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Dear All

Lent is on us, and spring is coming with all its hope and joy and newness. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by so much nature and new life wherever we look. It gets to feel every time we go out you can see some change or difference in the hedgerows or trees or in the garden. This month also sees the start of Lent, a time when we are challenged to re-examine our lives in relation to Jesus' sacrifice of death for us. It's a time of quiet reflection and personal growth in our Christian faith. We have a few things to add to your diary...



- Ash Wednesday service 7pm St Mary's Buckland, 5th March.
- Lent study course – Monday evenings 7pm at the rectory (dependent on interest)
- Confirmation classes are also available on Saturdays. If you are interested please do let me know.

At the heart of our church services lies the Eucharist or Communion where we gather together to receive the bread and wine or a blessing in remembrance of the last supper where Christ used the imagery of bread and wine to symbolise his body and blood.

Since Covid we have been receiving the bread and wine together – the priest dips the wafer in the wine before giving it to each person. We were advised to do this because of the highly infectious nature of covid initially and it was a way that we all could still receive communion while remaining as safe as possible. It was never intended that this would become the way we would always receive communion but as a temporary measure while the risks to health were at their highest. The risk has come down now, regular vaccinations and boosters are in place,

and we've just weathered yet another winter without any major outbreak or loss of life. Now seems to be a good time to think about returning to the original way of receiving bread and wine separately. The way that Christ administered it to his disciples.

The PCC and I have spoken about this and it was decided that from Easter Day we will revert to the original way of administering bread and wine. I understand that some may be nervous about this and not wish to drink from the chalice and that is fine.

Unfortunately, congregation members aren't able to dip the bread in the wine because of the risk of people accidentally getting their fingertips into the wine and introducing more bacteria into the wine than someone who drinks from the cup. But if you don't feel comfortable drinking from the cup please don't worry, receiving communion in one kind ie the bread without the wine holds just as much of a blessing and has just as much transformative power as receiving both kinds.

Easter Day is on 20th April this year and I do hope you are able to join us.

Love Pru

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Thank you!

CHURCH SERVICES—MARCH

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
2 March <i>Sunday before Lent</i>		10am Parish Communion Luke 9; 28-36
5 March ASH WEDNESDAY	7pm Imposition of Ashes Service	
9 March <i>Lent</i>	10am IONA Service with Communion <i>Luke 4: 1-13</i>	5pm Choral Evensong
16 March <i>Lent 2</i>		10am Parish Communion <i>Luke 13: 31-end</i>
23 March <i>Lent 3</i>	10am Parish Communion <i>Luke 13: 1-9</i>	
30 March <i>Lent 4</i>		10am MOTHERING SUNDAY Service <i>Luke 2: 33-35</i>
6 April <i>Lent 5</i>		10am Parish Communion <i>John 12: 1-8</i>

We also hold a said, midweek Holy Communion each Thursday morning 10am at St Michael's Church, 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**'

COVER PICTURE

Snowdrops on 28 January 2025 in St Mary's Buckland graveyard,
covering the grave of Ros Hepburn, her husband Ron & his Aunt Jessie Roberts
(all late of Buckland Lodge, Dungates Lane)

WINTER LUNCHES—Closing report

On Friday the 14th February, Valentines Day, we held our last winter lunch with 20 friends have lunch together. The menu was sausage casserole, sprouts, potatoes and carrots and then various desserts to finish. As usual there was plenty of chatter and laughter. I would like to thank our helpers Liz Vahey, Margaret & John Miller for cooking the meal and Everett for putting out the tables and chairs, but I must thank Keith for putting the tables and chairs away!

Because of your wonderful donations over the past months we will be able to send £500 to various charities which have been chosen by everyone who comes to the lunches. From us all on the Winter Lunch team, THANK YOU.

LENT LUNCHES 2025 - Starting Thursday 6 March

Our Lent lunches, which consist of homemade soups, village shop bread and tea and coffee will start on Thursday the 6th March at 12 noon in Buckland Reading Room. The cost of the lunch will be a donation which will go the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal.

The dates for Lent lunches are **Thursday the 6th March, 13th March, 20th March, 27th March, 3rd April, 10th April and finishing on Maundy Thursday the 17th April.** Notices will be in the Church Porch and on the Reading Room notice board.

Summer Lunch on the 27th June—one for the diary

Hope to see you and hopefully some new faces at the Reading Room on 27th June for the Summer Lunch at 12 noon. More information to follow in the May magazine.

Please let Liz Vahey on 01737 221444 or me Carol Leeds on 01737 247399 know if you wish to attend the Lent Lunches and/or the Summer lunch, so the right numbers can be catered for. Thank you,

Carol Leeds



BUCKLAND BELLRINGERS

Very occasionally the ringers are asked to ring for a funeral. Traditionally, the tenor (heaviest bell) would toll for a funeral. The tenor ringer would slowly ring 6 strokes (for a female) or 9 strokes (for a male) then leave a short gap, before ringing the same number of strokes as the age of the deceased.



Years back, people working in the fields would count the strokes and identify the funeral. Nowadays, people tend to hear a bell solemnly tolling and immediately associate the sad sound with a funeral. For some funerals we are asked to ring all six bells, and usually do so respectfully as the coffin leaves the church. The bells may be half muffled if requested, though for the last funeral we were asked to ring out clear as a celebration of life.

The only time the bells are fully muffled is for the death of the Queen (or King), leaving the tenor half muffled (open at at backstroke) to punctuate the sound of the ringing. When ringing for a funeral we try to ring a little more slowly and respectfully as suits the occasion. As funerals are often held on weekdays it can sometimes be a little more difficult to find a band to ring, so we may ask ringers from other towers to join us if necessary. Likewise, our ringers may help at other towers if needed. There's a great supportive network of ringers locally (and nationwide).

