

BUCKLAND PARISH MAGAZINE



*Merry Christmas
from Buckland*

December 2019

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COVER PICTURE:

The October 2019 Magazine cover showed an early sketch of Buckland church from the 1700s by the artist W. Scott. Our very own Everett Leeds, amateur artist, took inspiration to draw a similar picture as a snow-scene, perfect for our Christmas magazine cover. Thank you Everett!

December 2019

Merry Christmas, Friends!

As a child I can always remember the run up to Christmas Day and being so excited. The expectation of Christmas through the eyes of a child was magical and was not complete without the Muppet Christmas Carol!

As an adult however, I've become more aware of the complex pressures that Christmas brings. Rather than being a time of great joy and real celebration, many people struggle through it - some will fight back tears as they think of family members who aren't with them. Some will worry financially, conscious of not being able to afford expensive gifts for loved ones. Some will spend Christmas cold and alone, unable to put the heating on, eating not a roast dinner by a roaring fire, but rather the warmed-up contents of tins donated by a food bank.

Despite the pressure and expectation that surrounds Christmas Day, the Nativity still brings a message of love, joy and peace to those who, for many reasons, are struggling at this time. Jesus was born in the only place his parents could find shelter; a stable, not in a warm and well stocked home. They were vulnerable and alone, but the love and actions of those around them, namely the innkeeper, meant Jesus was delivered safely in their time of need. The birth of Jesus reminds us that God comes to us and is among us, even in the most difficult circumstances. 2000 years on, God continues to make his presence a reality to those who are struggling through our concern for one another! During this festive season, do you know of someone who is lonely, or bereaved?

Have you met a person who cannot properly provide for themselves? Then be a present, by making God's presence known to them this Christmas, by simply being a friend.

Christmas is an inspirational time when we celebrate God's love for us; our caring God who is relational and not a distant deity. But this aspect of Christmas can often be marred as we try and live up to the expectations of others around us. Television and tradition pressurize us to have that perfect meal, after opening perfect gifts with the perfect family, then all sitting round to watch a film in the afternoon (sound familiar?). But is this what we want or what we've come to expect?

The giving and receiving of Christmas gifts and cards give a heart-warming feeling, especially when someone is not expecting it! It can be the perfect way to let people know you are thinking about them, and care about them. To quote the muppet Christmas carol, 'It's in the giving of a gift to another, a pair of mittens that were made by your mother, **It's all the ways that we show love, that feel like Christmas**'.

Gifts do not have to equate to monetary value, or what others expect: why not try some alternative ideas this year; perhaps give hand-made presents - and think or pray about the person as you make them. Maybe gifts of charity, for e.g this year I have bought chickens, antibiotics, mosquito nets and nanny goat through Christian Aid for friends and family. How nice is it to visit friends or relatives instead of sending cards; this can mean the world to someone. Best of all, giving of ourselves, our time to those in need, just as God did 2000 years ago.

May you be blessed with peace and joy this Christmas, and for those who will find this time a particular struggle, remember God is with you – in the love and caring actions of those you meet. Merry Christmas!

Revd Anna Moore



FROM THE REGISTERS— DECEMBER 2019

Funeral: John Robert Hulme (Bob) of Colley Lane Reigate died on 19 October 2019 and whose funeral took place at St Michael's Betchworth on Wednesday 30 October followed by burial in The Burial Ground, Betchworth. He was 82.

Wedding Edward Fisher & Chandra Taposeea married at St Michaels Church Betchworth on 26th October 2019.

Church Service Times

Special Christmas Services are shaded

DATE	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
1 st December <i>1st of Advent</i>	No Buckland Service	11am Family Eucharist Bishop Christopher Presiding** 4pm ATCF
8 th December <i>2nd of Advent</i>	9.30 am Iona	8am Holy Communion 11am. Parish Communion (Said)**
15 th December <i>3rd of Advent</i>	8am Holy Communion 9.30am. Parish Communion	11am. Family Parish Com- munion ** (Christingle)
WED 18 th December	7pm Nine Lessons & Nine Carols	n/a
22 nd December <i>4th of Advent</i>	9.30am. Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion 11am. Parish Communion (Said)** 5pm Nine Lessons & Nine Carols
TUES 24 th DECEMBER <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4pm Childrens Candelight Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	5.30pm Crib Service, Church St
WED 25 th DECEMBER <i>Christmas Day</i>	No Buckland Service	11am. Parish Communion
29 th December	9.30pm Parish Communion	No Betchworth Service
5 th January <i>The Epiphany</i>	8am Holy Communion 9.30am. Parish Communion (Said)	11am. Family Service** 5pm. Evensong

* In the Hamilton Room

** Coffee and soft drinks served in Church after these services. Even if you are just visiting, do please join us for a convivial get-together

December Diary

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14th Dec	7.30pm	Christmas Concert, BBCS - Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society	St Marks, Alma Rd, Reigate	24
15th Dec	12 noon	Christmas Drinks, Betchworth & Buckland Soc	Reading Room	25
16th Dec	11 am	Concert of Christmas Songs. Singing for Fun Group	Reading Room	27
20th Dec	3.30-5.30pm	Children's Christmas Disco	Reading Room	9

WHO KNEW?

