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Hello folks

Goodness, we are entering May and our APCM is just around the corner—Sunday, May 11th after the usual service. Time to reflect on another busy year at St Mary's!

The Year in a Nutshell

Beyond our regular services, we've been busy! Here's some of the highlights:

- Life-event services: 8 funerals/interments of ashes, 2 baptisms, and 1 weddings.
- Parish away day led for us by Rev Charlie Lamont the Dean of Revitization which we will be building on in the coming year.
- Pet Service: A hit with humans and furry friends alike and one that will be repeated this year.
- Thanksgiving Harvest: Celebrating not just crops, fruit and veg, but you—the volunteers who keep this place glowing.



A massive **THANK YOU** to all you hidden heroes of St Mary's:

- Firstly to Liz and David, our fab church wardens, who keep things running smoothly and us all in order. The church and I would be lost without their commitment and care.
- To EVERYONE who makes St Mary's tick: sidespeople, cleaners, flower arrangers, bellringers, church open and closers, readers, intercessors, choir members, the coffee crew, servers and sacristan, the churchyard and rose bush groups. Our PCC members, the treasurer and safeguarding officer. To our magazine editor and all those who submit articles,... the list goes on!
- Then there's Richard, our new musical director,
- and of course The FOSM Committee and Members for helping to keep the roof over our head and who put on a cracking quiz in aid for us last autumn.

Looking Ahead

We are a small church community that cares deeply about what happens in Buckland. We also continue to face challenges: an aging congregation, rising costs, and some big questions to explore in the coming year such as: who are we? What do we stand for and how do we visibly deliver that? Where are we headed in 2025-2026?

St Mary's isn't just a building—it's us, all of us. So let's keep praying, loving and rolling up our sleeves to build and grow the church as God longs for.

God bless Pru x

**Contributors—Please note the earlier-than-usual
submission deadline for the June Issue:**

MONDAY 12 MAY

Ed.

MAY EVENTS

- 2-5 May**, Art Exhibition, Dorking Group of Artists, Betchworth Mem. Hall, p.32
- 3 May, 10am-12 noon**. Annual Plant Sale, Brockham Green. BGHS, p.25
- 11 May, 2pm-5pm**. First Open Day, Brockham Bowls Club, p.29
- 12 May, 7.15pm**. Talk: Cast Iron Fire-backs. DLHG, p.27
- 19 May 2.30pm**. Talk: 1000 years of Royal Coronations . Arts Society, p.27
- 19 May, 7.30pm**. Talk: Why is Dorking called Dorking? DLHG by ZOOM, p.27
- 22 May, 6.30pm**. Social Evening & AGM at Red Lion, B&B Society, p.28
- 24 May, 11am-5pm**. Second Open Day, Brockham Bowls Club, p.29
- 28 May, 2pm-4pm**. Afternoon Teas, drop in. Hamilton Room, p.8

JUNE EVENTS

- 2 Jun, 10.30am-4pm**. Charity Bridge Lunch, St Michael's Betchworth, p.10
- 7 Jun, 4pm**. Concert: Imperial Male Voice Choir,, St Michael's Betchworth, p.11
- 21 Jun, 4pm**. Concert: Songs from the British Isles, BBCS, p.26
- 27 June, 12 noon**. Summer Lunch, Buckland Reading Room, p.6

CHURCH SERVICES—MAY

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
4 May <i>Easter 3</i>		10 am Parish Communion <i>John 2: 1-19</i>
11 May <i>Easter 4</i>	10 am Parish Communion <i>Followed by APCM</i> <i>John 10:22-30</i>	5 pm Evensong
18 May <i>Easter 5</i>		10 am Parish Communion followed by APCM <i>John 13: 31-35</i>
25 May <i>Rogation Sunday</i>	10 am Parish Communion <i>Mark 11: 22-24</i>	
29 May (Thursday) <i>Ascension Day</i>	7 pm Parish Communion <i>Luke 24: 44—end</i>	
1 June <i>Easter 7</i>		10 am Parish Communion <i>John 17: 20-end</i>

Every Thursday morning at 10am we hold a 30 minute, 'said' mid-week Communion Service 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

West window in St Mary's Buckland. From Left to right: St Matthew The Man (Aquarius), St Mark The Lion (Leo), St Luke The Ox (Taurus) and St John The Eagle (Scorpio). The animals are depicted at the bottom of the windows.

