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As I write this, the fields around us are turning golden, apples are ripening in the orchards, and our hedgerows are full of berries. The cooler mornings remind us that the seasons are shifting – and with that comes our annual opportunity to give thanks for the harvest. There's something grounding about this time of year, don't you think? A chance to pause and appreciate the practical blessings around us: food on our tables, work to do, and the hands that make it all possible.



This year, our Harvest Festival takes on a special resonance. In a world where headlines so often speak of scarcity, division, or uncertainty, our little corner of the countryside stands as a testament to resilience, community, and generosity. Whether you've spent months tending crops, caring for livestock, nurturing a garden, or simply sharing a basket of apples with a neighbour, you've played a part in this season of plenty. Harvest reminds us that we are stewards, not owners, of this land, and what a privilege that is.

Of course, abundance isn't just about what we have; it's about what we share. At our Harvest Thanksgiving services (do join us!), we'll fill the church with produce, flowers, and symbols of gratitude. But those gifts won't stay there. As always, your donations of non-perishables and fresh goods will go to the local foodbank and families facing hardship. Even in our rural idyll, not everyone has enough. Last year we collected a 'nice' amount of tins and dry foods but I'm sure that we could do better so my hope is this year we can donate 2-3 times more than last year. Example foods in demand include:

- Dried pasta, rice, Pasta sauces and chopped tomato
- Tinned vegetable or potatoes
- Tuna, salmon, sardines, spam, corned beef

- Cereals, milk, tea, coffee, sugar, UHT fruit juices
- Biscuits, cake
- Baby nappies, Women's necessities

This Harvest, I've been struck by how much our parish thrives on small acts of kindness: in fact much of what happens in this village is organised and run by volunteers. From the beautifully maintained bus stop in Betchworth to both churches, we are blessed by people's level of commitment. It's these threads, woven together, that make our community strong. Let's keep that spirit alive as winter approaches. Look out for one another, pop in to chat to someone you haven't seen for a while, or who might be lonely as the days get shorter and darker and colder.

Finally, mark your diaries for our Harvest Thanksgiving Services in Buckland 28th September and in Betchworth 5th October where we will again be celebrating and giving thanks for the physical harvest but also for all of you who volunteer to keep our churches going. Without you we would not still be here. As the days shorten, may we hold onto Harvest's lesson: that gratitude turns what we have into enough, and generosity turns enough into a feast. Thank you, as ever, for being a parish that lives this out.

Love Pru

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 1 Sept, 7.15.** Talk: History of St Martha's Church, Chilworth. DLHG, p.31
3 Sept, 7.30. Mozart Requiem Rehearsals begin, BBCS, p.34
15 Sept, 2.30pm. Talk: Gilding. Betchworth Village Hall, Arts Society, p.32
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20 & 21 Sept, 11-4pm. Heritage Open Days (HODS) St Michael's Betchworth, p.12
20 Sept, 10.30am-1pm. Repair Café, Betchworth Village Hall, Re-Betchworth, p.22
23 Sept, 7.30pm. ZOOM Talk: Medieval Building Myths, DLHG, p.31
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OCTOBER EVENTS

- 4 Oct, 1pm-4pm.** Applefest. Re-Betchworth, Betchworth Village Hall, p.36
4 Oct, 2.30pm. Organ recital by Christopher Hendrick, Betchworth church, p.13
10 Oct, 12 noon. Winter Lunch (first of season). Buckland Reading Room, p.6
10 Oct 7pm. Music Quiz Night, Buckland Reading Room, FOSM, p.11
10-12 Oct, 10am-4pm. Art Show & Sale, Denbies, Dorking Group of Artists, p.34
29 Oct, 2pm-5pm. Bridge Afternoon, for St Michael's Betchworth. P.14

CHURCH SERVICES—SEPTEMBER

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
7 Sept <i>Trinity 12</i>		10 am Parish Communion <i>Luke 12: 13-21</i>
14 Sept <i>Trinity 13</i>	10 am IONA service <i>Luke 15: 1-10</i>	5pm Evensong
21 Sept <i>Trinity 14</i>		10 am Heritage Sunday <i>Matthew 9: 9-13</i>
28 Sept <i>Trinity 15</i>	10 am Harvest Thanksgiving <i>John 6: 25-35</i>	
5 October <i>Trinity 16</i>		10 am Harvest Thanksgiving <i>John 6: 25-35</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

St Mary the Virgin with Bay Jesus, with Goldfinch in-hand. Stained glass window dating from about 1380. in St Mary's Buckland

When pecking at thistles for seeds, the Goldfinch was thought to 'feed on thorns', and in the 14th century it became a symbol of the Crown of Thorns and the crucifixion. The 'Taddei Tondo', a carving by Michaelangelo, dated 1505, in the Royal Academy in London shows the same symbolism.

2025 WINTER LUNCHES

Just a short reminder to say that Liz and I with our helpers Margaret, John and Everett will start the 2025 WINTER LUNCH on **Friday the 10th October** in the Buckland Reading Room. Please put this date in your diaries and I would just ask if you could let Liz or myself know if you can join us on that day. Our numbers are Liz Vahey 01737 221444 or Carol Leeds on 01737 247399

Carol Leeds

Buckland Parish Magazine



in January 2026

*The first issue was in January 1926.
Look forward to a bumper Centenary Issue in
January 2026
Contributions welcomed !!!*

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOMED...

If you would like to offer a contribution to Bucklands history, namely what things were like 1926, it would be most appreciate.

Some of our regular contributors will have been prompted !!

