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Hi folks

It seems crazy that half of 2025 has already passed, but as you start to head off on holiday or to join your children and grandchildren once school is out for the summer, I hope you have a fantastic time and find space to rest and rejuvenate in ways that best suit you!

In the midst of our two villages are two communities that have come to mean a great deal to me - the Old Wall Cottage Nursing Home and Broome Park.



At first glance, neither seems particularly remarkable. The Old Wall Cottage Nursing home is tucked away behind a solid gate, while Broome Park is equally invisible with both its houses set back some way from the road. It's easy to forget that either are there. Yet inside, the reality is so different and deeply touching. The effects of Alzheimer's are easily seen in both residences, yet in amongst that frailty there's raw honesty and stoicism among the residents that is inspiring. Some days when I visit, no one responds during Holy Communion; other days, a voice might join me in the Lord's Prayer, or in saying Psalm 23 The Lord's my Shepherd or I might look over to see someone's eyes lit up in response to a familiar hymn.

A resident who no longer speaks still communicates with us through their sensitivity to the beauty of colour combinations in their colouring in. Their unfiltered emotions of the residents, the focus on celebrating the little things in life, though at times hard to witness, remind us of our Christian call to let go of our protective masks and be real and open before God and one another.

What makes these homes special extends beyond the residents. The staff's affection and care create a warm atmosphere. As a former nurse myself, I well remember the energy and self-control needed to tend to complex needs. Their patience and calm, day-in day-out, genuinely humbles me. So too do the families who visit

daily or weekly, despite their grief and pain for a failing loved one and their own exhaustion.

Jesus teaches us to love others as they are, not as we wish them to be or think they ought to be. These homes model this to a T: love, patience, and compassion are here whichever way you look, plus little glimmers of humour that lighten the darker days.

It's easy to overlook nursing homes; they're self-contained, and aging can feel an uncomfortable topic. However, our support matters. I know some already do help, including a gentle therapy dog, 2 donkeys buddies and their llama sidekick, and we have a small group of singers which visit both homes each month, led by Julie Hardy (Betchworth). If you can support them in any way, please do and if you are of a praying persuasion please keep the residents, staff and relatives regularly in your prayers won't you?

To residents, staff, families, and villagers who are also struggling particularly with Alzheimers: know you are loved, valued, and prayed for, and not just by me.

Just as a little reminder, If anyone would like a visit – for whatever reason, please do get in touch:

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JULY EVENTS

5 July, 6.30pm. Concert: Folk Songs, Dorking Choral Society, p.27

7 July, 7.15pm. Talk: Arts & Crafts Stained Glass. DLHG, p.26

12 July, 4pm. Concert: Shakespeare, Music & poetry, Leatherhead Choral Soc, p.9

21 July 2.30pm. Talk: History of Bandstands . Arts Society, p.26

30 July, 2pm-4pm. Afternoon Teas, drop in. Hamilton Room, p.10

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30 Aug, 4pm. Summer BBQ with Jazz Duo, Goulborn Green, B&B Society, p.19

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CHURCH SERVICES—JULY

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
6 July <i>Trinity 3</i>		10 am Parish Communion <i>Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20</i>
13 July <i>Trinity 4</i>	10 am IONA service <i>Luke 10: 25-37</i>	5 pm Evensong
20 July <i>Trinity 5</i>		10 am Parish Communion <i>Luke 10: 38-end</i>
27 July <i>Trintiy 6</i>	10 am Parish Communion <i>Luke 11: 1-13</i>	
3 August <i>Trinity 7</i>		10 am Parish Communion <i>Luke 12: 13-21</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

*A horse-rider's great view of St Mary's Buckland !
Thanks to Rebecca Townsend (nee Riiser) on 'Charlie', and Judith Riiser
of Normanton*

BUCKLAND BELLRINGERS REPORT

In the last month Buckland bellringers have been ringing for Sunday services, solemnly tolling for a funeral, joyously ringing for a wedding on a beautiful sunny day, and patiently helping to teach beginners to ring.

Our usual practice night on Friday has been well attended recently, which means we have been able to ring many different methods, ranging from rounds and call changes, to Stedman, St Simon's and Cambridge.



Plans are now being made for our annual outing, when we visit several other towers during one day, with a lunch-break and tea stop. It is always interesting to ring at other towers as every church and every bell is different.

