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Dear Friends,

Last month we had our APCM s and I imagine there wasn't much in either of them that came as a much of a shock – St Mary's and St Michael churches have a small, loyal and tenacious congregations, but both are struggling with dwindling numbers, finances and energy levels which can feel daunting.



What if, instead of hunkering down to protect what we have, we think of this as 'Pentecost Part Two': a chance to fan hope into action? Sure, it's unlikely we will hear a great whoosh of wind or see flames on each other's heads as in the first Pentecost, but we do each have gifts and skills to use and share – none are too small or too 'out-there' in the work of God. After all, the Holy Spirit didn't hand out job descriptions – just courage and a rallying cry to go.

Whether you're a behind-the-scenes prayer warrior, a feeder of the multitudes, a listener with a knack for spotting lonely faces, or a blue sky-thinker - we all carry a flicker of that same flame. Together our individual flickers become a powerful flame of hope, and inspiration - Paul put it plainly: "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit" (1 Cor 12:4). Our quirks aren't quirks here – they're kingdom tools. So, [here's](#) to fiery hope, to newfound courage and imagination and a faith that all things are possible with God.

*God bless Pru x*

P.S. Don't forget the Pentecost service (June 8th) – wear something red, bring a friend.

## SUMMER LUNCH

### SUMMER LUNCH - Friday the 27th June, 2025.

This is an invitation to the Buckland Summer Lunch to be held on Friday the 27th June at the Buckland Reading Room. Doors open at 12 noon and lunch will be served at 12.30pm. We look forward to seeing all our friends from Buckland and Betchworth and anyone who reads this invite and who would like to be with us and their friends on that day. If you can let us know by phone or seeing us in Church that would be very helpful. It is Liz Vahey on 01737 221444 or Carol on 01737 215995.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 27th June.

*Carol Leeds*

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## 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*

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## JUNE EVENTS

- 2 Jun, 7.15pm.** Talk: The Changing Face of Local Media. DLHG, p.30
- 2 Jun, 10.30am-4pm.** Charity Bridge Lunch, St Michael's Betchworth, p.11
- 3 June, 7.30pm.** Introductory & Casting Night. BODS, p.31
- 4 June, 7.30pm.** Talk: Buckland Past Lives, St Mary's Buckland, p.7
- 7 Jun, 4pm.** Concert: Imperial Male Voice Choir,, St Michael's Betchworth, p.12
- 7 Jun, also 4pm.** Concert: Songs of the Sea. The Ladybirds, Dorking., p.31
- 9 Jun, 6.30-8.30pm.** Open Garden BGHS members only, p.27
- 16 Jun 2.30pm.** Talk: The Baroque Country House . Arts Society, p.30
- 21 Jun, 4pm.** Concert: Songs from the British Isles, BBCS, p.29
- 25 Jun, 2pm-4pm.** Afternoon Teas, drop in. Hamilton Room, p.10

## CHURCH SERVICES—JUNE

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
<b>1 June</b> <i>Easter 7</i>		<b>10 am</b> Parish Communion <i>John 17: 20-end</i>
<b>8 June</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>10 am</b> IONA service <i>John 14: 8-17, 25-27</i>	<b>5 pm</b> Evensong
<b>15 June</b> <i>Trinity 1</i>		<b>10 am</b> Parish Communion <i>John 16: 12-15</i>
<b>22 June</b> <i>Trintiy 1</i>		<b>10 am</b> Parish Communion <b>BISHOP ROSEMARIE MALLET presiding</b>
<b>29 June</b> <i>St Peter &amp; Paul</i>	<b>10 am</b> Parish Communion <i>Matthew 16: 13-19</i>	
<b>6 July</b> <i>Trinity 3</i>	<b>10 am</b> Pet Service	

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

*Look out for wild orchids in June, especially on the North Downs and around Buckland Park Lake.*

*These Early-purple orchids were at Buckland Park Lake in June 2024*

Fundraiser for St Mary's Church



## Liz Vahey is taking a Leap of Faith!

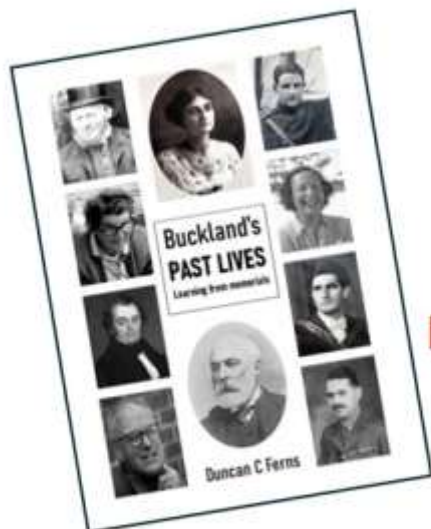
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# Buckland's PAST LIVES

