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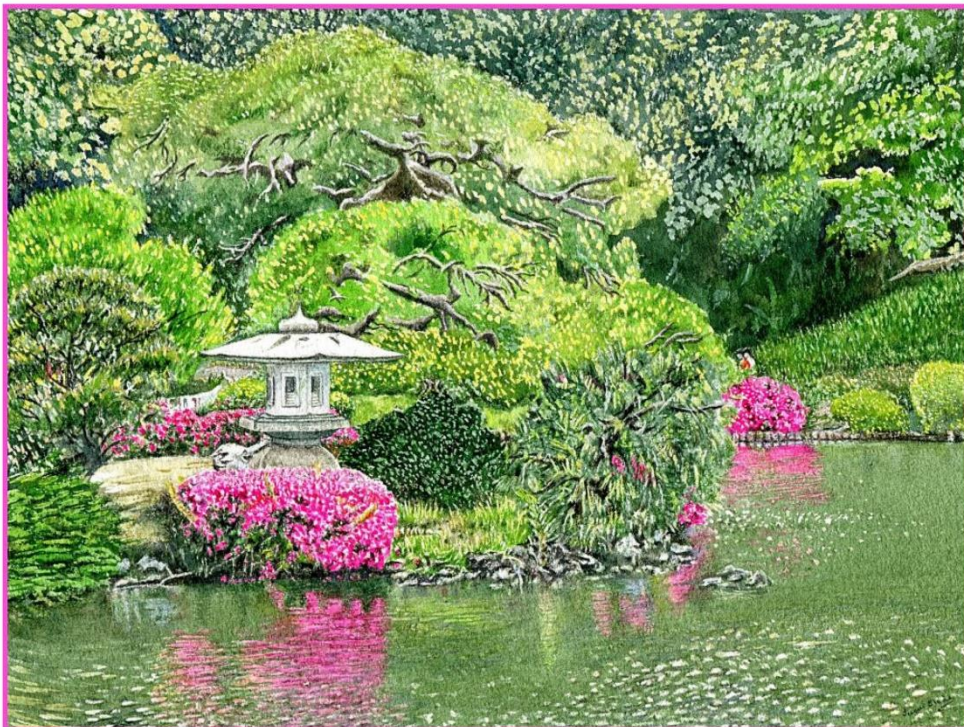
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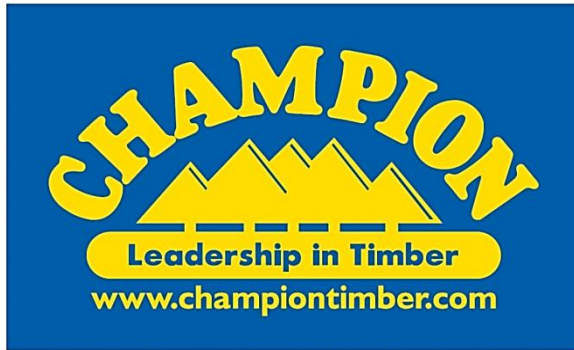
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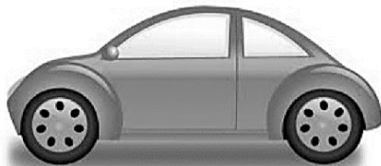
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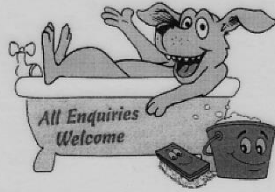
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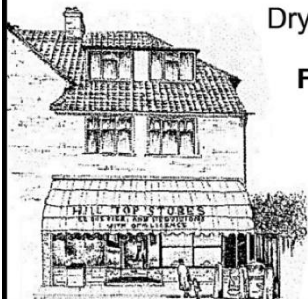
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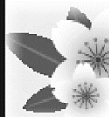
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BHNC EVENTS & MEETINGS FOR 2017

Date	Day	Event
23-Sep	Saturday	Barn Dance (Tickets on sale in July 2017)
02-Oct	Monday	BHNC Public Meeting, 8.00pm Village Hall

PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON CYCLE EVENT – SUNDAY 30th JULY

The BHNC organised the official stop using the NT East Car Park. Ride London were very supportive and provide gazebos, tables and generators etc. We served tea, coffee, soft drinks, a selection of sandwiches, homemade cakes, bacon & sausage rolls. It was a very hectic day for all involved with a very early start. All the profits raised will go to the BHNC to help support our village.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank residents and friends who came along to help on the day. Without their help, we certainly could not have organised and run the Food Stop. So, a big THANK YOU Pam (for her lovely cakes), Bob, Sue Ladell and her daughters Caitlin and Madison, Becky Honeyman, Malcolm Langford, Kevin Bowler, John Spencer, Alison Mawdsley plus all members of the BHNC who gave their time.

A special mention must go to Jenny Martinez who spearheaded the event by liaising with Ride London, purchasing all the food and even driving the refrigerated van.

BARN DANCE - SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

We received great feedback from the Barn Dance last year and feel it should be an annual event. It will be similar to last year with BBQ and bar. Tickets price will stay the same at £15 a head and are on sale in Hilltop Stores and from all members of the BHNC. It is unlikely we will make a profit from the event, but we will have fun and celebrate being residents in a special village. You are welcome to bring your friends and family.

BHNC WEBSITE

If you are a member and used to receive emails from Box Hill Community Website, but currently do not get them, it is possible the messages are going into your Spam box. Please check your Spam and click the option to allow messages from this address. If you email address has changed please email admin@boxhillcommunity.com and we will update your address.

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report.

CYCLING & RUNNING EVENTS

Date	Day	Event Name	Numbers	Event Type
04 Nov	Saturday	Ballbuster	500	Duathlon

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 – Jenny Martinez, Martin Williams, Lynn Blackford, Rhona Porter, Jeremy Johns and Julie Lever. We also welcome suggestions on how the money we raise could be distributed for the benefit of the village.

MOLE VALLEY ALERTS

Stay up to date with what's going on in your local area with regular emails from My Alerts. Alerts include local planning applications, roadworks, events, council services and more. Just search online for Mole Valley Alerts and you can easily register. <https://maps.molevalley.gov.uk/molevalley.aspx>

ACTION FRAUD

If you haven't already signed up you might want to. You can sign up for free to *Action Fraud Alert* to receive direct, verified, accurate information about scams and fraud in your area by email, recorded voice and text message. The system is provided by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) which is run by the City of London Police as a national service.

The system uses the Neighbourhood Alert Platform which is a secure, national community messaging facility used by Police, Neighbourhood and Home Watch, Crimestoppers, Fire & Rescue Services and local authorities throughout the UK. Just search online for Action Fraud – how to sign up for alerts.

Dog Theft

Dog theft is on the rise, and as such, Neighbourhood Watch and Dogs Trust are urging the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. In 2016 alone, nearly 1,800 instances of dog theft were reported to police forces across England and Wales.