On the day of the outing, the ringers set off, usually car sharing, and the first ringers to arrive at the first tower of the day will begin to ring the bells up ready for the rest of the band to ring.

Access to bell towers is often restrictive, but many offer a fine view from the tower. At some churches the bells are rung from the ground floor. This makes the access easier, but the longer ropes may mean the bells are more difficult to ring. Other towers may have steep ladders or staircases to access the ringing room. It is always good to explore the churches and churchyards as well. Once everyone has rung, the bells are rung down (to leave them in their safe position) at the end of our 45 minute visit, before the ringers dash off to the next church on the list. We usually visit four or five churches during the day. Some of the ringers re-gather for an evening meal together back in Surrey, to discuss the highlights (and any unexpected happenings) of the day out.

In a future article the ringers will be able to report on the ringing outing (planned for end July '25). The location has just been revealed to be Kent this time, with details of the towers to be visited still 'under wraps'.

Julie Beale

BUCKLAND PAST LIVES –Talk in Church

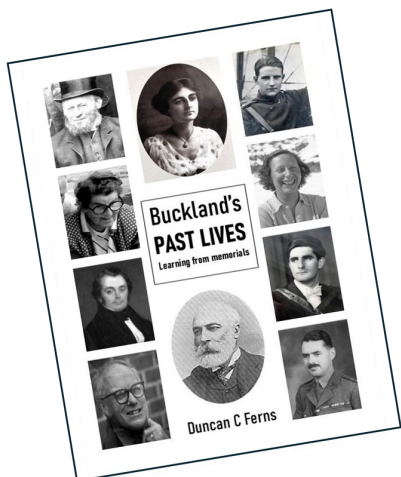
On the 3rd June at St Mary's church, some 30 residents and others listened to a wonderful talk by Duncan Ferns as part of the launch of his book - Buckland's Past Lives Learning from memorials. He recounted and spoke eloquently about what stories lie behind memorials whether they be gravestones or plaques in the church and the persons lived in the village or were just buried there. He spoke about his research – going back as far as the 16th century - and wide number of sources he used to bring to life the personal happinesses and sometimes tragedies of people's lives. While he exemplified only a few of the lives selected from the 7 categories into which he grouped his research, many of those in his book were very well known to present residents, and I think gave an extra relevancy to the evening and the book.

The amount and research he did was extensive and deep, and clearly Duncan delves and carries on delving until no more can be discovered. This book follows on from his history of Buckland the two being all part of the same. For every book sold in the evening, a proportion went to Friends of St Mary's (FOSM).

Thank you to FOSM for organising the evening, and most of those attending enjoyed the wine and nibbles provided by FOSM, in particular Simon and Barbara Thomas. A convivial evening throughout, and Liz and I as churchwardens are especially appreciative of FOSM's support for St Marys.

Liz Vahey and David Sayce

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GROUNDING YOURSELF

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

Mystic and theologian Howard Thurman (1899–1981) writes of the contemplative practice of making time to 'ground yourself', or as the Americans's say, 'centre down':

*How good it is to center down!
To sit quietly and see one's self pass by!
The streets of our minds seethe with endless traffic.
Our spirits resound with clashings, with noisy silences,
While something deep within hungers and thirsts for the still
moment and the resting lull.*

*The questions persist: what are we doing with our lives?
what are the motives that order our days?
What is the end of our doings? Where are we trying to go?
Over and over the questions beat in upon the waiting moment.
As we listen, floating up through all the jangling echoes
of our turbulence, there is a sound of another kind
A deeper note which only the stillness of the heart makes clear.*

*It moves directly to the core of our being. Our questions are answered,
Our spirits refreshed, and we move back into the traffic of our daily round
With the peace of the Eternal in our step.
How good it is to center down!*

The reason the gospel writers made a point to include their many accounts of Jesus returning to the presence of God was not so that those hearing their message could marvel at how centered in God Jesus was. The gospel writers were offering those who would hear their message, then and now, an invitation to experience that power ourselves in ways that are real and relevant to our day-to-day lives and relationships.

Active, engaged, world-changing contemplatives since the desert mothers and fathers of the third century have realized how life-transforming, even world-transforming, that gospel invitation is. And we can too. The spiritual journey begins with a pause, a centering-in-God pause, and over time becomes a constant and ceaseless prayer, an honouring of and a connection with the Divine in you that awakens your essential self.

