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*Remembrance
Sunday*

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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that just a month ago our attention was on the busyness of harvest and the Applefest. And now as the nights draw in, and the temperature drops, nature turns in on itself in search of quiet stillness and rest. This slowing in nature seems to encourage our own hearts and minds to turn inward and towards remembrance as well. November is a month that holds space for both sorrow and sweetness, for honouring the past and holding onto hope. Here too, we are reaffirming our belief in the God who remembers us, who holds all times and all people in His loving hands.



The month starts by celebrating All Saints' Day where we give thanks for the remarkable, often unsung, saints throughout history and in our own lives - those who, through the quiet witness of their actions or words, have shown us glimpses of God's love and faithfulness. It is a wonderful reminder that we are part of a great, eternal family, bound together by grace.

This leads us so naturally into All Souls' Day, a tender time to remember our own loved ones who are no longer with us. There is a preciousness in sharing their names and stories, in acknowledging the unique shape of the loss they have left behind and the enduring warmth of the love they gave. However long it has been, they remain a part of who we are, and in the quiet moments of prayer, in lighting a candle in their name, we feel that connection most deeply.

And then, of course, we come to Remembrance Sunday. We will gather, as a community and a nation, to stand in silence—a silence that speaks volumes. We honour the dogged courage and sacrifice of those who served and continue to serve,

praying for peace in our troubled world. It is a solemn but vital act of collective remembering, a way to ensuring that past lessons are not forgotten and that hope for reconciliation and peace is never abandoned.

These acts of remembrance, whether for saints, for souls dear to you, or service-men and women, can bring a complex mix of emotions. My prayer for us all, this November, is that we find comfort in our shared stories and in the promise of God's eternal love. Be gentle with yourselves and with each other, and may we find that in remembering, we are also reminded of the hope and light that continues to guide us forward.

Rev Pru Dulley, revprudulley@gmail.com, 07837 029469



NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 3 Nov, 7.15pm.** Talk: Battle of Rourk's Drift, DLHG, p.35
- 5-8 Nov, 7.30pm.** Play: Lucky Stiff, Betchworth Village Hall, BODS, p.33
- 10 Nov, 7.30pm.** Talk: The Earthworm, BGHS, p.28
- 14 Nov, 12 noon.** Winter Lunch. Buckland Reading Room, p.7
- 15 Nov, 7.00 for 7.30pm.** Mozart Requiem, St Paul's Dorking, p.30
- 16 Nov, 7.00pm.** Haydn's High Mass. St Martin's Dorking, p.31
- 17 Nov, 2.30pm.** Talk: Art Nouveau Worldwide. Betchworth Arts Society, p.36
- 17 Nov, 7.30pm.** ZOOM Talk: Clandon & the Onslows, DLHG, p.35,
- 26 Nov, 2pm-4pm.** Afternoon Teas, Hamilton Room, p.7
- 27 Nov, 7.00pm.** Annual Festive Dinner. B&B Soc, p.29

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 6 Dec, 2.15-4pm.** Christmas Wreath Workshop, Brockham. BGHS, p.29
- 19 Dec, 6.00pm.** Carols on Buckland Green, p.6

CHURCH SERVICES—NOVEMBER

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
2 November <i>All Souls Day</i>	4pm All Souls Day Service <i>Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39</i>	10 am All Saints Day <i>Matthew 5: 1-12, Luke 6: 20-31</i>
9 November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.50 am Remembrance Service <i>Starting at the War Memorial, Buckland Green</i> <i>Luke 20: 27-38</i>	10.50 am Remembrance Service <i>Starting at the War Memorial by Betchworth Church.</i> 5pm Evensong <i>James 3:13-end</i>
16 November <i>2nd before Advent</i>		10 am Parish Communion <i>Luke 21: 5-19</i>
23 November <i>Christ the King</i>	10 am Parish Communion <i>Luke 23: 33-43</i>	
30 November <i>Advent 1</i>		10 am Parish Communion <i>Matthew 24: 36-44</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 IMAGE

Buckland War memorial, Buckland Green—the Celtic cross portion.
Designed by Ebbutt and Sons, Croydon and constructed of Cornish granite

Photo courtesy of James Day

CAROLS ON BUCKLAND GREEN
Save the date
Friday 19th of December at 6PM



Collection in aid of St Mary's Churchyard Trust
ALL WELCOME

CHILDRENS SOCIETY & WELCARE DONATIONS

We are focussing on our annual collection for the Children's Society prior to Christmas. Do you have a **Children's Society collecting box** or a small pile of coins lying around ? In either case, would you like to see these being used to support a child facing difficulties at home or school??