Who saw the man and pregnant girl
Pressing through the crowded street
Struggling through the human swirl
On tired legs and aching feet?
Who knew?

Who heard her cries, in labour's pain
Deep within a battered shed?
Who cared for their impoverished shame
Who thought about her grassy bed?
Who knew?

Who, listening to an infant's cries
Hearing a birth, they thought it strange?
Expressed an int'rest, or surprise?
Who recognised that awesome change?
Who knew?

Who saw the shepherds rush along
Through sleeping streets at dead of night?
Who heard the angels' glorious song?
Or saw the star that shone so bright?
Who knew?

Who, fighting through the Christmas throngs
Or, settling down to watch TV
Eats Christmas food, sings Christmas songs
Who can the coming Saviour see?
Who knows?

By Nigel Beeton

Church Matters

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - CHANGE OF DATE

This year our Christmas Lunch will be on FRIDAY, 13th December 2019 at 12 Noon in the Reading Room, Old Road Buckland. Old and new friends are most welcome but please let us know whether you will be coming. Please phone, Carol Leeds on 01737 247399 or Liz Vahey on 01737 221444. Ignore the fact that it is on a Friday the 13th and we shall have plenty to talk about as the General Election is on the previous day! Looking forward to seeing you all.

Carol Leeds

VISIT OF DIOCESAN BISHOP TO OUR PARISHES

On Sunday 1st at December we are delighted that Bishop Christopher will be coming to a joint service of the Buckland and Betchworth churches at 11am as he is keen to see how our new Rector has settled in.

Instead of our usual family service we will be celebrating communion with the bishop and the newly established family choir will be taking part. It is also the weekend of our Alternative Christmas Tree Festival so the St Michael's will be looking particularly lovely.

It would be really good if as many people as possible could welcome the Bishop to our community and support all the hard work that Anna and the family choir have put in to prepare for this service.

Linda and Bernard, St Michael's Churchwardens

There will be no service at Buckland on the day, but we are all warmly encouraged to join the service at Betchworth.





B-Tribe

Our new church youth group is for anyone aged 10+ we have food, craft, games, drama, meditations and more.

It's a chance to meet some new friends from the three B's (Betchworth, Buckland, Brockham)

& surrounding areas,

it's on the 2nd Sunday of the month (term-time)

5pm to 7pm

at St Michael's Church Betchworth

**If you would like to know more, please contact Revd Anna Moore
on**

01737 901860/07939 388607

rectorbetchworthandbuckland@gmail.com

Alternative Christmas Tree Festival



30th November & 1st December

Saturday 10am to 4 pm

Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm

**Coffee, Tea and Homemade cakes will
be available together with a Gift Stall**

Family Activities for Betchworth & Buckland

20th December

Village Children's Christmas Disco

for the little residents of Betchworth & Buckland

Festive Fun Disco & Pizza

with competitions, prizes, bubbles and snow!



The Reading Room 3.30pm- 5.30pm

Tickets in advance: £7.00 per child

Please book early as places are limited

Contact Catriona Martin 07710 498 591 catdawes@aol.com

best suited to 4-10 year olds but all welcome



The Poland Trust

Poland House vacancy

The Poland Trust has a vacancy for a single person or a couple in Poland House.

The Poland Trust helps people who are in need hardship and/or distress in the parishes of Brockham, Betchworth, Buckland and Leigh. At Poland House we have ten residential units with a very strong and supportive residents' community supported by our warden and all set in beautiful grounds.

If you or a family member are struggling and would like to be considered for this vacancy, please contact the Poland House warden on 01737 843121 and we will send you an application form.

The deadline for applications is 13th December.

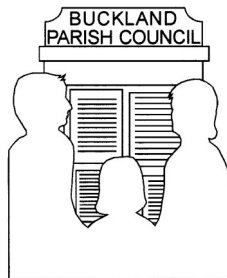
Martin Smith
Chairman
The Poland Trust

The Poland Trust
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**For Christmas Gifts, visit BUCKLAND'S NEW
'OLD BAKEHOUSE' GALLERY (Rear of Buckland Deli)
10.00am until 4.00pm on Saturday 30th November
10.00am until 2.00 pm on Sunday 1st December**

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Hopefully you will have all spotted that not only was the silhouette of a WWI Soldier on display during the run up to Remembrance Day but also that he was joined this year by a silhouette of a WWII soldier. Thank you to Mark Papworth for creating the WWII silhouette, Alan Pryor for sprucing up the WWI soldier and, with help from Martin Boyce, installing the silhouettes and John Bloomfield for the adjacent display of poppies.



