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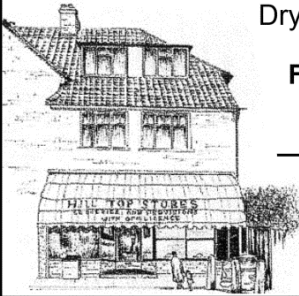
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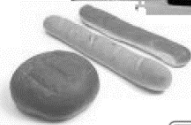
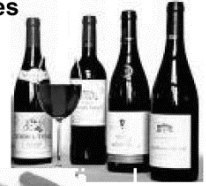
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Date	Day	Event
05-Jun	Monday	BHNC AGM, 8.00pm Village Hall
30-Jul	Sunday	Ride London Cycle Event Food & Drink Stop
23-Sep	Saturday	Barn Dance
02-Oct	Monday	BHNC Public Meeting, 8.00pm Village Hall

PLANNING

Nothing to report

HIGHWAYS

This will be covered by Malcolm Ladell in his report.

ONE-WAY CLOSURE OF THE ZIG-ZAG

As many of you will know the National Trust decided to make the Zig-Zag one-way allowing traffic uphill only over the Easter period. Many of you will have witnessed chaotic parking during high-days and holidays over recent years, resulting in difficulties and delays through the Zig Zag valley. In an effort to combat, the above the system was implemented. Whilst they appreciated this may have been an annoyance to some residents on Box Hill, they hoped it would reduce the likelihood of tailbacks caused by two-way traffic trying to squeeze past parked cars. The one-way system was for all traffic, including cyclists, with the exception of Emergency Services. Road Closed and Car Park Full signs were placed on the Triangle and at the shops. Some motorist ignored the signs and National Trust staff stopped cars before the view point where there was a space to turn around safely.

We will be receiving an update from the National Trust on how the system worked which we will share with everyone. They will be considering taking a similar approach during the May bank holiday weekends, subject to reviewing Easter and the weather forecasts. If you would like to feedback your comments please speak to any BHNC members or email us on admin@boxhillcommunity.com

PARKING IN LEATHERHEAD

You won't be able to park on the side of the road in Church Street from today (Monday) as the first phase of work in the multi-million pound '*Transform Leatherhead*' project gets underway. New on-street parking and loading bays are being installed while pavement widening and landscaping work is taking place. Work should be completed by 25th October.

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VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Kevin Bowler for taking the time to paint our village Notice Board, the wooden bollards and the Bus Stop. Well done Kevin. Great that we have residents who like to help maintain the village.

RIDE LONDON – 30TH JULY

The BHNC will again be the official Food and Drink stop and will be located in the NT East Car Park (the one nearest the village where the buses turn around). Ride London organisers have been very supportive again and will be providing gazebos, tables, generators, refrigerated storage etc. All the profits raised will go to the BHNC to help support our village. We hope you will come along and enjoy a drink – tea / coffee, homemade cakes and freshly made sandwiches.

We need as many helpers as possible on the day and will be putting out a request for volunteers in forthcoming months with contacts details of whom to register your willingness to help with.

CYCLING EVENTS

Date	Day	Event Name	Numbers	Event Type
06 May	Saturday	Maison De Velo	50	Bike Demo Day
13 May	Saturday	North Downs Way 100	100	Running
14 May	Sunday	Dorking club ride	50	Cyclists
11 Jun	Sunday	Evans Cycles	1,200	Cyclists
18 Jun	Sunday	Help for Heroes Dawn Raid	500	Cyclists
25 Jun	Sunday	Mid-Summer Monroe	500	Running race
09 Jul	Sunday	Nth Downs Way Marathon	350	Running race
30 Jul	Sunday	RideLondon	27,000	Cyclists
05 Aug	Saturday	North Downs Way 100	100	Running
04 Nov	Saturday	Ballbuster	500	Duathlon

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We now have nearly 280 members on our website and it's a great way to communicate with everyone. We send out regular updates on items of interest to the village. If you haven't already joined, please do. Just go to our website **www.boxhillcommunity.com**

There is a great section on the history of Box Hill. If anyone has items of interest about the history of our village we would love to hear from you.

FEEDBACK

The BHNC welcomes residents to feedback any concerns they might have about the village. You can do this by emailing admin@boxhillcommunity.com or contacting any member of the BHNC – Martin Williams, Lynn Blackford, Rhona Porter, Jeremy Johns, Julie Lever and Jennie Ladell. We also welcome suggestions on how the money we raise could be distributed for the benefit of the village.

ACTION FRAUD

Action Fraud is warning people of a new trend that has hit the UK where fraudsters contact victims claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and trick them into paying bogus debts and taxes using iTunes gift cards. Victims are being contacted in a variety of methods by fraudsters claiming to be from HMRC and are told they owe an outstanding debt. In the hundreds of cases reported to Action Fraud in the past month, the fraudsters all ask for payment in iTunes gift card voucher codes. Fraudsters are now moving onto iTunes gift cards to collect money from victims because they can be easily redeemed and easily sold on. The scammers don't need the physical card to redeem the value and instead get victims to read out the serial code on the back over the phone.

Fraudsters are contacting victims using Voicemails, Spoofed Calls and Text Messages, and each method attempts to convince the would-be victim that they owe unpaid tax to HMRC. Villager Anne Vine received a similar scam attempt by email (24 April).

How to protect yourself:

HMRC will never use texts to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty or ever ask for payment in this way.

- Telephone numbers and text messages can easily be spoofed. You should never trust the number you see on your telephones display.
- If you receive a suspicious cold call, end it immediately.

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<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/alert-hmrc-and-itunes-gift-card-scam-may16>



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Alexander John Frost passed away peacefully but suddenly at East Surrey Hospital after a fall at home in Oak Drive, Surrey Hills Park.

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John moved to Box Hill in 1991 after his retirement from the Metropolitan Police, and made many friends through 'The Stragglers' walking group. He loved to ride his motorbike, until illness prevented him. He also played golf and snooker.

His funeral was on 4th April at Randall's Park and was attended by about eighty friends and family. He will be remembered for his wicked sense of humour and his kindness. He will be sadly missed by his daughters, grandchildren and partner, Marie.

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Clearly these ladies had a wonderful time, well looked after by Fred Williams. Jules B wrote to *Box Hill News* to say "What a great morning again. Great company and lovely food. Once again thank you all for your hard work. Gold Star!"

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5th May 2017

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What happens if I still have a paper £5 note after the withdrawal date?

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<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/default.aspx>

How many old fivers are still in circulation?

The Bank of England said more than 50 per cent of "Fry fivers" have already been returned to be destroyed, leaving around 160 million in circulation.

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This MAY issue is the last in the 2016/17 subscription year – we do hope you have enjoyed reading your village magazine during the last year, and will continue to support it by renewing your subscription for the coming year (June 2017 to May 2018).