**The
Children's
Society**

If the answer is YES, please bring your box, or loose change to either St Michael's or St Mary's during the next few weeks, and they can be added to our donations to the Children's Society.

Donations can also be made directly to the Children's Society via their website: childrenssociety.org.uk. Or contact me, Margaret Miller on 01737 842098 or jma.miller@btinternet.com to arrange collection.

On Sunday 30th November at St Michael's we will be celebrating Advent Sunday and supporting **Welcare**, the Family Charity in Redhill who work with children and families with problems, both individually and in local Primary Schools. Donation envelopes will be in the pews, they also request vouchers to be given to parents, for Christmas presents for their children. Children deserve to have a happy childhood and for some, we can help provide that. Thank You.

Margaret Miller, Children's Society Co-Ordinator

2025 WINTER LUNCHES

Friday 14 November, 12 noon—Buckland Reading Room

Our next Winter Lunch will be on Friday 14 November. ‘Doors open’ at 12 noon and we will serve lunch at about 12.15. It will be lovely to catch up with all our friends and Liz and I hope that you will be able to join us. Please call Liz on 01737 221444 or Carol on 01737 247399 to confirm your place. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Carol Leeds

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SKYDIVE

I would like to thank everyone who so kindly donated to my Skydive fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity the total raised for St Mary’s is £2,300. It was an experience I thoroughly enjoyed and raising funds for the church was an added bonus so again thanks to everyone who contributed.

Liz Vahey

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.

2025 Dates

26th November

For transport or information, contact: *Margaret Miller, 01737 842098*

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S (FOSM) Report of the Music Quiz Night—10 October



Our quiz attracted 8 teams of 6-8 people, each with an amusing *musical team name*: The Keys (for those who open & close the church), Simple Minds, In Dire Straights, The Semi Quavers, The Buckland Beats, The Fortissimos, The Cheesy Quavers and My Ding a Ling.

After ten rounds of challenging questions through our music system, with a meal provided at half time, the evening ended with a joint chorus of 'Thank you for the Music' (Abba started it off). By a narrow margin, the winning team were not 'In Dire Straights;' because they won, so congratulations to Cat, Tim, Marrian, Christian, Helen, Iain, Caroline & Alun. Special thanks to Simon and Jo our Quizmasters, and to Cat for the bookings and many other things, and to everyone else who contributed. Everyone seemed to have good fun and there was lots of positive feedback.

The net fundraising result was £1,610 to FOSM. Money raised by FOSM helps to keep St Mary's, Buckland in good order and a landmark for the centre of village. Thank you All !!

Carol Leeds & Ed.

BUCKLAND TODDLER GROUP

Sowing Wild Flowers in our Churchyard

23 September 2025



Thanks to Debbie Jones, leader of Buckland Toddler Group, and Rachel Studholme from the Churchyard Gardening Group, for organising this 'experience' for the toddlers to sow some wild flower seeds. They all looked very cute, absorbed in their tasks. They can come back next spring and see what has grown!

The seeds were kindly donated by the '4B's Biodiveristy Initiative'.

Thank you also to the Mum's who accompanied the children and gave permission for the photos to be reproduced.

Ed.



BUCKLAND & BETCHWORTH BELLRINGERS REPORT

Two of Buckland's bellringers have recently had to hang up their bellropes and retire from ringing after many decades.

Eleven ringers celebrated Brian and Viv's long service to bellringing with a lavish tea, consisting of sandwiches, delicious cakes, scones with strawberries and cream, at the Plough in Leigh.