Over recent weeks I have been asked by quite a few people whether reporting issues makes any difference – the simple answer is “yes it does” so please do submit reports. To help you, the “**Report it**” page on the village website provides links for each of the issues mentioned below and also to lists of other reports that can be made online to MVDC and SCC. If you do not have access to the internet please pick up your phone and make a call.

Rights of Way (footpaths, bridleways, byways and BOATs) - Please report any problems you come across on local Rights of Way to the Countryside Access team at SCC either online or by telephoning 0300 200 1003. SCC requires you to register before you can report a problem on a Right of Way - please don't be put off, it doesn't take long.

Highway Issues - Most highways issues should be reported to Surrey County Council (SCC) either online or by telephoning 0300 200 1003. If a footpath has a tarmac surface any problems along the footpath need to be reported to SCC. SCC Cllr Helyn Clack has invited residents to email her a copy of any reports you submit to helyn.clack@surreycc.gov.uk.

Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) - Sometimes an issue you may think relates to highways is reported to MVDC, our District Council, including abandoned vehicles, street cleaning, missing or damaged road names (which need to be reported as a "General Enquiry"), dead animals and fly tipping. If you prefer to speak to the customer services team at MVDC please call 01306 885001.

Mole Valley and Me (MV&Me) - The MV&Me section of the MVDC website provides residents with a range of information relating to their property that includes waste collection dates, contact details for the local councillors and information on local services, amenities and events.

If you choose to sign up for MV&Me alerts you can opt to be automatically notified when a planning application is registered within a certain distance of your home. To register for alerts visit www.molevalley.gov.uk, enter your postcode into the Mole Valley and Me box, select your property name, click the my alerts tab and register for your choice of alerts.

Sheena Boyce, Clerk

parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.net

Buckland's Winning Entry in South & South-East in Bloom Competition—as reported in October 2019

The Prize Silver Gilt certificate and the Winner's Plaque are now in their new long-term home on the wall in the Reading Room.

Julian Steed, Parish Council

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN AN EMERGENCY? Would some training help inform you?

Surrey County Council has a Planning Programme called 'Surrey Prepared' to address how to deal with emergencies resulting from a number of factors, including extreme weather events, Foot & Mouth disease, fuel shortages, a large fire, a power cut, or any other kind of incident. See <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/emergency-planning/prepare-for-emergencies> for more details.

In response to demand from Surrey residents, the [Surrey Prepared](#) Unit has put together a number of community training events and forums over recent months. These have been offered free of charge and at venues across the county. There are two more events scheduled for November and places are quick and simple to book online:

- **Community Flood Water Safety** session – 12 November 2019, Guildford Fire Station, 18:30-20:30 now booking
- **Community First Aid Training, 19 November 2019** at Fordbridge Fire Station, TW15 3SL 18:30-20:30 now booking.

If you would like any further information or to book, please email communtty.resilience@surreycc.gov.uk

THE DOGS & CATS PAGE

'Dog sharing' Opportunity

When our friend died of cancer in February of this year we had been helping out by looking after her dogs, BASIL (11 year old Border Terrier cross) and ROXY (11 year old Border Terrier) and they have stayed with us ever since. They are adorable and affectionate. Although we love dogs we deliberately didn't choose to have our own due to other commitments. It would be really helpful if we could find an additional home where they could go regularly for holidays or short breaks or someone to dog share.



They are both very well trained, good natured loving pets. Basil can be a bit nervous around other dogs but is well behaved at home and both of them are excellent around children. They would be perfect for someone who loves dogs but is also unable to have their own on a full time basis. If you, or someone you know, could be interested in this opportunity we would love to hear from you.

Linda Slater at lindamslater1@gmail.com or 07833 737576

Two Cats needing Homes



MOLLY is a gentle 2 year old, mainly white cat with tabby patches on head and tail. Although very affectionate when she gets to know you, she will take a while to trust, having been through a difficult time during her rescue.

OLLIE is an 8-year old medium long-haired tabby male. Earlier this year, one eye was removed but he has made a good recovery. When he adjusts to new surroundings he is confident and friendly.



Both cats would benefit from a quiet home without young children, a garden and away from busy roads. Both are neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. To register interest in Molly or Ollie, please contact:

Peggy Brown on 01737 842547 or 07880 911461 afternoons or evenings.

DORKING MUSEUM IN DECEMBER

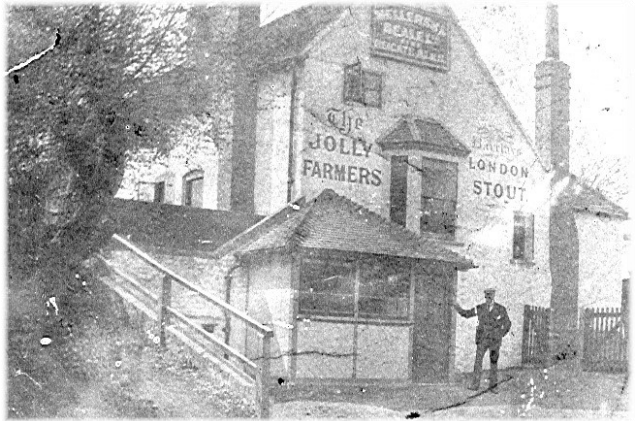
Please note that the Museum will close December 21st and re-open January 4th.