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## THE DESERTS IN OUR LIVES

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

Sometimes desert conditions invite us to strip ourselves of all that is unnecessary and all that hinders us from forging ahead. The desert distills us into the absolute rawness of who we are and asks us who we want to be. The desert will always find a way to reveal the core of our humanity, in all its naked vulnerability. And we must live through the desert moments in order to survive. The words of life get us to the next day. The chosen and unchosen deserts must be crossed. As the desert monastics suggest, the only way through the deserts of life is to remain in the practice of examining the self, to stay in the Divine's presence as we unveil ourselves, to truly see and be seen.

Even when I don't want the gifts of the desert, I know they are real; with time I will be able to receive them. The unchosen deserts of my life have often been places of my most profound growth, where I've found liminal knowing, healing, new layers of vulnerability, and quiet blossoming. I'm reminded of the words of life that have come to me in past experiences, including the words and wisdom I've received from the early and modern desert monastics.

Most of the desert monastics committed themselves to some kind of rhythm combining prayer, self-reflection, and seeking the Divine. Amid this commitment, the landscape of the desert offered its own invitation into depth, growth, and the reminder that we are never alone. The desert plants, like the desert monastics, teach us again of the necessity to deepen our roots. We only carry through the deserts what we must: our reliance on root systems, communal care, and interconnection; the clarity of knowing what pieces of ourselves must die; and the timeless lesson to know and understand ourselves more intimately.

Through desert experiences, we learn to care more deeply for ourselves and the world. The deserts are many. Chosen and unchosen desert encounters have opened me up to see and experience more room within myself for the whole world—to carry myself, the beloved, and the world with open hands; with compassionate, vulnerable, and tender acceptance. From here, I recognize my capacity for action in the world with deeper clarity about who I am and what I am to speak—or show up to. In the spaciousness of solitude, we open ourselves up to the truth of ourselves. Desert spaces are places and moments of paradox: knowing amid the unknowing, refreshment in the parched places, life amid death, fecundity in the barrenness, midnight blooming, and acceptance of seasons.



## BUCKLAND BELLRINGERS REPORT



Did you get up early to see the 'Buckland Shag' Morris Dancers on the green at Buckland on May morning? It was a glorious sight. They danced a full programme of 15 different dances, some dances with sticks, others with handkerchiefs, and in 6s, 4s, then a very energetic solo dance. There were 4 musicians. The sun rose as we watched. An excellent way to start the month of May. The Morris Dancers wear bells to emphasize the rhythm of the dance and to make a lively sound. Traditionally the bells are thought to ward off evil spirits and mythical creatures.

On 8th May at 6.30pm we rang the bells at Buckland for the 80th anniversary of VE day. On the 8th May 1945 bells rang out across Britain as the nation took to the streets in celebration of Victory in Europe, VE Day. Eighty years later this momentous occasion was celebrated by the national co-ordination of bellringing at this time, to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in a free world. Bells across the country rang out in celebration of peace. We had our local band and also a couple of visitors who were keen to join in. We rang rounds, call changes and the methods Bob Doubles with calls, then Stedman.

*Julie Beale*

*(Thank you to Julie for photos of the Morris dancers & the VE Day ringers, Ed.)*



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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**

28<sup>th</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 29<sup>th</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> November

For transport or information, contact:

*Margaret Miller, 01737 842098*

# Charity Bridge Lunch

(Chicago Scoring)

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Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

@ Betchworth War Memorial Hall  
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Lunch will be served at 1pm

Play to resume at 2pm for a 4pm finish

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A bridge cloth

A table cloth

Cards

Pens

(Score cards will be provided)

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[pillarsbetchworth@gmail.com](mailto: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. 120059-4)  
The Pillars of St. Michael's was set up to raise funds solely for the fabric of St. Michael's Church

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## MUSIC IN DORKING - JUNE



May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.30, guitar recital at Dorking Halls, £18, 01306 881717

7<sup>th</sup> at 4.00, Ladybirds choir at United Reformed Church Hall, £8, 01372 878321

21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30, Dorking Philharmonia at St Martin's church

21<sup>st</sup> Mickleham choral society at Mickleham village hall

21<sup>st</sup> Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society at St Michael's church, Betchworth

21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30, Epsom choral society at St Andrew's church, Cheam, £20, 01372 274418

28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30, Holmbury St Mary choral society at St James' church, Abinger Common, £15

First of all, here is late notice of a concert right at the end of May. Classical guitarist Mark Jennings will play a programme of classical and Spanish guitar music, including pieces by Rodrigo, Albeniz, Bach and others. Mark is a brilliant virtuoso of the guitar and this concert should have wide appeal.