Vivienne Boustred began bellringing in her teenage years, whilst Brian started ringing soon after their marriage in 1965, at Kingswood. Several of the original Kingswood ringers still meet up monthly, for a meal at rotating houses, in a friendship group known as 'The Over 18s'. Brian and Viv rang for 34 years at Leigh then transferred to Buckland in 2000. During that time they have rung at many hundreds of services, for Sunday morning services, evensong, and they particularly enjoyed ringing for weddings, often seeing the happy couple. They have rung for special local and national events during their ringing careers, including Armistice Day and the change over of monarchs.



Our Tower Captain organised the tea as a big 'THANK YOU' to both ringers for all their ringing over the years, as reliable members of the band, always on time, and ready to ring. With these two ringers taking the treble and the tenor (the lightest and heaviest bells), they kept the band in order, ringing rhythmically and at

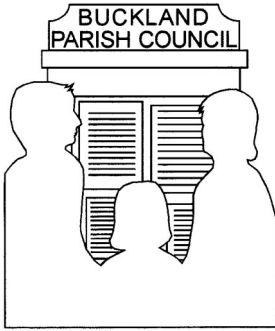
a good pace. Our band misses their excellent ringing capabilities and their cheerful company in the tower.

If you would like to learn to ring, and gain a lifelong enjoyable hobby which keeps you fit, as well as meeting many new friends of all ages, contact our Tower Captain, David Sayce 01737 242776 drsayce@ntlworld.com or just join us in the tower on our practice night, Friday 8pm.

Julie Beale

Buckland Matters

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE



News, Events, Report-It

The news, events, report-it section of the village website is your guide to latest announcements, upcoming events and tips and pointers to make it easier to submit reports to ask for issues and concerns to be addressed. Please do take the time to become familiar with what is published on this section of your village website which is regularly updated to keep it topical and relevant. If you encounter any difficulty submitting a report and uncover a new tip please share your learning by sending an email to webmaster@bucklandsurrey.org.uk to enable any new tips to be added to the website.

Consultations and upcoming changes

Over the last year or so there seems to have been an almost constant stream of consultations from national government, Surrey County Council, Mole Valley District Council and other statutory bodies such as Natural England and the Civil Aviation Authority.

At the time of writing we are waiting for central government to announce its decision as to how the Local Government Reorganisation will proceed and to hear whether Natural England's proposed extensions to the Surrey Hills National Landscape (formerly known as the Surrey Hills AONB) will be approved.

You could be forgiven for thinking that following a recent announcement made by the Secretary of State for Transport that Gatwick Airport now has two commercial runways. The reality is that legal teams working for local campaign groups have identified strong grounds for legal challenges which are currently underway, and Gatwick Airport Limited has yet to give any indication it is prepared to implement the recently announced conditional permission. To keep up to date visit the GACC website (www.gacc.org.uk) to which there is a link from the news page of the village website.

Anti-social behaviour and/or speeding on our local roads

Several residents have voiced concerns about excessively noisy and/or speeding vehicles on our local roads. The advice from our local police team is for residents who experience anti-social behaviour/noise/speeding issues to submit an online report (via the Surrey Police website) to help build up a picture of when these incidents are happening. The police have advised you do not have to submit the report when the incident is underway for it to be useful. Provided you make a note of the time the incidents occur and include this detail when you submit your report this information will be used to help our local police allocate resource and target patrols to best effect.

Ash dieback

Surrey County Council (SCC) Highways team has scheduled the removal of 24 diseased ash trees growing alongside the westbound carriageway of the A25 Reigate Road between the village centre and Tranquil Dale. The tree team at SCC has marked up the trees for the contractors and provided assurance that the contractors will be instructed to minimise collateral damage to the remaining trees. SCC provided this assurance in response to concern expressed about an increase in traffic noise that will be heard by residents of Old Road following the removal of the trees.

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

BEEN TO HOSPITAL RECENTLY?



"Good news.
Your cholesterol has stayed the same,
but the research findings have changed."