Our current exhibition, ‘You, Me and Those Who Came Before’, explores Dorking's response to past refugee crises, and explores the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and its connections with healing.

Book launch, 5th December: Sam Dawson, author of “Dorking a Town Underground”, describes the unique legacy of historical sites that live on in the darkness below the streets of the town. Peter Brown, author of “The Vanishing River of Box Hill”, explores the mysterious story of the ‘vanishing’ River Mole. 7pm, doors open 6.30pm. Tickets via the website or on the door, £7.

Seeking village pub photos: Following ‘Time Gentlemen, Please: The Story of Dorking Pubs’, David Langford and Buckland’s Jim Docking are now researching the surrounding villages. They are looking for old pictures (dated if possible) of pubs in the areas of Buckland, or maybe Abinger, Betchworth, Brockham, Capel, Charlwood, Headley, Holmwood, Leigh, Mickleham, Newdigate, Ockley, Westcott and Wotton – especially pubs that have closed now – and any personal memories that go with them.

*Buckland’s Jolly Farmers
(now the house adjacent to The Pheasant)
about 1920*



Please mail to admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk, or drop into the Museum, with information about photo credits.

*Dorking Museum, 62 West Street. Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm.
www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk. Enquiries: admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk or 01306 876591.*

Parents & Childrens

NORTH DOWNS SCHOOL



Christmas is upon us again and it seems only like yesterday when we were returning from the school summer holiday. Christmas is a wonderful time to be working in a school and to be able to share with children the fun and excitement of parties, presents and performances.

During December we are also celebrating Christingle on all three bases and our

school Carol Service will be held at Christ Church in Brockham. All in all a busy time for the pupils at North Downs Primary.

In school we try to celebrate Christmas in a traditional way with a proper school Christmas lunch with turkey and all the trimmings, a Christmas tree, and a Christmas post box for children's cards. We feel it is important to teach children that Christmas is as much about giving as well as getting and we encourage children to think about those children in this country and overseas who are not so fortunate. We will therefore enjoy a 'Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of Save the Children UK.

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas.

Jane Douglass, Headteacher

The light in a Child's eyes is all it takes to
make Christmas a magical time of the year

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Happiness doesn't result from what we GET,
but what we GIVE

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Osmond – 4 December

Osmond is the saint for you if you regret Brexit, and believe that immigrants can bring good to Britain. Osmond came to England from France back in the days before EU regulations. It was shortly after 1066, and he was a Norman, following William the Conqueror.

Osmond himself was no soldier, but a gifted and godly man, with a great gift of administration. He became royal chaplain, and then chancellor in 1072, producing numerous royal letters and charters for the king. In 1078 he was made bishop of Salisbury. As such, he completed and consecrated the cathedral, and formed such an outstanding chapter and constitution that it later became a model for other English cathedrals. Osmond took part in the preparation of the Domesday Book, and was present when it was presented to William in April 1086. He died in 1099, well respected for his purity and learning, and his lack of avarice and ambition.



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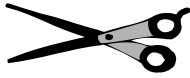
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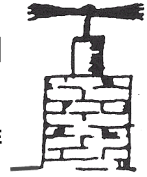


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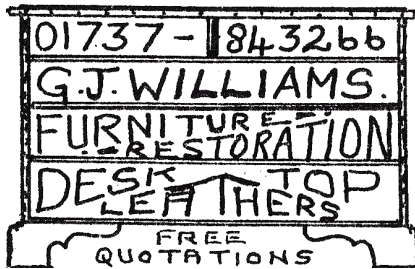
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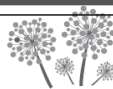


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MUSIC IN DORKING – DECEMBER 2019

During December the focus is naturally on Christmas music. On 14 December (4pm United Reform Church, £7) The Dorking Choral Society will be joined by children from St Joseph's school for its Christmas concert. There will be music and carols for all the family to enjoy, with mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. The Lady-birds choir, conducted by Helena Twentyman, will present a variety of music, from traditional carols such as *Away in a manger* and *O holy night*, to light-hearted Christmas songs. The choir will be joined by two violinists for Elgar's beautiful and evocative *The snow*. There will be tea and mince pies after the performance, and the concert is held in aid of The Concert Club, a charity which provides social events for visually-impaired adults and the elderly.

At Leith Hill Place (13th December 1pm, £20) the National Trust is presenting a Christmas concert with the virtuoso trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins. Alongside some festive music there will also be an interesting exploration of historical brass instruments. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the interval.