The Ladybirds choir, directed by Helena Twentyman, has a summer concert entitled *Songs of the Sea*. The varied programme includes sea shanties, folk songs, popular numbers and music from the shows. The choir is raising funds for Dorking Beatitudes, a charity that sells good quality second-hand goods to support those on a low income or facing financial difficulties. There will be tea and cake after the concert!

The Dorking Philharmonia has a concert beginning with Cimarosa's overture to his opera *The Secret Marriage*, followed by Mozart's oboe concerto in which the soloist will be Julia Philpott. In the second half the orchestra will play Beethoven's seventh symphony, a magnificent work on a large scale.

This is the time when the various Leith Hill choirs, after taking part in a very successful Festival in April, relax and present their summer concerts of lighter music. Epsom choral society are singing Will Todd's jazzy *Mass in Blue*, plus some John Rutter madrigals and a Russell Hepplewhite world premiere! Holmbury St Mary has a programme of coronation classics. Buckland & Betchworth has songs from the British Isles. And Mickleham choral society sings *Captain Noah and his floating zoo*, followed by a second-half party with dance music.

Ian Codd

# Buckland Matters

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## BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

### Abandoned Cars

Over recent months a series of cars observed parked on Buckland's lanes for extended periods have given rise to concern. Occasionally a car may break down and be parked up whilst the owner arranges collection and on other occasions activity has suggested our local lanes have been used as a cheaper alternate to airport parking. The most recent two instances on Old Road appear to have been cars parked up pending collection via car transporter. It is not clear why anyone would choose Old Road as a suitable location for this activity and, having spoken to the local police and MVDC, the suggestion received has been to circulate the following guidance:



- If you observe a vehicle parked up you can use the UK Government website to check if the vehicle has an up to date MOT certificate and valid Vehicle Tax. The system will confirm the MOT and tax status for the vehicle and advise expiry dates.
- You can report a vehicle without tax that is used or kept on the road to the DVLA whose officers will investigate.
- If the vehicle is taxed but does not have an MOT, rather than report this to the DVLA you need to report the vehicle without MOT to either the local police or MVDC. The MVDC website has some guidance to help you know when you need to report the vehicle to Surrey Police and when to report it to MVDC.
- You will find it helpful, when you submit your report, to have photographs of the vehicle to hand, to record details including make, model, colour and number plate and to note down when the vehicle arrived. If you observe the vehicle subsequently being moved and/or collected and can safely photograph or note down details of the vehicles involved please do so, and if you or your neighbours have any CCTV or doorbell footage save a copy to aid enquiries.

- The MVDC Community Safety Team comprises three people and following up on Abandoned Cars is only one of many responsibilities they are tasked with. As many reported vehicles are collected/removed within a week of their arrival an officer rarely follows up on reports (unless passing the location for another reason) during the initial seven days.

The first sign an officer has visited will be a letter attached to the windscreen (similar size and plastic packet as a parking ticket) which asks the owner to contact MVDC. The Community Safety Team has advised that if they don't hear from the owner within a couple of weeks, they will try to pay a visit to see if the letter has been collected.

There are then further protocols the team need to follow before they can arrange for a vehicle they decide has been abandoned to be removed.

If, having submitted an "Abandoned Car" report to MVDC, you spot an empty plastic pouch on the windscreen the Community Safety team would appreciate it if you could let them know as they say this will help to move matters along. For more information about the protocols please refer to the government paper setting out the Local authorities responsibility to remove abandoned vehicles – a key message is the process takes weeks rather than hours or days!

When this update was issued via village email group clicking on underlined text linked you to the relevant website page. An internet search, using the underlined text, should help you find those pages.