Features

GARDENING NOTES

November Garden Notes: Planting, pruning and preparing for winter

Before you go hunting for your ideal Christmas tree at the end of the month, there is still time to get planting in the garden. It's the best time of year to plant many shrubs and trees, especially if they are root-balled or bare-rooted. If you have been putting off digging in hedging plants such as laurel, yew and beech, then do it now and you will reap the benefits in the spring.

Bulbs should be planted now, especially tulips. Planting them in November after other spring bulbs helps to prevent fungal diseases. As with other bulbs, plant them deep, around 2-3 times their own size. For indoor flowering at Christmas, pot up amaryllis: their impressive tall and rigid stems will reach a height of 40 – 60cm before producing a bud which develops multiple trumpet-like flowers. They grow swiftly and will often need supporting. For indoor scent, pot up bowls of prepared hyacinths or paperwhite narcissi.

Overwintering onions sets and garlic can also go in the ground now. Garlic in particular prefers a long growing season so autumn planting is preferable where possible. Split off individual cloves from the main bulb and plant deep into compost as the bulbs will push up as they grow.

Check out pruning established apple and pear trees. Generally on established trees you should annually cut back older shoots to their base to stimulate new growth on which new fruit will form. Also, it helps to keep the centre of a tree open by pruning out small branches and stems that are crowded or crossing. Spare a thought for wildlife in the winter months. Feeding birds becomes more important as the natural supply of berries and seeds becomes more depleted or difficult to access on frosty or snowy mornings. A clean supply of water in a birdbath will also be highly beneficial.

David Hogg, Buckland Nurseries

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. Mother
5. Confined
10. Contributes
14. Cain's brother
15. Mistake
16. Used to be
17. Unity
19. Largest continent
20. Lyric poem
21. Genus of heath

22. Hops
23. Sewing tools
25. Mature
27. Hearing organ
28. Neatness
31. Crinkly
34. Shrunken
35. Bite
36. Absorb written material
37. Dishes out

38. Beige
39. Mistake
40. Rural area (British)
41. Cornered
42. Having no intelligible meaning
44. Mist
45. Suffuse
46. Neck artery
50. Donkeys

- Jaunty rhythms
54. Ribonucleic acid
55. Laugh
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60. Not closed
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62. Venomous snake
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1. A worker of stone	12. Trickle	34. Prevaricated	50. Throat-clearing sound
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8. Certified	29. "Your majesty"	46. Split	
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A BAGPIPER'S TALE

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man with no family or friends. The service was to be at a cemetery some distance away. As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost and finally arrived an hour late. The funeral director and hearse were long gone. There were only the diggers left and they were eating lunch. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The lid was partially covered with soil.

The diggers stared at me over their sandwiches, and I sensed their reproach that I had deserted this dead man in his final hour of need. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The diggers looked quite startled at this, and put down their lunches. But they stood quietly enough while I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before, and I've been installin' septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost....

Editorial Message—IONA

Due to the lack of page space, the third instalment of the IONA story will be carried over to next month, the December Issue.

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THE GRACE OF ENOUGHNESS

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

Douglas Tsoi's path to enoughness and simplicity began at 22, fresh out of college, when he landed a job at the Justice Department in Washington D.C. earning \$25,000 a year. At age 28, Tsoi was a corporate lawyer, driving a convertible and living in a nice apartment in San Francisco. "I thought I had everything, and I was miserable," he shares. Not long after, he was fired amid the dot-com bust of 2001.

'That's when I discovered myself,' he shares. He went from making \$150,000 a year as a corporate lawyer to \$20,000 a year as a Quaker school teacher. He discovered silent worship and the contemplative path. He began to see the deeper spiritual dimensions of simplicity.

