half muffled to ring out the old year, then the muffles are taken off. Exactly at the stroke of midnight, the tenor ringer tolls 12 strokes on the heaviest bell, usually with the rest of the ringers counting each stroke as they stand by ready to join in ringing out joyfully to welcome the new year. The treble ringer (on the lightest bell, 1) and the other ringers will join in with rounds (123456) immediately (in case the tenor ringer cannot 'stand', which means stop in bellringing terms) - we would not want to strike more than 12 repeated notes for anyone listening outside!



After midnight we'll ring for maybe 20 minutes or so, depending on how many ringers are available, so that everyone has a turn. The first ring of the new year is a very special occasion, and is especially festive as there's often refreshments in the belfry for all ringers, and anybody who joins us to listen. 'Happy New Year' greetings are exchanged, whilst celebrating with ringing and feasting.

Tennyson's poem '**Ring out, wild bells**' (1950) begins *Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light*, and continues *Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow*. It is an optimistic, uplifting poem, casting aside the old, and looking forward to the new.

Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? How about a new hobby, which will help to keep you fit? Bellringing is fun, sociable, and gives you gentle exercise. It keeps your mind active too, especially if you choose to learn the different methods. You are most welcome to join us in the belfry on Friday evenings, 8pm, our practice night at Buckland church. We'd be delighted to see you.

On New Year's Eve we will be ringing at St Michael's Betchworth, but not at Buckland. Happy New Year from the Buckland Bellringers.

Julie Beale

Buckland Matters

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL - DECEMBER NEWS

Village website

Hopefully, many of you are familiar with our village website (www.bucklandsurrey.org.uk) and make regular visits to read topical news items (that include links to consultations); look at upcoming events on the event calendar; and check out latest information published by many of our local groups and amenities.



If you are struggling to know how to report something to a public body such as our District Council, County Council, police or one of the utility companies you will find signposting on the “report it” page and the “parish council section” keeps you up to date on everything your parish council is up to.

If you are involved in one of the local activity groups and would like to suggest updates to the information published on the village website, please contact our volunteer webmaster (webmaster@bucklandsurrey.org.uk) and, if you find yourself struggling to report a problem to a public body do email me to give me the chance to help you and add further guidance to the report it page.

Mole Valley District Council (MVDC)

“Where I live” is a service accessed via the home page of the MVDC website (www.molevalley.gov.uk) – look towards the top menu bar and click where I live to get started.

If you select the “where you live” link you will be invited to choose an address (start typing and options will appear on the screen). A range of information will be displayed for your chosen address that will include waste collection dates, a link to sign up for assisted bin collection, contact details for your local MVDC Councillors and planning information relevant to the property you have selected. If you click the “my alerts” link you can sign up to MVDC’s email notification service. This system gives you the option to receive a weekly reminder email regarding your bin collections and any service updates MVDC issues. There is also an option to be informed about new planning applications located within

50m/100m/500m of your property which is the easiest way to keep abreast of potential development as the criteria for notifying neighbours only extends to properties on land adjacent to any proposed development.

Surrey County Council (SCC) – Surrey Says

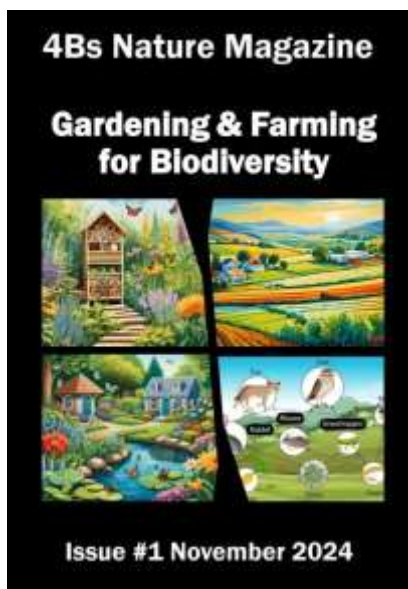
Surrey Says is the name SCC gives its consultation hub (www.surreysays.co.uk). Consultations currently underway include an invitation to comment on a draft SCC Rights of Way Improvements Plan and an invitation to express your views on SCC's Draft Budget. Consultations relating to aspects of the A25 Reigate Road Safety Improvements are expected during 2025 Q1 and, as they are launched links will be provided from the news page of the village website