### **Some multi-rate electricity meters will stop working in June 2025**

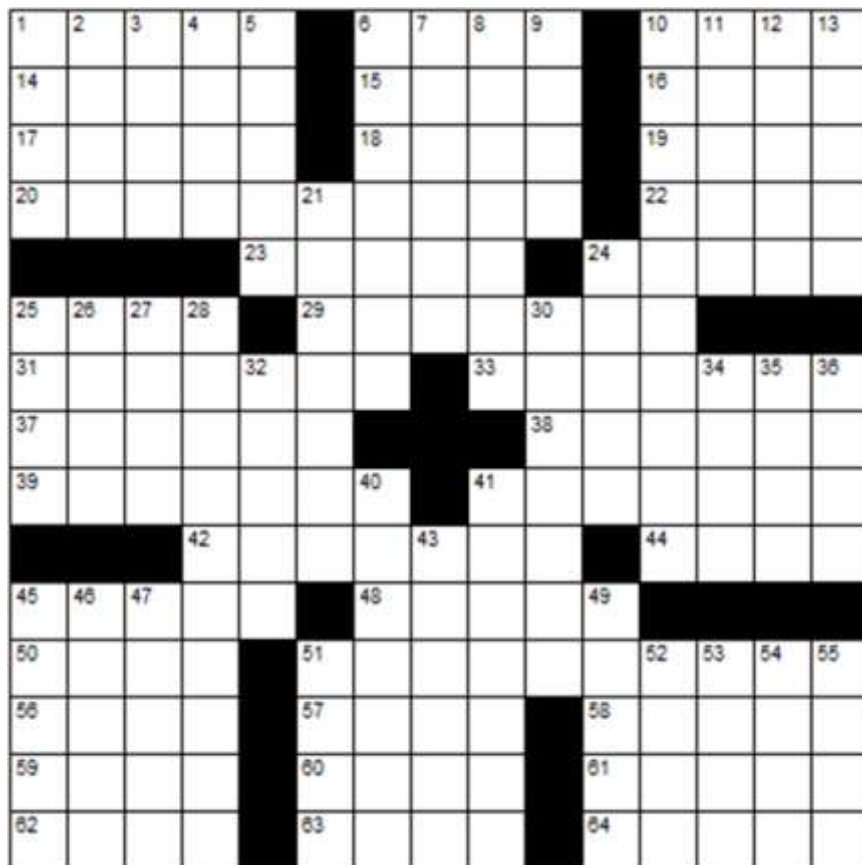
Some older Economy 7 and similar multi-rate electricity meters are set to stop working in June 2025, as the 'Radio Teleswitch Service' – which allows these meters to function properly – is due to be switched off. The service was originally due to be switched off on 31 March 2024, but the deadline was extended to 30 June 2025 to give energy suppliers more time to replace the 600,000 RTS meters still in use. If you are unsure whether your meter may stop working at the end of June, please contact your supplier to check.

Sheena Boyce, Clerk, [parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.org.uk) 01737 448023



# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

## Solution p.34



### ACROSS

1. Old Jewish scholars
6. Police officers
10. An abandoned calf or lamb
14. Young
15. River in Spain
16. Component used as fertilizer
17. Mistake
18. French for

### "Black"

19. Teller of untruths
20. Full of twists and turns
22. Kiln-dried barley
23. Most bad
24. The one after eighth
25. Blabs
29. Experienced
31. What the volcano did

### 33. Court awards

37. Hereditary
38. Hate
39. Kneecap
41. Illness
42. Traditional
44. Illustrated
45. Thick-growing
48. Greens with dressing
50. By mouth
51. Additive

### 56. Location

57. Absorbed
58. Formula 1 driver
59. 1111
60. Look at flirtatiously
61. Moves briskly
62. Clutter
63. Noxious plant
64. Perception

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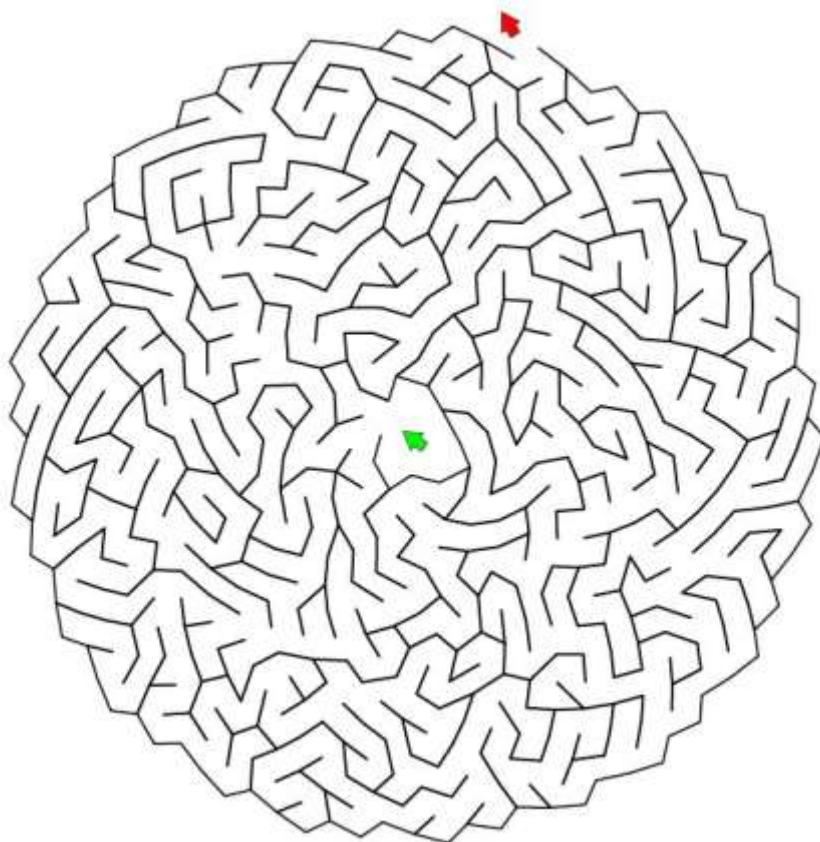
1. Affirmatives
2. Drill
3. Prickle
4. At the peak of
5. Chronic nag
6. Focused on (Br. sp.)
7. Double-reed player
8. Not in cursive
9. Achy