'We need to be able to tell the difference between our needs and wants, because as the Buddha says, our desires are endless,' Tsoi shares. 'The consequences of not knowing what is enough is both spiritual and environmental.' The spiritual life and a person's bank account may seem unrelated, but Tsoi says that we all have 'not-enoughness' — it's fired by our ego. Reacting to not-enoughness is an endless spiral that drives capitalism. 'Capitalism wants you to believe you're not enough. Because it's the only way you can sell products. You can't sell things to people who feel like they are enough'

We're constantly trying to solve our inner not-enoughness with external things. But the only real answer is grace. If we're already happy, it's hard to spend money to be happy.

Grace and enoughness are always present. All we have to do is awaken to it. We might refrain from using the word 'my' for a month, from saying things like 'my house' or 'my car'. It is only then that we realize how deeply the notion of possession is embedded in our culture. If we are keen to possess 'things', there is always more to possess and it will be a life-long struggle. If however, we have acceptance that what we have already is 'enough', and constantly challenge ourselves when we consider new purchases, then we can relax and be happy with our situation.

Understanding 'enoughness' goes hand in hand with the spiritual practice of "voluntary simplicity," the deep understanding that we don't need more because each of us, as a person, is 'inherently enough'. We find 'grace' within us, when we realise that each of us are 'whole' just as we are. The biblical definition of grace is God's unmerited, freely given favor and love, often described as a gift

that is not earned or deserved. This divine grace manifests as kindness, compassion, and steadfast love: all positive attributes in our society. We being to believe that this truth already abides within us, a truth echoed by Christian mystics and Buddhists alike. Most of us, however, are in perpetual pursuit of wholeness, stuck on a treadmill wanting more, unaware that the 'wholeness we desire' is already within us.

And we can be happier. And when we're already happy, it's hard to spend money to be happy.

And guess what: when you don't spend money, you will regain your financial independence, you gain financial stability and confidence, you don't have any money worries, and that all makes you happier still...

[Douglas Tsoi is a Franciscan Spiritual Director, and a coach bridging personal spiritual development and financial management]

REBETCHWORTH

NOVEMBER NATURE NOTES

The clocks have changed, the nights are longer and it's beginning to feel as though winter is closing in. Following the gloriously warm sunny days of late September and early October, and the spectacular displays of leaves turning yellow, gold and red, November generally brings a quieter rhythm to the countryside. Along the Downs, the beeches and oaks shed the last of their leaves, carpeting the chalk paths in copper and gold. The yews on Box Hill stand evergreen and sombre, a reminder of the ancient woods that once cloaked this landscape. Ivy draped on trees might still be flowering attracting wasps and hoverflies before the frosts silence them.

In the hedgerows between Betchworth and Brockham, scarlet hawthorn berries and rose hips glow against bare twigs, a welcome feast for newly arrived redwings and fieldfares from Scandinavia. Blackbirds and song thrushes join them, gorging on berries before the leaner months set in. Robins sing from garden fences and woodland edges, their song sharper in the chill air, each bird defending the

territory it is claiming for winter. Tawny owls call from the churchyard yews and woodlands — the classic “too-wit too-woo” echoing through long nights. Grey herons stand sentinel in the shallows of the River Mole or poach fish from garden ponds. By late November our native starling population will welcome starlings from colder parts of mainland Europe, forming large, dense flocks. If we are lucky, they might treat us to a spectacular aerial display known as a murmuration, swirling through the sky, forming patterns like iron filings over a magnet, before they all funnel down to roost.

November is one of the best months to spot fungi, with damp, mild conditions, fallen leaves and rotting wood for food. This year, fungi have been appearing a little earlier than usual because of the damp spells after the hot dry summer. You may have spotted puffballs, inkcaps, parasols, and waxcaps in grasslands from late September. But the real show is between mid-October to mid-November, provided the weather stays moist but not too frosty.

While November feels like nature is closing down for the winter, the signs of the spring to come are already quietly waiting. Look closely at the hedgerows and you’ll see hazel and hawthorn with buds set tight, ready to burst out when the days start to lengthen and the cycle of life begins again.

When the dark nights set in, watch out for the release of the next 4Bs Nature Movie. It will feature local ecologist Paul Ritchie talking about the way he manages his own garden for biodiversity in Brockham.