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ACTION FRAUD – Dog Theft (Continuation)

Information request also reveals that gardens, closely followed by the home, are the most common areas from which dogs were reported stolen. Lee Paris, Campaigns Officer at Dogs Trust, told Neighbourhood Watch “It is a sad day when we have to issue these types of warnings, but with instances of dog theft becoming more prevalent, we want to ensure that dog owners are aware of the dangers so that they can help keep their beloved pets safe. Theft of any item is distressing, but when a dog is stolen, who many consider a part of the family; the experience can be even more distressing.”

The most common breed of dog reported as stolen was the Staffordshire Bull-terrier, followed then by the Jack Russell Chihuahua and the Bulldog. The *Dogs Trust* warns that any dog, whatever the breed, is at risk of theft if left unsupervised. By making small changes to the garden and the home, and by registering to a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme, we hope we can help reduce the number of dog theft instances. The message they want to get across when it comes to garden security is that they want to keep the dog in, but keep thieves out!

As such, Dogs Trust advises never to leaving your dog unattended, and has put together the following advice on how to help protect your dog from the risk of theft and what to do should the worst happen. Whether you own a dog or not, intruders should not be able to access your garden or property.

1. Keep garden fences secure to avoid your dog escaping and to prevent easy access to trespassers. Perhaps install a sensor light or bell gate to be alerted of trespassers?
2. Always keep your dog in sight on walks and in your garden. When out walking your dog, make sure your dog is trained to respond to a recall command.
3. Never leave a dog tied-up outside a shop or left alone in a car. If you're going in to a shop or to a café, for example, why not check if your dog is allowed inside? You may be surprised!
4. Ensure your dog is microchipped, has up-to-date contact details, and is wearing a tag with YOUR name, phone number and address on it. All of these are legal requirements and will ensure your dog is easily returned, should they go missing.

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ACTION FRAUD

Dog Theft (Continuation)

5. Have your dog spayed/neutered. Not only does this mean your pet will be less likely to stray, it may also prevent theft for breeding purposes.
6. If you plan to use services such as a dog walker, groomers, house sitter or a boarding kennel, do your research to ensure you are using a legitimate and reputable service.
7. Do not advertise the fact you own dogs. Avoid placing dog ownership placards or notices on the front of your property.
8. If you are a dog breeder, be careful about who you are inviting into your house for viewings

ACTION FRAUD

Holidaymakers urged to watch new counter terrorism safety video

Whilst the chances of being involved in a terror attack abroad remain low, holidaymakers travelling abroad are being urged to watch the video designed to help keep them safe in the event of an incident.

The key advice is:

- Run – to a place of safety. This is better than trying to surrender or negotiate.
- Hide – it is better to hide than confront.
- Barricade yourself in, turn your phone to silent and use only when it is safe to do so.
- Tell – Make sure you know the local emergency numbers in the country you're travelling to. For all EU countries, the number to call is 112.

This is the link to the video or just search Run, Hide, Tell on the internet.

<https://abta.com/news-and-views/news/run-hide-tell-stay-safe-in-the-event-of-a-terrorist-attack-abroad>



REMINDER

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the BHNC Barn Dance on 23rd September for another great social evening.

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Update: Malcolm Ladell

Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill & Headley

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES

Surrey County Council (SCC) changes to Community Recycling Centres (CRC's) due to take place in 2018/19

Your MVDC Councillors have strongly objected to the proposed changes that include the possible permanent closure of smaller CRC's such as Ranmore Road, Dorking; ceasing the 7 days a week operations and restrictions on what can be dropped off at no cost at the larger CRC's such as Randalls Road, Leatherhead. Financially it seems that SCC has no choice other than to make some cuts due to the reduction in Government subsidies to County Councils and SCC's legal inability to increase Council Tax beyond the 2% set by Central Government. You may recall that SCC had publicly stated it wanted to increase its Council Tax by 15% to cover the reduction in the Government subsidy.

The CRC's (e.g. Ranmore Road, Dorking) that SCC are planning to closedown are small with restricted handling facilities and uneconomic to operate compared to the larger Randalls Road Leatherhead site that also has the separate commercial Waste Transfer Station. I know that some of Box Hill and Headley residents prefer to use the small and friendly Ranmore Road, Dorking CRC because the larger CRC at Randalls Road Leatherhead does sometimes have long waiting times caused by the large refuse carts having to queue, sometimes for an hour or more, to get into the Waste Transfer Station that shares the same access road.

Despite what is frequently inferred in the Dorking & Leatherhead Advertisers fly tipping, which must be cleared by the local authorities (e.g. MVDC), has not significantly increased in Mole Valley, in fact there was a small reduction around autumn 2016. In some cases, with help of Police forensics, the owners of some fly tipped rubbish have been identified and fined. Incidentally, the refuse recycling centres are run by SCC but the refuse collection is run by local authorities (including MVDC) and subcontracted to contractors. Hopefully, the Conservative Councillors of both MVDC and SCC can work out a satisfactory solution to resolve this problem.

This, I am sorry to say, may be the beginning of financial reviews and possible cuts in SCC services for 2018/19. To minimise cuts to essential services there could be reductions in the frequency of such things as grass cutting, pavement weed control, hedge trimming etc. This is largely due to the huge National Debt repayments plus interest, inherited from the Blair Labour government plus further borrowings to plug the gap (loss) between what we earn and what we spend as a nation continues.

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Update: Malcolm Ladell

Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill & Headley

MOLE VALLEY CONSULTATION

'Future Mole Valley' involves an important review of Local Planning including Commercial Activity and Housing Needs. If we do not decide for ourselves on the future of Mole Valley and the very special area in which we are fortunate to live then the government of whichever political group is in power after the next general election will decide for us.

Hopefully, you have responded to the Future Mole Valley Consultation prior to its 1st September closure. If not, you may be able to promptly submit your written responses to MVDC requesting late inclusion.

HEADLEY COURT – The uncertain future

The only certainties are that:

1. Towards the end of 2018 the MoD Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DMRC) will be closing as, by the Autumn of 2018, it is planning to move from Headley Court to the new very much larger purpose-built Defence National Rehabilitation Centre (DNRC) set in the huge 300+ acre grounds of Stanford Hall in Nottinghamshire and
2. The Charitable Trust that owns Headley Court must sell it for the best price it can achieve, to continue its charitable objective which is the rehabilitation of injured Royal Air Force pilots and other military personnel.

I think for most people living nearby and/or having connections to DMRC Headley Court, there are mixed feelings –

- Firstly, of pride at what has been achieved - from nothing to being a world leader in the rehabilitation and resettlement of severely injured military personnel, and
- secondly, sadness that because of its unique internationally acclaimed success it has outgrown what are now becoming limited facilities that could inhibit further progress.

You can look up the amazing progress on the construction of DNRC Stanford Hall by logging onto www.thednrc.org.uk

On Friday, 29th September 2017 there is to be a Farewell March through Dorking of the DMRC Headley Court Staff and Patients together with local Veterans and Cadets. It is proposed that following a service at St Martins Church the Farewell March will start with a Salute outside the White Horse Hotel and proceed along Dorking High Street ending with an Inspection of the Troops at Pippbrook. Please check the MoleValley.gov.uk website or the local press for precise details and times nearer to the event.