2025 LENT LUNCHES BISHOPS LENT APPEAL

Liz and I would like to say thank you to everyone who came to the St. Marys' Lent Lunches for 2025. Two varieties of homemade soup and village shop french bread was served each week, and of course there was a great deal of chatter and putting the World to rights over the bread and soup!!

Thank you for your donations which are in the yellow envelopes waiting to go to Southwark Cathedral.

There will be news about our **Summer Lunch on Friday the 27th June** in the May magazine. Thanks from Liz and Carol.

Carol Leeds

ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL

Under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared every six years. This year we have to renew our Electoral Roll. This means that anyone wishing to remain on the Roll must complete a new form. Forms will be at the back of the church, also a box in which to put the completed forms or they can be handed to me or David Sayce. I will try to contact those at present on the roll. Any queries please contact me.

Liz Vahey, Electoral Roll Officer

THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

HOW TO PERSUADE PEOPLE TO JOIN IT

NEWS OF
EVERYTHING
WE'RE DOING

EXHORTATION
TO JOIN US

A LETTER TO EVERYONE ON
THE PREVIOUS ELECTORAL ROLL

PERHAPS I SHOULD BE ON THE
REGISTER OF ELECTORS...

THROUGH ACTIONS,
NOT WORDS

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ELECTORAL
ROLL YEAR

JOIN THE ELECTORAL ROLL

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OPPORTUNITY
TO JOIN

THIS IS MY
OPPORTUNITY
TO LEAVE

FORM 3

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AFTERNOON TEAs at THE HAMILTON ROOM, BETCHWORTH

Welcoming residents of Betchworth & Buckland



St Michael's Drop-in Teas meet 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

30th April, 28th May, 25th June, 30th July, 27th August,
24th September, 29th October and 26th November

For transport or information, contact:

VACANCIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please enquire to email addresses below for further details

Treasurer -BUCKLAND ST MARY's

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

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BUCKLAND BELLRINGERS

How do you celebrate May morning? The old village traditions included May Queen processions, Morris Dancing, and Maypole dancing on the green. We have seen Maypole dancing on the green at Buckland during the May Fayre and have rung the bells at the start of this village event. In Oxford thousands of people gather early in the morning on 1st May near Magdalen College to hear the choir sing from the roof of the bell tower. Once the clock has struck 6am, the choir sings, and then the bells are rung. Several bell towers across the city join in.



There are Morris dancers in the street, and the roads are filled with people. Some people have been up all night celebrating, especially the students who have attended May balls. The choir sings a 17th century hymn in Latin - The Hymnus Eucharisticus, or Te Deum Patrem Colimus, praising God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The first verse is:

*Te Deum Patrem colimus,
Te laudibus prosequimur,
Qui corpus cibo reficis,
Cælesti mentem gratia.*

We worship you, O God the Father,
we offer you our praise,
for you nourish our bodies,
and minds with heavenly grace.

After this early start, colleges provide special May morning breakfasts for the students. It is worth getting up early to continue this 500 year old traditional start to the month of May.

Here's a link for the Oxford celebrations last year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oaYP-8fOeo>

and Morris dancers in Radcliffe Square and bells (St Mary the Virgin, Oxford):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4tMfXNg8>

In Buckland we will not be ringing to celebrate May morning, but you might want to see the **Buckland Shag Morris Men dancing on the Green at Dawn (c.5.30am to 6am) ?**

Enjoy the May blossom, Julie Beale

Charity Bridge Lunch

(Chicago Scoring)

In aid of The Pillars of St. Michael's Betchworth

Monday 2nd June 2025

@ Betchworth War Memorial Hall
Station Road, Betchworth, RH3 7DF

Arrive promptly at 10.30am to start playing at 11am

Lunch will be served at 1pm

Play to resume at 2pm for a 4pm finish

Tickets £30 per person (£120 per table)

To include a glass of wine with a delicious 2 course lunch!