John Donne (1572 - 1631)'s poem 'For whom the bell tolls' explains 'no man is an island' and discusses our shared humanity, reaching the conclusion 'For whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee'.

Come and join us in the tower at Buckland on Fridays 8pm. We always need more bellringers.

Julie Beale



READING ROOM AVAILABILITY

Following the unfortunate closure of one of our long term clubs we now have an opening for a regular booking on Monday afternoons. We may have other time slots available more suitable for your needs, so please do ask.

Our rates are very reasonable and if you would like some further information, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Jane Stewart on 07733 116992

Tim Howe, Reading Room Committee Chariman

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

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.

Come when you can, and go when you must

For transport or information, contact:

Margaret Miller, 01737 842098

MARCH EVENTS

3 Mar, 7.15pm. Talk: Women Pilots at War. DLHG, p.29

6 Mar, 12 noon. First Lent lunch (and every Thursday in March), Reading Rm, p.6

16 Mar, 6pm. Concert: A2Z Flute Choir, St Mary's Buckland, p.9

17 Mar, 2.30pm. Talk: Versailles Palace. Arts Society, p.29

17 Mar, 7.30pm. Talk: Kew Gardens. BGHS, p.28

17 Mar, 7.30pm. Talk: Box Hill School's Secret Agents. DLHG by ZOOM, p.29

21 Mar, 7.15pm. Winetasting Event (by ticket only). B&B Society. p30

26 Mar, 2-4pm. Drop in Teas, St Michael's Hamilton Room, p.8

22 Mar, 10am. Village Spring Clean. BPC, p.10

31 Mar, 7.30pm. Annual Parish Meeting & Talk: Surrey, Unitary Authority? BPC, p.10

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUCKLAND
SUNDAY 16 MARCH, 6pm (to 7.15pm)

Raising money for St Mary's Buckland and The Children's Trust

A2Z FLUTE CHOIR
An ensemble of six
flautists

Featuring our very own Hannah Wilson



A suggested minimum donation of £5 would be appreciated
It is a rare occasion for St. Mary's to host a musical concert, so please do come along!

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Please enquire to email addresses below for further details

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Secretary—BUCKLAND ST MARY's PCC

Please contact Rosey Davy, roseydavy@gmail.com

Buckland Matters



The Buckland Annual Parish Meeting

at 7.30pm on Monday 31st March 2025 in the Reading Room

'Devolution' the plans to make Surrey a Unitary Authority and how it might affect you



Village Spring Clean!

We are Planning a Village tidy up/Litter Pick , on **Saturday 22nd March**. assembling at The War Memorial at 10am.



Litter Pickers and Bags are provided, but if you are able to help please make sure you bring with you some sturdy gloves....

All welcome

(Anyone under 16 needs to be accompanied by a responsible adult)

Features

MARCH IN THE GARDEN Dealing with Weeds

As buds start to burst into life and the miracle of fresh spring growth appears, we have to start dealing with weeds. A good definition is “any wild plant that grows in an unwanted place, especially in a garden or field where it prevents the cultivated plants from growing freely”.

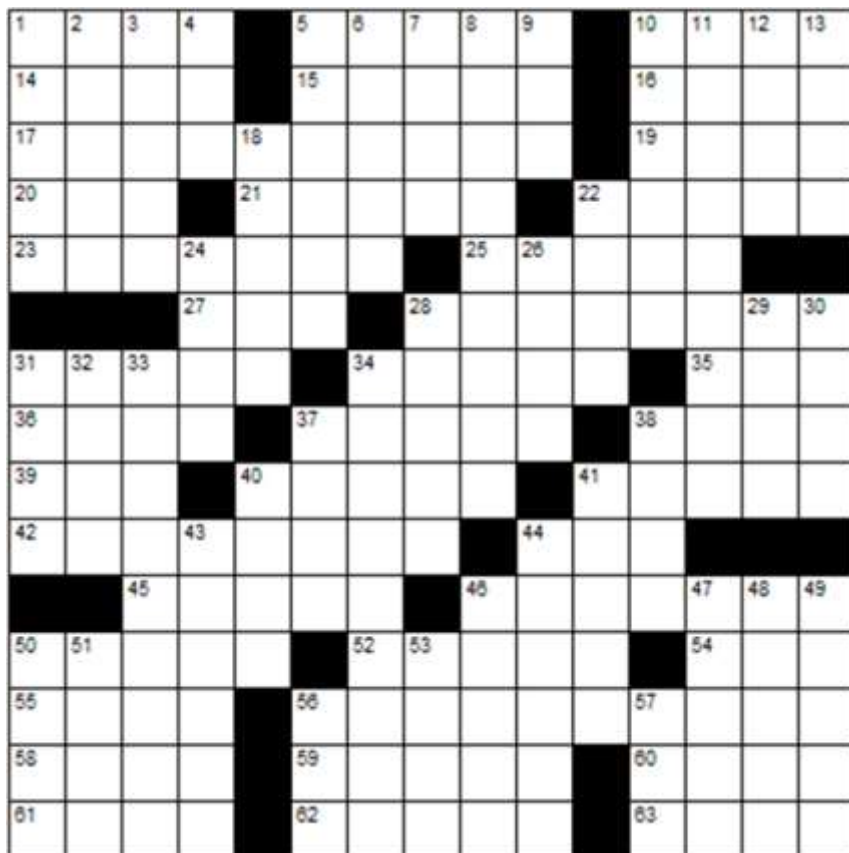
Now is the time to plan ahead to reduce the impact from any unwanted plants. Just a few ideas depending on location and type of weed.