The Dorking Halls has two screenings of that favourite Christmas ballet, Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, from the Bolshoi ballet in Moscow, and also two screenings of Delibes' *Coppelia* from the Royal Ballet in London. Have a very happy Christmas!

Ian Codd



"It's easy to tell when it's Nativity Play time – I can never find a tea-towel!"



FEATURES

A TASTE OF NORTHERN KENYA

Hannah Wilson

I recently had the privilege of spending a week at Elephant Watch Camp in the Samburu Nature Reserve, Kenya. My stay was in an eco-camp which has close ties with the Save the Elephants charity founded by Dr Iain Douglas-Hamilton, whose daughter and husband now manage the charity and camp.



My adventure started after I arrived at Nairobi and transferred to a small 12 seater plane to take me to my final destination. These planes are more like flying buses, landing briefly at each airstrip (a dirt track) as passengers join or leave the plane. I was met by my driver and tracker/guide who were to look after me each day and taught me so much about the local culture, and wildlife of Northern Kenya. What I didn't expect was that all the staff were Samburu tribesmen and wore full tribal dress at all times! The Samburu and Masai are described as cousin tribes, and have distinctly differing dialects. It is the younger men who are required to wear tribal dress, but after initiation when they become elders, they are entitled to wear western clothing.

The camp was beautifully positioned on the banks of the Nyiro river. Much of the structure and furniture was built from twisted tree trunks and much thought had been taken with the elephant focus of the soft furnishings. Each day was full of surprises as we traversed the bush in search of wildlife. I learned that many species are different north of the equator to those in the south. For example Reticulated giraffe have differing marking as do Grevy's zebra, from the same species further south. I was lucky to see various species of antelope, many beautiful local birds, and of course, lion, cheetah and elephant. In particular, there was a herd of elephants the matriarch of which had a two and a half week old calf. He was very funny and was

fascinated by the Jeep, exploring it with his trunk. Baby elephants are unable to control the 40,000 muscles in their trunk, and this little Ellie demonstrated this by kneeling down and drinking with his mouth!

I also had an opportunity to visit the Reteti Community Elephant Sanctuary further north. This is a unique community project which rescues abandoned baby elephants and gradually rehabilitates them back into the wild. The land on which the sanctuary stands is owned by the community, but the community benefit from local water, electricity and transport resources provided by the sanctuary. Much of the outreach work undertaken by this charity focuses on educating children on the necessity for, and means by which villagers and wildlife can live in harmony. It was explained to me how each baby Ellie has a different milk formula and their well-being and progress is overseen by a vet. The keepers are totally committed to the babies and I was able to watch the elephants running in for their individual bottles. It takes between 3 and 5 years to successfully rehabilitate an elephant back to the wild.



This holiday was a unique experience and the attention to detail and the opportunities to learn at first hand details of Samburu wildlife and culture was a real privilege.

Hannah

CHRISTMAS ONE LINERS

Did you hear about the bakery that was burgled at Christmas? Everything was stolen!

My friend reviewed her young son's fill-in-the-blank homework. One line was: "At Christmas, we exchange gifts with ____." His quick response: "Receipts."

Why doesn't Father Christmas suffer from claustrophobia when he climbs down the chimney? Because he has had his flue jab.

If you have a lot of tension this Christmas and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: 'Take two aspirin' and 'Keep away from children.'

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On the best ways for a vicar to disrupt Christmas

My dear Nephew Darren

I am sorry I was not alive during that wonderful four-year period when Oliver Cromwell abolished Christmas. Just think! No Christmas parties, no carol services, no cards to send and no frantic last-minute shopping. That man was a hero.

Planning for Christmas at St James' normally starts on 2nd January. By Easter, the flowers for church have been colour coordinated, the seating plans and table decorations for the Christmas party have been allocated (with nominated reserves in case someone should inconveniently die in the intervening eight months). Long before Summer is over, the tree lights have been tested, music for the 9 Lessons and Carols Service has been chosen and the service sheets printed. Way before the dark nights set in, car parking attendants will have been found, those who are to light all the candles will have been rehearsed to perfection and the brass lectern has had its annual polish. We do not do spontaneity at St James the Least of All. If ever there was a service when time for something unexpected was allowed, its place would be announced in the order of service, how long it would happen unexpectedly would have been decided by a committee and who was to be spontaneous would have been allocated on a rota.

The one person none of these well-meaning, efficient, committed organisers can control is the Rector. You could call it a staff perk.

Carols will (accidentally, of course) be announced in the wrong order; if verse 3 was to be omitted, I announce it will be verse 4. This keeps the organist on his toes while the choir hovers on the point of a collective nervous breakdown. At the Christmas supper, my introductory welcome speech and extensive grace make those in the kitchen wonder if the vegetables being boiled should better be served as thick soup.

I offer the helpful suggestion that the tree, having been installed and decorated in the chancel, may perhaps look better in the sanctuary and I turn all the heating off throughout the season, explaining that it will help the flowers to last. All Services will start five minutes early (was my watch rather fast?) so I can look disapprovingly at those still coming in while we are singing the first carol and making it clear that I think they had spent too long in the pub next door.