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Update: Malcolm Ladell

District Councillor Box Hill & Headley

Highways

Surrey County Council have confirmed that the worsening potholes in the centre of Boxhill Road between the Water Works entrance and Fraser Heath House entrance have been marked with orange paint and will soon also be repaired. However, the dip in Boxhill Road just beyond the last house after The Tree travelling eastwards is being monitored but is not yet considered in need of urgent repair.

Following my request, the drains along Boxhill Road, particularly at the junctions with Fort Road and the track to Chestnut Lodge Farm, are due to be cleared during the Spring so hopefully this will happen any time now.

You can help support my requests by reporting potholes, blocked drains etc. on the public highway direct to Surrey County Council Highways using the link:

www9.surreycc.gov.uk/highwayproblem/LocateProblem.aspx?GISDefectTypeId=8

Please forward a copy of your complaint to me so that I can follow it up with SCC Highways.

Dangerous Junction at top of Pebble Hill

Some Box Hill and Headley residents, including myself, have either witnessed or been involved in accidents and/or near misses when turning into or out of either side of the Triangle of the two junctions of Headley Common Road with Dorking Road and Pebble Hill. The problem is the poor sightlines for vehicles exiting Headley Common Road to go in either direction. Due to the angles of exit those turning left into Dorking Road cannot see vehicles (including HGV's coming towards them from Pebble Hill) and those turning right towards Pebble Hill cannot see vehicles coming towards them from Dorking Road.

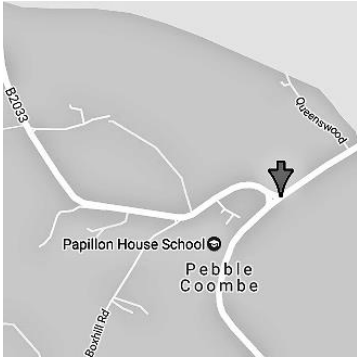
Many of these dangerous events are not reported to the Police because the accident has not resulted in personal injury, thus it is not ranked as high-risk by the Police or SCC Highways. However, with the increasing traffic flow in both directions, it is only a matter of time before fatalities occur more frequently.

Several people have suggested that the Triangle be replaced by a round-about but I am not sure if this would be any safer. Following normal rules of a round-about the traffic coming up from Pebble Hill would have to give way to vehicles turning right from Dorking Road into Headley Common Road. This would result in HGV's having to dangerously stop at the peak of the steep incline of Pebble Hill which the drivers will be reluctant to do.

Continued >>

Update: Malcolm Ladell DC Box Hill & Headley

Highways – Dangerous Junction at top of Pebble Hill (Continuation)



Personally, although I am not a road traffic engineer or road safety officer but having driven a large horse box as well as my car in both directions, I would prefer that the split offset junctions either side of the triangle were abolished and a straight wider possibly two-lane (in each direction) junction be constructed as far away as possible from the top of Pebble Hill. This would give improved visibility for both outgoing and incoming vehicles.

Please send me your comments by email or letter before I take this matter up with SCC Highways and the Police. Alternatively, if you consider this junction to be dangerous and prefer to submit your own comments to SCC Highways, you can do this by using the link below:

www9.surreycc.gov.uk/highwayproblem/LocateProblem.aspx?GISDefectTypeId=8

Parked vehicles along Boxhill particularly at weekends

Getting past parked commercial vehicles opposite 'Roof of the World' between Headley Heath Approach and Woodlands Park has recently been made even more difficult by vehicles parking on the opposite side of the road in front of Hillcrest. In addition, vehicles have been parking on the bend outside Upper Farm; these were first thought to be customers of the Smith & Western but in fact are visitors to the National Trust whose car parks are full.

Unless the parked cars are causing a total obstruction of the road there is little the Police can do and have suggested that SCC Highways put down Double Yellow Lines. When this was previously suggested the majority of residents were opposed to this proposal.

Please let me have your comments on this.

Frequent breaks in electricity supply

This problem seems to have become less frequent over last few weeks but please let me know if you are still experiencing a regular loss of supply.

Please also report direct to UKNetworks/E-on (PowerGen) by telephoning: 105 or alternatively send an email to: email.queries@eonenergy.com, and please send a copy to me.

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Update: Malcolm Ladell DC Box Hill & Headley (Continuation)

In conclusion

Easter has come and gone and soon we will have the Spring and Whitsun bank holidays together with the Dorking Hills Surrey County Council election on 4th May to be followed by a General Election on 8th June. Both elections are important as we need to stabilise and maintain a progressive future without incurring huge international debts as has happened in the past. Stability and progress is more likely to be achieved by the Conservatives than either Labour or the LibDems who criticise but rarely put forward practical working solutions without putting us into even more debt that makes the country and us poorer.

Thank you for reading my update and please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or other issues you may have.

Contact me any time by emailing MalcolmLadell@btinternet.com, or telephone 01737843644, or mobile 07836763783 or by simply knocking on my front door at The Hollies, Boxhill Road



Review: Sparrows & Seagulls

We nearly missed the Heath Players' spring production of "Sparrows & Seagulls" at the Box Hill Village Hall, but we're so pleased we didn't. It was one of their best in recent years and we thoroughly enjoyed the well-rehearsed comedy which was loosely based on the play "Sparrows" by Charles Mander.



The play was performed in the first half of the evening, and a fish & chip supper was served in the interval. The second half comprised of a series of short sketches, with some notable and memorable performances. In one, Horatio Nelson battled a modern-day health and safety inspector, but found today's 'open' attitude to relationships rather surprising when he uttered the famous words "Kiss me Hardy"! For those who didn't attend one of the two performances in April, you missed a treat. Look out for details of their next production in the autumn and do make sure you go.

Betty from Box Hill – More than just a radio listener

Milk Chocolate Cake

From Betty Buck of Box Hill

Avid listener Betty who is hooked on the radio station, is a secret choc-o-holic. Just try this cake and you will be too!

Ingredients

For the Cake Mix

7oz Self Raising Flour

8oz Caster Sugar

¾ tsp Salt (optional)

2 tbs Cocoa

4oz Margarine

2 Eggs, beaten

5 tbs Evaporated Milk

5 tbs Water

1 tsp Vanilla Essence

For the Milk Chocolate Icing

2½oz Margarine

4 tbs Cocoa

8oz Icing Sugar

3 tbs hot scalded Milk

1 tsp Vanilla Essence

Method

Sift together the flour, caster sugar, salt and cocoa powder, then rub in the margarine. Stir in the beaten eggs, evaporated milk, water and vanilla essence. Beat well.

Divide the contents between two 7" greased and floured tins. (Not loose bottomed). Bake in a moderate oven at 170°C/325°F or Gas 3 for 35mins. Turn out and cool.