This returning to our center again and again is a kind of in-and-out, in-and-out movement, like breathing: breathing in, we gather strength and calm, maybe an insight, maybe a sense of an injustice needing to be righted, and then breathing out, we go back out in to the world to live into what we've been given and what we've received.

When you engage in any one of several centreing practices that are available to us today, practices in which you can just be, alone, in quiet, in awareness of your innermost self with God, then over time, something holy and extraordinary happens in ways that ... we can't imagine or foresee. The closeness of your inner, relational life will be changed, to yourself, to others, to God, and to the world around you. Your relationship to your own life will shift subtly but profoundly.



MUSIC IN DORKING - JULY



12 July at 4.00, Leatherhead Choral Society in Tithe Barn, Bookham, £18

As the concert season winds to a close and everyone enjoys a summer break from rehearsing and concert-giving, it just remains to mention the summer concert by the Leatherhead Choral Society. Held in the Tithe Barn, Manorhouse Lane, Bookham, this will be an afternoon of Shakespeare-themed music and readings, with refreshments, in the amazing atmosphere of a mediaeval tithe barn. Tickets are available on the internet.

To whet your appetite for next season: the Dorking Concertgoers have their usual enterprising series of concerts planned, including three visits from the Carducci string quartet and an appearance in December from the Grimethorpe Colliery Band; the Dorking choral society will be singing Haydn's 'Nelson' mass in November; and next year's Leith Hill Festival will include Haydn's glorious *Creation*, music by Vaughan Williams, and a concert of baroque music. Full details to follow!

Ian Codd

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For updates see our Facebook Page 'Betchworth and Buckland Toddler Group'

Debbie Jones

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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 July, 27th August, 24th September, 29th October
and 26th November**

For transport or information, contact:

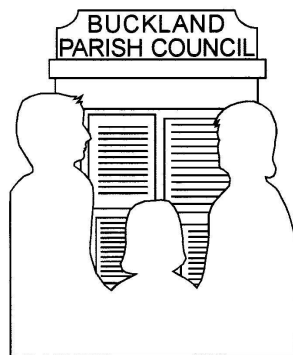
Margaret Miller, 01737 842098

Buckland Matters

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Trimming Hedges and Trees – advice to help you stay within the law

As we spend more time in our gardens during the warmer months, many gardeners will be tempted to have a tidy up. Before you start work please take adequate time to check there are no active nests in the area you wish to work in. It is an offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. So, if you find an active nest, delay trimming until you are sure the young birds have fledged.



The RHS and RSPB issue the following guidance:

- ideally wait until after the main nesting season (March-September) to avoid the period when the possibility of birds nesting is very high;
- before beginning any pruning/cutting, thoroughly check the hedges/trees to make sure you can't see any bird nests;
- use manual cutting tools instead of electric/petrol tools, as they are easier to control and stop should you come across any wildlife and less likely to disturb nearby wildlife; and
- liaise with your neighbours before cutting any hedges/trees close to your property boundaries and ensure your neighbours confirm the absence of any nests in adjacent trees and hedging before you start work.

If you think an offence has taken place, the RSPB recommends you contact your local police and ask to speak to the local Wildlife Crime Officer and advises you can do this anonymously.

Householder Planning Applications

Last October MVDC adopted a new Local Plan for Mole Valley, and, since its adoption, the MVDC planning policy team has been updating supporting documents. Over the next few months MVDC is planning to adopt a local validation list which will list all the documents you need to submit with your planning ap-

plication. Until a local validation list is adopted the National Validation List will continue to apply but the absence of a local validation list does not remove the need to supply the information required by legislation.

So, until such time as the local validation list is published, if you are considering making a planning application and wish to minimise the risk of time delays, please ensure the information you submit with your application form not only fulfils all the requirements of the MVDC Local Plan but also considers national legislation. For example, ensure you identify any need to submit a protected species survey and demonstrate how your proposed development will comply with the Biodiversity Net Gain legislation.