Please get in touch with the Editor to offer an input, no later than mid-November.

fernsdc@gmail.com

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

24th September, 29th October and 26th November

For transport or information, contact:

Margaret Miller, 01737 842098

BUCKLAND & BETCHWORTH BELLRINGERS REPORT

Annual Trip to Bell Towers in Kent



On Saturday July 26th Betchworth and Buckland bellringers set out for their annual ringing outing, this time to 5 towers in Kent. The first church was Hartfield, with a beautiful lych gate. The bells were a nice 6, easy to ring at the start of the day. Onwards to Cowdon, a ground floor ring, where their tower captain remembered learning to ring at Betchworth in the mid 1970s, and enjoyed reminiscing with members of the present band (old and new). A picnic lunch followed at Hever, on the green outside the church. This church has the graves of the Boleyn family, so it was well worth exploring. Whilst there was a short delay gaining entrance to the tower, we gathered together for our group photo by the tower door. Some of us were wearing our new bellringing teeshirts, made just in time for the occasion.

A really old, rather intriguing wooden staircase led to the ringing chamber at Hever. The next church was Edenbridge, with 8 bells rung from a balcony above the door. Our cream tea at a nearby tea shop was excellent. We all sat in the jasmine scented, secluded, sunny courtyard to enjoy our treat. The final tower of the day was Limpsfield Chart, with a rather more tricky ascent to the bell tower. In the evening several ringers gathered at The Pheasant, Buckland, to enjoy a meal together.

It was a great day out on an ideal summer's day (not too hot for ringing!). If you would like to learn to ring and take part in our next event, just join us on our practice nights in the tower at Betchworth (Tuesdays 8pm) or Buckland (Fridays 8pm). We'd be delighted to see you.

Julie Beale

**A NEW WEBSITE AND DONATION SCHEME
FOR ST MARY'S BUCKLAND**
www.stmarythevirginbuckland.org.uk



The PCC team (Parochial Church Council) is pleased to announce a new website for St Mary's Buckland, launched on 1 September 2025. Note that the new site ends in **org.uk** (whereas the old site ended in **.net**)

The old website was developed about the year 2010. Both the design and content were very out-of-date, as for the past few years no-one was assigned to maintain and update it. In addition, our church currently had no means of accepting donations by electronic means. Over the past 2 or 3 years we have experimented with 'swipe' machines to collect card or phone donations, but these proved unreliable and were withdrawn.

The PCC agreed to the development of a new website at their meeting of 2 June 2025. This has now been implemented, with updated text and photos, and a new software platform that will display content on all platforms (PC, mobile phones & tablets; and iphone/ipad or android devices). Our webmaster has full control to edit text for future changes, and the website will have a calendar of services, updated monthly, and each month the Buckland Parish Magazine will also be available online (it was on the old website, but it was difficult to find!).

This initiative has enabled us to have a new system for electronic donations, via a service called 'Givealittle'. This supplier is promoted by the Diocese of Southwark who have produced a support manual for Parishes, which we have now followed through to implementation. Many churches have now adopted this system for donations by electronic payments.

Our new system is based on a 'QR code' which with one smartphone scan, links to a donation page, from which a donation can be made very quickly by Applepay or Googlepay; or, if you type in just a few details, by credit or debit card; or by the (relatively new) 'Open banking' (a bank transfer). The system is secure and there is no subscription due to Givealittle, because it is covered in the agreement with the Diocese.

The 'poster' with QR Code inviting electronic payment donations is now displayed at the back of the church. It is also **displayed on the following page**, and this page will be repeated monthly as the inside back page of future Parish Magazines. *This means that each month, when you are feeling generous, or when the church has been there for you when you need it, you can readily make a donation of any size from anywhere, including the armchair in your lounge. All donations, however small, are really appreciated.*

The QR code (with a short sentence inviting donations) will also be displayed in a small laminated sign on each pew shelf, so that our congregation and visitors may also donate with ease. Of course, cash donations and gift aid envelopes will also continue to be welcomed in church collections.

The website has been designed at zero development cost by the use of a 'shell' software suite developed by 'Hubb.church'. They have almost 1000 UK churches subscribed to their software. This small company offer a template-based website just for churches, which we have adapted to our own design. We will pay a **nominal subscription per month to Hubb.church**. This will include all future software and site security upgrades and support for further developments. During the design phase, Hubb has been very supportive in responding to questions.

We hope that our readers will explore our new website, and use it to check service times and events, and to read the Parish Magazine online, including a 2-year rolling archive of magazines. And to 'test our system' why not make a small donation by clicking the QR Code on the following page !! Thank you!

Duncan Ferns

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FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER, 7PM FOR 7.30



BUCKLAND READING ROOM

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Free glass of wine or soft drink, more to purchase...

Dinner of Lasagne & Salad followed by Cheesecake. Alternatives available to meet dietary requirements.

Teams of 6 to 8. Apply either as a team or individual/couples. Prizes to aim for, and a Raffle!

Tickets £20 FOSM members, £25 non-members.

Please book in advance, not later than 4 October, to CatDawes@aol.com or 07710 498591

**FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S BUCKLAND (FOSM)**



BUCKLAND WINDMILL

Open Saturday 20 September, 1pm-5pm

Buckland Windmill is a small sawmill workshop built in the 1860s. It is situated on property previously owned by the Estate carpenter. Restored in the period 1996-2004 and recently repainted, the windmill now has a circular saw and lathe which are powered for demonstration purposes. It is the only surviving wind-powered sawmill in the UK. We also have a photographic display of the traction engines that used to be on-site to power the saws. The garden will also be open and refreshments available, with proceeds to St Mary's Buckland Church and Churchyard Fabric Fund (CCFF).