Melt together the margarine and cocoa, and stir in the other ingredients. Beat until thick. Put a layer of icing between the cakes, then ice the top and sides. **DELICIOUS.**

I have been a regular listener to BBC Southern Counties Radio, now called BBC Surrey/Sussex. I often spoke on the radio on certain subjects. On one occasion, Joanne Good, one of the presenters, asked if anyone lived in a mobile home as she was always fascinated by them. Of course, I rang in and said I had lived in one for quite a few years. She asked if she could come to my home and do an interview. Naturally I said "Yes"! She came armed with a microphone etc. and began the interview. I found it rather 'scary' talking into a microphone, but I did it.

For Children in Need in 1999, they said they were putting together a "Cook Book" and asked listeners to send in their favourite recipe – mine at the time was a milk chocolate cake – so I sent in the recipe, and hey presto! they printed it. It was in a 102-page Cook Book obtainable from Sainsbury's, costing just £5, with 100% of the cover price going to BBC Children in Need. I bought the book and proudly kept it in a safe place as part of my memories of BBC Surrey/Sussex.

A pantomime was put on by members of the staff one Christmas and I remember going. It was great meeting some of the presenters and being introduced to several other listeners of the radio station.

The station used to do competitions and I did win a few prizes over the years.

I used to listen to the Late-Night programme in the evening and got quite well known at the time as 'Betty from Box Hill'.

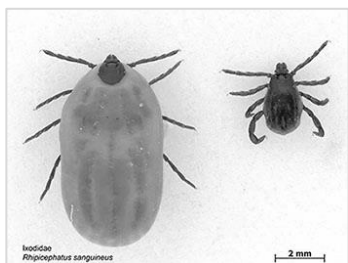
I don't listen so much nowadays as I have a television in my bedroom and get hooked on some of the late-night programmes – I'm sad to admit that I always watch Big Brother and I'm a Celebrity – shame!



DOG GROOMING DAYS

Tick Risk

Last year there was a report regarding canine fatalities in Essex, due to a tick-borne disease normally seen in other countries. These dogs had never been abroad, where this particular type of tick is known to be, so how did it get here. Also, tick treatment for returning dogs into this country was deemed not necessary, it questions is this the right thing do have done. Ticks can hide themselves very well in not just long haired dog coats, but short haired as well. They could have been picked up on human clothing or accidentally ended up in the luggage and transported over and not been noticed, where at some point the tick/s would have scuttled off somewhere only to await a suitable host to feed from. So, what can pet owners do?



The typical tick season in this country is between spring and autumn, but with the mild winters, ticks can now be seen all the year round. It is not unusual for us at the Parlour to see ticks on dogs in January and February. Therefore, it is recommended that pet owners use a good tick prevention, preferably from a vet and not a cheap one from a supermarket, which we have found

from what customers have told us, that the cheaper ones do not really work very well.

On the whole, ticks common to this country can be harmless. However, this does not mean they are to be ignored. They can irritate your dog; some dogs may have an allergic reaction to them and in severe cases can cause anaemia and even Lyme disease. The ticks that come in from abroad can be fatal. We have already seen a number of dogs coming into the parlour with ticks. On one dog, the tick had caused a very large swelling.

The best tick removing tool is the tick removing hooks. We sell them, as do some good pet shops and vets. I think these are a must for any pet owner. Remember tick prevention treatments does not stop your dog getting ticks, but it does kill the ticks.

Please keep up to date with tick treatments.

Until next time, **Maureen**

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DORKING MUSEUM – What's On

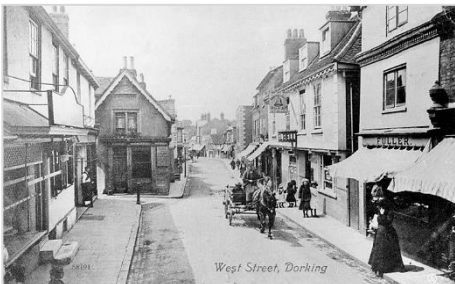
The Old Foundry, 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS
Email: admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk

www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk Tel: 01306 876591
Open: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 10am to 4pm

Spring exhibition: Our spring exhibition, 'Medieval Betchworth', with its tales of everyday life on a medieval manor, and the events that impacted on the villagers, remains open until May 20th.



Coach outside The White Horse Hotel, 1880



West Street with The Bell on the right, 1907



*The Red Lion Hotel, c.1880
(The White Horse Hotel in the background)*

Summer exhibition: "Time Gentlemen Please! The story of Dorking pubs", opens on 25th May and plots the growth in the number of pubs from the earliest records in the 13th century to its peak in the 19th century and subsequent decline as the industry met hard times.

At the end of the 19th century, there were 46 licensed premises in Dorking, their growth impacted by the effect of the coaching routes, the market and the arrival of the railway. Later numbers reduced with the temperance movement in the early 20th century and the impact of the licensing laws introduced during the WW1.

The exhibition shows which were the most important and what roles they played in the everyday lives of residents and travellers. Maps plot the locations of the known licensed public houses and beerhouses, some with old photographs, paintings and drawings of how they looked in their heyday. Modern photographs show how they look now or the buildings that have replaced them.

Other pub memorabilia will be on display and there will be a new 120-page book about Dorking pubs available at the Museum. Families are welcome too – there will be a pub sign drawing

competition for children and a chance to try their hand at some old pub games.

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DORKING MUSEUM – What's On (Continuation)

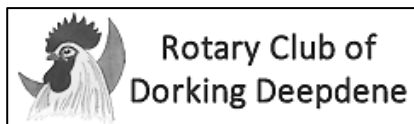
Guided Walks and Tours: The Museum's guided walks and tours, showing some of the best that the area has to offer, are available for group bookings at a time to suit you, and there are regular Open Days for individual bookings (see website for details and booking).

- **Dorking Town Centre Pub Walks:** To accompany our summer exhibition, the guided walks take in some of the former and current pub sites within Dorking town centre, relating their history and pointing out some of their features. Walks take 90 minutes, £3 per person. Open Days on Saturday 27th May at 10.30am and 2.30pm and Sunday 28th May at 10.30am.
- **Historic Dorking and Deepdene Trail Walks:** Guided walks taking in the highlights of historic Dorking or the history, landscape and views of the recently regenerated Deepdene Trail. Walks take 90 minutes, £3 (Dorking) or £4 (Deepdene) per person. See website for Open Days.
- **Dorking's Famous South Street Cave Tours:** Our popular tours take a trip under the streets of Dorking to explore the famous 17th century caves. Tours last 45 minutes, £6 per person. Open Days: May sold out, book early for June and July.