- There are plenty of ground-covering plants which will, over time, simply crowd out the vast majority of weeds. Vinca and pachysandra will grow almost anywhere and provide an ultimate carpet in most conditions, as will ivy. Evergreen herbs such as creeping thyme are ideal in sunny areas, as are trailing conifers which are ground-hugging and will guard against all but the most persistent weeds.
- Generally having a full bed of shrubs, herbaceous plants, bulbs and annuals with few gaps will help. Mass planting not only gives great impact, but with good foliage coverage there will be less opportunity for both annual and perennial weeds to take hold.
- Mulch! A good covering of compost and bark will weaken weeds beneath. Also, porous weed-proof membrane works well in areas which are unplanted. For new plants, simply cut crosses in the membrane, fold back the flaps and dig in. Gravel or slate chippings will provide a good finishing touch. It all helps to retain valuable moisture in the soil as well.
- Weeding manually, especially as they emerge in March, is instant and satisfying. Perennial weeds should ideally be dug out from the roots as they will simply re-emerge if they are cut a ground level. Annual weeds can be hoed out of loose soil and removed or left to wither on the surface in sunny weather.
- As a last resort, or in an especially large or difficult area, use a spray weedkiller: use on a dry and breeze-free day. Most will take around a week to take effect, but it can be a useful method for long-established weeds.

David Hogg, Buckland Nurseries

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Solution p.34



ACROSS

1. Celtic language
5. Hemorrhage
10. Garden tool
14. Depression
15. Immense
16. Rewrite
17. Gauntness
19. Not up
20. Soviet space station
21. Peak

22. Brown shade
23. Painter's studio
25. A small island
27. Antiquity
28. Guess
31. Rot
34. Abatement
35. Go up and down
36. Computer symbol
37. Sensational
38. Thick slice

39. Before, in poetry
40. Terror
41. Accomplishments
42. Vestment
44. Used in baseball
45. Manager
46. Noteworthy
50. Decree
52. Overact
54. What we breathe
55. Glance
56. Seer

58. Osseous tissue
59. Breathe noisily while asleep
60. Magistrate of old Venice
61. Once, long ago
62. Aromatic compound
63. Took to court

DOWN

1. Swelling
2. Send, as payment
3. Trap
4. And more
5. Trumpeted
6. Subsequently
7. Greek goddess of discord
8. Self-centered
9. Lair
10. Ransom

11. Suitable for adoption
12. Flightless bird
13. Europe's highest volcano
18. In an unfriendly way
22. Lingerie item
24. Not fatty
26. Wall upright
28. Spooky
29. Frog
30. Declines

31. Perishes
32. Beige
33. Compulsions
34. Midday meals
37. Nonclerical
38. Bristle
40. Surveyor's map
41. Specified days of the month
43. Pool-table hole
44. Irritate
46. French for "Our"

47. Marshy area
48. Feudal lord
49. Made a mistake
50. River to the North Sea
51. A swinging barrier
53. Debatable
56. South southeast
57. Commercials

DON'T HONK YOUR HORN AT OLD PEOPLE

I was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me leaned on her horn because I was taking too long to place my order. 'Take the high road', I thought to myself. But when I got to the first window, I paid for her order along with my own. The cashier must have told her what I'd done, because as we moved up, she leaned out her window and waved to me and mouthed "Thank you.", obviously embarrassed that I had repaid her rudeness with a kindness. When I got to the second window, I showed them both receipts and took her food too. Now she has to go back to the end of the line and start all over. So, don't honk your horn at old people, they've been around a long time!



"Sometimes I like to circle someone perfectly healthy just to mess with their head."

SUDOKU

Grade: Medium.
Solution on p.34

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WORDSEARCH—Mothering Sunday, 30 March

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- fasting
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selfdenial

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Religion vs Spirituality: Prayer is Fire! - a short story

by Anthony de Mello (1931-87) Indian Jesuit Priest

Let's go back a few thousand years. There's this guy who invented the art of making fire. He goes up to the snow-clad northern regions where you have hill tribes shivering in the bitter cold, and he begins to teach them the art and advantages of making fire. He shows them the value of being able to be warm in the winter, cooking their food, helping with their buildings—and they learnt enthusiastically.



They were so grateful that they had learned the art of making fire, but before they could express their gratitude, he quietly slipped away. He didn't even give them time to thank him because you know those rare human beings endowed with greatness—they're not bothered about being remembered, they're not bothered about being thanked.

He went to another tribe, and he began to teach them to make fire. The people were enthusiastic, and he began to get more and more popular. The priests feared that their own popularity would diminish, so they decided to get rid of him by poisoning him. A suspicion arose among the people that it was the priests who had done it, so you know what the priests did?

They had a portrait of the Great Inventor enthroned upon the main altar of the temple, and a liturgy designed so that his name would be revered and his memory kept alive. The greatest care was taken that not a single word of the liturgy was altered or omitted. The tools for making fire were enshrined within a casket and were said to bring healing to all who laid their hands on them with faith. The High Priest himself undertook the task of compiling a Life of the Inventor. This became the Holy Book in which the Inventor's loving-kindness was offered as an example for all to emulate, his glorious deeds were eulogized, his superhuman nature made an article of faith. The priests saw to it that the Book was handed down to future generations, while they authoritatively interpreted the meaning of his words and the significance of his holy life and death. And they ruthlessly punished with death or excommunication anyone who deviated from their doctrine.

Caught up as they were in these religious tasks, the people completely forgot the art of making fire. The veneration, the worship, the ritual, were faithfully observed and went on decade after decade, century after century. But, there was no fire. Ritual, remembrance, gratitude, veneration, goodwill, yes. But, no fire.