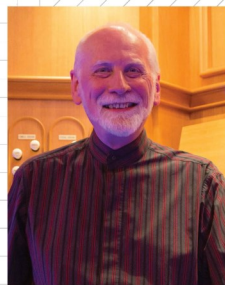
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BETCHWORTH

Open Saturday & Sunday, 20 & 21 Sept, 10am-3pm

SATURDAY	10am – 3pm	Visit the belltower
	10am – 3pm	Willow weaving workshop (£10, please book in advance by phoning 07770 872548)
	11am	Short talk by local historian on War Graves in Betchworth
	10am – 3pm	Exhibition of art by local artists and sculptor
SUNDAY	10am – 3pm	Spinning wheel demonstration
	11:15am	History talk on Betchworth War Graves
	2:15pm	Handbell demonstration and have a go.
	11am – 3pm	Visit the belltower
	10am – 3pm	Exhibition of art by local artists and sculptor
Both days we will be serving teas, coffees and home baking.		

Details of other places open for Heritage Open Day in Mole Valley can be found at www.heritageopendays.org.uk/whats-on/printable-area-lists/mole-valley.html

St Michael's Church, Betchworth



Recital by
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Christopher Herrick

On the Kenneth Tickell Organ (2014)
In St Michael's Church, Betchworth.

Saturday 4th October 2025, at 2.30pm

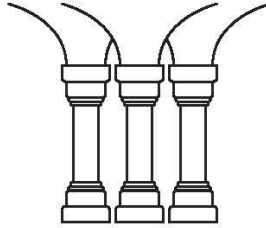
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IONA

Part One The Origin & Development of Buckland's Iona-Style Services

Pattie Vigers was instrumental in starting the Iona-style services. Pattie trained first as a Pastoral Auxiliary with Revd. Jonh Montague (1974-87), followed by Revd. John Gould (1987-94).

Revd. Stephen Bailey served as Rector of Buckland from 1995-2007, and it was with his support that Pattie established the Iona-style services. This corresponds with Pattie's training for Ministry, which she began in 1997 and completed in the year 2000, becoming Assistant Priest to Revd. Stephen Bailey. During her first year of Ministerial training, Pattie became interested in Iona-style worship, and she may have visited Iona around this time, though we are not able to confirm that.

The first Iona-style service, confirmed in the archived Parish Magazines, was a 5pm evening service on 2 November 1997, 'Iona-Style, All Soul's Service' – an annual service that remembers lost relatives and friends. The whole format was innovative:

- the paths approaching church were lit with candles
- the church was lit by candlelight
- instead of a choir, there were 4 or 5 singers, (no robes) sitting at the back of the church
- the music included hymns with a folk-tradition, and Celtic chants as used in Iona services
- instead of the organ, there was accompaniment on recorder. Some chants were sung unaccompanied
- there were readings of Iona-sourced poetry between Bible readings.

Pattie was keen on creating a quiet, contemplative space, hence the congregation was asked to arrive and leave in silence. Pattie wanted the music to contribute to the reflective atmosphere, hence the music group sat at the back rather than be prominent at the front of the church.

We had a music group who met to practice for several weeks prior to the service. The music was selected by Pattie. Biddy Rhodes, who was a talented musician and had perfect pitch, led the practices and the music (until she moved away from Buckland in 2001 to Watchet in Somerset), then Hannah Wilson took the lead. Hannah played the recorder and Biddy Rhodes, Sian Waters, John Waters and Duncan Ferns contributed as the singing group, later joined by Gaynor Day, Gill Bailey, Mary Hooper, Richard Wheen and others. Several chants were unaccompanied. At that time, we used cassette tapes in the music system at the back of the church for some Gregorian Chants. The music group always had a final practice in the Reading Rooms just prior to the service. Pattie always provided us with refreshments. Then we'd walk in silence into the church. We also remember that Pattie would personally deliver a hand-written thank you card to each of us a few days later!

This service format proved popular and was repeated in the 'Iona-style' for each annual All Souls Service from 1997 to 2005. In some years during this period, a similar evening service was held in March. Pattie was ordained as Assistant Priest in the year 2000, at the age of 70, and continued to serve with Revd. Stephen Bailey, taking on more responsibilities. During Covid lockdown, services were curtailed.

Gill Bailey, the Rector's wife, loved the Iona services. She joined the singing group at the back of the church and had the idea of organising the pieces of music in folders for each of the singers, and we still use these folders in our services today.

In 2004, Revd. Stephen Bailey and his wife Gill visited Iona on holiday, and he describes it as follows in Buckland Parish Magazine for August 2004:

"I write this letter having just returned from a two-week tour of the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Gill and I went Nessie hunting in Loch Ness but sadly we didn't see any sign of the wee beastie. We had a couple of days on Mull and then two on Iona which is a remote little island off the west coast of the Island of Mull. It was here in 563 A.D. that St. Columba first brought Christianity to the British Isles having sailed from his native Ireland. The Monastery that he founded was rebuilt in 1967 and is now the base for the Iona Community. The central commitment of the Community, lived out through its work on Iona, throughout Britain and beyond, is of seeking "new ways to touch the hearts of all", as it is put in one of the prayers used regularly when the Community members gather together. To do this they work for social and political change, supporting many such projects

throughout the world. They seek to make the church more relevant to the modern world, providing very creative worship resources (some of which you may have already experienced in the various Iona-type services we've had) and by supporting individuals in the search for spiritual meaning and depth that characterizes our own time.