Sheena Boyce, Clerk 01737 448023

THE 4Bs WHATSAPP NATURE GROUP

Biodiversity Initiative & Nature Magazine

The **4Bs WhatsApp Nature Group** is a vibrant community of people who care about nature and live in and around Buckland, Betchworth, Brockham and Box Hill. With just over 100 members we share a love of nature, a keen interest in observing and learning about nature, and a concern for the health and vitality of our wildlife. Every week there are at least half a dozen posts where someone shares a photo, a question or an experience and there is always someone on hand to appreciate it or add something themselves. There are also enough knowledgeable people in the group to answer almost any question that arises. In this way we all benefit and learn as a community. The group is open to anyone who lives in the 4Bs and we welcome anyone who wants to be with people who want to learn.



If you would like to join the 4Bs WhatsApp Nature Group please text your mobile number to 07810462403 with a request to join the group.

Emerging from our shared love and concern for nature is a movement we are calling the **4Bs Biodiversity Initiative**. It's founded on a desire to not just admire and appreciate nature, but a willingness to help nature in useful, practical ways. Through a programme of talks, education, research and knowledge sharing activities, the biodiversity initiative is aiming to help the 4Bs community learn about nature. Through opportunities to help nature the initiative is aiming to protect and enhance existing habitats and create new habitats for wildlife and help enhance the biodiversity in our landscape. In this way the whole community is helping nature recover and contribute to our Local Nature Recovery Strategy now being developed by Surrey County Council. We are very grateful for the support we are receiving from Buckland Parish Council.

From a modest grant awarded by the Community Lottery Fund, the 4Bs Biodiversity Initiative sponsored a Gardening for Biodiversity project to encourage residents of the 4Bs to help nature by doing things in their own gardens. 46 people joined the project by creating new habitats for wildlife to help increase the abundance and diversity of plants and animals in their gardens. You can read about, and be inspired by, their stories in the first issue of our Nature Magazine. **The magazine is FREE to download from <https://www.biodiversitypark.uk/magazine.html>**

**4Bs BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVE FREE TALK
Thursday 23 January, 7.30-8.30pm
(tea/coffee from 7.15)
Betchworth Village Hall**

**Wild Birds of the 4Bs: From chalk cliffs to
the River Mole and everything in between**



Glenn Carmichael of RSPB Dorking and District Local Group will give this talk. In January and February 2025, we will be encouraging residents to care for our wild birds and join the annual RSPB Big Garden Bird-watch. To reserve a place please email biodiversityinitiative1@gmail.com. **The talk is for the residents of Buckland, Betchworth, Brockham and Box Hill**

4Bs Biodiversity Initiative Team

ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On the importance of NOT keeping accurate minutes

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Since you were the one to ask this parishioner of yours to act as PCC secretary, you have no reason to complain about the minutes of meetings she produces. You should never let anyone act as a secretary unless they cannot speak English or are hard of hearing, and preferably, both. The more significant the committee and the more contentious the issues being debated, the more you should nobly put yourself forward both to chair the meeting and take the minutes. In the majority of cases, that will spare the other members that awkward moment when you ask for a volunteer, and they all feel the sudden need to stare at their feet.



If you act as secretary, then you can be certain that accounts of what took place will only be what you had wanted to happen and that the decisions taken will be what you had already decided before discussions started. Any inconvenient observations from other committee members can be omitted entirely.

Admittedly, the more observant may notice that your accounts of the meeting may not wholly agree with their recollections, but the skill of being a secretary is not to produce the minutes of the previous meeting until the day before the next one. This will mean that the great majority will have long forgotten what actually did happen two months previously, and that many will not have had the time to read them anyway and will avoid having to admit that fact by passing them.

Only the deeply committed will want to pursue apparent discrepancies. In that case, confess to the meeting that your hand-written notes were accidentally left on a bus and so you can no longer check the accuracy of what you have written. As a way of appearing helpful, you could even give the person challenging you the bus route number and time of day you travelled. Further challenges will rally the rest of the committee to your side, and soon someone will suggest you proceed to the next item on the agenda. Since you are also the chairman, you naturally bow to their request.

Just in the way that church rotas bear no resemblance to the people who actually turn up to do the jobs, minutes of meetings need not bear too much resemblance to what actually happened, especially if what did happen is inconvenient for you.

After all, democracy is all very well - provided a benign dictator is in overall control.