10. Attained
11. Anagram of "Naira"
12. Administered
13. Our planet
21. Short novel
24. What we are called
25. Cry of pain
26. Diva's solo
27. Kick
28. Too shocked for

- words
30. Extreme
32. Add up
34. Equipment
35. Being
36. Ragout
40. Allay
41. Watered down
43. A small portion
45. Cherished
46. Pee
47. Satisfies
49. Pub game

51. Type of black bird
52. Empty weight
53. Computer symbol
54. Animal doctors
55. Celtic language

**It's a MAZE-ing. Start at the centre arrow and come out on top...**



SUDOKU

Grade: Medium.  
Solution on p.34

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WORDSEARCH— Pentecost

- Pentecost

Trinity

Jerusalem

Disciples

Praying

Tongues

Power

High

Fires

Flames

Languages

Praise

Drunk

Wine

Nine
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Glory

Waiting

Place

Wind

Father

Son

Holy

Spirit

Eternal

Solution on p.34

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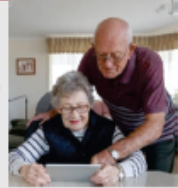


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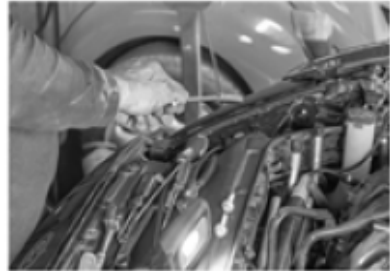
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## ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

### On what security cameras in church will tell you

From The Rectory, St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Much against my better judgement, after a recent series of small thefts, we have installed security cameras here at St James the Least of All. Thank goodness the suggestion for trip wires that opened the gate to Mrs Poppleroy's garden next door, thereby setting loose her deranged Pekingese, was narrowly defeated – though I had to use my casting vote.



So now we have a complete record of everything that goes on when no one is about. It makes such interesting viewing that I have cancelled my television licence and spend every evening watching the antics of my parishioners. I wonder if there is some niche television channel which would be interested; it could help the tower restoration fund no end.

Miss Margison seems to imagine she is now part of some theatrical performance every time she cleans the church; her body language as she wields a feather duster is of operatic proportions, as is her final bow to the cameras as she leaves. I have at last found the several hiding places where Mr Prentice secretes his bottle of whisky every week when he comes to wind the tower clock. Colonel Wainwright, who served for some time in the security services, is now worried that photographs of him cleaning the brass will be circulated in Russia. He fails to appreciate that his disguise as a French onion seller, with striped jersey, beret and waxed moustache does tend to make his presence rather more interesting than he imagines, to us at least, if not to the KGB.

The flower arrangers seem to imagine that we are recording sound as well as pictures and so whenever they are in church together, all gossip is written down and passed round by hand as they work in total silence. So far, they have remembered to take their pieces of paper home with them. One slip and I shall probably learn more about my parishioners in five minutes than I have done in the last five years.

The cameras have also solved the mystery of who has been pilfering the items, and even the nest where they have hidden it. If only I could teach the magpies to extract money from pockets and place it on the collection plate.

*Your Loving Uncle, Eustace*

# Features

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## GARDENING NOTES The joy of June in the garden

Spring bulbs are now over for another year, but there is plenty of colour and interest to enjoy outside. New foliage on trees and shrubs is fresh, and perennials are bursting into life. Bees are impatient for all the flowers to bloom to collect their haul of summer nectar, and we all wait for a large and successful harvest from fruit trees, vegetable plants and allotments.