Oral Histories: The Museum is looking for volunteers to help with its Oral History programme, collecting and storing memories from Dorking and the surrounding villages in the past to preserve them for the future as part of the district's historical record. If you think that you could help in collecting these oral histories, please send an email to the address below.

www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk

email: admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk



Jazz Cafe, Saturday 13th May, 7pm

Two brilliant local jazz bands will be performing in a Jazz Cafe organised by the Rotary Club of Dorking Deepdene. The event is at the United Reform Church Hall, West Street, Dorking. Admission £15 per person, including a two-course meal, with proceeds in aid of the Dorking Community Hospital. Fancy dress optional – anything Jazzy! Bring your own bottle and glasses.

To reserve a ticket/table please email jeanpward@gmail.com



Computer User's Corner

Windows 10 Update

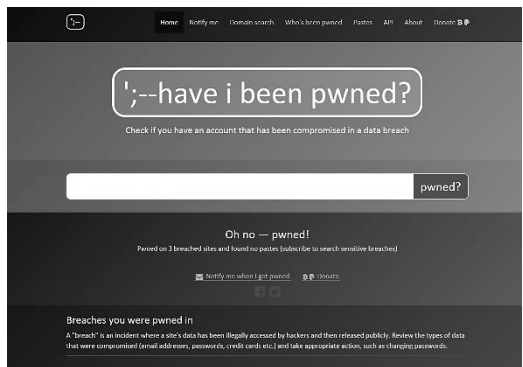
On 11th April, there was a very significant Windows 10 update. It contained many security updates and improvements, but be warned it is pretty big and if you have a slow broadband connection it may take a long time (10's of hours) to download and update your computer. It is beneficial to have this update, so just be mindful of this fact. The download will happen usually in the background, it may result in your machine appearing reluctant to close down or to restart. We saw a machine the other day which had been trying to update for 2 days, so be warned

New Scam

There is a new scam preventing your machine from operating properly. An error message appears on the screen to notify you there is a problem; it then tells you to call Microsoft on a specific number to have the problem fixed. They then ask for a fee to fix your machine. Needless to say you are not calling Microsoft!

Useful Software Tools

Finally, the website www.haveibeenpwned.com will notify you if your email address has been compromised, and from where and when. It reports on events like the recent AOL and Yahoo hacking and tells you how many times your information has been re distributed. It has a database of about 2 billion email addresses. If your details appear on this list you may want to change your password or strengthen your security.



Should you require further information or advise please do get in touch

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BOX HILL EVENING W.I.

Everyone is invited to our Open Meeting
on Thursday 8th June

Our speaker will be Ann Chance. Ann has entertained us at the W.I. and The Villagers on numerous occasions in the past with her unique style of humorous story-telling.

This time she is entertaining us with her 'Musical Extravaganza' - songs, stories, guitar playing, and more.

Refreshments of tea/coffee and cake will be available.

7.30 p.m.

Admission £4.00

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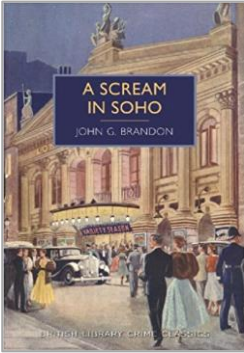
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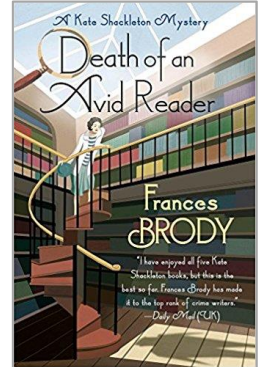


A Scream in Soho by John G. Brandon

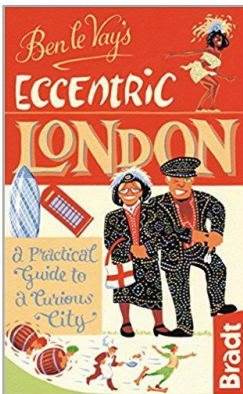
Soho during the blackouts of the Second World War: When a piercing scream rends the air and a bloodied knife is found, Detective Inspector McCarthy is soon on the scene. Italian gangsters, Austrian aristocrats, German spies, and secret defence plans feature in this fast-moving crime novel. This is another book reprinted for the British Crime Classics series.

Death of an Avid Reader by Frances Brody

Another tale about private detective Kate Shackleton. All paths in this story converge on the local library. Lady Coulson has a daughter, born out of wedlock, and has asked Kate to find her. There is a body in the library and a temporary home has to be given to a Monkey.



Eccentric London by Ben le Vay



From pubs, theatres, murders, Pearly Kings, markets and personalities to the quirky and bizarre; all human life is here. A fascinating book to dip into over a cup of coffee, or as I did, read it cover to cover. There are maps and some walks illustrated with information about personalities and buildings along the way.

Amazon's reviewer wrote: Meet a man who listens to tube trains from the road above with a large hearing-trumpet, the inventor who made giant ships out of ice, a chap who rides down the river in an Edwardian bath chair, the guy with the world's biggest collection of pillar boxes... These are just a

few of the colourful characters to be found in Eccentric London. This is an insider's guide to the city by someone who has lived, loved, eaten, drank and worked in London for five decades. He takes you to the best and most eccentric pubs and restaurants, specialist shops (26,000 stores selling £62billion worth of stuff a year), bizarre bookshops, weird museums, least-known secret neighbourhoods where you won't find tourists, but will find the utterly odd and amazing. Marvel at the petrified pile of century-old hot cross buns at the Widow's Son pub; discover what the 'Royal Ravenmaster' does for a living; and pay a visit to Pierre Vivant's curious tree, formed from 75 sets of blinking traffic lights. Ben le Vay's Eccentric London will help you dig beneath the capital's barmy surface to reveal the barmier world beneath.

Celia reported that we had received thank you letters from all our guests invited to our birthday meeting in March. Everyone agreed that our birthday meeting had been very different to what we had expected but we had all risen to the occasion and had experienced a most enjoyable time. We were all relieved to hear that Mel was now well and it was agreed that he should be invited to come to speak to us next year!

Several members had attended the Surrey Federation Annual Meeting at Dorking Halls and enjoyed a very interesting day. Speakers included two delightful young ladies from the Alzheimer's Charity and Jo Salter (*pictured right*), the first female jet fighter pilot in the RAF who gave a very interesting and funny review of her life in the forces.



It is Surrey Federation's Centenary next year and several events are being planned to celebrate. On 28th June 2018, there is to be an evening event at Wisley and all Surrey WIs are invited to submit a model of a pollinator - remember the scarecrows! The pollinators can be bees, butterflies and so on and will be displayed on trees and, as they will be out in the elements for several days, must be waterproof. A commemorative book is also being planned and each WI is asked to submit a brief history of their group and a craft item to be included in the book. A Garden Party is to be held on WI Day, 16th September 2018 - at a venue yet to be decided.