The best religion in the world is the religion called Love, not the religion called 'Lord, Lord'. Who says this thing about Love? Jesus Christ Himself. This is what Jesus Christ is all about. But we overemphasized the 'Lord, Lord,' didn't we? Where's the fire? And if worship isn't leading to the fire, if adoration isn't leading to love, if the liturgy isn't leading to a clearer perception of reality, if God isn't leading to life, of what use is religion except to create more division, more fanaticism, more antagonism? It is not from lack of religion in the ordinary sense of the word that the world is suffering, it is from lack of love, lack of awareness. And love is generated through awareness and through no other way. Understand the obstructions you are putting in the way of love, freedom, and happiness, and they will drop.

It's your being that needs to be transformed. That's the fire. That's the transformation we're talking about—literally another mind, another way of looking at things, another way of seeing everything. When that comes, you change, your deeds change, your life changes. That's the fire.

SOME USEFUL MEDICAL TERMS

Artery: The study of fine paintings

Catscan: Mobile App to find pussycats

Cauterize: Made eye contact with her

Enema: Not a friend

ER: The things on your head

Genes: Blue denim trousers

Haemorrhoid: A male from outer space

Impotent: Distinguished, well-known

Morbid: A higher offer than I bid

Nitrates: Cheaper than day rates

Organ Transplant: Piano removal

Outpatient: A person who has fainted

Pap Smear: Making fun of Dad

Pathological: A reasonable way to go

Pharmacist: Person who makes a living dealing in agriculture

Post Operative: A postman

Recovery Room: Place to do upholstery

Rectum: Almost killed him

Red Blood Count: Dracula

Secretion: Hiding something

Seizure: Roman Emperor

Terminal Illness: Sick at the airport.

Triple Bypass: Move by rugby winger-

Tumor: An extra pair

Varicose: Near by

Vein : Conceited

MUSIC IN DORKING—MARCH



1st at 7.30, Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra at St George's church, Ashted, £16, 01372 275907
2nd at 3.00, Brodsky quartet at Dorking Halls
3rd at 1.00, screening of *Swan Lake* at Dorking Halls
7th at 1.00 & 7.30, screening of *Jesus Christ Superstar* at Dorking Halls
9th at 7.00, LHMF *Messiah* at Dorking Halls
15th at 7.30, Dorking Philharmonia at St Martin's
20th at 7.15, ballet screening at Dorking Halls
24th at 2.00, ballet screening at Dorking Halls

The first concert of this year's Leith Hill Music Festival takes place on 9th March at Dorking Halls. This is a performance of **Handel's *Messiah*** given by a large choir of festival singers with the baroque orchestra Canzona. It will be the first concert with the new festival conductor Neil Ferris, who has been leading the singers through a series of lively and inspiring rehearsals.

The Dorking Philharmonia has a programme of Russian music, beginning with Borodin's evocative tone poem *In the steppes of central Asia*. Louis-Victor Bak will then be the soloist in Rachmaninov's ever-popular second piano concerto and the concert will finish with Tchaikovsky's brilliant symphony no.4.

The Dorking Concertgoers present the world-famous Brodsky string quartet in the third of a three-concert series that began in February. Beginning with an arrangement of a Bach violin sonata, they will play Debussy's beautifully atmospheric string quartet and Schubert's moving *Death and the Maiden*.

The Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra, playing in Ashted, has a very attractive programme, beginning with Mendelssohn's rarely-heard overture *Son and Stranger*. Gerard Flotats is the cello soloist in Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations* and a lovely *Romanze* by Richard Strauss. There are also two pieces by Delius, and the concert finishes with Saint-Saens' second symphony.

There are several screenings at the Dorking Halls this month: Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* and Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* from the Royal Ballet, and Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar*, filmed during its UK tour.

Ian Codd

ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On the perils of parking near church

My dear Nephew Darren

I cannot be wholly sympathetic because your church car park is now inadequate, only having space for 100 cars. Your solution of advising members of the congregation to park in the adjoining supermarket car park may not have been wise. The maximum time people can stop there is 90 minutes, and as your services often reach that length, returning to find their cars clamped may not make you universally popular – although it may give your congregation the opportunity of practising Christian forgiveness.



Since the medieval architect who built St James the Least of All was not overly concerned with car parking, the only space we have is along the road by the church. Inevitably, it gets blocked, which causes us all immense satisfaction when those not attending church but intending to have a morning shopping, find themselves unable to get out of the village until Mattins is over. I did once encourage people to walk to church across the fields, but after we had nearly lost the present Earl in that swampy bit near the brook, I decided the idea was best dropped.

For most, the inconvenience of parking only makes attending church more of a pleasurable challenge; we so enjoy having something to complain about. Major Hastings, however, who has complained endlessly about parking problems, made a point last Christmas by leaving his car in the middle of the vicarage lawn. I was so pleased he happened to park just where I had had a garden pond filled in only the previous week. He returned to find that the car had sunk up to the windscreen and needed a crane to remove it.

For weddings, a farmer allows us to use the field adjoining the church. While he rarely attends church on Sundays, he is always there the week before – I suspect praying for heavy rain, so he can make a fortune charging to tow out with his tractor those who have got stuck. Perhaps the greatest act of witness your church could perform would be to get everyone attending church to park on the ring road, bringing the entire town to a halt until your Sunday morning Service is over.