Norman Jackson

Coordinator of RE-Betchworth’s 4Bs Biodiversity Initiative: www.biodiversitypark.uk

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was **Everybody’s** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** would not do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

By Somebody

ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On what it takes to be an ordinand

The Rectory, St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was intrigued that you have been nurturing someone called Dave who is considering ordination. Since Dave had never travelled outside the city, your decision to send him to me was understandable. Sadly, I don't think he is cut out for the ministry.



We did our best. In a fit of hospitality, the Colonel invited this Dave to stay at the Lodge, and to join his Saturday pheasant shoot as a beater. But Dave said firmly that he was against beating any kind of bird and abhors all kinds of murder. It seems young Dave is a vegetarian! You might have warned us. The Colonel is now concerned that Dave is connected in some way with the Green Party. You cannot be too careful these days.

Then Miss Saxby and Miss Tarby stepped in. They enjoy mushrooming, and kindly took young Dave off to the woods. It is not their fault that they are a bit deaf and so did not hear his cries of distress when he lost them among all the trees. They just assumed he had gone back to the Colonel's, and so of course they did not organise a search party until much later. Fortunately, the church warden's spaniel has a keen nose and found Dave before midnight. During all that time, Dave seemed to have had nothing better to do than slide about on fallen leaves and trip over hidden logs in the dark. He was even babbling about having heard a crying ghost. We feared he might be delirious but then realised he meant the local owl. He also seemed surprised by the darkness and asked how we manage without any streetlights at all in the parish. We explained the obvious - we simply follow the example of the well-refreshed when leaving the pub, and feel our way along the walls.

On Sunday morning Dave rushed into the church to warn me that there were several loose sheep in the churchyard. I decided then that he should return to the safety of the city. There was no point in letting him near most of our church ladies, who would have savaged him on sight.

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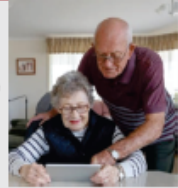


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2nd at 3.00, Glenn Miller Orchestra, Dorking Halls
5th at 7.15, ballet screening, Dorking Halls
8th at 7.30, Dorking Philharmonia, St Martin's
9th at 2.00, ballet screening, Dorking Halls
15th at 7.30, English Arts Chorale, Dorking Halls
16th at 7.00, Dorking Choral Society, St Martin's 22nd
at 7.30, *The Nutcracker*, Dorking Halls
28th at 7.15, ballet screening, Dorking Halls
30th at 2.00, ballet screening, Dorking Halls
30th at 2.00 & 4.30, *The Snowman*, Dorking Halls

There is a wide range of musical events in Dorking in November. The Dorking Choral Society is giving a concert whose centrepiece is Haydn's great *Nelson Mass*. Other items in the concert include Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings* and choral pieces by Herbert Sumsion and the Latvian composer Peteris Vasks.

The Dorking Philharmonia, conducted by Paul Newbold, will play Haydn's symphony number 103, known as the *Drumroll Symphony* from its opening bars. The programme will also include Mendelssohn's first symphony – written when he was only 15 years old! - and Gluck's *Dances of the Furies and the Blessed Spirits*, from his opera *Orpheus and Euridice*.

The English Arts Chorale has a programme entitled *War and Peace*. They will sing Karl Jenkins' mass *The Armed Man – A Mass for Peace*, and Fauré's beautiful *Requiem*. The Chromatica Orchestra will play Mozart's *Haffner Serenade* and Bartók's atmospheric *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta*. And the Glenn Miller Orchestra will also make an appearance at the Dorking Halls.

The Crown Ballet will perform Tchaikovsky's delightful *Nutcracker* ballet, always a seasonal favourite. There are also several screenings from the Royal Ballet at the Dorking Halls: *La Fille Mal Gardée* and *Cinderella* – both of them shown twice, in live and encore screenings. The Dorking Halls will also present a production of *The Snowman* with orchestra.