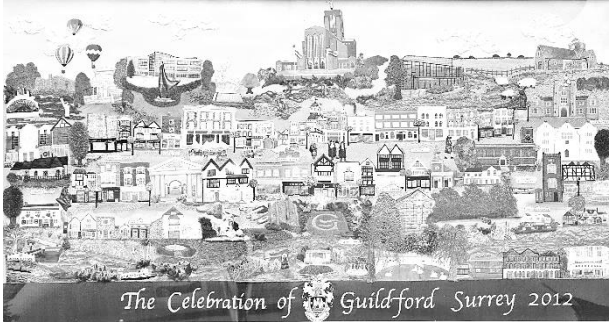
Our Speaker, Rhoda Nevins (*pictured left*), 'The Magna Carter Embroidery - how we spread law and order from 1215 to the present day', told us that she was taught to embroider by her mother from when she was about five years old and how she wanted to go to art college. Her mother didn't think that was a good idea and persuaded her to do a beautician's course.

She went along with her mother's idea and said that it was totally the wrong career for her because she was so shy she just was not able to speak to her clients and it was a wonder that she kept any customers! But she still carried on with her embroidery. She got married and became a lady of leisure! But she still carried on with her embroidery.

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Box Hill Evening WI (Continuation)

Eventually she went back to work as a beautician. She joined British Caledonian and really loved it there. She then set up her own soft furnishing business. Rhoda took a course in tassel making at the Royal School of Needlework and that was the start of her involvement with the Royal School. She has been involved in many prestigious projects over a number of years, not least being part of the team which embroidered the Duchess of Cambridge wedding dress. She had to swear an oath of secrecy and, apart from being able to say she was involved, Rhoda is not allowed to talk about it



for thirty years. She was also involved in a magnificent piece depicting the skyline of Guildford which was presented to the town in memory of her late husband, a former mayor of Guildford and who is included in the embroidery. She was also asked by the

church at Pirbright to embroider a banner for the church and the Pirbright Institute asked her to produce a panel showing the Institute's work with animal welfare - as she said there are not many people who get to embroider an incinerator!! Rhoda and her dedicated group of volunteers were also involved with the making of the commemorative quilts presented to every team attending the 2012 London Olympics

In 2012 Rhoda and her team were commissioned by Runnymede Borough Council to create an embroidery panel to mark the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carter, to be exhibited throughout the UK. The one panel became seven poster sized panels depicting Runnymede, Canterbury, Bury St. Edmunds, the City of London, St Albans, Hereford - the Magna Carter towns - and the Magna Carter Barons Crests. Every kind of embroidery stitch was used, including machine embroidery and one lady, trying to depict the Chained Library at Canterbury raided her jewellery box and used her own silver chain necklaces. Included in the commission were also a further five panels depicting Britain and the Commonwealth. The finished results are amazingly beautiful and will eventually be housed at a specially built location at Royal Holloway.

Our meeting on 8th June is an Open Meeting and details can be found in our advertisement on page 28. Those attending will be entertained by Ann Chance with her Musical Extravaganza.

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TRAVEL BLOG

Sicily and the Aeolian Islands – a truly magical experience



The Beach in Taormina

Seven volcanic islands, just 45 minutes by hydrofoil from mainland Sicily, rise out of the cobalt seas off Sicily's northeast coast. These Unesco-protected pearl drops of islands are a little piece of relatively undiscovered paradise, offering stunning waters for water sports enthusiasts, swimmers and divers as well as trek worthy volcanoes, bubbling thermal springs and a gourmet heaven not to mention an outstanding view. The seven Aeolian Islands are Lipari, Vulcano, Panarea, Salina, Stromboli, Filicudi and Alicudi.

For a beginner's Aeolian experience, a relaxed tour of the islands will make you want to return.

Start with a couple of days in the historic town of Taormina on mainland Sicily – fabulous accommodation lies on the beach and in the town itself. Mount Etna dominates the east coast of Sicily and rises majestically above Taormina. Adventurous travellers can explore Etna by 4x4 or cable car – less ambitious visitors can stop half way and enjoy the extraordinary panoramic views of the volcanic landscape. The town itself boasts several fabulous restaurants to enjoy fresh and local Sicilian cuisine at its very best.

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TRAVEL BLOG - Sicily and the Aeolian Islands (Continuation)



Lipari, the 'capital' of the islands, is the largest and liveliest so the ideal introduction to a stay in this stunning area. For some volcanic action, a spot of nature and complete relaxation, a stay on Vulcano is a must - a boat trip from Vulcano to Stromboli, which erupts every 15 minutes and provides a stunning backdrop to any cocktails-at-sunset boat excursion, should not be missed. The other islands provide a mix of accommodation and can be explored with differing levels of adventure. The itinerary below offers a taste of what the islands have to offer and can be completely tailor-made.

Day one: Fly to Catania and transfer to Taormina for 2 nights. Why not stay at the beautiful La Plage Resort - on the beach and close to the town.

Day three: Transfer to Milazzo to meet the hydrofoil which will whisk you on a 45 minute journey across the crystal blue waters to Lipari for 2 nights. Enjoy a couple of days at beautiful Hotel Mea, privately owned and a haven of tranquillity just a hop, skip and jump from the lively town centre and its plethora of typical local restaurants and bars.

Day five: A short 10 minute boat hop across to Vulcano for a relaxing stay for 3 nights. Therasia Resort and spa is a great choice - utter bliss and offers 360 degree views of the beautiful ocean and neighbouring islands.

Day eight: Transfer back to Milazzo then onto Catania for flight home.

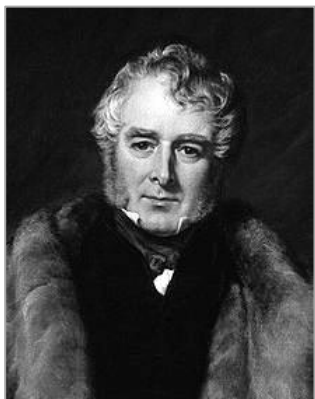
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WHAT'S IN A NAME? by *Bill Donnelly*

In April's issue, I wrote about that other "village" of Box Hill, now a suburb of the greater Melbourne metropolis in the State of Victoria, in Australia.

The State was named after Queen Victoria. Governor General Bourke who was based in Sydney, petitioned the UK Government to set up a new State to be named after her Imperial Majesty.

The coast's main marine outlet at that time was called Port Philip, which the Governor General visited in 1837 to confirm a nearby site for a new city to become the capital of the new State of Victoria. The story goes that a leading settler was keen for this new city to be named after himself – while others preferred the name of the then British Prime Minister.