Your Loving Uncle, Eustace

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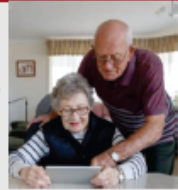


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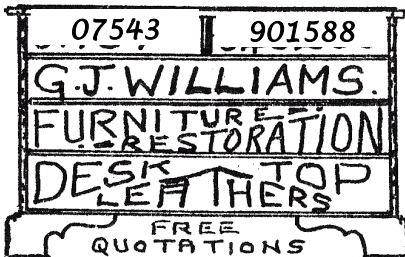


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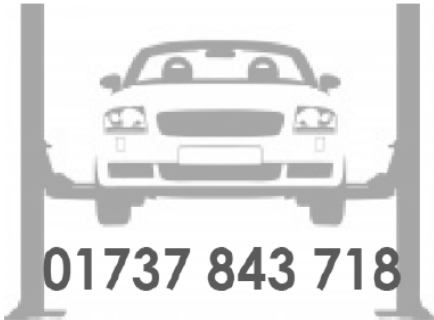


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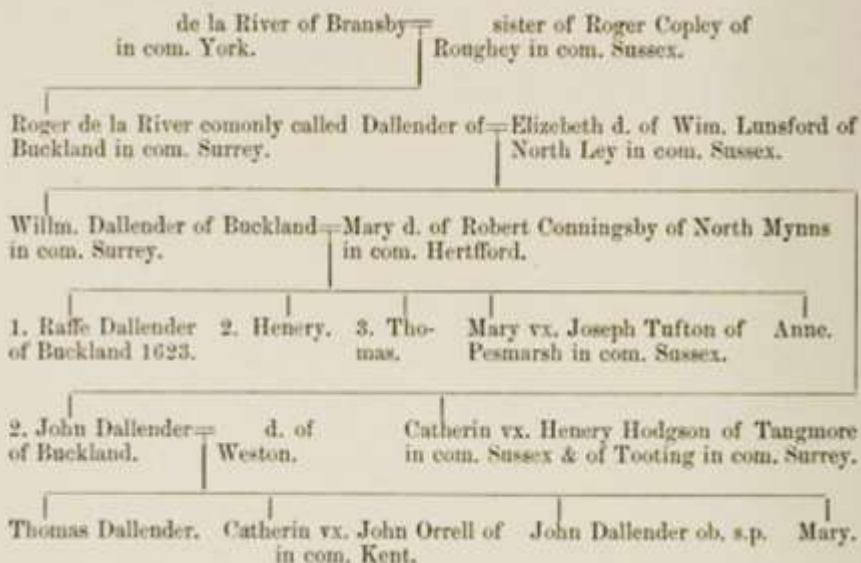
Roger, William & Ralph
Dallender
1550-1660

The historic records of Buckland^{1,2} explain that Roger Dallender & Herbert Pelham became the owners of the Buckland Estate in 1567, it then passed to his son William Dallender, and finally to Ralph Dallender. Ralph was in debt and sold the estate to Gamaliel Catelyn. Catelyn died within a year of the deal, and the Executors of his Estate sold it on to George Browne in 1654. This has all been documented since Victorian times, but after delving into the family histories, some interesting details of the story have emerged...

The original surname of the Dallenders was 'de la River', and whilst it sounds rather French, this family took ownership of a Yorkshire Parish called **Brandsby Estate** as early as 1166.³ 'Thomas de La River' (born in Brandsby 1508, died in Brandsby 1558) married the sister of Roger Copley of **Roffey Park Estate**, near Horsham Sussex. The Copley family at this time also owned the **Gatton Park Estate** in Reigate, a local connection¹. Thomas had 3 children, Eleanor, Roger & Walter. He died at the age of 50 in 1558, when his son Roger was only 8 years old, and hence Roger was brought up by his mother, possibly at Gatton Park.

Roger Dallender (1550-1598)

Roger adopted the name Dallender. He married Elizabeth Lunsford of the **Wilegh Estate, near Lewes in Sussex** at the age of 18. The Lunsford's cousins were the Pelham family who owned the adjoining **Halland Estate**⁴. The family relationship between the Dallender and Pelham families is key to explaining the likely reason of the purchase of the Buckland Estate by '**Roger Dallender and Herbert Pelham in 1567**', as quoted in the Victorian Histories of Buckland.^{1,2} What is unusual, is that at the time of the purchase, Roger Dallender was only aged 17 and Herbert Pelham (his wife's cousin) was only aged 22. Whilst it was a 'joint purchase', just 2 years later in 1569, following Dallender's coming of age and his marriage to Elizabeth

De la River or Dallender.[Harl. 1561, fos. 127 and 127^b.]ARMS.—*Vair argent and gules, a bordure azure bezantée.*CREST.—*A bird's head vair argent and gules* [an eagle's head in Harl. 1433 and other MSS.].

*The family tree of Roger, William & Ralph Dallender.
Published 1899 from original documents of 1530, 1572 & 1623⁵*

Lunsfold, Herbert Pelham used a 'quit rent' mechanism to withdraw all his interest in the Buckland Estate, with no financial transaction, leaving it all to Roger Dallender. This original quit rent document still exists in the Buckland Estate Archive.⁶ The complex purchase was almost certainly managed by Roger's in-laws, to 'give their daughter Elizabeth Lunsfold the gift of Buckland Estate on the occasion of her marriage to Roger Dallender'.

Roger Dallender was baptised at St Mary's Buckland at the age of 18, in 1568, perhaps to demonstrate his allegiance to the village. He was the first owner of Buckland to make the Parish his home. With his family background of Estate ownership, it is almost certain that he built the first 'Buckland Court' manor house behind St Mary's church. Roger Dallender led the first 'Court Baron' in 1589 at the age of 39. The Court Baron was the

manorial court, a 'Committee' which dealt with the transfer of copyhold land (e.g. tenants passing land to their heirs) and passing of payments to Lord of the Manor.⁷ It is likely that the date of completion of his house, named 'Buckland Court' was also 1589. It is certain that by 1630, the house named Buckland Court was in existence, as it is mentioned in a deed.⁸

Roger and Elizabeth Dallender of Buckland had three children, William, John and Catherine. One surviving deed of 1589 survives in the Buckland Estate Archive⁸, concerns his gift of a home to Roger's 18-year-old son John on his coming of age: *'Lease for 2000 years. Roger Dallender of Buckland in the County of Surrey, Gent., grants unto John Dallender his younger Son, A Messuage and garden in Buckland late of John Woodman, A Croft of 2 acres and 1 rood called Thurstones, three Crofts containing 6 acres, 2 acres in Crockerley and other Lands in Buckland for a term of 2000 years, for the yearly payment at the Feast of St. John the Baptist of one red rose if lawfully demanded'.⁸*

Roger died in 1598, aged 48; and his wife Elizabeth in 1609, age 59. They both have their burial recorded in St. Mary's Buckland Parish Register, though no memorials survive.