Iona is undoubtedly a beautiful Island. When we arrived it was a still and sunny afternoon. Strolling along the beach next to the little hamlets with a few boats moored in the bay was truly idyllic. The Abbey is by far the most dominant building on the Island. The whole place oozes a sense of peace and tranquility. A far cry from the busy, noisy lives most of us lead. But whilst this is most definitely an ideal place to come on retreat the Community clearly believes that spirituality is about engagement, rather than escape. On the front of their literature they write, "God is to be discovered and encountered in the midst of life - and not just in solitary meditation or remote beautiful places". How important it is for us to remember this. So often we can separate Church and ordinary life. We think that church, prayers, meditation and the like are where we meet with God and then we go and get on with our everyday lives. But God is to be found in the midst of ordinary, everyday life. He is to be found in all the ups and downs, all the frustrations and complexities of life. He is with us in whatever situation we find ourselves in. As if to emphasise this point the very next day it was blowing a gale and pouring with rain. Not so idyllic, indeed somewhat bleak, but God was still there."

By June 2006, the Iona-style service had found its roots, and was re-introduced, with a few changes – such as not having candles on a Sunday Morning (!). It became the format for a monthly Sunday morning service (replacing a Parish Communion service with Book of Common Prayer format).

In October 2007, Revd. Stephen Bailey and Gill left to join a church in Bermuda, and Revd. Carol Coslett was appointed following the Interregnum. Revd. Pattie continued to work with Revd. Carol, and the Iona service continued its monthly service slot.

We became a Joint Benefice with St Michael's Betchworth in 2007, and despite facing the reduction from four or five Sunday services per month to two services per month, we continued the tradition of one Iona-style service each month. The Iona-style continued to provide a more reflective, spiritually-oriented service with less liturgy. It continued to be well attended and and we have noted that some parishioners come only to the Iona Service, and not to others.

Carol introduced the piano to the music group and additional people joined the singing group. The service has continued evolving to the present day, with Revd. Anna Moore, and Revd. Pru Dulley, each bringing their own contributions to the service format, ably led by Hannah. In the past few years we have been accompanied on the piano by Mair Fairbanks, an experienced teacher of music and wonderful pianist, who keeps us in check whilst offering undue praise for our efforts!

The Iona-style is now part of St Mary Buckland's 'DNA'. If you have not experienced such a service, or if you have good memories of coming 'years ago' – then please, do come back and enjoy the experience again.

Next month – more about the early history of Iona Abbey, and its founder St Columba.

Duncan Ferns & Hannah Wilson

P.S. The Celtic Cross on the header of this article has also been used as a symbol on the new Website (see p. 8), a subtle promotion of Buckland's Iona-style Services.

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Debbie Jones

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Following a very successful event in March this year, we are delighted to announce that the Repair Café is returning to Betchworth with a pop-up event in Betchworth Village Hall. The repair team are all volunteers who have the skills to deal with textiles, clothing, leather, electrical items, mechanical items, bikes, tech and PAT testing. They are not antique restoration experts, as seen on the BBC's popular *Repair Shop*, nor do they stock spare parts, but they can advise on the parts needed so that you can buy them and bring everything back to the next Café (in Dorking, on 4th October].

Our café is completely free of charge, but donations are welcome to help us cover costs for the hall hire, public liability insurance and PAT testing.

Refreshments will be available while you wait and again donations would be welcome to cover our costs. Martin Ferrett is one of their team's electrical experts, and Milla Peterken will be working alongside their textile and clothing repair group. If you also have skills or experience with repairs of any kind, we would love to have you use them there too; please email rebetchworth@gmail.com. In particular we would love to hear from anyone who can mend jewellery or organise a seed swap.

Hilary Edwards hilary@egilive.com

JESUS AS A PROPHET

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

The understanding of Jesus as a prophet in the rich prophetic tradition of the Christian religion has been minimized. I bet many of us have never even heard a sermon or a talk about Jesus as prophet. Instead, we talked about Jesus as the Son of God, the Third Person of the Trinity, the Savior, and the sacrificial atonement lamb. We became very obsessed with talking about Jesus in some ways, but we minimized his work and life as a prophet. Of course, we're welcome to understand Jesus as more than a prophet, but we should never understand him as less than a prophet. It should be the core and the baseline of our understanding of who Jesus is.

If we let Jesus' prophetic identity be eclipsed by other understandings, Jesus is reduced and so are we, because Jesus was interested in us and his followers becoming like him. You'll remember that Jesus says to the disciples, "Greater things you shall do" (John 14:12), and "As the Father sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21). He is telling his followers, "You're going to be persecuted the way the prophets were before you. You're fulfilling and falling into their movement. My movement is a prophetic movement. When you join my movement, you're in that line of work."

In all the ways we talk about Jesus, I hope we can get back the understanding of Jesus as prophet and let that revolutionize us. The prophet is not just somebody who reads a book and repeats what they have learned. The prophet is somebody who goes deep into themselves to hear the message that's being birthed in the midst of their pain and their burdens and their frustrations and their sufferings and their questions and their perplexity and their disillusionments. In the foment and ferment of that inner journey, something begins to emerge, and they bring it out and they say, "I can't just say these words. I have to demonstrate them. I've got to find two or three other people who see what I see so that we can do something about it."

I think there's a movement that's happening in the world. It's happening across religions. It's happening with secular and religious people. It's bubbling up in the hearts of people in pain. When people who are motivated by revolutionary love in the prophetic path of Jesus come together, knowing the pain of our planet and knowing the agony of the poor, to work for peace and against injustice and racism and hate, they can transform a broken world toward beloved community to the glory of God.