The story goes that, as is fashionable today, a referendum was to be held on the naming issue. On the one hand, the name was proposed of William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne of Melbourne in Derbyshire – Lord Melbourne PM (*left*)

On the other hand, the name was put forward of a settler who was well known as a grazier, entrepreneur and local explorer of the hinterland of the coast in Van Dieman's land (now named Tasmania). His dealings with the local Aboriginal peoples were controversial – local artist, John Glover, called him "a rogue, thief, cheat and liar, a murderer of blacks (*sic*), and the vilest man I have ever known". His treaty for Aboriginal land in 1835 is still hotly debated today.



This settlers name was John Batman (*left*). When he found the current site of central Melbourne, he noted in his diary of 8th June 1835, "This will be the place for a village" and declared the land 'Batmania'. Maybe if he had won the alleged referendum, the capital of the State of Victoria would have been called '**Batmanville**'!

Let's hope that the newly elected US President doesn't hear about the story, and equally set up a referendum to change the name of Washington DC – to '**Trumpton**'!

LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS – MAY 2017

Compiled by Ian Codd

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th at 8.30, Watermill Jazz at Betchworth Pk golf club, 07415 815784
4th at 8.00, Sitkovetsky trio at Denbies, £25, 01483 444334
6th at 12.00, lunchtime recital at St Martin's, free, 01306 884229
6th at 7.30, Dorking Chamber Orchestra at St Martin's, £14, 01306 877176
7th at 3.00, Sitkovetsky piano trio at Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon, £21, 01306 740619
12th at 7.30, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Dorking Halls, £15.50-30.50, 01306 881717
20th at 7.30, guitar recital at St Mary's, Holmwood, £10, 01306 885349
20th at 7.30, Surrey Philharmonic Orch. at Ashtead Memorial Hall, £14, 01372 275907

The concert scene starts to become a little quieter in May as we move towards the summer months. However, there is still some fine orchestral and chamber music to be enjoyed. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra will be visiting Dorking to play a concert at the Dorking Halls, with a programme centred on Beethoven's great fifth symphony. There will also be music by Mozart, and the distinguished cellist Raphael Wallfisch will join the orchestra for Tchaikovsky's delightful *Variations on a Rococo* theme. This is an excellent chance to hear a world-class orchestra and soloist without the trouble and expense of travelling to London.

The Dorking Chamber Orchestra's concert will feature the leader, Clare Kennington, playing Beethoven's violin concerto. Their programme also includes Haydn and Rossini, along with the winning composition from the orchestra's own Young Composer scheme.

Also, the **Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra**, which sadly we rarely hear in Dorking now, will be playing in Ashtead. Their programme includes Dvořák's very popular *New World Symphony* and Weber's overture to his opera *Der Freischütz*, along with a rarity - the violin concerto by the English composer Gordon Jacob.

The **Sitkovetsky Piano Trio** will be making two appearances locally. First, they perform at Denbies as part of the Investec International Music Festival, when they will play music by Schubert, Fauré and Ravel. They will also play in a concert arranged by the Dorking Concertgoers, at the Yehudi Menuhin School, where they will play works by Haydn, Dvořák and Saint-Saëns. The Dvořák piece is his *Dumky trio* - a popular and tuneful work based on Ukrainian folk dances. Please note this concert is in the afternoon!

Fiona Harrison is a local classical guitarist who last year played for the Concertgoers in a sell-out concert at the Dorking Halls. Anyone who attended that concert (or was unable to get a ticket!) now has a second chance to hear her when she plays at St Mary Magdalene church in South Holmwood.

The lunchtime concert at St Martin's will be by Richard Buck and the Buck Brass.

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LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS – MAY 2017 (Continuation)

Watermill Jazz meets every Tuesday evening with a different line-up of performers from the world of jazz. (Ticket prices ££18-£23)

2nd May, The Printmakers - Celebrating Norma Winstone's 75th Birthday

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Norma Winstone – vocals, Mark Lockheart – tenor & soprano sax, Mike Walker – guitar, Nikki Iles – piano, Steve Watts – double bass, James Maddren – drums.



9th May, Zoe Rahman

A vibrant and highly individual pianist and composer, MOBO award-winner Zoe Rahman's style is deeply rooted in jazz yet it reflects her classical background, British/Bengali heritage and her very broad musical taste. Zoe's latest album, *Dreamland*, showcases the depth and breadth of her musical imagination, featuring new compositions alongside tracks by Duke Ellington, Jessica Williams, Rabindranath Tagore, and solo renditions of some of her back catalogue. This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the UK's most gifted jazz pianists in an intimate solo piano setting. www.zoerahman.com



16th May, John Donaldson Hexagonal Sextet

Hexagonal formed in 2016 to play the music of the late, great South African composer and multi-instrumentalist Bheki Mseleku. www.facebook.com/hexagonaljazz

Jason Yarde – alto & baritone sax, Greg Heath – tenor sax & flute, James McMillan – trumpet & flugelhorn, John Donaldson – piano, Simon Thorpe – double bass, Tristan Banks – drums.

23rd May, Simon Allen Quintet & Nonet

Best known for his work with the late Stan Tracey, Simon (*above left*) has established himself as one of the most exciting improvisors on the UK jazz scene today.

Simon Allen – alto & tenor sax, Martin Shaw – trumpet, Tom Cawley – piano, Seth Tackaberry – bass guitar, Mike Bradley – drums, and guests Alexandra Ridout – trumpet, Sean Payne – alto sax, Daniel Higham – trombone, Nick Willsher – baritone sax, Sam Every – drums.



30th May, Chris Ingham Quartet: The Jazz of Dudley Moore

The beloved comic actor Dudley Moore (*left*) was also one of the UK's most dazzling, swinging jazz pianists and a composer of wit and depth; Chris Ingham's Quartet revisit Moore's music. www.chrisingham.co.uk

Paul Higgs – trumpet & flugelhorn, Chris Ingham – piano, Geoff Gascoyne – double bass, George Double – drums.



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Our season started off very well with the fabulous weather over the Mothering Sunday weekend. It is lovely to be welcoming visitors back to the house again, and particularly exciting to have the new exhibition of Wedgwood china to look forward to. This began on April 28 and will be on display all season – please see ***'Leith Hill Place – Wedgwood at Home'*** on page 43.

Other events in May include an exhibition of art by John Whittaker, some of whose oil paintings celebrating the natural world have been used as the artwork for Ralph Vaughan Williams' CDs. The exhibition is open from 5 May until 18 June and is free to view, but admission charges to the house for non-members do apply.

A varied selection of music events is taking place this month – please see ***'Music May-hem at Leith Hill Place'*** on page 41.