Please bring:

A card table
(1 between 4 people)

A bridge cloth

A table cloth

Cards

Pens

(Score cards will be provided)

Tables will be strictly limited and available to book by emailing:

pillarsbetchworth@gmail.com

Full payment please when booking
(together with any dietary needs)

The afternoon is in aid of the charity:

The Pillars of St. Michael's Betchworth (Charity No. 1200594)

The Pillars of St. Michael's was set up to raise funds solely for the fabric of St. Michael's Church

Any enquiries or questions about the afternoon, please email:
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Buckland Matters

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Annual Parish Meeting

If you attended the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting, thank you for participating and we hope you enjoyed the evening.

We started the meeting with a short address from our Chair, Nigel Husband, followed by an update from Ianthe Cox on potential development at both Gatwick and Heathrow Airports and impending changes to the use of airspace across the south-east of England.

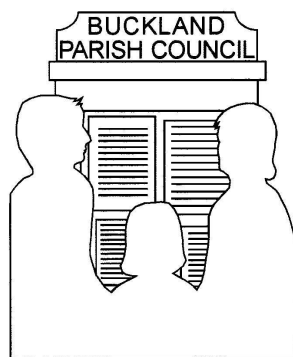
Our Chair took the opportunity to express thanks to the Betchworth and Buckland Society for funding the purchase of a new flagpole for the village green, to Buckland Estate who have offered to assist with preparing the ground for its installation and to Alan Brindley for agreeing to continue as our Volunteer Flag Warden. It is hoped the flagpole will be installed in advance of the 80th Anniversary of D Day.

Our topical item for the evening was Devolution with a particular focus on the UK Government wish to see our County Council and the eleven Borough and District Councils across Surrey restructured as Unitary Councils. Helyn Clack, our SCC Councillor provided us with a clear outline of the process that has been set out by the UK Government, explained what this has meant so far and gave us an idea, based upon what has emerged to date, as to likely next steps. A lively interactive session followed during which views were expressed, queries were raised, and concerns were noted.

Draft minutes for the meeting will be available to download from the village website by the end of April and will be displayed on the parish council notice-board opposite the village shop in early May.

Village Email Group

If you do not currently receive emails issued via the village email group, please consider signing up. The easiest way to sign up is via the village website, by using the contact us tab and selecting Buckland Parish Council under the Type



of Query tab. Alternatively make a request via the email address below. Please include your post code and house name or number in your message.

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



BUCKLAND LOW CARBON NETWORK

A reminder to Buckland residents that we have a Low Carbon Network in Buckland, whose purpose is to share knowledge and experience amongst Buckland residents about practical steps we can take to reduce our household carbon footprint (and often save on energy bills at the same time!)

Within our network, we have local residents with experience of the practical pros and cons of heat pumps, solar panels, home batteries, electric cars, electric bikes, etc., who would be happy to share their experience with other local residents. We can also provide links to further sources of information, grants available, and potential local suppliers, and help for households who wish to better understand what really matters in reducing their carbon footprint.

If you are considering any of these in your household, please do feel free to get in touch.

Convenor: Ken Caldwell, Kencaldwello2@gmail.com, 07879 402165



ST MARY'S - CHURCH YARD & CHURCH FABRIC FUND (CCFF) WORKS COMPLETED

In the February 2025 issue, we gave a thank you for fund raising contributions, and suggested two ways in which the funds would be spent. This work was completed by contractors in March:

- Pruning and canopy shaping of the 6 cherry trees by the roadside (APK Tree Services)
- Relaying uneven flagstones by the vestry (Stuart Finch).

Thank you again for your donations which helped with these improvements.

Duncan Ferns, Secretary CCFF

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Solution p.34



ACROSS

1. Flatfoot's lack
5. Loft
10. Cain's brother
14. Nothing more than
15. Pilotless plane
16. Drill
17. Almond-flavored milk pudding
19. Thorny flower
20. Escape

21. Chain of hills
22. He makes bread
23. Delve into
25. Requires
27. Be in debt
28. Newsletter
31. Saber or epee
34. Raise
35. Flowery verse
36. Not prerecorded
37. Specialty
38. Component used

- as fertilizer
39. Half of a pair
40. It comes from bees
41. Cast out
42. Colonnades
44. Lass
45. Snouted animal
46. Grasshopper
50. Moves briskly
52. Nimble
54. Chapter in history