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Update: Malcolm Ladell (Continuation)

Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill & Headley

IN CONCLUSION

Thank you for reading my update and I await to hear your comments on any of the above or other issues that you may have. I am sorry that for almost two months following a replacement knee operation I have not been able to walk around Box Hill or Headley to meet up with some of you but that should not stop you from phoning me or knocking on my door to discuss any concerns you have.

Malcolm Ladell

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Furlonger Tree Services Autumn Newsletter (Extract)

Autumn must be the Arborist's favourite season with work aplenty, the birds finishing nesting and the goldilocks nature of the weather, not too hot and not too cold! It's also the season when nature's artistry is at its best, particularly in this lovely green corner of our temperate, wooded country!

Did Yew Know? The Yew Tree (*Taxus baccata*) is Britain's oldest tree. Many Churches and Monasteries have ancient Yew Trees as they were considered holy even in pre-Christian times. Wikipedia will tell you that The Fortingall Yew in the churchyard of the village in Perthshire, Scotland is thought to be Britain's oldest, estimated at being between 2,000 and 3,000 years old.

That's a large margin of error there, and these guys might have something to say on which is Britain's oldest tree!

1. **The Anckerwycke Yew:** There may be yew trees in Britain that are older but the 31-ft wide yew (*Taxus baccata*) found in the ruined priory of Ankerwycke in Berkshire has witnessed at least 2,000 years of history and myth-making. It is said to have been the spot where King John signed the Magna Carta in 1215 and is rumoured to be where Henry VIII conducted his first liaisons with Anne Boleyn.
2. **The Borrowdale Yew, Cumbria:** This tree can fit four people inside a hollow in its trunk. Another yew singled out by Wordsworth also survived storm damage and still stands in the village of Lorton, Cumbria. It was one of many under which John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, preached
3. **The Defynnog Yew:** This tree near Sennybridge, Powys has been subjected to several ageing tests including ring dating and DNA tests. If experts are to be believed this Welsh tree is one of Europe's oldest and could more than 5000 years old! Yew must be joking!

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A Memorable Mill

by *Gill Hoddinott*

Earlier this year, I discovered that a windmill I have passed many times whilst walking Reigate Heath, holds four church services during the Summer months.

Intrigued, I made enquiries and in June attended an evening service. There was an Alter with fresh flowers and a few pews and chairs in a semi-circle, and about fifteen attending the service in this delightful and novel setting.

The Mill was built in 1765 but ceased to 'grind' in about 1870. Ten years later it was converted into a chapel, under St. Mary' church, Reigate, and named St. Cross Chapel but it is better known as 'The Mill Church'.



In 1906, Reigate Heath Golf Club purchased the freehold of the piece of land which contained the Golf Club house, the Miller's Cottage and the Mill. The latter was then being leased to the Church by the club.

The sails were completely blown off in 1943 and not

replaced for 20 years. The Borough of Reigate Town Planning eventually purchased the Mill and new sails were fitted, each pair having a span of 65ft. and a width of 8ft.

Although a considerable amount of machinery is still in position inside the Mill, it really is delightful and well worth a visit.

Related information:

<http://www.quizwalks.com/History/50Years/QW50-MillChurch.html>



BOX HILL CRAFT CLUB

We are a small friendly group who meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall.

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Computer User's Corner

COMPUTER BUYERS GUIDE

There are many reasons why you would want a high-performance computer, it may be that you play games, photo edit, video edit, or you do 3d design or animation. If your machines performance is not up to the task this will result in poor graphics quality or very jerky performance, maybe it's taking ages to reflect any changes you have made- now is the time to address the problem. We have a significant range of truly high-performance PC's and laptops which will consign your previous issues to the "distant memory" department. Our PC's are all custom built so we can build the very best machine for your purposes, the Laptops are pre-assembled, and enjoy a stunning specification.

What to look for:

Processor: The raw performance is supplied by the processor (CPU), and the device you should be going for is the Intel Core i7 quad core device or the AMD Ryzen 1700 with 8 Cores. Some laptops have Core i7 CPU's with dual core CPU's, this will provide you with less power, and are generally of lower performance.

Solid State Hard drive (SSD's): Programs and data are stored on the hard drive in the PC, the faster you can access this information the faster the PC will respond. The hard drive type that has been used in PC's for the last 20 years have been mechanical hard drives, and whilst they can hold a huge amount of data their access speed is quite slow. The solid state hard drives offer dynamic performance, up to 20 times faster than a mechanical drive, but the SSD's capacity tends to be less, so our solution is to install both. The SSD is used to store your Windows system and programs whilst the mechanical hard drive is used to store all your data.

Graphics card: This is a component which resides inside your machine and manages the information displayed. There are two main manufacturers of graphics cards- NVidia and Radeon, with a variety of models in the range. Going for the most up to date graphics card could cost as much as £600.00 just for the card, by selecting the next model back in the range (which was the very best graphics card only 2 or 3 months ago) will reduce the cost of the graphics card to c£250.00.

Other factors: Having at least 8Gb of ram is important, as is having a good powerful power supply to provide a reliable and regulated power feed to the components, a quality case with good cooling and thermal qualities is also essential, finally the motherboard must be of a suitable standard to cater for your needs. There are a number of factors you need to consider, so before you make that decision, ensure you come and talk with us to ensure you are covering all the aspects required.

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Consumers have six weeks to spend, bank or donate round £1 coins as the new 12-sided version outnumbers the old for the first time.

From 15 October, shops can refuse the old version of the coin. However, most banks and Post Office counters will continue to accept them from customers. *"The clock is ticking. We are urging the public to spend, bank or donate their old pound coins and asking businesses who are yet to do so, to update their systems before the old coin ceases to be legal tender,"* said Andrew Jones, the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury.

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New Development in Walton-on-the Hill

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The development will be arranged into three distinct areas: Walled Gardens (boasting the original retained wall), Stable Mews, Mansion House and Redwood Terrace (with views over the formal gardens, woods and farmland beyond).

Located in Sturts Lane, close to the village of Walton-on-the-Hill, within the Greenbelt and an Area of Great Landscape Value, Frith Park will be an exciting regeneration project that includes the planting of nearly 1,000 additional trees, tree management and bio-diversity programme.

The exteriors of the homes at Frith Park have been designed to resemble the Mansion House in a traditional finish with cream rendered walls, grey slate roofs and sash windows. Inside,

however, the homes couldn't be more contemporary in layout, design and specification. Rooms are light and airy with the convenience of plenty of storage areas and there's the added advantage of being low-maintenance too. But that's not the end of the story as due to the use of low-carbon, natural materials, all the homes feature increased levels of energy efficiency. In addition to the unique country setting, residents at Frith Park can look forward to lower energy bills, lower environmental impact and greater living comfort.

Please register in order to join the database, to be one of the first to receive further information at www.frithpark.co.uk, and follow us on Facebook and instagram @frithparkhomes and twitter #frithparkhomes.