Your Loving Uncle, Eustace

YOUR NEW YEAR 's RESOLUTION? Help out in Buckland Village

We have some essential volunteer roles that are proving hard to fill. Please, can you help!?

VACANCIES FOR 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

Ed.

Whatever happens. What is, is.
Is what I want.
Only that. But that.

Galway Kinnell 1927-2014 (US Poet)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Solution p.30



ACROSS

1. Transgressions
5. Scatter
10. Apollo astronaut Slayton
14. Whispers sweet nothings
15. Type of cetacean
16. XXXX
17. Not cautious or reticent
19. Tins

20. Morsel
21. Move furtively
22. Untrue
23. Accomplish
25. A frequently visited place
27. North northeast
28. Joke writers
31. Earth tremor
34. Bodily cavity
35. Expected
36. Coffee dispensers

37. Condition
38. Apart from this
39. 3 in Roman numerals
40. Changes direction
41. Stratum
42. Brochure
44. Boozer
45. Similar
46. Artificial
50. Devil

52. Fortuneteller's card
54. Frozen water
55. Any minute
56. Fear of heights
58. Golfer's cry
59. Hesitate
60. Types of dessert
61. Where the sun rises
62. Attempts
63. Empty weight

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1. Diving apparatus	manner	34. Trolley	way
2. Style of building	12. Knows (Scottish)	37. Mope around	51. Dwarf buffalo
columns	13. Being	38. Consumes food	53. African sheep
3. Not south	18. Vista	40. Not fat	56. Appropriate
4. South southeast	22. Bother	41. Reluctant	57. Choose
5. Veer	24. Writing fluids	43. World	61. Where the sun
6. Trio	26. Chills and fever	44. Hillsides	rises
7. All-night party	28. Colossal	46. Nonpoetic	62. Attempts
8. Pachyderms	29. Diversion	writing	63. Empty weight
9. Anagram of	30. Fortune teller	47. Leg bone	
"Dew"	31. Witticism	48. More aloof	
10. Pour	32. Murres	49. Stop	
	33. Cartoon		

WE WAS BROUGHT UP PROPER...

Our mothers taught us TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

Our fathers taught us RELIGION:

"You better pray that that will come out of the carpet."

Our mothers taught us LOGIC:

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the shops with me."

Our fathers taught us MORE LOGIC:

"Because I said so, that's why."

Our mothers taught us about CONTORTIONISM:

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

Our fathers taught us about the science of OSMOSIS:

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

Our mothers taught us about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:

"Stop acting like your father!"

Our mothers taught us about EXTRA SENSORY PERCEPTION:

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

SUDOKU

Grade: Medium.

Solution on p.30

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Solution on p.30

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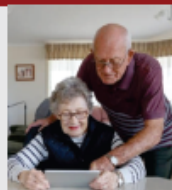


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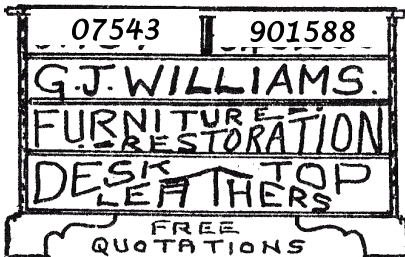


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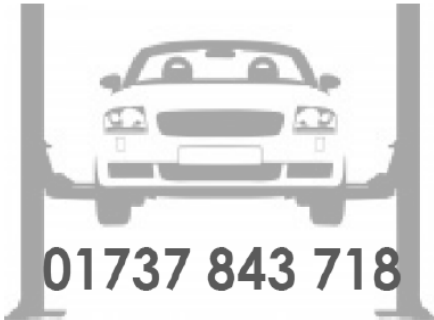


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GARDENING NOTES

You can still garden in January

Yes, it's cold outside, but winter sun can – and should -encourage us outside to look after our gardens. The mix of fresh air, exercise and being close to nature can only be good for our physical and mental health. Autumn was certainly very wet and rather gloomy: it's very positive to now see the first signs of spring appearing with snowdrops and other early-flowering bulbs, as well as plenty of buds on trees and shrubs.

Many plants benefit from winter pruning, and mild days in January provide the ideal opportunity. Pruning not only makes plants healthier and more vigorous, but can also vastly improve crops and flowering -it always amazes me how cutting back plants usually gives them such a growth spurt. Above all remove diseased and damaged stems, but always be mindful of ultimate shape and the space available in your garden. The winter pruning list during the dormant winter months is comprehensive: roses, autumn-fruiting raspberries, grapevines and fruit bushes, deciduous trees and shrubs, and most importantly apple and pear trees. If in doubt as to how and when to prune, check out the Royal Horticultural Society website www.rhs.org.uk. It's interesting, comprehensive and authoritative.