Roger's elder son William was to take on the Manor of Buckland.

William Dallender (1575 – 1618)

Despite Roger apparently being very Buckland-oriented, his son William was born in Upminster (now in Essex) suggesting that his parents, Roger & Elizabeth, were living there at the time. William married twice, first in 1589, to Margaret Lee (1571-93) of Buckland, in a ceremony at St Mary's Buckland. They had a daughter Ann (1591-1642), but Mother Margaret died in 1593, aged just 22 and she was buried in Buckland when daughter Ann was just aged two.

William's second marriage in 1599 was to Mary Coningsby (1575-1624) of the **North Mimms Estate** in Hertfordshire. This family had acquired 11 properties in London.⁹ William and Mary Dallender had a further four children: Ralph (1600-1660), Mary Ann (1600-1642), Henry (1602-) and Catherine (1603-).

William purchased property in Camberwell, Surrey, which was then a growing village servicing London and at some point, he moved to live there. In 1618, aged 43, he died and was buried St Bartholomew the Less, Camberwell. This church still exists with the grounds of St Bartholomew's Hospital. His eldest son Ralph was just 18 years old when his father died.

Ralph Dallender (1600-1660)

Ralph was to inherit the Estate, but the law of the time regarded him a minor until the age of 21, hence the Buckland

Estate was put into Trust. There is a surviving deed that Ralph only 'claimed' the title of Buckland in 1624, aged 24.⁸ Keeping the tradition of marrying 'the gentry', Ralph married Elizabeth Brett of **Edmonton, Middlesex** in 1630, and a surviving deed of 1630 passes the Buckland Estate, including the house 'Buckland Court' into their joint ownership.⁸ Elizabeth's father, John Brett was a lawyer and Justice of the Peace (JP) for Middlesex. He owned property in both **Edmonton & and an estate in Shropshire** and was elected a Member of Parliament for Much Wenlock in 1601.⁹

Ralph and Elizabeth had 14 children, born between 1630 and 1646. Their youngest boy took his mother's maiden name, Brett, as his Christian name. Ralph purchased property in the City of London, in the Parish of St. John Apostle in the 1640's and 1650's.

Meanwhile, Ralph's tenants in Buckland were causing him a bit of trouble. Winfred Woodman, a member of a long-standing Buckland 'yeoman' family, made a case that the management of the Buckland Estate was almost non-existent and neglected, and hence Dallender should not be entitled to any income from the tenants. Woodman won her case and was given a lease direct from the Government to manage the estate for an annual fee. However, within a few years, Dallender had this decision against him overturned in the courts,

and reclaimed ownership, as explained in a surviving deed of 2 April 1650.¹⁰

It is not clear whether these Court Cases or other property deals put Ralph Dallender in serious debt, but the outcome was that he was forced into selling most of his property assets. In 1651, he got a buyer for the Manor of Buckland and his London properties in St Thomas Apostle. Ralph moved to live at his remaining home in Camberwell. The buyer was Gamaliel Catelyn as recorded in the Victorian accounts of Buckland's history.¹² Ralph died in 1660 and was buried in Camberwell like his father William, but at a different church, St. Giles.

Gamaliel Catelyn (d.1653)

Who was Gamaliel Catelyn? He is described as a 'London gent'.¹¹ He was in fact a moneylender to many wealthy clients, this being in the days before banks. *[The first bank in London was C. Hoare & Co., established much later, in 1692].*

Within two years of purchasing the Buckland Estate in September 1653, Gamaliel Catelyn died, leaving a detailed Will.¹¹ It is a very unusual Will which could only belong to a moneylender, as it reads rather like a balance sheet. In his will, he lists his assets as the 'Manor of Buckland and Houses in St Thomas Apostle, both purchased from Ralph Dallender', but he admits that Buckland Court is 'in

seizure', because of the sale price of £2,400, he had only paid half and £1,200 was still owing. Ralph Dallender had taken Catelyn to Court for the remaining debt, resulting in a ruling that Catelyn could not sell the property as he was not the rightful owner, hence the property was 'in seizure'.

Mr. Catelyn's Will names 18 people who owe him money, with sums ranging from £5 to £600, for outstanding loans and for services for which he has not been paid, the total of which is £1633. He details legacy gifts of between £1 and £400 to pay to thirty-eight (!) named friends & relations, the total of which is £2,500. He names no wife or children; but many brothers, one sister, nieces, nephews, godsons and friends.¹¹

The 'goal' of his Will, or the challenge he set for his Executors, was to sell his properties and collect from his debtors, to generate £3,700, enough to pay the £1200 owed to the Dallenders, and give out legacy payments to his family and relations. Catelyn moved in high-society circles, and he cannily named five joint executors, including three Lawyers at Lincoln's Inn (Sir Lancelot Lake, Sir William Domville and Owen Brett who was Ralph Dallender's brother-in-law). The Executors, led by William Domville, processed the sale of Buckland Manor to **George Browne**, for a sum of £5000 in 1654. [Hence the Manning & Bray¹ report that the Estate was sold by 'William, son of Catelyn' is not correct. Catelyn did not marry or

have sons: it was his Executor, Sir William Domville].