55. Parental sister
56. Eloquent
58. Longitudinal ship beam
59. Plays the bagpipes
60. Memorization method
61. Being
62. Thigh armor
63. Visual organs

DOWN	12. Celtic language	34. A fee paid	51. Regrets
1. Stroll	13. Lascivious look	37. Central points	53. Empty spaces
2. Become calm	18. Mob	38. Not pretty 40.	56. Choose
3. Muscle spasm	22. Waist strap	Pelvises	57. Anger
4. Female chicken	24. Old stories	41. Diner	
5. Esteem	26. Apart from this	43. Blab	
6. Exchange	28. Drills	44. Aplenty	
7. Chinese dynasty	29. Mid-month days	46. Flying toys	
8. Cunning	30. Tidy	47. Lure	
9. C	31. Swill	48. Angered	
10. Wear away	32. Drunkard	49. Valleys	
11. Bookshop	33. Hints	50. Plunder	

ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDENTS

Some helpful phrases

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana

A backward poet writes inverse

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed

Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet

You can tune a guitar, but you can't tuna fish. Unless you play bass

New Obesity Study Looks for Larger Test Group

Children Make Nutritious Snacks

I got my wife a 'Get Better Soon' card. She's not ill or anything, but she could get better.

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is steadily improving

In an interview: Q. 'So tell me a bit about yourself...' A. 'I'd really rather not, because I really want this job'

'Do you know where I can get a Toupee?' A. 'Not off the top of my head'

Why can't you trust an atom? Because they make up literally everything

What's the difference between an outlaw and an inlaw? Outlaws are wanted

To the barman: 'I'll have an Entendre please. Make it a double.'

SUDOKU

Grade: Medium.
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WORDSEARCH— 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed
written by Athanasius (note the clue)

- Athanasius

Nicene

Creed

Theologian

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Bishop

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Christ

Person

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- Eternal

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True

One

Substance

Devotion

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Features

GARDENING NOTES

May - Colour your world with bedding plants

For the ultimate splash of colour this summer, add annual bedding plants to your pots and borders. Just a few will make all the difference to your outside space; from a large garden to a balcony with a few pots and a window box, get planting now to enjoy a summer of colourful cheerfulness.

Bedding plants do need regular watering, feeding and dead-heading. This is no chore in the summer months, especially if watering in the early morning or the cooler evening hours. Regular maintenance will pay huge dividends, with vigorous growth and plentiful flowers.

The choice is wide and varied. Geraniums are amongst the easiest and most popular – they are forgiving in hot and dry conditions and are recommended for those who maybe only water once or twice a week. There are both upright and trailing (ivy-leaf) varieties, so are well-suited for hanging baskets. Top up baskets with trailing lobelia, surfinia, verbenas and scaevola. Add slow-release feed and water-retaining gel to fresh compost when planting for long-lasting blooms. For impact in pots and borders, nemesias are a wonderful start. Delicately scented, they are available in many colours and with varieties such as Wisley Vanilla, Banana Split, and Rhubarb and Custard, they can be difficult to resist! Others to consider are osteospermum, marigolds and ever-popular cheerful cosmos.

For shady areas, begonias of all types will tolerate less sun: non-stop (upright large-flowered bush), illumination (trailing) and bedding (compact bush) varieties all have succulent foliage which is protected by not being over-exposed to hot sun. Likewise, bush busy lizzies (impatiens) and the larger New Guinea busy lizzies will thrive and be easier to maintain in a North-facing position.

Enjoy the impact fast-growing and free-flowering bedding plants bring to any outdoor space.

David Hogg, Buckland Nurseries

ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On why people should ALWAYS sit in the same pew

From The Rectory, St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I have to say that the couple who complained that you never noticed they had been missing from church for a month had a point. There is a simple way of noticing when someone is absent: everyone sits in the same pew. Every Sunday. Always.



Little Miss Margison sits in the pew after the third pillar on the right here at St James the Least. As she walks up the aisle, you can sense her counting the pillars until she reaches the right one, which then allows her to sit in front of it. I have speculated that if I ever had that pillar removed, then the following Sunday, she would have a complete mental collapse. One Sunday a visiting family arrived early and sat down; three people in an empty church seating 200. Colonel Wainwright and his wife were the first of our regulars to arrive and froze in horror. The Colonel said in a deafening whisper to his wife: "There's someone sitting in our pew."