A sharp frost will cause damage to new growth on some shrubs: if this does happen, it's best to wait until the risk of further frosts is over before trimming back to healthy wood. This will protect the plant from further damage and dieback.

January is a good planning and preparation month. Many gardeners buy their seeds now ready to sow in the weeks ahead. Check over your garden tools, and most especially mowers. Servicing is much easier in the winter months before the sudden rush when grass starts its prolific growing in March and April. Spring is just around the corner.

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Every gardener knows that under the cloak of
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Barbara Winkler

GRATITUDE—FOR ALL THAT IS The Christic

I am looking at a tree, but I see such astounding beauty and
graciousness, the tree must be You, O God,
I look at the wild weeds playing across the fields, and their
wild joyful freedom speaks to me of You, O God.

Yesterday, I saw a child crying alone on a busy corner, and
the tears were real, and I thought, you must be crying, O God.
God, you are the mystery within every leaf and grain of sand,
in every face, young and old, you are the light and beauty
of every person.

You are Love itself.
Will we ever learn our true meaning, our true identity?
Will we ever really know that we humans are created for love?
For it is love alone that moves the sun and stars
and everything in between.

We are trying too hard to find You, but You are already here,
We are seeking life without You, but You are already within,
Our heads are in the sand, our eyes are blinded by darkness,
our minds are disoriented in our desperate search
for meaning.

Because You are not what we think You are:
You are mystery.
You are here and You are not,
You are me and You are not,
You are now and You are not,
You are what we will become.
You are the in-between mystery
The infinite potential of infinite love,
And it is not yet clear what You shall be,
For we shall become something new together.

*Poem by Ilia Delio
(Franciscan Sister & author, Washington D.C.)*

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU— HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR POSTURE IN 2025

As we enter 2025, it is the perfect time to prioritise our health and well-being. One often overlooked aspect of overall wellness is maintaining good posture and spinal health. Good posture involves keeping your body in alignment, with the spine in its natural curves. It helps distribute the weight evenly across the body and reduces unnecessary stress on the muscles and joints. Maintaining good posture has numerous benefits, including:

- Reducing the risk of developing musculoskeletal problems
- Minimising back, neck, and shoulder pain
- Improving digestion and breathing
- Boosting self-confidence and projecting a more confident image

Here's how you can improve your posture in 2025...

Tip 1: Sit and Stand Tall

Whether you're working at a desk or standing in line, sit and stand tall. Keep your shoulders relaxed, your chin parallel to the ground, and your back straight. Avoid slouching or hunching forward, a poor posture habit

Tip 2: Invest in Ergonomic Support

Make sure your workspace is ergonomically designed to support good posture. Invest in an adjustable chair that promotes proper spinal alignment. Use an ergonomic keyboard and mouse, with a monitor positioned at eye level to avoid strain.

Tip 3: Take Frequent Breaks & Stretch

Sitting or standing in one position for extended periods can put stress on your back and neck. Remember to take regular breaks to stretch your muscles and relieve tension. Incorporate simple exercises like shoulder rolls, neck stretches, and spine twists to keep your body flexible and prevent stiffness.

Tip 4: Exercise Regularly

Regular exercise is essential for maintaining good posture and spinal health. Engaging in activities such as walking, swimming, or yoga can strengthen the muscles that support your spine. Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise most days of the week.

Tip 5: Seek Chiropractic Care

Chiropractic adjustments help align your spine, relieve pain, and improve overall function. Chiropractors also provide personalised advice on posture correction and exercises tailored to your specific needs. By incorporating these tips into your daily routine and seeking professional care when needed, you can enjoy the benefits of improved posture, reduced pain, and enhanced overall well-being. Remember, small changes can make a big difference, so commit to taking care of your posture and spine throughout the year!

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Sir Hermann Bondi

1919-2005



Hermann Bondi was a widely recognized scientist and media communicator. He became a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge, prior to several top managerial positions in public sector organisations. For 28 years, from 1955 to 1984, he lived at East House, Buckland, prior to his active retirement, when he re-turned to Cambridge as Master of Churchill College.