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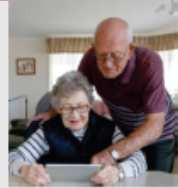


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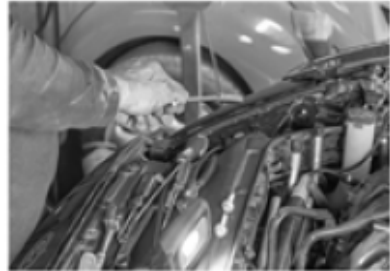
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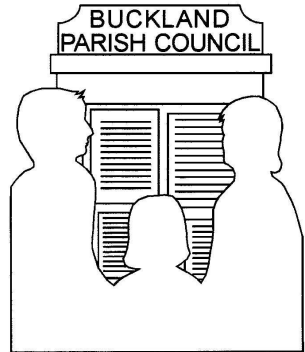
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BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Defibrillator and Emergency Bleed Kit

Just over ten years ago a defibrillator unit was installed in a green cabinet attached to an external wall of the Reading Room, a location that is accessible 24/7. A new unit has now been installed together with a new piece of kit – an Emergency Bleed Kit.

Parish Cllr Debbie Jones is currently liaising with local first responders to arrange a first aid training session, the content of which will primarily focus on use of the defibrillator and the hope is shift patterns will allow the volunteers to run a session on either Wednesday 15th October or Monday 3rd November. As soon as a date is confirmed an email will be issued to invite signups.



In the meantime, should you have need of the defibrillator or the emergency bleed kit the first action you need to take is to call 999. The emergency services will direct you to the cabinet (and provide you the code to unlock it) and will continue to support you until the emergency service arrive on scene. The Parish Council is grateful to SCC Cllr Helyn Clack whose support helped to secure a £500 grant towards the cost of the new defibrillator through the SCC Your Councillor Community Fund.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Surrey

The draft LNRS sets out the county's priorities for nature recovery and the recommended actions to deliver these. A draft Local Habitat Map aims to identify specific locations where some of these actions could be delivered to create "areas that could become of particular importance to biodiversity" in the future.

You now have until 25th September to visit www.surreynaturerecovery.commonplace.is to tell the LNRS team about your thoughts on the priorities, actions, and locations set out in the draft plan. A link to the consultation can be found within the parish news section of the village website.

Events on our local roads in September

The Tri Reigate Sprint Triathlon is being held on Saturday 13th September with athletes expected to be on our local roads completing the bike portion between around 8:30am and 10am. The following day, Sunday 14th September the Tri Reigate Standard Triathlon is being held with the bike portion between around 8.30am and 11am. The swim and run sections are being held within Buckland Park Lake.

Run Reigate is being held on Sunday 21st September – be sure to check your route and allow extra time for your journey if your route passes near Reigate as some road closures will be in place during this event. For more information visit the event postings on the Village website which include links to the Tri Reigate and Run Reigate websites.

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

MUSIC IN DORKING FOR SEPTEMBER



6th at 12.00, lunchtime recital at St Martin's church

The main concert season resumes in October, but St Martin's church is restarting its Saturday lunchtime recitals this month. The first concert will be given by the duo of Sylvia Akagi (singer and flautist) and Peter Golden (singer and guitarist).

There is lots to look forward to in the coming months.

The Dorking Concertgoers have their usual enterprising series of concerts planned, beginning with a visit from the group Chamber Music Box in October. There will also be 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.

Ian Codd

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GARDENING NOTES

Refreshing late-Summer and Autumn colour

A wonderful long and hot summer with plenty of heatwaves has left many gardens slightly jaded. The lack of rain has meant that lawns have mostly grown far less than normal, but have instantly revived after the odd downpour. There's no point in granular feeding until the soil is more moist and just before rain is due. By now, the best option is an autumn lawn feed which is slower release than the spring feed and will strengthen the lawn for the winter.

Many bedding plants have finished flowering earlier than usual and even with careful watering and feeding you will have gaps to fill. There are many opportunities to refresh and renew. Violas, pansies and cyclamen will flower now and survive the winter months to rebud and flower again in the spring. Hebes, heathers, ferns and cineraria maritima (silverleaf) will complement these well in pots and hanging baskets.

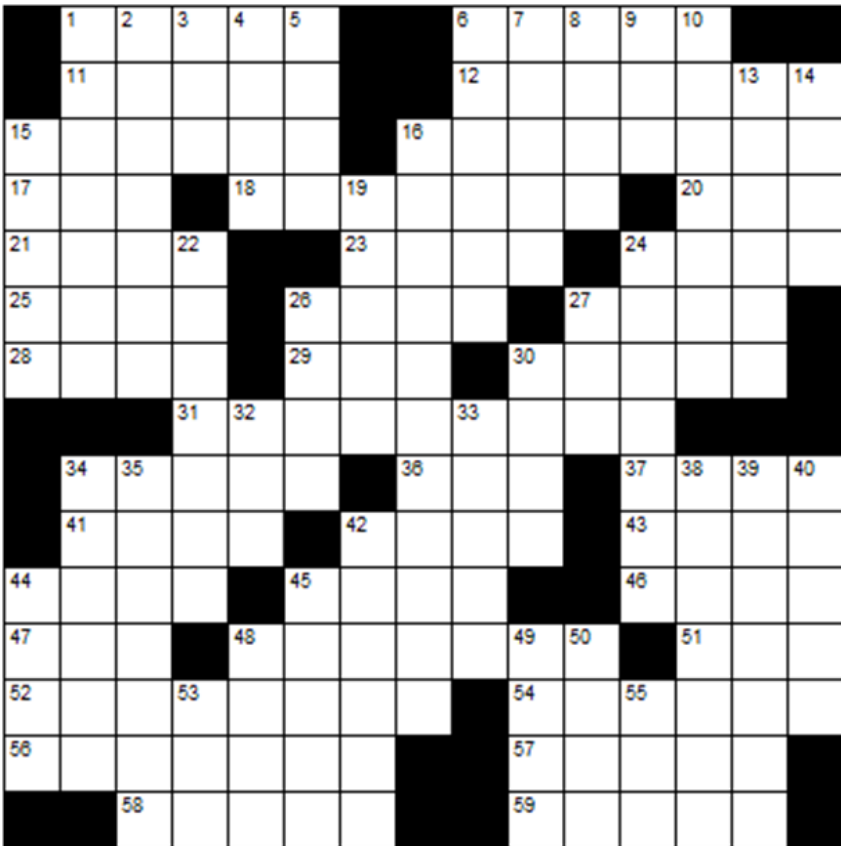
Perennials have also had a long flowering season, but as you cut back those that have finished, switch to others which will continue for a few more valuable weeks. Japanese anemones range in height from 45cm to over 80cm, their elegant sturdy stems supporting plentiful buds and flowers in white and shades of pink. Once established, they are not fussy and will thrive in rich, well-drained soil in sun or partial shade. As with all herbaceous plants, if happy they will spread and improve every year.