At least they had the grace – no matter how reluctant – for one week, to sit somewhere else. Unlike the Prentice family of husband, wife and three children, who arrived to discover that a visiting family of husband, wife and four children were sitting in their pew; six people in a pew that held eight. Or, it normally holds eight. That Sunday, it held thirteen.

We at least have one iconoclast in Miss Pemberton, who makes a point of sitting in a different place every week. This thoroughly unsettles the rest of the congregation, who fear she may sit in their seats during her nomadic wanderings. I sometimes wonder if she has a chart at home with all the pew spaces marked on it and she strikes one off each week as she returns home after Mattins. Occasionally the unexpected can happen. Mrs Cholmondeley arrived one week in good time, settled herself in her accustomed place, but half-way through the Service suddenly ran out of the building. Ten minutes later, she was back and in her usual place once again. It was only when the church filled with the smell of burned bacon that we understood. That is why replacing pews with chairs in your church was a mistake. Pews can never be moved. You know where everybody is – or should be!

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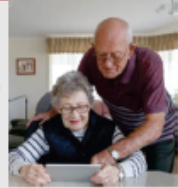


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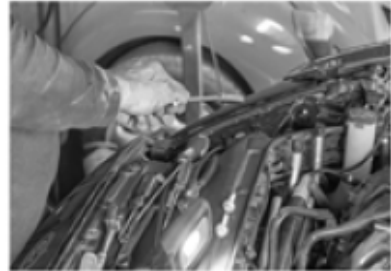
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Lumley Chapel, Cheam



- **Surprisingly suburban setting**
- **Impressive sixteenth century carvings and plaster work**
- **Beautifully peaceful**

The Lumley Chapel is an unassuming building in the centre of suburban Cheam. It is the oldest building in Cheam. It was formerly the chancel of the medieval parish church of Cheam, owned at the Norman Conquest by the Archbishop and monks of Canterbury. The dedication is to St Dunstan, the Archbishop from AD 960-988). Some of the stonework in the current building survives from that original building, over 900 years old.

Lord John Lumley lived at Nonsuch Palace in neighbouring Ewell, which had been built for Henry VIII, though it was incomplete when he died in 1547. In 1556 Queen Mary I sold it to Henry Fitzalan, the 19th Earl of Arundel, who completed it by 1559. The Earl of Arundel's family owned large swathes of Sussex and Surrey, including Buckland, and their family wealth was very substantial.¹ Henry Fitzalan's daughter and his son-in-law, John Lumley, 1st Baron Lumley, also lived at Nonsuch Palace following their marriage in 1550 until 1592, when he sold the palace back to Elizabeth I and the Crown, in exchange for lands valued at £534.



Nonsuch Palace ,Ewell, the (enormous!) home of John Lumley from 1550's-1592 ²

The Palace was demolished in 1683. No trace of the palace remains on its site today, but some artifacts are held by the British Museum.²

Having obtained private ownership of this Chapel in the 1590's Lord Lumley restored the building, retaining as much of the ancient stone walls as possible. He added a larger East window and changed the wooden roof into a an ornate, coved plaster ceiling. The plasterwork still bears the date 1592 on the central pendant.³ Lord Lumley then commissioned three marble and alabaster carved monuments, embellished with gold-leaf details to honour his first wife, Jane Fitzalan (1537-1578), himself (1533-1609) and his second wife Elizabeth who survived him, dying in 1617. The carvings decorating the tombs are all in deep three-dimensional relief and considered to be by an Italian artist.³ The carvings are set against architectural backgrounds, including an arch and obelisk know to have been erected in the Privy Garden at Nonsuch Palace. Despite the tiny size of the Chapel (9m x 6m), there are about a dozen or so chairs, and an altar beneath the ornate ceiling .

In addition to the three family tombs and monuments, there are over 30 or so marble wall-plaque memorials commemorating other wealthy and aristocratic residents of Cheam and the local area, which were relocated here when the adjoining church was demolished in 1864. There are also some relocated brass memorials set in stone, dating from the 14th and 15th centuries.