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

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FRIDAY	LLOYDS

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Ruth Wilson (Betchworth)

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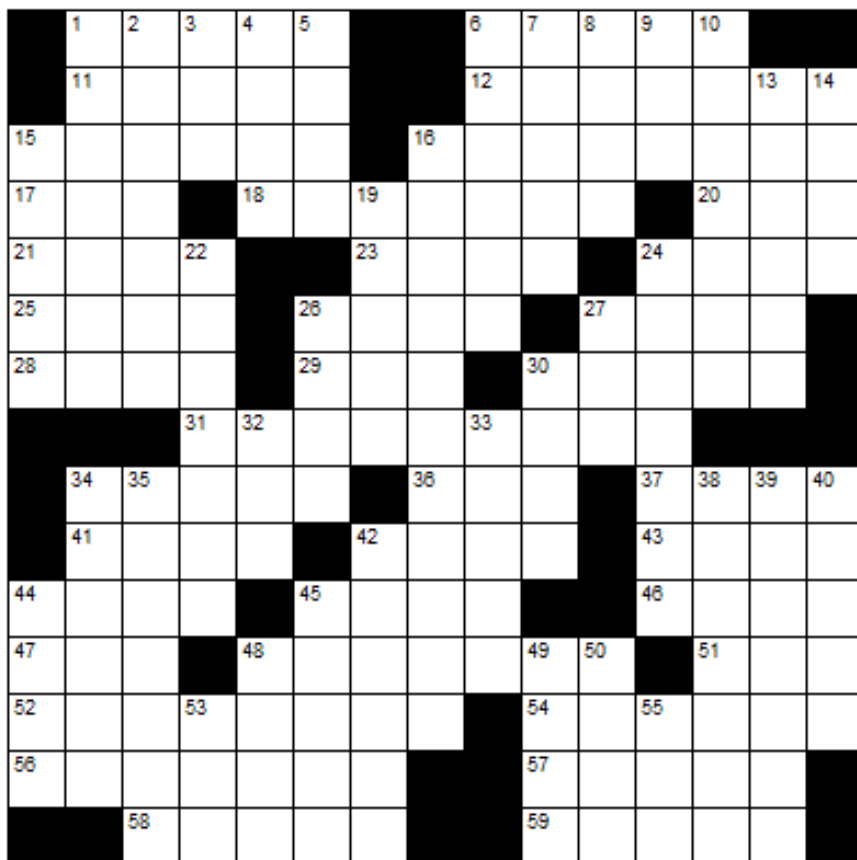
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Solution p.30



ACROSS

1. Pungent edible leaves
6. Be upright
11. Howdy
12. Smallest
15. Vendor
16. Blathers
17. Tiny
18. Shrivels
20. Chapter in history
21. French for "State"

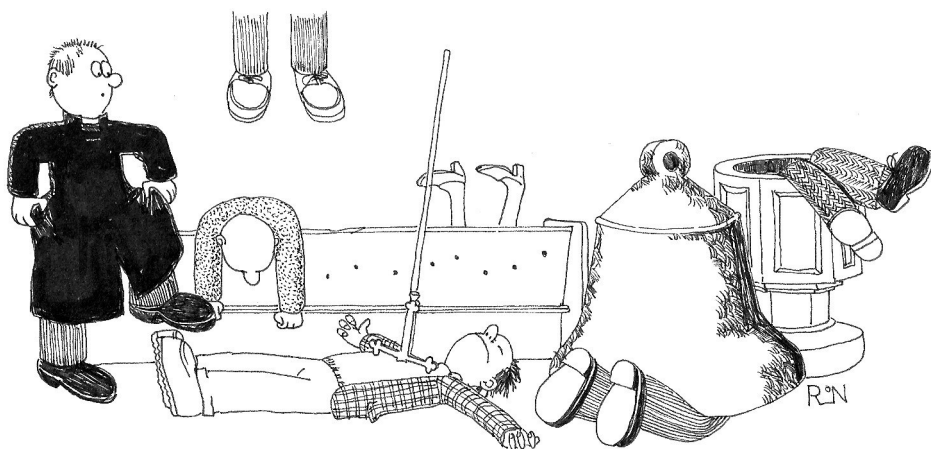
23. Component used as fertilizer
24. Arouse
25. Lack of difficulty
26. Thin strip
27. Run for it
28. Not now
29. Not hers
30. Rosary components
31. Curtains
34. Thin person

36. Type of cereal grass
37. Chops
41. Not fat
42. Bachelor of Literature
43. Rewrite
44. Objective
45. Courts
46. Lover of Aeneas
47. Arrange (abbrev.)
48. Offspring