And so we all reach Christmas morning, with 12 months of planning having gone yet again slightly awry, with parishioners exhausted and I exhilarated at the chaos that has been created with such ease. Mr Cromwell, your spirit lives on.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



DECEMBER GARDEN NOTES

Wrap up warm and get outside this month to enjoy your winter garden at its best. From delicate flowers and intoxicating fragrances to evergreen foliage and bright berries, winter displays come to life on sunny days. Enjoy the transformation of leaves and branches with the addition of ice crystals after a hard frost - and hope like me that the harsh conditions will kill off a few unwanted pests! Hardy plants will naturally withstand cold temperatures, so add a few to your borders to add extra winter interest to your display.

To tempt you to colour-up, consider planting *Chimonanthus praecox* (wintersweet), *Lonicera purpusii* “Winter Beauty”, *Daphne odora* “aureomarginata”, *Garrya elliptica* and winter heathers. *Jasmin nudiflorum* and *clematis cirrhosa* are notable winter-flowering climbers which will brighten bare trellis.

For berries, look at *Callicarpa* “profusion” with its unusual clusters of violet-purple spheres. *Pyracantha* (firethorn), and *Ilex* holly varieties are both visually appealing and tasty food for wildlife. *Gaultheria/Pernettya* have berries of various colours to fit in with your scheme.

And finally, a seasonal reminder about fresh Christmas trees. Nordmann Fir are the UK’s most popular tree with their excellent needle retention, whereas Norway Spruce are often regarded as the traditional tree (by my generation!) and have a piney scent. Whatever type of tree you choose, keep it well watered. Store it in a bucket of water until you bring it inside, and place it away from direct heat such as radiators or an open fire. Keep the Christmas tree stand topped up with water every day.

Happy Christmas !

David Hogg, Buckland Nurseries

THE MAGAZINE 60 YEARS AGO

The eagle-eyed amongst you will notice that this series has been reflective of 50 years ago. However, there is an absence of magazines in the archive from December 1969 to August 1973. So to continue, we are going 60 years back...

Editors comments in italics

DECEMBER 1959

You may be surprised to recognise some of the local advertisers from 1959: Buckland Nurseries, Finches Cycle Shop on Bell St Reigate (which the advert states was established in 1897) and Knights of Reigate (only closed in the past couple of years).

'CA Moore, Butcher, The Village, Buckland' is advertised. This was the shop where Occasions hairdressers now is. I guess you can still go the hairdressers and ask for a chop? But don't ask for a chicken or you may come out looking like one.

And Napper's Stores (75 High St Reigate) offered Grocery & Provisions, and 'Coffee Roasted Daily'. And...'We deliver in Buckland & Betchworth & District on Tuesday & Friday'. Vintage Ocado.

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And our Rector in 1959, Reverend Montague Barlow, had some advice for those intending to attend midnight mass on Christmas Eve: 'It is of utmost importance that we should have a good period of quiet before we come and that we should never dream, for example, of coming straight to the Service from a Christmas Eve party, if perchance we were invited to one'. Good advice perhaps, though Rev. Anna may not use the same words today.

Morbid Smile Lines

- * We've had to get a live-in nanny. The dead one wasn't working out.*
- * I remember the last thing my Nan said to me before she died. 'What are you doing here with that hammer?'*
- * I'm going to donate my body to science, and keep my dad happy - he always wanted me to go to medical school.*
- * My Nan had an amazing way with words. I remember I rang her up when my Granddad had gone in this home - very sad. I said how is he getting on in this home? She said 'oh he's like a fish out of water', I said 'is he finding it hard to adjust?' She said 'no he's dead'.*

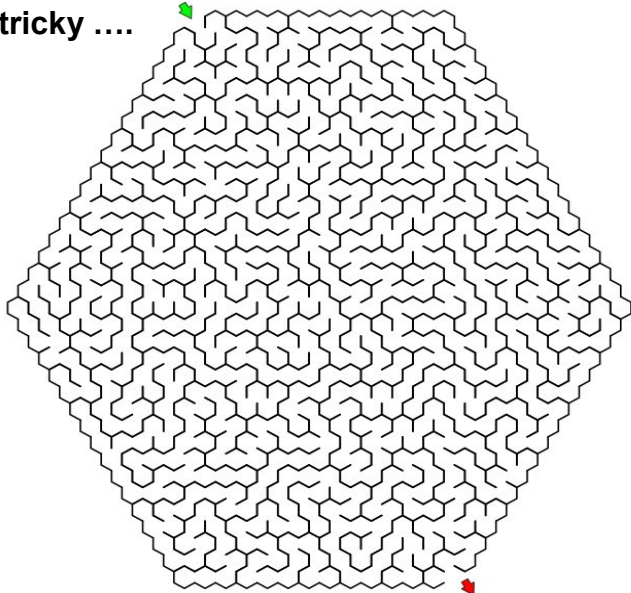
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CROSSWORD. Solution on Page 29