Above: the tomb of Lord Lumley's first wife, Jane Fitzalan, (1537-1578.) She is kneeling (top), and her three children, all of whom died in their infancy, are depicted below

Below Right: Lord John Lumley's memorial (1533-1609)

Below left: the tomb of his second wife, Elizabeth, d.1617

Following page: The ornate plaster ceiling above the altar window





The church of St Dunstan's that used to adjoin this Chapel was largely rebuilt in 1747, but the Chapel 'was retained with minor repairs'. That church only survived until 1864, when it was demolished, but again this Chapel was saved. The new church of St Dunstan's which is there today, was built in 1864 on a different footprint about 10 metres to the north of this building, leaving the Lumley Chapel standing alone.

One of the most thorough descriptions of the Lumley Chapel is an academic paper of 14 pages, in the Transactions of the Ancient Monuments Society from 1954.³ By a quirk of coincidence, this paper was written by Herbert Dunk, who earlier in his life, was the Rector at St Mary's Buckland from 1925 to 1937.

The Lumley Chapel was restored in the 1950's by 'The Churches Conservation Trust', who have continued to maintain it in very good order. Visiting is encouraged, and that itself is an experience. First you must check the opening times of Cheam Library! (currently staffed Wednesday & Thursday, 9-5). It is there you can ask the Librarian for the key to the Lumley Chapel, which they will politely hand-over, and you walk the short distance to unlock the Chapel yourself. There is no charge. There are seldom any other visitors and you will find a haven of peace. It is a well kept secret, despite being recognised in several local guides, including The Arts Society's '50 Treasures of the Surrey Hills' ⁴



Whitehall, Cheam

Lumley Chapel is in the 'Conservation Area' of Cheam, which also includes 'Whitehall' (above), a timber framed house built about 1500, now run as a museum and cafe. This is also worth a visit. The museum has limited opening hours: currently Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 4pm, and Saturdays 12pm - 4pm. The coffee shop within is open Monday to Friday 10am-4pm. It is managed by a charity for adults with learning disabilities. I understand that Whitehall also holds a key for the Lumley Chapel, if the library is closed! Opening times may change so do check online before you travel (ref.5) .

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MUSIC IN DORKING - MAY



10th at 5.30, Dorking Chamber Orchestra at St Martin's church

24th at 7.30, Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall, £16, 01372 275907

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The Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra, playing in Ashted, begins with Beethoven's dramatic overture to *Egmont* and follows this with Max Bruch's well-known violin concerto no.1, with soloist Joshua Hugo von Bohlen. Then comes Gounod's second symphony, displaying typically French elegance but also some dramatic moments.

Ian Codd

IN MEMORIAN ...

Poor Ernest died on Friday. He was 94. He died making love, to the sound of the church bells. If only that ice cream van hadn't gone past...

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Report on the Kew Gardens Talk

Our second talk of the year by Pamela Holt, we learnt some interesting facts about the history of Kew Gardens. It was George III's mother Princess Augusta who founded the original botanic garden at Kew in 1759. I always wondered why 'Kew Gardens' is plural and not singular? In 1772, King George III inherited the Kew estate and joined it with the royal estate in Richmond – two gardens became one.

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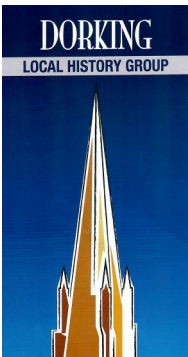
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Marcus Tullius Cicero (Roman orator , 106 BC—43 BC)

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Our Clubhouse is now back open and our social events will begin shortly. The Green will open on the 17th April. It seems to have been an eternity since we were on the rink but thankfully only another few days to wait.



We will be running a couple of Open days which proved a huge success and we recruited many new members all of whom have re-joined this year. The first is on **Sunday 11th May from 2.00 to 5.00** and the second is on **Saturday 24th May from 11.00 until 5.00**. A flat pair of trainers is all you need. The rest we will provide. Meet and greet you, show you round the Clubhouse and our facilities and then take you onto the green and introduce you to the game of bowls. We hope to see many faces from the 3 B's on at least one of those dates.