New £10 Note - 14 September 2017



The new £10 note is printed on polymer — a thin and flexible plastic material. It's around 15% smaller than the paper £10 note. On the front of the £10 polymer note (the side with raised print), there are two clusters of raised dots in the top left-hand corner. This tactile feature helps blind and partially sighted people identify the value of the note. Polymer notes provide enhanced counterfeit resilience and help increase the quality of notes in circulation.



Can I still use the paper £10 note?

You can continue to use the paper £10 note, featuring Charles Darwin, until it is withdrawn from circulation in Spring

2018. Notice will be given at least 3 months prior to the withdrawal date. Genuine Bank of England banknotes that have been withdrawn from circulation retain their face value for all time and can be exchanged at the Bank of England. Visit www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/about/exchanges

£10 Design

The new £10 note incorporates enhanced security features. There are also a number of design elements relating to Jane Austen whose portrait can be found on the back of the note. The portrait was commissioned by James Edward Austen Leigh (Jane Austen's nephew) in 1870, adapted from an original sketch drawn by her sister Cassandra Austen in 1810. Next to the portrait is an illustration of Elizabeth Bennet, a character from *Pride and Prejudice*. The quote 'I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!' was said by Miss Bingley in *Pride and Prejudice*. Beneath this image is Godmersham Park House, the estate owned by Jane Austen's brother. The foil image over the window is Winchester Cathedral, where Jane Austen was buried in 1817, aged just 41. 2017, the year the note is launched, marks the 200th anniversary of her death.

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Box Hill Evening WI

At our monthly meeting on 13th July we were given a very interesting talk by William Forrester on the Sackville family who owned the very large mansion and parkland known as Knole (*below*), just outside Sevenoaks, from the 1600's to mid-1900's.



By the early 1900's, the usual English aristocratic inheritance customs were followed by the Sackville-West family, which prevented Vita from inheriting Knole on the death of her father. The house followed the title, and was bequeathed instead by her father to his nephew, Charles. Vita married Harold Nicholson and purchased the house and gardens at Sissinghurst. They created marvellous gardens which are now open for the public to visit. In the 1940's, the current owner of Knole gave the house and parklands to the National Trust. Sissinghurst is also now owned by the National Trust. Both properties are well worth a visit.

On 9th August, we enjoyed our annual cream tea at the home of one of our members. The weather did not allow us to sit in the garden, but we had a lovely afternoon.

Our next meeting in the village hall will be on Thursday 14th September at 7.30p.m., when our speaker will give us a talk on the history of knickers! That sounds like great fun and new ladies are always given a very warm welcome.

Celia Toms



DOG GROOMING DAYS

DOG GROOMING IN THE HEAT: I hope you all had a good summer, despite the mini heatwave and all the rain. The mini heatwave caused us a few problems at the parlour, as everything took far longer to do. We cannot keep dogs under the dryers for too long in case they over heat and the equipment did overheat, so it was a lot of stopping and starting. Customers understood this with some even saying, "well just send our dogs out damp". Some dogs did go out with damp ears, because we certainly cannot keep hitting the head area with heat, but as for the rest, MOST dogs, had to be dried, because unlike a human hairdresser where wet hair can be cut, it has to be dry for a dog groomer. If wet it not only ruins the equipment, you do not get the proper finish on a style. Talking of equipment, one of my dryers decided to give up. I have everything crossed it's not a new motor required.

DOGS IN CARS: Despite all the yearly warnings regarding not leaving dogs in cars on hot days, I still read articles where this is still happening. NEVER leave your dogs in a car on a hot day. Leaving the window open slightly, access to water and in the shade, makes NO difference. A car can heat up within minutes. Would you be surprised to learn that dogs can die in cars on humid days as well, as one owner found out to the cost of his dogs' life. He left his pets in the car for several minutes and in the shade. The sky was overcast, but very humid. When he returned, the dogs had died.

HELP FINDING LOST PET: *Pets at Home* are offering a service, a new app., where you pay a subscription to get a VIP (very important pet) tag. Should your dog go missing, you can then contact their 24-hour service and all involved (they say over 5 million members) will be notified. This makes a huge search group, especially any in your locality, to look out for your pet. More information at the Pets at Home store or www.petsathome.co.uk/findmyVIP

PET SAFETY: *Smokey Paws* Is a non-profit organisation that is aiming to get specially designed pet oxygen masks to every fire engine in the country, plus pet sanctuaries and rescue centres. For more information go to www.smokeypaws.co.uk

CHRISTMAS BOOKINGS: Now I hate to mention the "C" word, but I am going to. Christmas bookings have been coming in since June. It may seem early, but most of my customers book early to avoid having to wait until January, which happens if they leave it too late. It is the busiest month of my year, weather permitting, so anyone who wants a December appointment, please book sooner rather than later as I cannot guarantee you will get an appointment if you leave it too late.

Until next time, **Maureen**

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Enchanting Japan



Open a world map and you will see the extensive Asia-Pacific region. Almost at the very centre you will see the Japanese archipelago stretching north to south along the edge of the Asian continent. Japan has lured untold number of adventurers since Marco Polo first introduced it to the world back in the 13th century as “Zipangu- the Land of Gold”.

Though the Japan of today may not be a land of gold, the “Neo Zipangu” does possess powerful and magnet-like attractions: great cultural variety, colourful and inspiring natural attractions beautifully interwoven by four distinct seasonal changes, not to mention the overflowing hospitality of its people. As such Japan has recovered from the natural disasters of 2011 and is vigorously gaining in popularity as a tourist destination again which anyone can enjoy on a reasonable budget and with a sense of complete security.

This is where the past literally greets the future. This is where they both mingle. Japan has a long history of absorbing advanced cultures from ancient times through the middle ages. Later it began to assimilate elements of western civilisation from the latter half of the 19th century. Though these influences, the country has added rich new dimensions and depth to its indigenous culture. This marvellous harmony between the refinements of everything ‘Oriental’ blended with leading edge technology and the urban lifestyle you find in Japan today is truly proof of its long and eloquent history.

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Enchanting Japan (Continuation)

The Seasons

No other country has the contrasting seasons that Japan enjoys. If you are undecided when to visit Japan, spring is spectacular with the plum and cherry blossom trees bursting into bloom - from the first days of February when the plum blossoms debut in Okinawa to the last days of May when the last cherry blossoms fall from the trees of northern Japan. Spring is a time of rebirth in the name of nature and human celebration throughout the land with numerous flower festivals being held everywhere. Spring is one of the most popular times to travel and planning and booking early is imperative.

Summer is playtime in the land of nature, a season of rice planting and total greenery, summer is a season for visiting Mt Fuji, enjoying the fireworks almost every night and the large-scale festivals that will linger through into September, but by October Japan is enjoying the crisp cooler days of its distinct autumn.



Momiji Japanese Maple Tree in autumn

Autumn brings swirls of changing leaves, vivid hues of crimson, gold, bronze and yellow that paint the hills and mountainsides in carpets of colour, a wonderful time to visit. The Momiji maple tree turning a blazing red (*above*) is not to be missed.