All herbs can now benefit from the warmer weather in June. Thymes and chamomile are coming into flower – both can be used in small areas as a “lawn” using creeping varieties. Basil is popular at this time of year for its perky flavour and will swiftly grow back leaves that have been cut and used in salads. Mint is extremely versatile (and rampant) and you can try different varieties such as spearmint, black peppermint and Moroccan mint. Fresh leaves are perfect for a refreshing drink when infused in hot water: lemon verbena can be enjoyed in a similar way. Lavender is another “must-have”, being so easy to look after in a well-drained sunny aspect.

There are plenty of regular tasks to consider as we approach summer:

- Feeding is an essential; a seasonal granular feed, such as Q4, on shrubs and perennials, will work wonders as will a weekly liquid fertiliser while watering bedding plants and plants in pots.
- Annual and perennial weeds can be kept at bay if they are removed while young. A hoe or squeegee is a useful piece of gardening kit!
- Deadheading with both improves looks and encourage multiple flower regrowth.
- Daily watering during warm spells, especially for vegetables and hanging baskets.

Following a warm and sunny spring, enjoy June, the peak gardening month of the year for growth and colour.

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Pooh: ‘What day is it?’ — Piglet: ‘It’s Today!’

Pooh: ‘My favourite day!’

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## Keep up with the News—DON'T WATCH IT, DON'T LISTEN TO IT !!

Research now shows that 46% of adults in the UK 'sometimes or often avoid the news'. But most people would benefit from going further, don't watch it or listen to it at all! Many people now totally ban the news from their lives.

There are four compelling reasons to quit the news:

- 1. The negativity from the news is a poison for the mind.** News is a constant whisper in our ears. It is a negative whisper.
- 2. Consuming the news doesn't lead to any accomplishment.**

If you hear of natural disasters, wars, political unrest, murders, attacks—there is almost nothing you can do about it, except maybe say specific prayers. Why not say general prayers instead, God will provide focus!

- 3. The news is not just facts but also misinformation, propaganda and bias**

This bias does not just state what happens, it tells you how to think and respond to it. You waste time thinking 'what is the truth?'

- 4. The news fuels cheap talk, zero change, and negativity loops**

A major reason people watch the news is to have something to discuss with others who do the same. 'Did you hear about?...' 'What do you think of...?' 'Can you believe what he said?' Good for small talk, but bad for your well-being. This spreads the stress, spreads the worry. It's a negative cycle.

Instead, imagine conversations about ideas, dreams, projects or even silence in mindful presence. That's a vibe that elevates, not drains.

The main benefits of quitting the news:

- You feel calmer, less stressed & more optimistic
- You regain your time
- You boost your focus and productivity
- You reclaim your thoughts
- You have deeper conversations
- You have more space for introspection

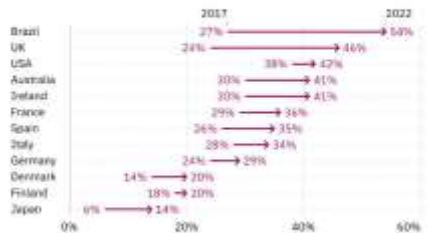
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### Proportion who sometimes or often actively avoid the news

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Q54\_2017: Do you find yourself actively trying to avoid news these days? Base: Total 2017–22 sample (N = 2000)



## Small Surrey Churches - Part Four

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### St Peter's, Tandridge



Tandridge is a small hillside village overlooking the Weald, but in Anglo-Saxon times it had many more inhabitants and gave its name to one of the thirteen districts (called 'Hundreds') into which Surrey was divided. The name 'Tandridge District Council' continues to include a similar large rural area, including Oxted, Godstone, Bletchingley, Smallfield, Crowhurst, Hurst Green, Warlingham, Caterham and Lingfield.

St Peter's church occupies a prominent position in Tandridge village. It is quite possible that an earlier Anglo-Saxon church could have been built here, though no records or traces of any such building have been found. This church, like Buckland, is within the Diocese of Southwark. The Rector has responsibility for four churches: St Mary's Oxted, St Peter's Tandridge, St George's Crowhurst and St John's, Hurst Green.<sup>1</sup>



Top: The impressive Angel wall murals , dating from the 16th Century and restored in 1903  
 Bottom: The wonderful carved marble Altar Screen designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott





*The Tandridge Yew, 10.5m in diameter. 2025*



The oldest part of the church is the priest's door and a window in what used to be an outside wall. It is now the division between the chancel and vestry. From the style of rough stonework these are thought to be early Norman, dating from the last quarter of the 11th century, and are considered to be amongst the oldest examples of their kind in Surrey.<sup>2</sup> The timber framework supporting the bell-tower is believed to date from the 14th century. It is similar in structure and date to that at St Mary's Buckland.<sup>2</sup>