George Browne's father, John Browne, was the very wealthy 'Gunmaker to the King', and controller of much of the Wealden Iron industry. His business cast canons and ammunition from iron mined across the Weald of Kent. The Executors of Gamaliel Catelyn's Will were able to reclaim the debt due to Ralph Dallender and pay the legacies to his friends and family as instructed. In confirmation of this, in 1654, there is a surviving deed stating that £1,200 was paid directly by George Browne to Ralph Dallender,⁸ in settlement of Catelyn's debt due to him.

Hence it would appear that Gamaliel Catelyn purchased the Buckland Estate for £2400 in 1651, paying only 50% of the money to Ralph Dallender before he died. His Executors then sold the Estate in 1654 to the very wealthy Browne family just 3 years later for £5000, at an apparent profit of over 100%, enabling the debt to Ralph Dallender to be paid off and the remaining legacies of Catelyn's will to be met.

Incidentally, with this money Ralph Dallender then 'bought-back' from Catelyn's Executors the properties in St Thomas Apostle (which he had previously sold to Catelyn). We know this because in 1660, Ralph Dallender made his own will shortly before he died. He generously gave each of his nine surviving children £100, and 'all his

properties in St Thomas Apostle to his wife Elizabeth'. Within 6 years - in 1666 - the Great Fire of London was to hit. The church of St Thomas Apostle and most of the houses in that Parish were destroyed in the fire. Very few property owners were insured. Elizabeth's inheritance was no doubt reduced to ashes.

If Ralph Dallender had not been forced to sell the Manor of Buckland due to his debts, he would have passed on the Manor to one or more of his nine surviving children, and perhaps the history of Buckland over the past 370 years would have been very different!

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One He's already trod.

All that He plans for us to do
May seem of little worth,
But they're the very things He'll use
To bring His love to earth.

Small Surrey Churches – An Introduction

Many of you will know that I have enjoyed writing about the history of Buckland, our church and many of the cottages and houses in our village. Over the past five years, I have researched and compiled the series of ‘Buckland Past Lives’, documenting over 50 people and families who have lived in Buckland in the past.

‘What’s next?’ I thought. I have always enjoyed looking at other churches, especially those off-the-beaten track, quirky and unusual churches. If we pass such a church on a walk, I always want to take a look inside. My wife Bridget usually comes along and together we have visited ‘cute’ churches on Alpine mountain-tops in Italy, in remote fields and villages in the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales, Suffolk and more locally in Surrey and Sussex. I am drawn to these small churches in preference to large cathedrals.

A Google source says that the UK has about 38,500 churches, chapels and meeting houses. The Church of England alone has the most properties with around 16,000 churches and 43 cathedrals. There are over 200 churches in Surrey alone. I have absolutely no interest in a comprehensive survey, but I considered targeting 20 or 25 churches, chapels or meeting rooms, which superficially at least, have something about them of particular interest. The attraction maybe the ancient building, the notable architecture, a ‘re-used’ building, a picturesque site, or just some odd or unique features. Some churches maybe dismissed along the way if there is too little of interest to write about, whilst others might be recommended to me as the journey progresses. I will focus on Surrey, and our local area of East Surrey in particular, but I may also add-in a few favourite small churches that I have visited outside the county.

I aim to select one church per month, for a series about ‘Small Surrey Churches’ in subsequent Parish Magazines, until it is difficult to find any more of interest or my enthusiasm begins to wane.

As readers, you may be happy to learn something about a church you’ve never heard of, or it may bring back memories of a church you have known in your past. You may even be inclined to pay a visit to them yourselves if you are passing close by.

So, my preliminary selection, which will undoubtedly change as we progress, is as shown on the next page. The order in which they are covered will vary from this list.

Duncan Ferns, Editor

*Examples—from top:
St Agatha's, Woldingham
Lumley Chapel, Cheam
St Mary's, Pixham, Dorking*



Thanks to Revd. David Eaton for
some ideas of churches to visit.

Within 5 miles of Buckland:

Windmill Church, Reigate Heath
Heath Church (Tabernacle), Reigate Heath
St Nicholas, Charlwood
St Mary's Pixham, Dorking
Friends Quaker Meeting House, Dorking
King's Croft Chapel, Leatherhead

North of Buckland:

Lumley Chapel, Cheam
St Georges, Esher

West of Buckland, toward Guildford:

St Peter & St Pauls, Albury
St Michael's Barn, Farley Green, Albury
Watts Chapel, Compton
St Martha-on-the-Hill, nr Chilworth
St Martins, Blackheath
St John the Baptist, Okewood

West of Buckland, beyond Guildford:

St John The Baptist, Puttenham
St Nicholas, Pyrford, nr Woking
St Peter's, Hascombe
St Barbara's Garrison (Tabernacle),
Deepcut, Camberley
St James the Great, Rowledge, nr Farnham

East of Buckland:

St Peter's, Tandridge
St James, Titsey, Oxted
Chapel of St Mary's Almshouses, Godstone
St Agatha's Woldingham
St Peter & St Paul's, Chaldon, Caterham

The series will begin next month, featuring
St Martha-on-the-Hill, near Chilworth.

Meanwhile, if any reader wishes to nominate a church for inclusion, please do let me have the details – fernsdc@gmail.com

Societies & Charities

BROCKHAM GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Brockham * Betchworth * Buckland

Talk on the Royal Botanic Gardens – Kew by Pamela Holt
Brockham Village Hall, Monday 17 March 2025 , 7.30 to 9pm

Pamela has worked variously in private gardens, nurseries, garden centres, the Home Office, Horticultural Colleges and for Local Authorities. She trained at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew with Alan Titchmarsh and taught Charlie Dimmock.