51. Bog
52. Lawfulness
54. First-aid item
56. Cilium
57. Small amount
58. Leases
59. Stitched

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| 1. Fast feline | another 14. Russian emperor | 34. Floor horse | 35. War | 53. Beer |
| 2. Let go | 15. Sugary | 38. Building | | 55. Black bird |
| 3. Addition | 16. Choice of words | 39. Made broader | | |
| 4. Large number | 19. Liliaceous plant | 40. Rock | | |
| 5. Fern clusters | 22. Ivy feature | 42. Kiosks | | |
| 6. Avenue | 24. Cut | 44. Storm | | |
| 7. Coronet | 26. Carpet type | 45. Joint of the lower arm | | |
| 8. Picnic insects | 27. Service charge | 48. Scheme | | |
| 9. Young louse | 30. Ship post | 49. Pesky insects | | |
| 10. Cut out | 32. Hurried on foot | 50. Bygone era | | |
| 13. One thing after | 33. Lift | | | |



It was a normal Sunday Morning in Midsomer Parish Church

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the basis of all achievement

'A Simpler Life', 2022

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Grade: Medium.
Solution on p.30

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Solution on p.30

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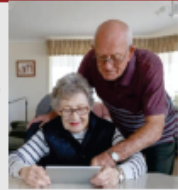


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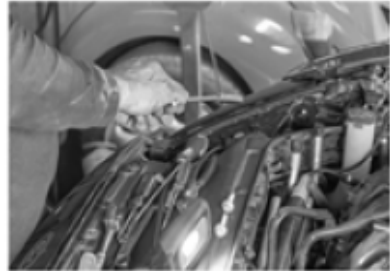


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GARDENING NOTES

A few summer tips to keep your garden happy

Most plants – and even small trees- can be successfully grown in pots. Containers are so useful where there is little or no soil, for instance on gravel, paving and driveways. Watering is key, but most shrubby plants will also need regular repotting as they outgrow their existing space. Granular feeding twice a year and topping up with fresh compost helps, but after 3-5 years consider larger pots or new plants. Poor growth rates and yellowing leaves are classic signs that change is needed. This is most noticeable with woody plants such as bay trees and olives.

Climbers can and should have rampant growth at this time of year. Tie them back regularly to maintain shape. A trellis behind can work wonders, as will an obelisk for rambling plants to creep around in the middle of a border. For sunny spots, passionflower, solanum and honeysuckle are ideal, or try campsis (trumpet flower) for an exotic look if the site is protected from winds: their massed flowers (particularly the deeper coloured varieties) produce a stunning display.

Support floppy perennials at the edge of borders. Simple half-moon metal supports blend in easily with the foliage, or use bamboo canes and twine to make a temporary frame.

Don't water lawns in drought conditions, unless newly established. They will soon revive with rain, so it's best to concentrate on watering vegetable and bedding plants and everything in pots: be careful to water the soil as often rain doesn't penetrate through foliage.

One of the joys of gardening is harvesting any produce from now until the autumn. It can be as simple as a few cut flowers to enjoy in the home, some basil, mint or rosemary in the kitchen or full scale vegetables and fruit from greenhouses and allotments. Let's hope we have a long summer and a warm autumn to match our wonderful spring this year.

David Hogg, Buckland Nurseries

ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On why people complain to the vicar – and how to ignore them

From The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you have received your first letter of complaint. I am not wholly unsympathetic with your complainant, as attempting to marry the bride to the best man would have created havoc with the seating arrangements at the reception. However, you must learn that receiving letters of complaint is an integral part of the ordained ministry. After 50 years of parish life, the number of such letters I have received are now held in bound volumes.



The anonymous ones you will receive, invariably written in green ink on lined notepaper, can be safely consigned to your wastepaper basket, along with all mail, from whatever source, labelled 'Urgent'. You will receive letters complaining that you did not pray for someone who was in hospital, regardless of the fact that you knew nothing of it. Probably by the next post, you will receive a letter complaining that you did pray for someone in hospital – when they had wanted to keep their cosmetic surgery secret.

Those who regard themselves as guardians of doctrinal purity will write complaining of the heresies contained in the previous Sunday's sermon. These can be filed with those letters that complain that your sermons are too short, along with those who complain that they are too long.

The hourly striking of the church clock is a perennial favourite for complaints. I usually reply by saying that we are currently exploring the possibility of getting it to strike the quarters too.