By mid-May the rhododendron season will be in full swing. The Leith Hill rangers are leading a Rhododendron Wood walk from 2-4pm on Friday 19 May, pointing out some of the rarer rhododendron species. The walk finishes at Leith Hill Place for afternoon tea. Tickets are £15; refreshments included. Booking essential: 01372 220644

About Leith Hill Place

Leith Hill Place is looked after by the National Trust, and is a work in progress. It has an unusually informal atmosphere for a National Trust place and we invite you to sit on the furniture, play the pianos and visit our famous volunteer kitchen for delicious home baked cakes and scones by donation. There is a guided audio tour about the life and music of Vaughan Williams and visitors can see the composer's upright Broadwood piano, on which he composed most of his famous works.

2017 Opening hours for Leith Hill Place are Friday-Sunday, & Bank Holiday Mondays from 24 March - 29 October, 11.00am – 5.00pm. Please go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/leith-hill-place for more information.

Music May-hem at Leith Hill Place

Leith Hill Lane, Holbury St Mary, Dorking, RH5 6LY Phone: 01306 711685

Leith Hill Place will be the setting for a month of music this May and will play host to an array of delightful musical performances and music related events.

National Trust property, Leith Hill Place, is now entering its fifth year of opening to the public and 2017 sees an increase in musical and family activities for visitors to enjoy. Formerly the childhood home of English composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, the house echoes with the genius who grew up within its walls, and is surrounded by the inspiring landscape of the Surrey Hills.

On Saturday 6 May Vaughan Williams' biographer and Telegraph columnist, Simon Heffer, will provide an expert insight into the life and times of Ralph Vaughan Williams. Entitled "Ralph Vaughan Williams – a life seen in music" the talk will include musical excerpts and run from 5:30-7pm. Tickets cost £15 per person (including a complimentary drink) and must be booked in advance.

The following Friday 12 May at 2:30pm, South London a cappella folk group, The Morrigan Singers, will give a free afternoon drop-in performance which visitors will be able to enjoy (normal admission prices apply), whilst visiting the house. This informal music session will be followed by a special evening performance to start at 6pm, of songs collected by Vaughan Williams. Tickets to this event will cost £10 to include refreshments.



More free music will be provided for visitors on Saturday 13 May when local choir, the Meadvale Singers, will be joining us for two informal performances at 2pm and 3pm. They will sing an enjoyable collection of popular classics. The performances will be informal and allow visitors to drop in as they choose, but admission charges to the house will apply.

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Music May-hem at Leith Hill Place (Continuation)

On Saturday 20 May from 2:30pm there's a chance for little budding musicians to make some noise at our Jingle Ring, run by Jane Newberry. Along with musical instruments and noise makers, there's a chance to explore rhythm and meet other parents. Suitable for children up to 5 years.

Continuing the association with the Royal College of Music, Leith Hill Place will be running two evening concerts this year. The first concert will be held on the evening of Saturday 20 May and will feature Dr Natasha Loges (piano), Joel Williams (tenor) and the Bach String Quartet. The repertoire will include Vaughan Williams On Wenlock Edge and Claude Debussy String Quartet in G minor, Op.10. Entry is by pre-booked ticket only, £20 per person and interval refreshments will be available.

Finally, on Sunday 21 May, local performers, Abinger Unplugged, return to Leith Hill Place to fill the house with music, including popular songs by Adele and Billy Joel. Informal performances will be at 2:30pm and 4pm. Admission prices to the house apply but the performances are free.

For further information on any of the above or to book a ticket at any of the evening performances, please call 01372 220644.

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Leith Hill Place – Wedgwood at Home

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Exhibition: 28th April until the end of Season

A collection of Wedgwood ceramics will be on display at Leith Hill Place this year, returning to the house for the first time in over 50 years.



Assembled by Ralph Wedgwood, cousin to the well-known composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, the collection contains over 140 pieces of Wedgwood ceramic ranging from tea sets to vases, beads and even a pair of earrings. Whilst most people associate Wedgwood china with the distinctive blue colour of the jasper ware, a kind of stoneware invented by Josiah Wedgwood in 1771 after countless experiments, the diversity of wares has always been a significant feature of the production. Jasper itself comes in a variety of colours as can be seen in the exhibition along with black basalt, creamware and even 'first period' bone china.

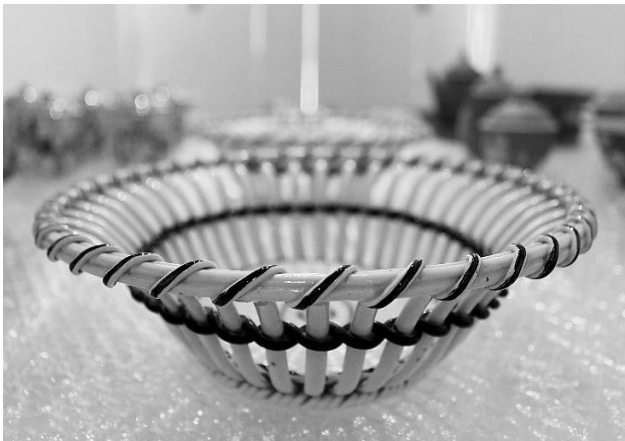
Not all items from the Wedgwood collection will be on display at Leith Hill Place. Some of the more significant items are already on loan to other museums such as the British Museum, Victoria & Albert Museum in London and the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, including plates from the 'Frog' service created for Empress Catherine the Great of Russia and a First Day's Vase, one of only seven thrown on the very first day in June 1759 when the Wedgwood factory moved to Etruria in Staffordshire.

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Leith Hill Place - Wedgwood at Home (Continuation)

Natalie Savage, Visitor Operations Manager for the National Trust at Leith Hill Place said, "Putting this exhibition together has been a real team effort. Many of the volunteers at the house have been involved in researching, designing, interpreting and displaying the ceramics. Working within the confines of the Grade II* listed building has often been a challenge, but it's a real sense of achievement to display this historic collection in its original setting."

Vaughan Williams inherited Leith Hill Place in 1944 and a year later passed it to the National Trust, for the benefit of the nation. The house was then let to Ralph Wedgwood, who made it his family home and proudly displayed his collection of Wedgwood ceramics, which in the 1950s was open for the public to view two



afternoons a week. Ralph assembled his collection from family inheritances, auctions and one-off purchases. Subsequent generations have added their own items to the collection, showing the timelessness of the ceramics and the range of the factory.

Natalie continued, "One of the more exciting finds when researching for the

exhibition was an inventory from 1955 of the items at Leith Hill Place, which listed not only a description of each item, but also its location in the house. Where possible we've tried to restore items to their original position."