Across

1 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)

3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)

8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)

9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)

11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)

14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)

15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)

17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)

20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)

21 Rite (anag.) (4)

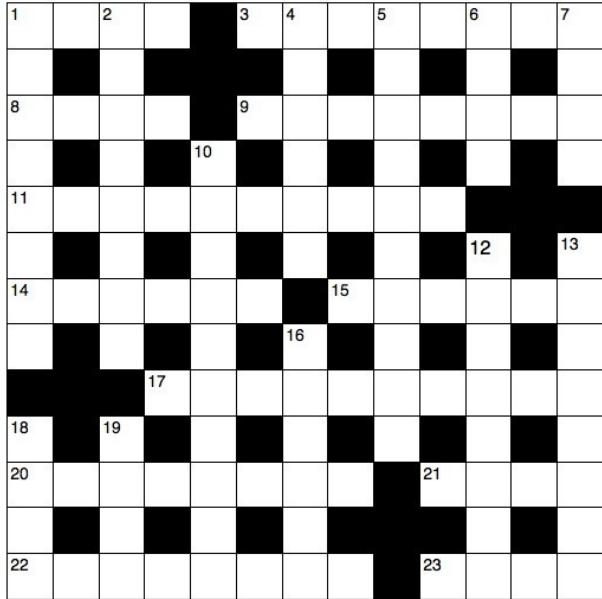
22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)

23 'The eye cannot say to the —, "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

Down

1 'Flee for your lives! Don't — —, and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)

2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)



4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)

5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)

6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)

7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)

10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)

12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)

13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)

16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and —' (Acts 7:22) (6)

18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)

19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)

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To say there were nibbles was an understatement, there was an equally wide choice of cheeses and olives which all appreciated. Thanks are certainly due to Tamlynne Chapman, Claire Dobson, Jackie Ellison and Helen Barton who made it all happen so well that the guests seemed not to want to go home at the end.

Richard Worsley, Chairman

SINGING FOR FUN GROUP, BUCKLAND

On Monday 16th December at 11am in the Reading Room in Buckland, the Singing for Fun Group will be presenting a selection of Christmas songs, accompanied by pianist Gina Eason. Some of the songs will be familiar, others less well known, a varied selection of old and new, with an opportunity for audience participation. Members of the group are inviting friends, family and local residents to come and hear us sing and join us for refreshments. You might even like to join us for regular singing sessions on the first and third Monday of the month at 10-12 noon. Come for a free trial.

Admission to our Christmas presentation is free but the group has decided to have a collection for Buckland's One World Group, the charity Money for Madagascar.

Meike Laurensen

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Betchworth * Brockham * Buckland

A Review of 2019



The year started with three very interesting and informative talks. Barry Newman showed us simple but very effective ideas how to grow fruit, vegetables and a novel way how to water our plant containers. Strawberries grown in a pallet not only brought colour to the garden but were very practical by not trailing on the ground. Chris Stewart spoke about the life of the Mole. A creature you don't often see but can easily

ruin your lawn if it decides to tunnel in your garden. Hedges are preferred by moles for their nests. Hedges allow rain to fall into the nests getting more worms, the diet of the Mole. Mark Dobell a head gardener for 25 years shared his secrets of taking cuttings and splitting plants. Excellent advice.

May's Plant Sale diversified this year which proved a success and the Society had its best profit yet. One hundred plants were donated by Simon, a Brockham resident, which delighted everyone. The garden ornaments sold well and the Dorking hospital knitters displayed their garments too.

As always the Autumn Show was well supported by our Members and the standards remained high. The School Allotment children produced a brilliant box of their home grown vegetables. The judges were very impressed. The children displayed jewellery designs, beautiful pictures and garden designs on a plate. The theme for the floral art was Halloween and Bonfire night and the designs were colourful and imaginative. The pumpkin and squash entries were amazingly large and proved too heavy for the tables. **2019 was a successful and forward thinking year.**

If you wish to join our Horticultural Society please email bghsociety@hotmail.com for more details. We are always interested in new blood and fresh ideas.

The Horticultural Society would like to wish all of our members a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2020.

BROCKHAM BOWLS CLUB



That's it folks. In the blink of an eye the year is over and by the time you read this the Clubhouse will be closed and all the equipment put to bed until next spring. The reason it has gone so quickly is because of the season we have had. We have won twice as many games as we have lost and most of those defeats were played in the rain. We are such a fair weather club. We are not the biggest of sides but every member has contributed in some way or another to our success. The ladies did magnificently to reach the final of the Mole Valley Cup

only to be defeated by a County laden side from Oxshott. On the mixed front, for the second time in three years, we won the Friendship League played amongst all the local teams. A great achievement for the smallest club in the league.