Hermann Bondi was born in Vienna in 1919. His father was a Doctor and whilst several of his wider family were strict Orthodox Jews, his own parents were not especially religious, though they presented themselves as such to avoid family upsets. Hermann attended state-run primary and secondary schools, and by the age of 12 he was already showing an advanced aptitude for mathematics and calculus, where he was far ahead of anything they taught in school.¹

As a teenager in the early 1930's Hermann was very aware of the political stresses in the Austria, especially the rising German aggression against the Jewish community. He took the initiative to apply for Cambridge, which could only be done by a reference from a professor in Austria who knew of his talents. He was given a place to read mathematics at Trinity College Cambridge and was grateful that his father could fund his time at Cambridge. From the BBC News, he learnt of Hitler's Plan to invade Vienna, and he immediately sent a telegram to warn his family to vacate immediately.

Even as an 18-year-old, his message expressed the urgency and they all left safely for refuge in Switzerland, via Budapest – just prior to the German invasion of Vienna and massacre of the resident Jewish community. He truly saved their lives.

In his autobiography¹, Bondi expressed a love for Cambridge and within a year he decided he'd like to become an academic in mathematics or physics. For 18 months, Hermann was categorized as a refugee from Nazi-occupied Austria, where he was 'in camp' getting bored with many other students in a similar position. He gained his degree in 1942 and began work at the Ministry of Defense's Admiralty Signals Establishment, designing better radars for the Navy. At the end of the war in 1945 he got a post as Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics at Cambridge, becoming a full Lecturer in 1949. He published research on fluid motion, geophysics, the solar corona, electromagnetism and the 'steady-state theory of the expanding universe.' This latter research provided a degree of fame, but within a decade the Big Bang theory of the Universe became more popular, and Bondi adapted his views.

He married Christine Stockman in 1947, whom he met while she was working as an astrophysics research student with another famous scientist, Fred Hoyle. Hermann & Christine had two sons and three daughters. In 1951, with wife and first child in tow, Bondi took up visiting research fellow posts at Cornell Univer-

sity and later at Harvard, before moving the Kings College London as Professor of Applied Mathematics in 1954.

It was the move to Kings College London that prompted the Bondi's to move from Cambridge to Buckland, finding first a rented house on Reigate Heath, then in 1955 purchasing the neighbouring 'East House' at Buckland Corner by Reigate Heath. Hermann explains in his autobiography¹ that he personally designed the heating system using his understanding of physics and personally 'managed his septic tank' (whatever that means!) for his 28 years in residence. All five of his children went to Holmesdale School in Reigate, and the boys onto Reigate Grammar and the girls to the County Grammar at Guildford.

The Bondi family stayed at East House Buckland for 28 years. They enjoyed many family holidays, with favorites including the Italian Dolomites and Alps, and the Yorkshire Dales. Hermann loved to travel the world attending conferences and speaking engagements. One of his colleagues quipped that 'You can always persuade Hermann to attend a conference, especially if its over 3000 miles away'.¹ However, Bondi was not entirely elitist in his speaking engagements, as he gave a talk to 'Buckland One World Group' in the village Reading Room in June 1981 on the subject of 'Energy & the Developing World', which raised £120 for a charity in Southern India².



East House, Buckland Corner (on Reigate Heath)

In 1953, the East Coast of England suffered terrible floods, and London only escaped by good luck. Several engineering consultancies had considered a Thames barrier, but contradictory evidence failed to move the Government forward. Hermans Bondi was asked by Sir Solly Zuckerman to conduct an independent consultancy assignment. Hermann interviewed a number of interested parties, including the Dutch. Despite not being a water engineer, his common sense suggested a barrier in the Woolwich area to protect the City, rather than a wider barrier further toward the sea which had been the previous focus. This feasibility solution was accepted by Government

and the Act of the London Flood Barrier was passed within 18 months. Although he had no involvement in the construction, he was justifiably proud of kick-starting the feasibility and scoping of the project.

In 1959 he was elected to the Royal Society, travelling the world to international conferences in his latest research in the field of astronomy. Hermann also expressed the importance of public communication to other scientists, and secured a TV series where he presented simple presentations of complex science for public consumption and enhanced his reputation as a good communicator.