Ian Codd

See p.30 & 31 for the Local Choral Concerts

Small Surrey Churches - Part Nine

St Mary's Chapel, Godstone



St Mary's Chapel Godstone

The chapel nave is central to the picture, with the chancel extending to the right

St Mary's Almshouses and chapel were founded in 1872 in the quiet and pleasant Church Town Hamlet of Godstone. As mentioned in (Part 5 , St Peter's Tandridge), the nationally famous architect, Sir Gilbert Scott (1811-1878), lived at 'Rooks Nest' in Tandridge, just 3 miles from this site. He was the architect of this beautiful set of buildings. The cluster of buildings are arranged around a courtyard, and comprises eight self-contained one-bedroomed flats, a warden's house and the Chapel. There used to also be a stables, where visitors to the houses and chapel could leave their horses.

St Mary's stands in the shadow of St Nicholas Church Godstone which is itself Listed Grade I. Like Buckland this church is in the Archdeaconry of Reigate and Diocese of Southwark. St Nicholas is a very large church, and has parts dating from the 12th Century (Norman), since when it has quadrupled in size with extensions built in almost every century since. Sir George Gilbert Scott also designed some enhancements to St Nicholas in 1871.¹

St Mary's Almshouses and Chapel only came about through the faith, vision and generosity of one woman, Mrs Augusta Nona Hunt who lived at Wonham House, Godstone. She had one daughter, Mabel, but was widowed soon after her daughter was born, and she raised her daughter alone. Augusta continued to worship at St Nicholas and she spoke of her 'quiet waiting upon God.' It was known that her daughter Mabel had a weak heart, but it was impossible for her mother to prevent her from attending a ball after her 16th birthday. Tragically she was taken ill on the way home and died the next day, leaving her mother quite alone. Augusta continued to have a strong faith in God, and was determined that her grief should be redirected into a means of glorifying God. She resolved to commemorate her daughter by establishing this place of refuge for the elderly people of the Parish in which she and her daughter had enjoyed their years of happiness. To do this she, commissioned Sir George Gilbert Scott to complete the design.²

In the 100 years since they were built, the homes have been substantially enhanced for modern living. The Chapel, however, has been faithfully maintained to the design of Sir George Gilbert Scott. The Almshouses and Chapel are now managed by a Trust, run as a Housing Association since 1982, continuing the Almshouse tradition.

The symmetry and depth of the church interior make it appear much larger than it really is. The Nave and the chancel are separated by ornate wrought iron screen, and the floor throughout is comprised of Roman-style mosaic patterns. This extends to the front of the altar, which is further enhanced by polished gemstones.

As you can see in the following two photos, the overall effect is stunning and beautiful, and from the author's viewpoint, it is perhaps the most beautiful small church in Surrey. Currently there are four rows of seats, each of five red-upholstered chairs, supporting a congregation of just 20 people.



*The design of symmetry and perspective defie the small scale
of St Mary's Chapel, Godstone*



Mosaic floors of the Chancel & Sanctuary, with the Altar continuing the mosaic theme with the addition of polished gemstones



*St. Mary's Almshouses around the courtyard
(The Chapel is behind the photographer)*

Access

The small Chapel is open to visitors daily for quiet prayer. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 am.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803-1882, American Author

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- Garden voucher for best exhibit in vegetable class 63 - Alison Brown

- Garden voucher for the most points by a novice entrant - Gerry Dibsall
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Dorking & District u3a offer a range of activities including Pilates, Dance 2B Fit and Line Dancing and monthly meetings and discussion groups. This year we are considering launching an Astronomy group – if you are intrigued by the Sky at Night, you would be very welcome to join us.

All enquiries to John Sinclair, D&D u3a Membership Secretary, johnsinclair@dorking-u3a.org.uk or visit our website www.dorking-u3a.org.uk

Beryl Sinclair

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John Burroughs, 1837-1921, American Naturalist



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And, as Denis said, if there isn't at least one time when there's a good laugh about something - that's unusual. We recently entertained residents at a Nower House Care Home in Dorking with a selection of songs by Lloyd Webber and plan to invite friends and family again for a Christmas singsong. You are welcome for a trial session.