Letters of complaint will arrive in November, complaining that the church is too cold, so making prayer impossible. Others will drop on the doormat in April saying that it is too hot, so making prayer impossible. In Spring, some will write that the churchyard should be mown more often, while others will complain that it is mown too often and ruins it as a habitat for wildlife. The annual Summer 'Procession of

Witness' generates complaints that the brass band ruined the slumbers of parishioners having a Sunday lie-in. Then come Harvest, there will be the letters complaining that they did not receive a Harvest gift, which was particularly unforgivable, as their grandmother had once sung in the choir. Thus, the annual round is accompanied by reams of notepaper.

The only letter of complaint I have really treasured came from the bishop, rebuking me for never having attended any meeting when he was present. I have had it framed and hung on the study wall.

Your Loving Uncle, Eustace

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Albury Old Saxon Church¹

This church is in Albury Park, between the village of Albury and Shere. The church has Saxon origins and has been part of the community for over 1000 years. Up until 1782, this ancient church was in the centre of the village of Albury, but when the Albury Estate was purchased by Captain (later Admiral) Finch, he wanted to develop a park around his house, The Mansion. He apparently harassed the villagers, encouraging them to leave, many of them moving to the nearby hamlet of Weston Street, which is the present location of Albury village.²

The church has always been associated with owners of the Albury Estate, especially the Drummond family; followed by the Percy family who were successive Dukes of Northumberland.

Albury's Lord of the Manor in the 1840's was Henry Drummond, a wealthy partner in Drummond's Bank in the City of London, which had been founded by his grandfather's uncle in 1717. Drummond's remains a private banking brand within the Royal Bank of Scotland/Natwest Group. Henry Drummond was a generous landlord, providing well-built cottages and personal allotments for his estate workers. He became an MP for West Surrey and held the post from 1847 to 1860.

With his accumulated wealth, he wanted Albury to be 'a little different'. He commissioned one of the most famous architects of the time, Augustus Welby Pugin (1812-1852). If you have driven through Albury in recent times, you may have noticed the over-elaborate tall brick chimneys on the Mansion and many of the Estate-owned cottages. These are the designs of Pugin.

Pugin was one the great English architects of his time, responsible for many fine gothic Churches. In 1834, the Palace of Westminster, used by Parliament, was destroyed in an accidental fire. Pugin was engaged by Sir Charles Barry in the gigantic task of providing detailed drawings for the present interior rooms and exterior of the present Houses of Parliament.³

Pugin was also commissioned to design the Drummond's Mortuary Chapel within the walls of this existing Saxon church, built in the thirteenth century.⁴ To build the mortuary, Pugin first raised the medieval roof of the transept to a steeper pitch, and then lined the inside with panelled boarding. It was then painted in a 'brilliant royal blue of heaven' with elaborate panels with the words '*Him who reigns therein*'. Sadly, Henry Drummond lost three of his sons in their youth: Henry aged 16 in 1827, Malcolm aged 21 in 1842, and Arthur, aged 20 in 1843. Each son has an elaborate brass and painted tomb designed by Pugin as the Chapel was completed. Later memorial brasses in the floor of the Chapel are for Henry Drummond himself (1860), his wife (1854) and Lady Gage (1883).

The stained glass windows, also designed by Pugin, were made in Newcastle by William Wailes, a famous glassmaker of his time. The walls of the chapel are intricately hand-painted with a repeat-pattern of the armorial arms of the family, an eagle with spread-wings.



The highly ornate Drummond Chapel—'a masterpiece in miniature'

Although this church was 'decommissioned' in 1842 when the new church opened in the nearby 'new' Albury village, it remains consecrated and continues to hold at least three services per year: on Good Friday, mid-summer and a popular Candlelit Christmas Carol Service. It is maintained by a combination of 'The Churches Conservation Trust' and the local support group, 'Friends of Old Saxon Church'. During the past 5 years, funding was raised to restore the intricate paintwork within the Drummond Chapel, and this work has now been completed, largely by a specialist company called Cliveden Conservation.⁵

This church has been used in several filmsets, including - like St Michael's in Betchworth - one of the churches in the film 'Four Weddings and a Funeral.'



The church is unlocked on most days and welcomes visitors. Cars can be driven up the Albury Park drive to the church gate and parked.