His roles and achievements include:

- Chairman of the Government's Meteorological Research Committee
- Director General of the European Space Research Organization, 1967 – a forerunner of the European Space Agency.³ This he did by commuting from Buckland via Gatwick to Paris every week, whilst his wife managed the home in Buckland and the children stayed at their local schools.
- Chief Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Defence, 1971 – for which he received the Honour of KCB (Knight Commander of Bath, and entitlement to the prefix 'Sir'), followed by
- Deputy Secretary, UK Department of Energy, 1977
- Chairman and Chief Executive of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), 1980. [Here your editor, Dr Ferns, has bragging rights: he was a NERC-sponsored PhD student at Imperial College London from 1980-83, and recalls NERC Newsletters containing messages from Sir Hermann Bondi. However, he never met him!].¹

To close his career, in 1984, aged 65, Hermann left Buckland and 'retired' back to his favourite Cambridge and academia, becoming Master of Churchill College Cambridge. He held this post until 1993, when he wrote his autobiography¹ [which made writing a profile such as this so much easier!].

Hermann's legacy of scientific publications is enormous, and includes four books: *Cosmology* (1952), *The Universe at Large* (1960), *Relativity and Commonsense* (1964), and *Assumption and Myth in Physical Theory* (1967).⁴

A humanist throughout his life, he claimed never to have 'felt the need for religion'. He was President of the British Humanist Association in 1982 and of the Rationalist Press Association from 1982. He worked under a portrait of his hero, Albert Einstein.

Herman Bondi died on 10 September 2005 in Cambridge, aged 85. He was cremated, as was his wish.⁴

Acknowledgements

David and Lis Seymour bought East House at Buckland Corner from Sir Hermann Bondi in 1987. They met him during the sale process. David and Lis are still living there now. Without their prompting and collaboration, I would not have known of Herman Bondi's presence in Buckland – so, a big thank you.

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3rd at 7.30, Ukulele Orchestra at Dorking Halls, £32

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19th at 4.00, Gesualdo Six at St Martin's church, £20

20th at 2.00, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £19.50

23rd at 7.00, screening of *Girl from the North Country* at Dorking Halls, £19.50

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The first of the three musicals to be screened, *Miss Saigon* tells the tragic love story of a young bar girl orphaned by war who falls in love with an American GI, only for their lives to be torn apart by the fall of Saigon. *The Phantom of the Opera* is presented in a special 25th anniversary staging at the Royal Albert Hall. 'Girl from the North Country' is a story of travellers meeting in a guesthouse filled with music, and it features the songs of Bob Dylan.

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The room was filled with the scent of fresh foliage, mince pies, mulled refreshments and the background sound of christmas music which got everyone into the spirit of things. Everyone was really pleased with their creations which were all stunning.



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The Royal Botanic Gardens – Kew by Pamela Holt
Monday 17th March 2025. 7:30pm – 9pm Brockham Village Hall -

Gardening Should be Fun by Jean Griffin Monday 14th April 2025. 7:30pm – 9pm.
Brockham Village Hall

If you are interested in joining us at any of our other events, please contact us on the email below for information to join.

We always welcome new members and the cost is just £10 per year.
Happy New Year 2025 to everyone.

Ruth Johnson, bghsociety@hotmail.com

DORKING MUSEUM IN JANUARY

The team at Dorking Museum wishes all the best for 2025 to all readers.

Building between the vines – the story of the Denbies Lego house: The Museum's current exhibition tells the story of when James May built a full-size Lego house between the vines of the Denbies Wine Estate in 2009 as part of a BBC television series, 'James May Toy Stories'.



Almost 2,000 volunteers built the two-storey house over a five-week period, using over 3.3 million bricks, a world record for the largest Lego house. After the opening, May stayed in the house for one rainy September night. The house remained at Denbies for four days before being demolished, with the bricks donated to charity.

Specially designed Lego models of buildings and objects with a Dorking connection are on display, and there are other activities for children, including a Lego Dorking Cockerel trail around the museum, with prizes, from January 11th. Family Activities at Dorking Library: Dorking's Fabulous Creatures on Saturday 11th January, 10am to 1pm. Celebrate the most wonderful animals from Dorking's history by helping to create a colourful collage to go on the library wall. All materials free, thanks to the Arts Society Dorking.

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

A wise man once said nothing

Anon. (Nothing to do with the above, obviously. Ed.)

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

**Crossword (p.14)
Solution**

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Wordsearch (p.16) Solution

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Sudoku (p.16) Solution

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

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:
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