Frank Tipping, our Club Captain, would gladly have a chat or would happily take any calls regarding our Club or the game so please feel free to ring him on 01737 843678. Otherwise please ask me any questions you have about Brockham Bowls Club as I'm flying around.

Best regards from all at our Club. Rick Lawrence

PROTEST SONG

We follow a duo called Ninebarrow, singer-songwriters in the folk tradition. At a concert we attended in April, they told us this chorus of a protest song, written many years ago by Bob Whitley:

*Take your Marching feet away,
Leave us to our own device
To find democracy and peace
Without your arrogant advice.*

No names were mentioned, but it raised great laughter. I can't think why?

Duncan Ferns

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

A tribute from a regular member of this choir, Dennis Kellaway

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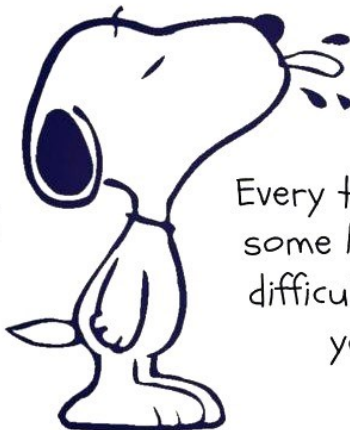


They call themselves "Singing for Pleasure". Sing a batch of songs for five or six sessions, maybe sing at a local Care Home and then start on a new batch of songs. The group was originally started by Ann Docking who passed away in 2011 and is now ably led by Meike Laurensen, with Gina Eason at the piano. We are affiliated to Dorking and District U3A. Members are based in the 3 B's but also from Dorking. Like to hear them? On YouTube: Dorking U3A SFP 2. Not a grand choir - just singers "Singing for Pleasure". You know what they say:

*"What is this is life, if full of care
We have no time to stand and.....
Sing a few songs
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[With apologies to Welsh poet and writer, William Henry Davies]

Denis Kellaway



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We just wanted to keep you updated on happenings in your local WI – Pebblecombe. We had our usual social start to the year when we enjoyed our fish & chip supper which was put back to February to give our digestive systems a longer break from Christmas festivities. March and April saw us in horticultural mood. In March we competed for seeds for the sunniest and tallest sun flowers for which a small prize for the tallest sun flower will be handed out at our September meeting when we plan to have our “autumn show”. In April we had great fun potting up various herbs and cuttings of both indoor and outdoor plants. If anyone wants spider plants please get in touch!

Our future events include a couple of speakers as well as our June picnic and August get together. Please feel free to come along and see what goes on for what promises to be an entertaining and enjoyable few months with the famous WI hospitality of tea and biscuits or cake when we break for more chat during our meetings.

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DORKING MUSEUM IN MAY

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A Place of Safety: New exhibition from 15th May. Vaughan Williams and the Dorking Refugee Committee. Stories of groups who have found refuge in the town and their experiences – including those fleeing the French Revolution, the Kaiser's army, Nazi oppression, the Blitz, and war and persecution in the Middle East. Dorking Nursery Scrapbook from the 1940s and 1970s WI dolls representing French emigres at Juniper Hall.

Family Activities at Dorking Library: Saturday 24th May, 10am-noon: Local History Month: handle objects from the Museum. Aimed at 4-11-year-olds.

Walking in Dorking: Guided walks: Betchworth Castle tour (access Castle enclosure): Sunday 11th May, 2pm. Hidden Historic Dorking: Sunday 11th May, 11am. Deepdene Trail (access Hope family mausoleum): Sunday 18th May, 2pm. Blue Plaques and Statues: Sunday 25th May, 2pm. Details and advance booking at dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/. Private group bookings available.

South Street Caves tours: 17th century South Street Caves Open Day, 31st May, tours at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Details and bookings: dorking-museum.org.uk/south-street-caves/. Private group bookings available.

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



PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Crossword (p.14)
Solution

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

Wordsearch (p.16) Solution

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

Sudoku (p.16) Solution

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

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British Legion	Maurice Daley	843058
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Brockham Surgery/ <i>Chemist</i>	n/a	843259/842175
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- Secretary	Liz Vahey	221444
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