Winter offers not only snowfall a skier's paradise but sunshine and blue skies as well as cheaper prices and a quieter time to travel.

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Enchanting Japan (Continuation)

The Journey

I start my journey in Tokyo, the most exciting metropolis in Asia, where traditions from centuries past exist side by side with the ever-moving elements of the latest in urban culture that radiate their own special heat and energy. Most of the clichés are true. Tokyo is neon-wrapped, a hectic playground where trains are never late, vending machines are everywhere and food doesn't always lie still on your plate, but amid the bright signs and adverts there is also a Zen-like calm, often just a few steps away from the chaos. There is no real centre to Tokyo rather it has sub-centres, connected by the circular Yamanote train line.



Kinkakuji Temple (The Golden Pavilion) Kyoto

It takes under 3 hours on the 200mph bullet train from Tokyo to Kyoto, the cultural heart of Japan, an area spared from the air raids of WW2. On the journey, you can visit Hakone an area of natural beauty and UNESCO site and then Mt Fuji, Japan's spiritual home, since the mountain is covered in snow most of the year, the official climbing season is limited to July and August. The climb is worthwhile but not easy; a saying goes there are two kinds of fools - those that never climb Fuji and those that climb it twice.

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Enchanting Japan (Continuation)

Arriving in the ancient capital, Kyoto has numerous shrines, temples, palaces and villas, repositories of Japan's long history, while up in the low mountains that enclose the city small villages huddle under forested slopes, offering fascinating glimpses of rural life. You will still find geishas in the old Gion district, kimono weavers, sake breweries and numerous craftsmen and storekeepers who carefully maintain the old ways and keep alive the flame of Japan's traditional culture.

From Kyoto, you can visit Nara for its parks, temples and museums, while travelling you will feel safe, women can walk safely alone almost anywhere and it's not unusual to see children riding the subway alone whilst sleeping on trains seems to be a national pastime. Many belongings have been lost only to find them returned intact the very next day.

As I travel further south I now find myself in Hiroshima, a city remerged from the atomic bombing, the peace flame burns in front of the memorial cenotaph, never to be extinguished until all nuclear weapons are abolished. A short distance from Hiroshima is the beautiful island of Miyajima, home to the Itsukushima shrine a must see for all standing alone in the sea. The Shinto shrine is a world heritage site as is known as one of the 'three views of Japan'.

Miyajima island is a romantic place, best enjoyed staying overnight at one of the islands Ryokans a traditional Japanese Inn. Numerous superb hot spring resorts, known as 'onsens' are in fact ryokans built on the site of a hot spring. There are some 55,000 ryokans in Japan; a room in a ryokan will usually contain an undivided room floored with tatami matting, while sleeping on a 'futon' bedding laid out by maids and a traditional evening meal and breakfast.

My final stop is the beautiful island of Okinawa a chance to relax on a beautiful beach, sub-tropical, coral reefs, emerald seas, sunny skies and tropical vegetation abound. There are more than 150 islands stretching a chain of 250 miles. There is no litter and no bins either this is always taken home. This is an example of the remarkable social cohesion that Japan enjoys intertwined with its heart-warming hospitality makes it such a pleasant place to live and to visit. Japan awaits you

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DORKING MUSEUM – What's On

The Old Foundry, 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS
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www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk Tel: 01306 876591
Open: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 10am to 4pm

There is still time to catch up with – or revisit – the Museum's summer exhibition, *"Time Gentlemen Please! The story of Dorking pubs"*, which will close in October. This exhibition has created a lot of interest amongst social historians and social drinkers alike. It explores the growth and decline of Dorking's pubs and beerhouses



The Jolly Butchers in Dene Street, 1930 (now the Red bar)

over several centuries, giving an insight into the changing lifestyle, needs and fortunes of the community. Displays highlight some of the individual establishments that have served the town's residents, visitors and travellers, and reveal many of the town's 'lost inns'.

Not just for the grown-ups either, as all of the family is welcome – there is a pub

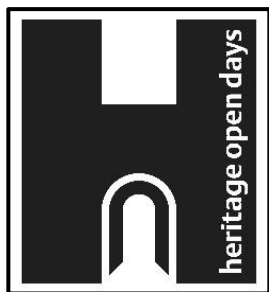
sign drawing competition for children and a chance to try your hand at some old pub games. Look out for the detailed and extensively illustrated 'Time Gentlemen Please' book by David Langford and Jim Docking too – available at the Museum and other local outlets. It explores the trends and gives the low-down on more than 50 individual establishments in the town and surrounds.

Jim Docking will be giving an illustrated talk called "Dorking's Lost Pubs" to the Buckland One World Group on **Friday 15th September** at 8pm in Buckland Reading Room, Old Road. Admission is free (including tea/coffee) with a collection in aid of the Group's core charity, Money for Madagascar. July's Gallery Talk on the Dorking pubs by David Langford was a convivial evening and attracted a full house.

The Museum's guided Town Centre Pub Walks take in some of the former and current pub sites, relating their history and pointing out some of their features. Group bookings by appointment or an open walk for individual bookings on **Wednesday 20th September** at 6pm, starting from the Museum. See website for details, further dates and bookings.

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DORKING MUSEUM – What's On (Continuation)



Heritage Open Days (September 7th to 10th):

Established in 1994, Heritage Open Days has grown into the country's largest heritage festival. Local events this year include anniversary celebrations for 70 years of Leatherhead Museum, 125 years of S C Fuller in Dorking and 200 years since the death of Jane Austen. This year's theme is 'Wheels in Motion'.

The Museum will be running free events for Heritage Open Days. Museum entry is free on Saturday 9th, 10am-4pm. Visitors are invited to count all the wheels that we have in our collection to win a prize. The free Museum events also include Cave Tours on Saturday 9th (sold out), an historic Dorking town walk also on Saturday 9th (11am), and Deepdene Trail walks on Friday 8th (2.30pm) and Saturday 9th (10.30am). Details and booking through the Heritage Open Days website: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Apart from these free events, the Museum is running its guided walks and tours throughout September. Group bookings are available by appointment and there are open days for individual bookings for the historic Dorking town walk (10th September at 11am), Deepdene Trail walk (10th September at 10.30am) and South Street Caves tours (30th September at 10am, 11am, 1pm & 2pm). Check the website for details, group bookings and further open days.

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By **Brett Wainwright**

We moved to Box Hill in 1994, a year or so after arriving we lost our cat, it just disappeared? Shortly after we bought two kittens Macavity & Mistoffelees. They lived happily with us for a few years but despite having two acres to wander about in Macavity foolishly went out onto Boxhill Road and was knocked down. We obviously didn't want to lose another cat so we bought a 'Freedom Fence' system. This works by placing a single wire around the boundary of my garden, the cats wear a collar and if they approach too close to the fence they get a warning 'bleep', and if they ignore that and get closer they get a minor shock. Apart from occasional power cuts this has worked well for many years.

One Wednesday evening, we found one of our cat's collar on the lawn. She didn't return that night and we could hear her meowing from our neighbours' garden.