Sir George Gilbert Scott (1811-1878)<sup>2</sup> was a famous and prolific Victorian architect who worked on hundreds of cathedral and church projects across the UK. Perhaps most famously, he designed the Royal Albert Hall and the Albert Memorial in Hyde Park, Kensington.<sup>3</sup> From 1869 to 1872, he and his wife lived at Rooks Nest, Tandridge, a building still present today, just one mile from this church. The house is described as a 'huge Regency mansion set in 120 acres of parkland, with a landscaped lake. It had a magnificent entrance hall, seven reception rooms, thirteen bedrooms and nine staff rooms'.<sup>4</sup> When his wife Caroline died in 1872, she was buried in the graveyard here, with an elaborately carved altar tomb in marble and granite, designed by her husband, George Gilbert Scott.<sup>5</sup> He also designed the intricately carved altar screen (reredos) in St Peter's Tandridge and the enlargement of the church with a new north aisle, built in 1874. Scott also designed Altar screens (reredos's) at Westminster Abbey and Lichfield Cathedral.<sup>4</sup>

Entering St Peter's, your eyes are drawn to the large wall murals of angels, believed to date from the 1600's. The paintings were restored in 1903 and remain in good condition.<sup>2</sup> Note that there are four 'dormer windows' in the roof, designed to let more light fall onto the murals.

Despite the attractions of the church building, the 'fame' of this church is due to 'The Tandridge Yew' in the graveyard. Close to the ground the circumference is 10.5 metres (34 feet). At the core of the tree is a 2.4m (8 ft) diameter void, which you can stand inside. The lack of heartwood in its centre precludes accurate dating by drilling a core to count tree rings. An information board in the churchyard proclaims that the tree is over 2000 years old, and Pakenham says 'at least 1000 years old and probably older'. It is recorded as 'the second largest Yew Tree in Surrey'. [The first largest Yew in Surrey, reputedly 4000 years old, is in the graveyard of the sister church, St George's Crowhurst, just 3 miles away].<sup>6,7</sup>

St Peter's church is normally locked except for services, but appointments to view the church are welcomed, by contacting the Parish office at Oxted. The ancient Yew is available to view at all times.

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- The best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles - *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Growing old is mandatory, but growing up is optional - *Walt Disney*
- It's not how old you are. It's how you are old - *Jules Renard*
- Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old - *Franz Kafka*
- The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been - *Madeleine L'Engle*
- We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing - *George Bernard Shaw*
- To make a success of old age, you've got to start young - *Fred Astaire*
- Aging gracefully means being flexible, being open, allowing change, enjoying change, and loving yourself - *Wendy Whelan*
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- In youth we learn; in age we understand - *Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach*
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**Monday 16 June at 2.30 pm**  
**Talk : The Baroque Country House**



Our lecturer is Amy Lim. Many of Britain's best-loved country houses were created in the 'Baroque' period (c. 1660-1720). Visiting some of the most iconic houses of the period, including Chatsworth, Petworth, and Blenheim, we will meet the patrons who created them, and look at some of the highlights of their sumptuous interiors, gardens and collections, addressing the question: what is 'Baroque'?

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## DORKING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



**Monday 2 June , 7.15pm for 7.30**  
**Talk :The Changing Face of Local Media**  
**Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking**

Our speaker David Rose worked in Surrey local journalism for decades, starting not long after hot-metal printing had been replaced by computers, but he has many stories of the days of inky hands and hard drinking, right through to today's mainly online world. His talk includes vintage photos that show some of the many characters he knew. £2 at the door for non-members.

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



## Betchworth Operatic and Dramatic Society

BODS has been staging a wide variety of drama and musical productions in Betchworth Village Hall since 1936. We always welcome new members to perform or help backstage. Following on from *Separate Tables* we'll be starting rehearsals and casting for *Lucky Stiff*, under the direction of Fiona Kuhn-Thompson and Paul Thompson.

**Lucky Stiff** is a joyful, life-affirming musical farce, from the same creative team as *Seussical the Musical* - Lynn Ahrens (book/lyrics) and Stephen Flaherty (music). Based on *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo*, it follows the unlikely exploits of an English shoe salesman whose life is turned upside down by a cast of quirky opportunists (and a dead uncle). Performances **5-8 November**, by arrangement with Music Theatre International



Whether you're interested in leading roles, cameos or ensemble, please come to our introductory night, 3rd June 7.30pm at Betchworth Village Hall. Auditions 24th June, and for more details/contact info visit [bodsweb.com](http://bodsweb.com)

**B.O.D.S.**

## THE LADYBIRDS CHOIR CONCERT - SONGS OF THE SEA

**Saturday 7 June at 4pm, United Reform Church Hall, Dorking RH4 1BS**

Our Summer Concert will include sea shanties, folk songs, show music and popular songs, all related to the Sea. Favourites include 'Sit down, you're rocking the boat' from Guys and Dolls, 'Blow the wind southerly' and Rod Stewart's 1975 hit 'Sailing'.