Although the Pugin-designed chapel cannot be entered, it can be viewed clearly through an ornate iron screen, through which pictures can be taken. The Drummond chapel, now returned to its near-original splendour, is a terrific contrast to the plain, rather empty stone interior of the nave, tower and chancel.

1. *Albury old Saxon Church', photo by Simon Cann*
2. *Friends Membership form, information*
3. *Wikipedia page, Augustus Welby Pugin*
4. *Drummond's Chapel, 12 page colour pamphlet (available in church)*
5. <https://clivedenconservation.com/project/conservation-of-pugins-decorative-scheme>

RETIRED—OR JUST THINKING ABOUT IT? A LITTLE ADVICE...

Retirement is like a long vacation in Las Vegas. The goal is to enjoy it to the fullest, but not so fully that you run out of money. *Jonathan Clements*

Retirement: It's nice to get out of the rat race, but you have to learn to get along with less cheese. *Gene Perret*

Don't underestimate the value of Doing Nothing. *A. Milne*

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. *Mark Twain*

When some people retire, it's going to be mighty hard to be able to tell the difference. *Virginia Graham*

I intend to live forever. So far, so good. *Steve Wright*

There is a whole new kind of life ahead, full of experiences just waiting to happen. Some call it 'retirement.' I call it bliss. *Betty Sullivan*

Retire from your job and career, begin to develop your mind. *Unknown*

I see retirement as just another of these reinventions, another chance to do new things and be a new version of myself. *Walt Mossberg*

Living each day as if it were your last doesn't mean your last day of retirement on a remote island. It means to live fully, authentically and spontaneously with nothing being held back. *Jack Canfield*

I enjoy waking up and not having to go to work. So, I do it three or four times a day. *Gene Perret*

Retirement is like a software update for your life. Everything runs smoother.

If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough. *Oprah Winfrey*

Retirement is a blank sheet of paper. It is a chance to redesign your life into something new and different. *Patrick Foley*

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20 September—The Autumn Show, Brockham Village Hall

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Children's classes are open to any child living within the 3B's area, attending the schools/nurseries or having a close contact with the villages e.g. grandparents. Some of the categories this year would be good projects to start in the school summer holidays. Please see details below. We also have 2 classes which are open to any local group or society (adult or child).

Future Events

10 Nov, 7.30pm. Talk : The Earthworm – all you wanted to know but did not dare ask by Chris Stewart. Brockham Village Hall

6 Dec, 2pm-4pm. Christmas Wreath Workshop. Brockham Village Hall

16 Feb 2026, 7.30 pm. Talk: Droughts, Deluges and Dust-Devils; 350 years of Southeast Weather by Ian Currie. Brockham Village Hall

16 Mar 2026, 7.30pm. Talk: The Women's Land Army – Cinderella's of the Fields by Ian Everest, Brockham Village Hall

20 Apr 2026, 7.30pm. Talk: 'WOOLSHRED' by Fliss Lewis. Brockham Village Hall (see Woolshred.co.uk)

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

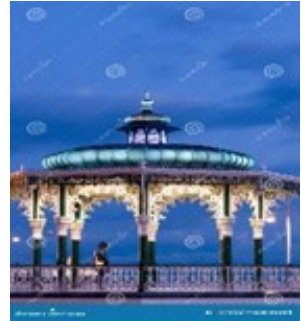
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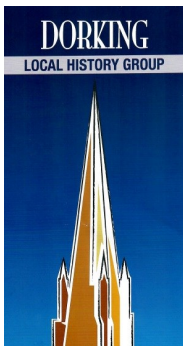
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Monday 7 July, 7.15pm for 7.30

Talk : Christopher Whall : an Arts & Crafts Stained Glass Artist

Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking



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

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BROCKHAM BOWLS CLUB

Hi everyone. Well, I have to say I'm struggling to describe our results in May. Probably the 'nearly month' is the most apt way.



We started off with a fixture in the very strong North Downs League against Dorking. With one end to play we were comfortably ahead by six shots. Somehow, we contrived to lose eight shots on the last end and accordingly lost the match. No comment. In the Friendship League we came up firstly against Pippbrook and had an outstanding result winning all four rinks and gaining maximum points. Secondly, we played Reigate Priory and had one of those strange outcomes. A draw. Sadly, we lost the bonus points because they scored more shots than us. But a pretty reasonable start to try and regain our Crown.