Many shrubs will begin to produce richly-coloured foliage from September. Cotinus (smoke bush) will evolve from purple to bright red; euonymus alatus from green to fire red, and many berberis, often unloved for their thorns, will also have bright red foliage before they drop in the late autumn.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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| 1. Exclamation of contempt | 21. Low-lying area | 31. Lovable | 48. Rein |
| 6. Boasts | 23. Let out | 34. One cent coin | 51. Lay turf |
| 11. Rhinoceros | 24. Court order | 36. Holiday drink | 52. Captive |
| 12. Income | 25. Freudian topics | 37. Frosts, as a cake | 54. Break or pause |
| 15. Justification | 26. Circuits | 41. Vermin | 56. Agitated |
| 16. Right of way | 27. Multicolored | 42. Render senseless | 57. Looks at lustfully |
| 17. American Sign Language | 28. Trawling equipment | 43. Beak | 58. Pungent edible leaves |
| 18. Painter's studio | 29. Fire residue | 44. Walk in water | 59. Not here |
| 20. Estimated time of | 30. Like most beaches | 45. Early American political party | |
| | | 46. Be slack-jawed | |
| | | 47. East northeast | |

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| 1. Foreshadow | 14. French for "State" | 32. North northeast | 49. Fired a projectile |
| 2. Like an onion | 15. Talking bird of poetry | 33. French for "Red" | 50. Defeated utterance |
| 3. Not hers | 16. Gargantuan | 34. World | 53. Arrange (abbrev.) |
| 4. Dwarf buffalo | 19. Eliminate | 35. Like clear mental images | 55. Beer |
| 5. Custom | 22. Gist | 38. Bar mat | |
| 6. Minds | 24. Travel through the air | 39. Take up the cause | |
| 7. Adjust again | 26. Female aristocrat | 40. Sows | |
| 8. Affirm | 27. Greek god of flocks | 42. Tatters | |
| 9. Jewel | 30. Portent or omen | 44. Marries | |
| 10. Smiled scornfully | | 45. Declines | |
| 13. Messy | | 48. Employ | |

THE TERMS OF REDUNDANCY

Lawyers are disbarred, clergymen are defrocked, so it follows that . . .

- electricians are delighted
- musicians are denoted
- cowboys are deranged
- models are deposed
- dry cleaners are depressed
- bedmakers are debunked
- organ donors are delivered
- driving examiners are detested
- underwear manufacturers are debriefed
- composers are decomposed
- foreign exchange dealers are devalued
- debt collectors are debilitated
- politicians are devoted (rarely)
- dressmakers are dematerialised
- teachers are deformed
- tyre fitters are deflated
- pastry chefs are deserted
- colour consultants are detonated
- toilet fitters are dethroned

Send in more examples (if you dare) and I will publish part two...

SUDOKU

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WORDSEARCH— St Gregory the Great (540 – 604AD)

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History

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- Angles

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- Poor

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ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On hymns – ancient and more ancient

From The Rectory
St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

So, your church does not bother with hymnbooks but uses one of those hideous screens which are invariably strategically placed to obscure the altar. I suppose I am not bothered, as wherever you placed it in your converted cinema, it could never spoil its architectural aesthetics. In my - fortunately limited - experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but wrong verse, or the right hymn and right verse, but all upside down. In any case, the turnover from one verse to the next always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started. This means that the congregation, having been silenced for lack of words, is then faced with the challenge of singing two lines at double time.

When we decided to move from Hymns More Ancient to Hymns Slightly Less Ancient some years ago, our Sunday attempts to 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord' threatened to get lost in the noise of battle. Colonel Wainwright was happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. Very keen on smiting is the Colonel; under his command, the Midianites wouldn't have stood a chance. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies wanted those they had sung at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thine's or 'wouldst's. Then a vicious rumour started that the new hymnbook might even offer hymns written in the last 50 years. At this, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village (and church).

Eventually we reached the perfect solution: we did nothing. Instead, Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. But there was still a crisis to come: her young (and radical) niece decided to add a note in the front of every copy. It suggested that if the page for the hymn you wanted was missing, then you could share with the person sitting next to you. Of course, no one has done that yet; it would be an experience almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace. And so, we struggle on with our Hymns More Ancient, whenever we can find the words. Harmony reigns once again.

Your Loving Uncle, Eustace

Small Surrey Churches - Part Seven

Watts Chapel, Compton



George Frederick Watts (1817-1904) was a renowned artist, a painter and sculptor. He became famous in his lifetime for works on the theme of 'House of Life', in which the emotions and aspirations of life were represented in a universal symbolic language, expressed in a series of paintings.¹ Over 40 of his paintings of famous Victorian people are now in the National Portrait Gallery in London.