The next day, we searched for Zsa Zsa (as in Gabor) and found her up a tree. This has happened in our garden many times before and cats always seem to get down on their own. However, she'd somehow climbed up a huge oak tree and the lowest branch was way out of reach for a double ladder! There was no way she was getting down on her own and in the hot weather couldn't stay there much longer. We had no option but to call 'International Rescue' or in this case Tom Furlonger from Furlonger Tree Services. Tom was on the scene in no time. As the lowest branch was so high he climbed another tree alongside, skilfully manoeuvred his way along branches, swapping to the correct tree when high enough and finally reached Zsa Zsa who had climbed up at least 50 feet high!

Tom carefully collected the miscreant moggie and abseiled back down safely with her, collecting a few scratches for his troubles. Despite being saved Zsa Zsa promptly bit Susie on the hand whilst being carried home;



Susie popped in to an NHS walk-in centre on the Friday evening to ask for a tetanus jab; because the bite was close to a joint on her hand the doctor decided she had to stay in overnight with an intravenous antibiotic drip fitted.

Pets, who'd have them?



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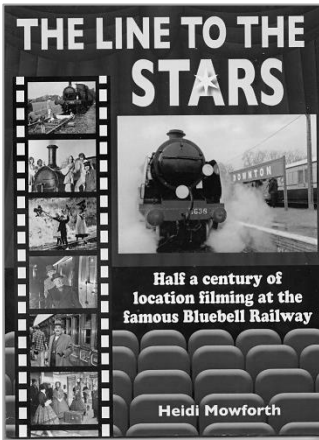
My **Zumba Class** starts on **Sunday 17th September** at 12:15 to 1:15 pm in the **Box Hill Village Hall**.

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I can't wait to meet you and start dancing!
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BOOKWORM *compiled by Ann Marshall*



The Line to the Stars. Half a century of location filming at the famous Bluebell Railway by *Heidi Mowforth*

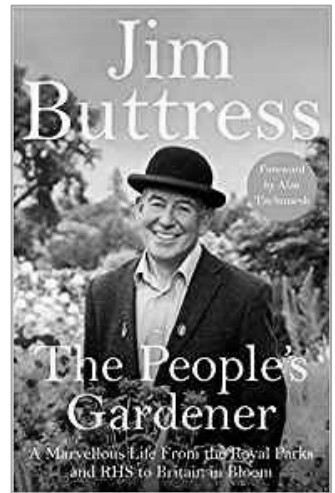
From Deborah Kerr to Engelbert Humperdink via Downton Abbey, many famous names have graced the Bluebell Railway. Car and train crashes, ghosts and explosions are all routine for film, TV and advertisements. Well-known people who have graced the railway include: David Suchet, Julie Walters, David Tennant, Dame Maggie Smith and Nigel Havers. This book is a must for film buffs and railway enthusiasts.

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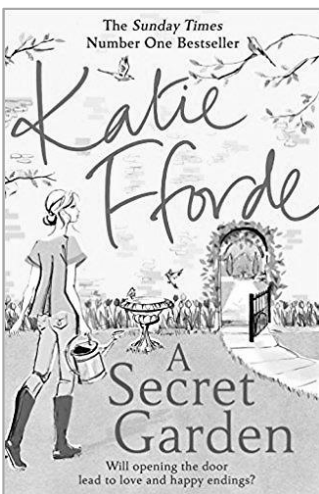
street bookshops or Amazon. However, it can be obtained from the Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park Station Shop, TN22 3QL, £10, plus £2.99 p&p, or mail order plus £2.99).

The People's Gardener by *Jim Buttriss*

Anyone who listens to Radio Surrey on a Sunday morning will know this author. In this warm and funny memoir, Jim takes us from his boyhood obsession with Percy Thower to his ten year stint as Superintendent of the Central Royal Parks. His day to day duties could include anything from



having a drink and a chat with the Queen Mother to working out how to water some elephants who had taken up residence in Hyde Park. You really don't have to be a gardener to enjoy Jim's reminiscences.



A Secret Garden by *Katie Fforde*

Lorna is a talented gardener and Philly is a plastwoman, working together at a Cotswold manor house. When they meet Jack and Lucien, maybe dreams can come true. But do they? A light hearted read for a late-summer day.



Leith Hill Place

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The cycle race is over, the school holidays have flown by and it is impossible to believe that autumn is nearly upon us.

Wedgewood Exhibition: At Leith Hill Place the Wedgewood exhibition has been very popular with our visitors. It has altered people's perception of Wedgewood pottery, some of the ceramics being very unlike the well-known Jasperware, while some of the older items appear remarkably modern. The exhibition is open until the end of October.

Art Exhibition: We have also been hosting a variety of art exhibitions by local artists. Our current exhibition runs until 1 October and features work by Stuart Burch. Drawing inspiration from the woodlands and forests of the Surrey landscape, 'Among Trees' is a celebration of trees in their simple beauty. Entrance to all exhibitions is free, but admission charges apply for non-members.

Heritage Open Day: Other events this month include Heritage Open Day on Saturday 9 September, when entry is free to everyone. Two local potters will be demonstrating their craft, while audio presentations about the life and music of Ralph Vaughan Williams take place every hour. Booking for the presentations is advised (01306 711685).

Craft Workshop: From Friday 29 September to Sunday 1 October between 11 and 5, Debbie Hastings is running a rag rug crafting workshop and displaying her rugs. No booking necessary, admission charges apply.

Great Storm of 1987: Finally, on Friday 6 October an exhibition about the Great Storm of 1987 opens. If you have any photographs of or stories about the destruction that day for the exhibition, please let us have your material by the middle of September. Thank you.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/leith-hill-place

Opening: Friday to Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays, 24 Mar - 29 Oct, 11am – 5pm



The Mole Valley Walk for Health scheme is part of an England-wide network to keep you fit and healthy and it has been growing from strength to strength with rising numbers attending. Friendships have blossomed and walkers are commenting on how much fitter they feel. Following enquiries from local residents requesting walks on the Hill, we are now pleased to be introducing two new walks – one around the Box Hill view point and the other based on the Lizard Trail on Headley Heath. The dates are as follows:

Headley Heath National Trust Lizard Trail,

1st Friday of every month, 2.15pm:

Meet at the noticeboard in the main car park (opposite the cricket ground) at 2.15 pm. The walk will be Grade 3, approx. 60 minutes long across undulating heathland, no stiles or steps but a few short steep inclines on stony tracks.

Box Hill View Point and Stroll,

3rd Friday of every month, 2.15pm

Meet at the noticeboard outside the National Trust Café and shop (opposite the main car park) at 2.15 pm. Parking is free to NT members. The walk will be Grade-2, 45 minutes long, mostly level through woodland with spectacular views along the top of Box Hill. The route combines parts of both the NT Nature Play Trail and the Happy Valley Walk.

(An optional 30-minute additional loop, Grade 3, is also available).