This year we are raising funds for Dorking Beatitudes, who have a shop in St Martin's Walk, Dorking selling quality low-priced second-hand children's and maternity clothing, toys, books and equipment. There is also a play area for children and space for families to relax, have a hot drink and feed babies. They offer a lifeline for those on a low income or with financial difficulties.

Do come along! Tickets are priced at £8 and are available on the door or in advance from 01372 878321 (cash or cheques).

Susan Scarrot

## BROCKHAM BOWLS CLUB

The Club season is now fully open and so far, we've been very lucky with the weather. A bit of sunshine on your back undoubtedly improves one's spirits. However, this follows a busy winter period for many members, playing indoors in the warmth at Redhill. It is a totally different game. The rinks play much faster and there is a lot more bias to the bowls than when playing outdoors. We had so many members join we managed to run our own internal competition which was won by John Hoad who beat Michael Braithewaite in the final. John has obviously got the hang of the indoor game because he entered the novice competition and came away as Champion.



Right enough of the Mickey Mouse internal stuff. Back to the real world. At the end of the month, we had our opening drive. Expertly organised by Mr Hoad the scores were very tight but in the end the winners were Gavin, Karen and yes, you've guessed it, John Hoad. Might change the top line to the John Hoad column.

We have played a couple of friendlies so far. We had a very narrow loss to Southgate Park but bounced back with a very good win over Southwater. May is a very busy month for us with the start of our Leagues fixtures and we also have numerous friendly matches. Long may the weather stay fair.

Again, a gentle reminder 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*

## DORKING MUSEUM IN JUNE

**A Place of Safety:** The people of Dorking and the surrounding villages have given generous support to those in need on many occasions. The summer exhibition tells the stories and experiences of those fleeing the French Revolution, the Kaiser's army, Nazi oppression, and the Blitz, the work of the Dorking Refugee Committee, and the present century's war and persecution in the Middle East.

**Family Activities at Dorking Library:** Saturday 21st June, 10am-noon: Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Month, sort photos of old transport and make a card with a moving gypsy caravan. Aimed at 4–11-year-olds.

**Walking in Dorking:** On the edge of town, Betchworth Castle tour (exclusive access to the Castle enclosure): Sunday 8th June, 2pm. The views on the Deepdene Trail (exclusive access to the Hope family mausoleum): Sunday 22nd June, 2pm. In town, Hidden Historic Dorking: Sunday 8th June, 2pm. Dorking Historic Pub Walk: Saturday 14th June, 6pm. Blue Plaques and Statues walk: Sunday 22nd June, 2pm. All walks an hour and a half, should be booked in advance: details at [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/). Walks also arranged for private groups.

**South Street Caves tours:** Open Day, 28th June, tours at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm, about 45 minutes. Details and open day bookings: [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/south-street-caves/](http://dorkingmuseum.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](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk). 01306 876591. David Burton*

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I am grounded.  
My spirit is ground deep in the earth.  
I am calm, strong, centred and peaceful.  
I am able to let go of fear and trust that I am  
eternally safe.  
I am worthy of all things beautiful

Carly Marie (US author)

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

**Crossword (p.16)**  
**Solution**

A	B	B	A	S		C	O	P	S		C	A	D	E
Y	O	U	T	H		E	B	R	O		U	R	E	A
E	R	R	O	R		N	O	I	R		L	I	A	R
S	E	R	P	E	N	T	I	N	E		M	A	L	T
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**Wordsearch (p.18) Solution**

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

**Sudoku (p.18) Solution**

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

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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](mailto:fernsdc@gmail.com).

Buckland (then Bochelant) was mentioned in the Domesday Book as a village of 35 households, a church and a watermill. These days it is a picturesque village covering 1362 acres, with a total population of around 580 in 240 households. Buckland is in the Diocese of Southwark (Bishop: The Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun) and the Area of Croydon (Area Bishop: The Rt. Revd. Rosemarie Mallett).

## BUCKLAND READING ROOM ACTIVITIES

Regular activities in the Reading Room:

- Monday am                Singing for Pleasure (1st & 3rd Mondays)
- 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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Women's Institute		

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