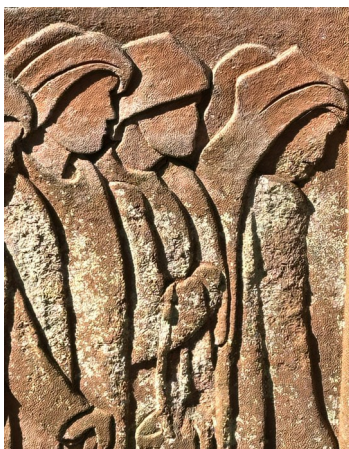
He first married the actress Ellen Terry who modelled for him. When they married, Ellen was only 16 years old and he was 30 years her senior. They separated within a year.

In 1886, aged 69, he married his second wife was Mary Watts (1849-1938), also over 30 years his junior. She was a fellow artist and they set up a summer home and art studios at Limnerslease in Compton in 1891. They built a bespoke art gallery to house their own works and that of visiting artists, and a Chapel and graveyard for the village of Compton,. The chapel became a 3-year design & build project for Mary, supported by George's funds to employ skilled craftsmen to complete the work.

Mary began the Chapel project on land purchased by Compton Parish Council for the purpose, just down the road from their house. She was to build an extraordinary Memorial Chapel. The Chapel was built in 3 years and was consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester in 1898. Mary's husband George died in 1904, and his ashes were placed in a casket in the chapel.



The interior of the domed roof, with four angels (seraphs) in red



Left: Interior Chapel Wall

*Above: Terracotta Sculpture
in the Grounds of
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*Below: The Cloisters in the
chapel cemetery, also
designed by Mary Watts*



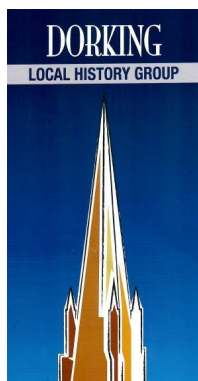
It is an Arts & Crafts masterpiece of national significance, inspired by the rare mix of Byzantine and Celtic designs. There is an extraordinary wealth of decoration in paintings of angels and intricate motifs, each with a spiritual or religious meaning. The artwork themes are not typical 'biblical stories' but they depict spiritual themes of angels, the Tree of Life, Spirits of Hope, Truth, Love, Light; Justice & Truth, and Nature's beauty.²

Access—By virtue of its proximity to the Watt's Gallery, for which there is an entry charge, the Chapel also gains a steady stream of visitors. If you visit the Chapel alone, there is no entry charge. However, if you do visit, combining the gallery and house is well worthwhile. See the website for opening times:

<https://www.wattsgallery.org.uk/>

References

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DORKING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Monday 1 September , 7.15pm for 7.30

Talk : History of St Martha's Church

Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking

Live talk by Simon Harrold. St Martha's is perched at the top of a hill almost 600 feet above sea level – but few know why it was built there. Come along and find out. £2 at the door for non-members.

Tues 23 September, 7.30pm

ZOOM talk : An Introduction to Medieval Buildings Myths

James Wright describes how, in many ancient buildings, you'll hear tales of secret passages, cryptic carvings left by stonemasons, repurposed ship timbers, spiral staircases built to advantage right-handed defenders, and claims of being the oldest pub in the country – author James tells how many of these have any historical basis.

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

Societies & Charities

THE ARTS SOCIETY BETCHWORTH

Monday 15 September at 2.30 pm
Talk : Gilded Glories by Joanna Mabbutt



The art of beating gold leaf and gilding dates back to ancient Egypt. Traditionally, craftsmen pounded gold for hours to create sheets thin enough to cover the most finely detailed surfaces. For over 22 centuries from Tutankhamun's sarcophagus to Rachel Whiteread's gilded frieze for the Whitechapel Gallery, skilled artisans have exploited paper-thin metal leaf to enrich materials such as wood, metal, marble, leather, paper, glass, porcelain and textiles – even food and drink. Free to members, non-members welcome (£10).

Carole Evans, info@asbetchworth.co.uk, www.theartssocietybetchworth.org.uk

To see a world in a grain of sand
And heaven in a wild flower
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour

From 'Auguries of Innocence' by William Blake (1757-1827)

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

The Betchworth & Buckland Society



Annual Dinner

Thursday 27th November 7.00pm

Hartsfield Manor, Betchworth

7pm welcome drinks followed by a seasonal menu. Price tbc

Christmas Drinks & Nibbles

Sunday 21st December 12-2pm

The Reading Room, Buckland

Members £10 & Non-Members £12



Annual New Year Quiz Friday 30th January 2026

Winetasting Friday 20th March 2026



Numbers are limited so please register your interest as soon as possible. Ticket enquiries & further details please contact

betchworthandbucklandsociety@gmail.com

www.betchworthandbucklandsociety.org.uk

We are always looking for new people to join our small, friendly and informal organizing Committee to help with social events and organize our growing membership.

Short meetings every 6-8 weeks. Please enquire if you want to join us

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MOZART REQUIEM

Conductor: George Inscoe
with orchestra

15th November 2025

Sing Mozart's
glorious Requiem
with us!