On the social front we have recently run a quiz night, a race night and a bingo with a difference evening. All three were well supported by members and their friends and were a great success. We finished with our annual presentation night, expertly organised by John Hoad, and a big thank you to Marc and his team at the Red Lion who looked after us extremely well. Our AGM saw last years successful captain Christine Knight re-elected to lead us again next season and hopefully reach even greater heights. If you want to know more about the Club or bowls please contact her on 07810 515345 or chat to me when I'm delivering you Xmas goodies. I hope you all 'winter well' and I'll be back in the New Year. Happy Christmas.

Rick Lawrence



BUCKLAND READING ROOM

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£30 per session (concessionary rates for regular hirers)



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Bookings4bucklandreadingroom@gmail.com
(preferred) or call Stella Cantor on ☎ 843335



THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S

If you have not yet joined the Friends, and would like to do so, or would like more information, please see the literature in the church or contact one of the officers (eg Roger Daniell, Chairman (rogerdaniell@icloud.com)). The annual subscription is £15 for one person, £30 for a household.

The object of the Friends is to help maintain the fabric and structure of St. Mary's, an important focal point at the centre of Buckland and a listed building with 1,000 years of history.

Solution to Crossword on p.24




ACROSS: 1, Lame. 3, Obtained. 8, Omit. 9, Merchant. 11, Burdensome. 14, Crafty. 15, Please. 17, Blacksmith. 20, Splendid. 21, Tier. 22, Singeing. 23, Hand.

DOWN: 1, Look back. 2, Main road. 4, Breast. 5, Accomplish. 6, Near. 7, Date. 10, Pestilence. 12, Basilica. 13, Tethered. 16, Action. 18, Asa's. 19, Clan.

Solution to Sudoku on p.23

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

St Mary's Rotas

Date	Flowers	Reader/Lesson	Time	Sidesman/Procession
1st Dec	<i>No Buckland Service due to JOINT SERVICE at Betchworth Hosted by the Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark</i>			
8th Dec	Advent	Tom Briscombe <i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>	9.30	Rosey Davy <i>Jane England, Simon Thomas, Caroline Gale</i>
15th Dec	Advent	Pat Evans <i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i>	8.00 9.30	Liz Vahey Philip Haynes <i>Pat Evans, Sue Haynes, Caroline Gayle</i>
18th Dec		<i>Service of 9 Lessons & 9 Carols</i>	7pm	Carol Leeds, Liz Vahey
22nd Dec	Jean Cooke	Catherine Breakenridge <i>Isaiah 7: 10-16.</i>	9.30	Pat Evans <i>Catherine & Antonio Breakenridge, Tricia Hawke</i>
24th Dec	Jean Cooke 	Liz Vahey <i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i> 	4pm 11.30pm	Jane England, Rosey Davy Carol Leeds <i>Rosey Davy, Jean & Trevor Cooke</i>
29th Dec	Jean Cooke	Simon Thomas <i>Isaiah 63:7-9</i>	9.30	Simon Thomas <i>Philip & Sue Haynes, Pat Evans</i>

In this century we have made remarkable material progress, but basically we are the same as we were thousands of years ago.

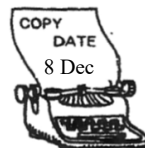
Our spiritual needs are still very great.

Dalai Lama

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HISTORICAL NOTES

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 250 households. It straddles the A25 and the Guildford to Redhill Railway. The parish registers date back to 1560, and the first recorded vicar to 1308. The present church is thought to have been built in 1380, and was extensively refurbished in 1860. The church has six bells, still regularly rung, and an unusual wooden spire. Some of the windows date from the 14th and 15th centuries. The window nearest the font suffered heavy damage from an enemy bomb in 1941. The glass was then removed and lost, until the 600 separate pieces were rediscovered in the Rectory cellar 52 years later, wrapped in newspaper. The window was restored in 1994, though part of it now forms the light-box at the West end of the church.

Buckland is in the Diocese of Southwark (*Bishop*: The Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun) and the Area of Croydon (*Area Bishop*: The Rt. Revd. Jonathan Clark).

BUCKLAND READING ROOM ACTIVITIES

Monday	1-4pm	Art Group	David Burrells	01372 802602
	4.15-5.15pm	Rainbows	} Jane Stewart	842302
	5.30-7pm	Brownies		
1st/3rd Mon	10am-12 noon	Singing Group	Meike Laurenson	248909
Tuesday	10am-12 noon	Tiny Tots Toddlers	Debbie Jones	07701 347351
Tuesday	1.30-5.15pm	} Duplicate Bridge	Richard Wheen	842082
Wednesday	1.45-5.30pm			
Thursday	1.45-5.30pm			
	7-8.30pm	Yoga	Tilly Mitchell	843297
2nd Saturday	1.30-5.30pm	Sugar Guild	Karen Hoad	844267

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- Treasurer	John Maud	843530
- Secretary	Liz Vahey	221444
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Women's Institute	Margaret Miller	842098

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