Kew Gardens has one of the most diverse collections of living plants of any botanic garden in the world. This magnificent scientific collection contains plants from tropical, temperate, arid and alpine climates. Over 50,000 living plants to be found across this UNESCO World Heritage site. From the vast Arboretum to an Alpine rock garden, there's something to see in every corner. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome, so please bring friends. The entrance fee is members £3 and non-members £5.

Other Dates for your Diaries

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

Annual Plant Sale - Saturday 3rd May 2025 10.00 am 12.00 noon.

Autumn Show - Saturday 20th September 2025.

Christmas Wreath Workshop - Saturday 6 December 2025. 2.00pm - 3:30pm.

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, bghsociety@hotmail.com

Ruth Johnson

THE ARTS SOCIETY BETCHWORTH

MONDAY 17 MARCH at 2.30 pm

THE INSPIRATION BEHIND VERSAILLES PALACE—Vaux le Vicomte, fit for a King



Our lecturer is Carole Petipher. French 17th century chateau design owes much to one man; the ambitious visionary Nicolas Fouquet who is still something of an enigma today. If you are not a member (we are recruiting new members now) do come as a visitor to the hall. Just pay £8 at the door. You will be warmly welcomed.

Carole Evans, www.theartsocietybetchworth.org.uk

DORKING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



3 March, 7.15pm for 7.30, Dorking Crossways Church
Women at War: Those wonderful women in their
Flying Machines

Jim Barnes gives this talk, including three pilot ladies from Surrey. £2 at the door for non-members.

17 March, 7.30pm Zoom-only talk
Box Hill's School for Secret Agents

Paul McCue about Bellasis, a top-secret training centre for agents of the Special Operations Executive.

<https://www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup>

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

The Betchworth & Buckland Society

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

*Only a few
spaces left !*

Winetasting Event

Friday 21 March - Buckland Reading Room
7.15pm arrival for a 7.30pm start



We're pleased to announce the return of our popular wine sampling event hosted by the Vineking Tasting Rooms. Exploring seven wines with large platters of cheese, biscuits, and nibbles. Numbers are limited so please book as soon as possible.

£25 pp

For tickets please email betchworthandbucklandsociety@gmail.com

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Activities & Membership



If you are new to Betchworth or Buckland, join the 60-year-old B&B Society for £10 per household each year:

- supporting community projects like the installation of new gates on our favorite local walks, bus shelter repairs or new chairs for The Reading Room
- providing funding towards village celebrations like our Coronation picnics
- discounts on popular social events and the chance to meet fellow villagers

We now have a record membership of over 130 households.

Next Events:

- Friday 21st March 7.30pm - Wine Tasting hosted by Vineking
- 22nd May 7/7.30pm (tbc) - AGM & Social Evening at The Red Lion
- End of June tbc - Summer BBQ

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Spring Exhibition 2025

Betchworth Village Hall, Station Rd, Betchworth

Friday May 2nd – Sunday May 4th 10:00 – 17:00

Monday May 5th 10:00 – 16:00

The Dorking Group of Artists, probably the largest art group in Surrey, are delighted to be returning to Betchworth Village Hall for their popular Spring exhibition. Many of our members are professional artists, and our exhibitions have a strong reputation for artistic merit and quality of presentation. The original art in our exhibition is all for sale at affordable prices. The paintings demonstrate a wide range of different subjects, styles and media. Original art makes a unique and thoughtful gift.

Entrance to the exhibition is free and Betchworth Village Hall is opposite Knights Plant Centre where you can buy all manner of plants and also have lunches, tea and cake.

For more information about our activities, exhibitions and how to join the DGA see www.dga.org.uk, look at our Facebook page @dga4art, or get in touch at contact@dga.org.uk.

Angela Hall, (Chair, DGA) contact@dga.org.uk

DORKING MUSEUM IN MARCH

Building between the vines – the story of the Denbies LEGO house: The Museum's current exhibition tells the story of how and why a full-size two-storey house was built of LEGO on the Denbies Wine Estate in 2009, taking 2,000 volunteers and 3.3 million bricks to build over a five-week period. Specially designed LEGO models of buildings and objects with a Dorking connection are on display, and a LEGO Dorking Cockerel trail around the Museum, with prizes, continues throughout the exhibition.

Family Activities at Dorking Library: Saturday 1st March, 10am-1pm: 'Great Games!' The return of the Shrove Tuesday 'blow' football game with other traditional games from the Dorking Museum collection. Create your own skittle alley using recycled materials. With support from the Arts Society Dorking.

Saturday 8th March, 10am-1pm: Women's History Month: famous women from Dorking – make a Spitfire, colour a suffragette (aimed at 4–11-year-olds). Both free events at Dorking Library, children must be accompanied.

South Street Caves tours: Guided tours on the last Saturday of each month starting on Saturday 29th March at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm, lasting 45 minutes. Tickets on sale from 1st March on dorkingmuseum.org.uk/south-street-caves/. Private group tours by appointment from the beginning of April (email caves@dorkingmuseum.org.uk).

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

David Burton

MAY THE LONG TIME SUN

May the long time sun
Shine upon you
All love surround you
And the pure light
Within you
Guide your way on

Composed by Mike Heron (1968) and used as a farewell blessing in Kundalini Yoga

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Crossword (p.12)
Solution

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Wordsearch (p.14) Solution



Sudoku (p.14) Solution

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

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- Treasurer	John Maud	843530
- Secretary	Liz Vahey	221444
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St. Catherine's Hospice	Sheila Dyer	842046
Women's Institute	Margaret Miller	842098

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