The exhibition is being held in memory of the late Sir Martin Wedgwood and will run from 28 April to 29 October Friday-Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays from 11am-5pm. Entrance to the exhibition is free, but admission charges for Leith Hill Place will apply. National Trust members receive free entry. A series of special events will be held throughout the year and will be advertised on the National Trust website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/leith-hill-place

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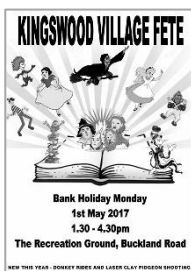
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John Allinson will be leading his usual two circular Sponsored Walks in the local area on **Friday, 19th May and Saturday, 27th May**. Each walk will start at 9.15am prompt from the “Lunch Box” kiosk near the “Beefeater” pub overlooking Tattenham Corner on the Derby racecourse (post code KT18 5PP). There is a free public car park behind the kiosk.

THE ROUTE

The walk will go across the racecourse, past Langley Vale and continue to Headley, passing the new plantation of trees which will become a memorial to those who lost their lives in the 1914-18 war. We stop for refreshments at the “Headley Village Stores and Tea Room”. We then go on, past Headley Heath, and across the Walton Heath Golf Club course, to the “Sportsman” pub on the outskirts of Lower Kingswood where we stop for lunch (or your own sandwiches, etc. if preferred). After lunch, we follow the line of the “Coal Tax” posts back to Walton where we stop for refreshments at the Grey Dove Café opposite the Mere Pond. From Walton, we cross the Downs back to the racecourse and the “Lunch Box” kiosk.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Along the Walk we will be given the history of the area compiled by a knowledgeable local historian, Jean Clew.
- Altogether the walk will be ten miles in length but at each refreshment stop there will be transport to take walkers (not wishing to continue) back to Tattenham Corner.
- The Walk will be suitable for everyone in “reasonable trim” (from 16 to 60+). It should take about 7½ hours.
- There is no entry fee but a donation to the Trust would be much appreciated - £6 is suggested but of course this is at the walker’s discretion.

BOOKING YOUR PLACE

If you would like to come on one of the walks (or even both), would you please let John know by 15th May (Tel: 01737 213347 or 07960123597).

FUNDRAISING

Apart from simply being fun, the walks are primarily to raise funds for TWOAT. John can let you have a sponsorship form if you would like one. Even if you can’t join in, would you consider sponsoring someone who will be walking? John can let you have a name if you are willing to do this. Alternatively, you can give via TWOAT’s website (www.TWOAT.org). Simply go to the site, then hit “Sponsored Walk” followed by “Walk Event Page”. Last year we raised £1848 (discounting the extra from GIFT AID)! It would be good to beat this!

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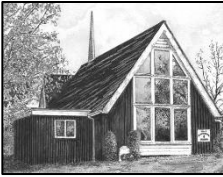
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Special Announcement - Appointment of New Rector



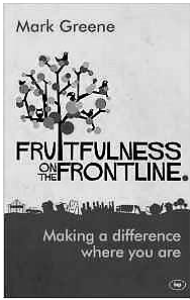
The PCC is pleased to inform you that after nearly a year in Vacancy, a new incumbent, the Reverend Harry Latham, has been appointed to the United Benefice of Headley and Box Hill with Walton-on-the-Hill.

Harry is at present employed as Vicar of Stoke Poges in Buckinghamshire.

A proposed date for the institution of our new Rector has still to be agreed and we will inform you of this as soon as possible.

We would like to thank you all for your prayers and patience during this time and also to thank the many visiting priests who have led and supported our services during the Vacancy.

We look forward to welcoming Harry, his wife Tracy, and their four children, for what we hope will be an exciting future for both parishes.



Fruitfulness Submitted by *Charlie Holme*

This is the second in a series of six real life stories from the book called ***Fruitfulness on the Frontline*** by Mark Greene. The subtitle explains Frontline – ‘*Making a difference where you are.*’ The words in these articles are mostly the author’s.

This is my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15.8

Isabelle’s Story

Isabelle’s house. Isabelle’s front room. Isabelle’s cups and plates and cakes. The home group is meeting. They are thinking about where their individual frontlines may be. How they can serve God in their everyday life with people who don’t know Jesus. They have been going around the room and it’s Isabelle’s turn. She pauses, ‘Well I don’t think I can do anything. I mean I am retired. I look after my husband, I look after the house. I do a few things at church, I see my grandchildren No I don’t really think I have a front line.’

She is out of sync with the rest of the group. Like turning up at a party dressed as a pink flamingo only to find is a civic reception for the Ambassador for Saudi Arabia!

There is a pause. Someone says, ‘So tell us about your grandchildren’.

Isabelle begins and then says ‘...and the eldest come around for Sunday lunch three or four times a month. She asks about church and the sermon and so on.’

There is another pause. And someone asks, ‘How old is your grandchild?’.

No-one knew it at that moment, but Isabelle’s world was about to change. ‘She’s twenty-three.’

The door to a new way of thinking swings wide on its hinges. Pretty much every Sunday Isabelle is having a significant conversation about church life and biblical teaching with someone who is not a Christian and who is twenty-three ... right slap bang in the middle of the age group that the church in the UK is finding it hardest to reach. And they didn’t know.

The group decide they had better start praying for Isabelle.

And Isabelle realises she has a front line and she hadn’t seen it. As she put it ‘I didn’t realise God wanted to work in my family’. None of her family had seen it either. This new realisation gave her confidence. It made her intentional about praying. It encouraged her to look for signs of God at work in all the frontlines of her daily life.

Where is your frontline?

PRIZE WORD GAME – 2 x £10 Prizes to be won!!

Thanks to all those who submitted answers for Word Game 63. There were 28 entries of which 24 contained all correct answers. Clearly a much easier game this month although not everyone found it so. Some people didn't submit their entries because of the Easter holidays and we look forward to welcoming them back for this next game. Don't forget – you need to be "in it to win it".

Game 63 answers: FEATURE (**ARTICLE**) 50, TURKISH (**BATH**) SPA, ROCKING (**CHAIR**) LEG, PICKET (**FENCE**) PANEL, CHAMPAGNE (**GLASS**) BOTTLE, DOG (**GROOMING**) PARLOUR, CRAZY (**PAVING**) SLABS, SWEET (**POTATO**) CHIPS, STEAM (**RAILWAY**) CARRIAGES, RECORDING (**STUDIO**) LIGHTS

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Word Game No. 64 – Good Luck Everyone!

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IMPORTANT: Please enter full contact details and submit your entries to the Editor at the address shown on page 1. Thank you.

HOW IT WORKS: For those who haven't had a go before, it's quite simple; all you have to do is find the word in the middle column that links the word in the left column with the one in the right column. So, if the left column has FIELD and the right column has TRAP, the answer I'm looking for is MOUSE i.e. Field Mouse, Mouse Trap. We even give you a little clue by telling you the number of letters in the missing word – so (5) for MOUSE. All correct entries are folded and put into a "hat". After a good shake to make sure there's no chance of knowing who the entries are from, the winning entry is drawn. The Editor's decision is final.

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