Walk Leaders: Lorna & Paul Dowell

All the walks are fun, free and sociable. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day and you will be welcomed by our friendly volunteer walk leaders. If you would like to know more, or have any questions, please follow the link www.molevalley.gov.uk/walkforhealth, or contact Estelle Holmes, Walk for Health Co-ordinator on 01306 879292 or email estelle.holmes@molevalley.gov.uk



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Langley Vale Centenary Wood

The Woodland Trust purchased 641 acres of land in March 2014, with the aim of creating woods and meadows in memory of those who served in the First World War.

The land is already open to the public and the Trust welcome visitors, but they do ask people to keep to the clearly marked footpaths. The Trust is hoping to provide a car park and visitor centre in the future but have yet to apply for planning permission.

The Woodland Trust Langley Vale is keeping local people updated as to the work being undertaken by publishing a quarterly newsletter, and **Box Hill News** will include relevant extracts in future issues.

The photo on the left was taken from the top of the Old Gallop. Every field and wood in this photo forms part of Langley Vale Wood and helps give an idea of the scale of the project and just how beautiful the countryside around there is. The bench (left) is one of a series of benches and works of art to be installed in Langley Vale Wood over the next few years – this one was given in memory of Ernest and Helena Milne from Walton on the Hill.

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/support-an-appeal/centenary-woods/england/



LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS – September 2017

Compiled by Ian Codd

5th 13th 19th 26th at 8.30, Watermill Jazz at Betchworth Park golf club, 07415 815784
15th at 7.30, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £16.50, 01306 881717
20th at 7.15, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18, 01306 881717
20th at 8.30, Dorking Folk Club at Dorking Golf Club, £9, 07754 853171
24th at 2.00, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18, 01306 881717

There are just a few events in September. Many more will follow in October and November as the new season of music really gets underway.

The Dorking Halls offers three opera screenings this month. First comes ***Carmen on the Lake***, a spectacular performance of Bizet's tale of love and revenge, famous for its colourful Spanish music and its passionate melodies. This production was recorded live on a floating stage during the Bregenz Festival in Austria. Then comes a live relay of Mozart's fantasy opera ***The Magic Flute*** from the Royal Opera House. The music ranges from the delightful songs of Papageno the bird-catcher to the brilliant virtuosic fireworks of the wicked ***Queen of the Night***. The performance is repeated in an encore screening a few days later.



The Dorking Folk Club's event features Eileen McGann (*left*) whose performances are full of laughter, stories and shared voices. Lyrics that challenge, stimulate and inspire, combined with melodies that soar, make Eileen McGann one of Canada's finest songwriters. (www.eileenmcgann.com)

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Tuesday 5th £20/£15*, Alan Barnes/Bruce Adams Quintet

The long-running partnership of Alan Barnes on sax and Bruce Adams on trumpet has been playing straight ahead, fiery, unpretentious, and swinging jazz for over 25 years. The band specialises in tunes from the wonderfully creative period when swing became bop, and the influences of the Ellington and Basie bands are never far away. www.alanbarnesjazz.com



Wednesday 13th £21/£16* Makiko Hirabayashi Trio

Makiko Hirabayashi was born in Tokyo, educated at Berklee College of Music in Boston and is now based in Denmark. Her trio has released 3 acclaimed albums on the German Enja label, and includes well-known percussionist and drummer, Marilyn Mazur, who was born in New York and has worked with Miles Davis. www.makiko.dk

Tuesday 19th £20/£15* Mads Mathias

Danish vocalist/saxophonist Mads Mathias was hugely popular when he made his debut at Watermill Jazz in 2015. Inspired and influenced by the great jazz vocalists of the past and present from Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra to Harry Connick Jr and Jamie Cullum, and with a deep respect for the jazz tradition, Mathias is nevertheless an original talent with a unique and effortlessly charming vocal delivery and a skill for writing catchy and memorable, stylishly crafted tunes. www.madsmathias.com

Tuesday 26th £25/£20* Mike Gibbs Big Band - 80th Birthday Celebration

Internationally respected composer, arranger and trombonist Mike Gibbs has worked with many music luminaries, including Pat Metheny, John McLaughlin, John Scofield, Gary Burton, Whitney Houston, Peter Gabriel and Bill Frisell. His pulsating compositions blend the colours of Africa, Charles Ives, Messaien and rock into a unique jazz style and his 18-piece big band lineup reads like a Who's Who of jazz stars. Part of an exclusive UK tour celebrating Mike Gibbs 80th birthday, before Mike himself heads to the USA to present a Berklee Gala Concert with Pat Metheny.



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Heritage open days

In over more than 20 years, Heritage Open Days has grown into the country's largest heritage festival. What drives Heritage Open Days is the fascination people have for the history and traditions associated with their community, combined with the enthusiasm of others to tell their stories.

Box Hill Learning Space, Boxhill Road, Tadworth, KT20 7LB

A photographic exhibition depicting the day trippers' love of Box Hill. This iconic site's appeal has lasted for hundreds of years, with south London day trippers arriving in their thousands by train, bus and charabanc. This exhibition will share some fantastic vintage photos of this by-gone era.

Opening: Sat 9th and Sun 10th September, 10am to 3pm; No booking required. The Learning Space is to the righthand side of the servery and café.

St Mary's Church, Reigate Road, Buckland, RH3 7BQ

Visit the Bell Tower and listen to an explanation of the peculiarly English art of Change Ringing, view the bells, and if time permits try your hand at ringing a bell. We'll be particularly pleased to welcome possible new recruits aged 12 to 90!

Opening: Sun 10th September, 2pm to 5pm; No booking required. Access via spiral staircase, regrettably not suitable for wheelchairs or those with walking difficulties.

Mullins House/Coffee Shop, 58 West Street, Dorking, RH4 1BS

Mullins House takes its name from former Dorking resident, William Mullins, a local shoemaker and Pilgrim Father, who travelled to America on the Mayflower in 1620. The building dates from between 1568 and 1610 and is the only example of a Pilgrim Father's home still in existence. You will be able to read more about Mullins journey to the New World and enjoy a cup of a coffee and home baked cakes at 10% discount for Heritage Open Days visitors.

Opening: Thu 7th, Fri 8th, & Sat 9th, 9.30am to 4.30pm; Sun 10th, 10am to 3pm
No booking required. Located next to Dorking Museum.

Manor Farm Tithe Barn, Manor House Lane, Little Bookham, KT23 4EW

15th Century Grade II listed Tithe Barn originally for All Saints Church (also open). The Barn is one of the largest in Surrey at 4,500sq ft. Major conservation work completed three years ago. The magnificence of the barn can now be fully appreciated for the first time in probably hundreds of years. Refreshments can be enjoyed there or in the terraced courtyard garden which has been recreated from photographs taken in the 1920s, along with displays of the history of the barn and the village. The nearby 18th century manor house is also open.

Opening: Sat 9th September, 9am to 5pm; No booking required. Access to the new courtyard garden is restricted for wheelchair users, but totally visible from the barn which is on the right side of Manor House Lane opposite the 2nd school entrance.

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

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Sat 28th Oct: Fire Walking & Fire Breathing acts evening

Sat 4th Nov: An evening of Jamaican ska with *The SkaSouls*

Christmas: Bookings now being taken!