Rehearsals start
Weds 3 September

Get in touch at:
membership@bbcinfo.org

 **bbcinfo.org**



 **Dorking Choral Society**
invites you to
Come and Sing
Vivaldi
Gloria

led by
conductor Daniel Mahoney

Saturday 27th September 2025
10am-4.30pm

Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking RH4 3HB

Tickets £18

Music hire and refreshments included
Please provide your own lunch

For further information and to book tickets, visit
www.dorkingchoralsociety.org.uk

DORKING GROUP OF ARTISTS October Exhibition 2025



Denbies Wine Estate, London Road,
Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AA

Friday 10 Oct, Sat 11 October 10:00 – 17:00,
Sunday 12th October 10:00 – 16:00

- Over 200 paintings and crafts available to purchase
- Free entry and parking
- Combine the exhibition with other attractions of Denbies, see www.denbies.co.uk

Angela Hall, Chair, Dorking Group of Artists, contact@dga.org.uk

www.dga.org.uk

BROCKHAM GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Brockham * Betchworth * Buckland

AUTUMN SHOW

**SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2025, Public opening 2.30pm 4.30pm
at Brockham Village Hall**

Our Annual Autumn Horticultural Show is coming soon. If you would like to enter any of our wide range of categories, then you must be a member and would need to join before 8th September to allow us time to process your membership. On the day, exhibits should be displayed between 10am to 12 noon, and judging is from 12 noon to 2.30pm.

We are particularly keen to see more children enter. Maybe they are growing some prize winning courgettes or the largest marrow, or doing some craft work? Any child living within the 3B's area, attending the schools/nurseries or having a close contact with the villages e.g. grandparents, may enter, no membership is required. Some of the categories this year would be good projects to start in the school summer holidays. Age categories are under-5s, 5 to 7, 8 to 9 and 10-16. And its not just growing plants, but collages, paintings, drawings and modelling, and for the 10-16 age group, the addition of home made jewellery and baking cakes. For full details of the categories, the rules of entry, and the schedule, please email us to request a copy.

Future Events

- 20 September—The Autumn Show, Brockham Village Hall
- 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

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.

Ruth Johnson, bghsociety@hotmail.com



RE-BETCHWORTH—APPLEFEST
4 October, 1pm-4pm, Betchworth Village Hall



Whether in Buckland or Betchworth, local apple trees look set to produce a bumper crop this year. So make space in your freezer for several litres of delicious juice – whether pressed from your own apples or from excess fruit donated by others. Then come and enjoy the fourth year of this communal initiative - there's lots going on...

We'll be running all our usual **Apple Pressing, Juice Sales** and **Kids' Activities**, with delicious freshly pressed juice, **cakes, tea and coffees** on offer all afternoon. Plus, you'll find a host of other attractions alongside the 'Press Gang' operation as the Betchworth Village Hall and outside space are transformed into a veritable carnival of apples and nature-related activities for the whole family to enjoy.

NEW: Honey and Bees – To link with the Kids Activities and build on the success of last year's honey sales, there'll be an educational display on the importance of Bees and other pollinators to our food supplies. Plus delicious ultra-local honey from ultra-local beekeepers.

NEW: Stalls from local suppliers

Expanded: The Re-Betchworth Bake Off – Now with a call for 'Apple Tart' entries as well as Apple Cake coombecott@hotmail.co.uk for entry details.

Returning:

- **Garden tool and knife sharpening**
- **Chutneys, Jams & Jellies** – browse, taste & buy
- **Expanded Children's Activities & face painting**
- **Apple Pressing.** Please get in touch if you can donate an excess crop
- **Cakes, Teas and Refreshments.** If you'd like to join the team and help make the day another roaring success, we'd love to hear from you.

Get in touch at: rebetchworth@gmail.com

Sue Chamberlain

DORKING MUSEUM IN SEPTEMBER

A Place of Safety: Summer exhibition tells the stories and experiences of refugees who have found refuge in Dorking and villages over the past 250 years. It features the work of the Dorking Refugee Committee and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Museum Family Activities:

- **Family Brick Frog workshop and town trail:** Heritage Open Days (HOD): Examine the quirks of local bricks, recreate local brick patterns in LEGO. Take a Detective Town Trail (45 minutes), find different building materials used and brick patterns. Museum, Saturday 13th September, 11am-2pm.
- **Maps Fantastic!:** (HOD): Historical local maps and projection of the 'Side-by-Side' Map Viewer. Dorking mysteries revealed using LiDAR. Create a treasure map. Dorking Library, Saturday 20th September, 10am-2pm.
- **A little magic can take you a long way:** Roald Dahl inspired crafts: Dorking Library, Saturday 27th September, 10am-noon.
- **Tours of Pippbrook House:** For Pippfest, free tours around the historic building now reopened for community use. Sunday 7th September, 10am-4pm.

Walking in Dorking: Guided walks (HOD walks free):

- Blue Plaques and Statues: Sunday 7th September, 2pm.
- Hidden Historic Dorking: Sunday 14th September, 11am.
- Best Face Forward: exploring four centuries of architecture: Sunday 14th September (HOD), 6pm.
- Historic Pub Walk: Saturday 20th September (HOD), 6pm.
- Betchworth Castle: Sunday 21st September (HOD), 2pm.
- Deepdene Trail: Wednesday 24th (10am), Sunday 28th (2pm) September.

Walks 90 minutes: details and advance booking: dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/.

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

We do not stop exercising because we grow old.
We grow old because we stop exercising.

Dr Kenneth Cooper, founder of the term 'Aerobics' in 1966

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Crossword (p.24)
Solution

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Wordsearch (p.26) Solution

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Sudoku (p.26) Solution

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

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HISTORICAL NOTES

A book on the History of Buckland is available: **Buckland 1000-2000 with 2020 Vision** by Duncan C Ferns. 300pp, over 250 illustrations and a 600-name index. Purchase on request to fernsdc@gmail.com (£20 with free local delivery, or + P&P)

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

BUCKLAND READING ROOM ACTIVITIES

Regular activities in the Reading Room:

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

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

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British Legion	Maurice Daley	843058
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