We played three friendlies. We had very narrow losses to both Albury and Castle Green, both by two points, but bounced back with a very good win over Crawley Town by eight points so sort of balanced the books. Weather has been pretty kind to us but Ewhurst was washed out. Playing in the rain is no fun what so ever.

We had our couple of Open days which proved a huge success and we recruited several new members. Well done to that man John Hoad for organising those. If you missed them the Club's open on Tuesday and Thursday nights so just pop down and you're be welcomed with open arms.

Draws have been made for our internal competitions and there's some interesting games. It's a game of bowls not life threatening. I'M NOT COMPETITIVE. Hmm leave that to you. But seriously the game is great fun and the atmosphere at our Club is amazing.

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 JULY

Exhibition: A Place of Safety: Stories of refugees who have found refuge in Dorking and the surrounding villages, fleeing the French Revolution, the Kaiser's army, Nazi oppression, the Blitz and war and persecution in the Middle East. It features the work of the Dorking Refugee Committee and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Family Activities at Dorking Library: Saturday 5th July, 10am-2pm, Create a Blue Plaque for Yourself! How would you like to be remembered in the future? Free event, aimed at 4–11-year-olds.

Walking in Dorking: Betchworth Castle tour with access to the Castle enclosure: Sunday 13th July, 2pm Deepdene Trail with access to Hope family mausoleum: Sunday 20th July, 2pm. In town, Hidden Historic Dorking: Sunday 13th July, 2pm. Blue Plaques and Statues walk: Sunday 27th July, 2pm. Walks around 90 minutes, booked in advance: details and booking at dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/. See website for enquiries and private group bookings.

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

David Burton

On flows the water ceaselessly, nor does the water ever stay the same. The bubbles that float upon it's pools now disappear, now form anew, but never stay long. And so it is with people in this world, and with their dwellings.

Kamo Chōmei (born 1155, died 1216, Kyōto, Japan)

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

**Crossword (p.14)
Solution**

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Wordsearch (p.16) Solution

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Sudoku (p.16) Solution

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HISTORICAL NOTES

A book on the History of Buckland is available: **Buckland 1000-2000 with 2020 Vision** by Duncan C Ferns. 300pp, over 250 illustrations and a 600-name index. Purchase from Squires Nursery Buckland, local Waterstones, Amazon online or request to fernsdc@gmail.com.

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

BUCKLAND READING ROOM ACTIVITIES

Regular activities in the Reading Room:

- Monday am Singing for Pleasure (1st & 3rd Mondays)
- Tuesday am Toddlers
- Tuesday 2.15pm Bridge Club
- Thursday 2.15pm Bridge Club
- Thursday evening Yoga
- Saturday pm Sugarcraft Guild (2nd Saturday)

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

Arts Society, Betchworth	Carole Evans	01372 452563
Bell Ringers (<i>practice Friday evenings</i>)	David Sayce	242776
Betchworth & Buckland Children's Nursery	Laura Snelling	843610
Betchworth & Buckland Toddler Group	Debbie Jones	07701 347351
Betchworth & Buckland Society (<i>Secretary</i>)	Nathalie Nichols	07801 967623
Betchworth Operatic & Dramatic Society	Diane Mayall	842758
British Legion	Maurice Daley	843058
Brockham Green Horticultural Society	Ruth & Paul Johnson	842691
Brockham Surgery/ <i>Chemist</i>	n/a	843259/842175
Buckland & Betchworth Choral Soc. (<i>Sec.</i>)	Caroline Bartlett	07967 969425
Buckland Parochial Charity (<i>Clerk</i>)	Debbie Jones	07701 347351
Buckland Parish Council (<i>Clerk</i>)	Sheena Boyce	448023
Buckland Village Shop	Amy Snaith	845999
Children's Society	Margaret Miller	842098
Family Activities Betchworth & Buckland	Katrina Rea	07803 163868
North Downs Primary School	Jane Douglass	843211
Reading Room- Chairman	Tim Howe	844595
- Treasurer	John Maud	843530
- Secretary	Liz Vahey	221444
Reigate Pilgrims Cricket Club	Julian Steed	842220
St. Catherine's Hospice	Sheila Dyer	842046
Women's Institute	Margaret Miller	842098

Websites: Church: www.stmarythevirginbuckland.net;

Village: www.bucklandsurrey.org.uk

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