DORKING HALLS – LIVE SHOWS (01306 881717)

(Other live events at Dorking Halls – enquire at Theatre)

Sat 16th Sep, 'Faith: The George Michael Legacy', 7.30pm; £2.50

This is a stunning celebration of one of the greatest singer-songwriters of all time. Featuring international George Michael tribute Wayne Dilks and his 8-piece band. A musical journey of 35 years of hit records, from Wham to his solo career, the show uses actual video footage from The George Michael 25 live tour and is a two-hour spellbinding spectacle of his songs such as, *Club Tropicana, I'm Your Man, Faith, Fast Love, Outside, Freedom, A Different Corner, Father Figure, Careless Whisper* and many, many more. If you are a fan and you know every word of these songs, join us on a journey and celebrate the incredible legacy George left us all.

HILL FARM, LOGMORE LANE, WESTCOTT, DORKING

(1m W of Dorking. Park on Westcott Heath beyond Church. Garden just opposite)

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Letter from New Vicar: The Revd Harry Latham



This is just a note to say how much I am looking forward to coming to St Andrew's and St Mary's to serve God and the people of Box Hill and Headley. It is an exciting time for a new chapter in the life of the Parish and in my own life as we work within the Diocese of Guildford's vision of "transforming church transforming lives" to see how God wants to grow his kingdom in this place and at this time.

I am looking forward to meeting new people and to getting acquainted with this beautiful part of Surrey. I was born in London and raised in Reigate, where my mother still lives. My wife Tracy also grew up in Reigate and we have recently celebrated our 19th wedding anniversary. We have 4 children and when we arrived in the Rectory this August, our eldest, Samuel, had left school; the next Emma had just finished her GCSE's, Oliver will be going into year 9 and Timothy into year 6.

I will be working not only in Box Hill and Headley, but also in the parish of Walton-on-the-Hill, as the new benefice is the result of two previously separate parishes becoming a united benefice. This means there will be some occasions where we all meet together and sometimes where we travel to worship in church buildings we know less well.

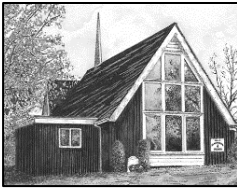
I am very glad that this has got off to a good start, and certainly see it as a great opportunity to support, encourage and build each other up as we seek to follow Jesus together. I am also looking forward to having an ordained colleague, Christopher Hancock, to work with and it was great to share in his ordination on July 1st this year.



Christopher Hancock

Very best wishes and blessings

Harry Latham



Parish of Headley with Box Hill



CHURCH SERVICES DIARY

Sundays	Service	Time	Church
3 rd Sep	Communion	8.00am	St Mary's
3 rd Sep	Benefice Communion	10.15am	St Peter's **
10 th Sep	Communion	8.00am	St Mary's
10 th Sep	Joint Parish Patronal Communion	9.30am	St Mary's
17th Sep	Informal Family Communion	9.30am	St Andrew's
17 th Sep	Battle of Britain Service	10.30am	St Mary's
24 th Sep	Communion	8.00am	St Mary's
24 th Sep	Family Communion	9.30am	St Mary's
24th Sep	Morning Praise	9.30am	St Andrew's
1 st Oct	Communion	8.00am	St Mary's
1 st Oct	Joint Parish Harvest Service	9.30am	St Mary's
8 th Oct	Communion	8.00am	St Mary's
8 th Oct	Joint Parish Communion	9.30am	St Mary's
15th Oct	Harvest Communion	9.30am	St Andrew's
15 th Oct	Parish Communion	9.30am	St Mary's
22 nd Oct	Communion	8.00am	St Mary's
22 nd Oct	Family Communion	9.30am	St Mary's
22nd Oct	Communion Service	9.30am	St Andrew's
29 th Oct	Joint Benefice Family Communion	10.15am	St Mary's

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER:

St Andrew's Church

Wednesdays: 10.00am 13th and 27th Prayers for Healing,
followed by coffee & cake
Thursdays: 6.30pm 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th Bible Study (6.45pm start)

St Mary's Church

Wednesdays: 10.00am 6th and 20th Prayers for Healing

Please check the Diary page on www.headleyboxhillchurches.org.uk or the notice boards in the two churches for any later information.

** St Peter the Apostle Church, Breech Lane, Walton-on-the-Hill



Dorking Group of Artists

Annual Exhibition

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th October 2017

10.00am to 5.30pm (exhibition closes 4pm on Sunday 15th)

at

Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking

The Dorking Group of Artists, one of the largest art groups in Surrey, will once again be holding their popular Annual Exhibition at Denbies Wine Estate in October.

Exhibiting members, many professionals among them, will be displaying over 250 pieces of new and original art, all for sale at affordable prices. The paintings should appeal to every taste, featuring different subjects and styles, and covering a wide variety of prices and media. There will be a large selection of unframed paintings for sale too.

Entrance to the exhibition is free and Denbies has a good café and restaurant, runs tours of the vineyard and has an excellent shop, so come and make a day of it! There is plenty of free parking too.

About the Dorking Group of Artists:

The Dorking Group of Artists meets on Tuesday afternoons at Beare Green Village Hall from September through to Easter. Membership is open to artists of all abilities, from beginner to professional and costs just £20 per calendar year. The activities programme is varied and includes workshops and demonstrations (Outdoor painting and sketching during the summer months).

More information from **Jane Anderson Wood** (Chairman)

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

Thanks to all those who submitted answers for Word Game 66. There were 29 entries of which 17 contained all correct answers. Good to see so many entrants, with many getting all correct answers too. If you didn't get the answers we were looking for, maybe next time don't forget – you need to be “in it to win it”.

Game 65 answers: ACE (**FIGHTER**) PILOT, DISTILLED (**WATER**) PIPE, ELECTRIC (**CABLE**) TELEVISION, MICROWAVE (**OVEN**) CHIPS, NEVADA (**DESERT**) ISLAND, REJUVENATED (**SKIN**) CREAM, SCOTCH (**WHISKY**) MAC, SIDEWINDER (**SNAKE**) CHARMER, STICKY (**TAPE**) MEASURE, TRAWLER (**FISHING**) TACKLE

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Correct answers were also received from Elizabeth Brodie, Pauline Clark, Mike Clarke, Wendy Clarke, Pops Evans, Shelley Good, Jackie Lines, Iris MacLennan, Ann Marshall, Mavis Mawdsley, Wendy Morgan, Sheila Read, Angela Roe, Celia Toms and Susan Toy. **Well done everyone!** Sorry you aren't winners this time around – but please do keep trying!

Word Game No. 67 – Good Luck Everyone!

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TEA	(5)	ROUTINE	
TOM	(5)	JOINT	<i>Compiled by QuizKid (67)</i>

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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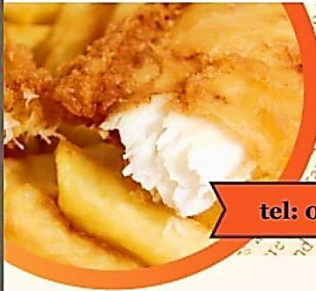


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