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Diana Fitchett



BROCKHAM BOWLS CLUB



By the time you read this the season will have finished, and the bowls green given its winter treatment. It has been a busy season. We have played nearly 40 matches against other Clubs, in various league and friendly matches. We have Club Nights every Tuesdays and Thursdays. In the 3 leagues we compete in we came 2nd out of 6 in the Friendship League, 10th out of 15 in the North Downs league and the men came 2nd out of 6 in the Chrystie Monday evening league. The ladies had 2 friendlies, and reached the 2nd round of the Surrey Top 4's.

A mixed season results wise, but all enjoyable whatever the results. In early October we held our trophy presentation evening, when the trophies for the various internal competitions were awarded. There are too many competitions to list them all, but the men's singles champion was Mark Yeo, and the ladies singles champion was Carol Jull. Well done to all who took part. We are a small club and currently have 46 playing members. The new season will start in April next year. We will advertise when our Open Days will be in May and June next year, and if you wish to give Bowls a try you will be very welcome.

Trevor Anderson, Secretary

DORKING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Monday 3 November, 7.15pm for 7.30

Talk : The Battle of Rorke's Drift (1879 Zulu war)

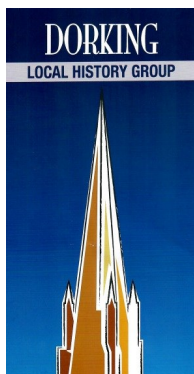
Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking

The subject of the 1964 film 'Zulu'. Amongst the heroes was Colour Sergeant Frank Bourne, one of very few survivors, who later led a quiet life in Dorking until his death 80 years ago

Monday 17 November, 7.30pm

ZOOM talk : Clandon and the Onslows

Martin Ellis (National Trust) describes the history of the Onslow family who bought Clandon Park in 1641, through to the recent restoration of the House following a major fire in 2015. See website below to register and receive Zoom details.



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

THE ARTS SOCIETY BETCHWORTH

Monday 17 November at 2.30 pm

Talk : Art Nouveau Architecture Around the World



Our lecturer is Ian Gledhill. This is a follow up to an earlier, highly rated talk by Ian, and will look at the influence the style had in different countries, including Britain, Austria, Spain, Latvia and America.

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

DORKING MUSEUM IN NOVEMBER

Exhibition: To the Last Man – the Dorking Home Guard. The story of the men of Dorking and our villages who stepped forward for the ‘People’s Army’ in 1940 to defend the nation. Display of uniforms, weaponry, medals, incident reports, photographs and other items of the period.

Museum Family Activities at Dorking Library

‘... and the Dish ran away with the Spoon’ – Make a moving nursery rhyme character using simple levers or split pins; make Humpty Dumpty fall off the wall, the mouse run up the clock or the cow jump over the moon: **Saturday 15th November, 10am-noon.**

Spy School – WW2 gadgets, morse code messages, memory games and disguises. Make your own secret code converter: **Saturday 22nd November, 10am-2pm.** Free events, materials provided, children must be accompanied.

Get involved: Maybe you could spare a few hours a month, with interesting volunteer opportunities and flexible working in the Museum, in the community or from home. dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities.

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

David Burton

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

**Crossword (p.14)
Solution**

M	A	M	A		B	O	U	N	D		A	D	D	S
A	B	E	L		E	R	R	O	R		W	E	R	E
S	O	L	I	D	A	R	I	T	Y		A	S	I	A
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Wordsearch (p.16) Solution

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

Sudoku (p.16) Solution

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

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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*

Arts Society, Betchworth	Carole Evans	01372 452563
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British Legion	Maurice Daley	843058
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Buckland & Betchworth Choral Soc. (Sec.)	Caroline Bartlett	07967 969425
Buckland Parochial Charity (<i>Clerk</i>)	Debbie Jones	07701 347351
Buckland Parish Council (<i>Clerk</i>)	Sheena Boyce	448023
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- Treasurer	John Maud	843530
- Secretary	Liz Vahey	221444
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St. Catherine's Hospice	Sheila Dyer	842046
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