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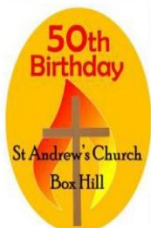
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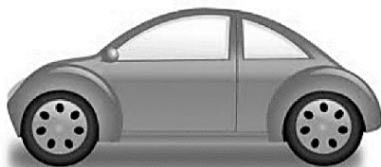
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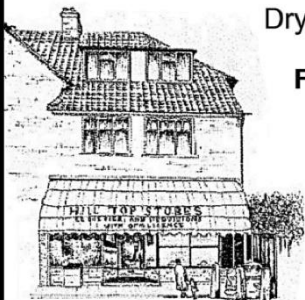
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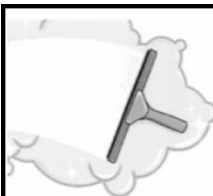


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Tuesdays: 9.15am & 6pm Mixed Ability; 11am Baby Yoga; 4.45pm Yoga for Mobility

Wednesdays: 6pm Beginners

Fridays: 6pm Pregnancy Yoga; 7.30pm Mixed Ability

Saturday: **2nd Feb**, 9am 3hr Special; **9th Feb**, 9.30am Restorative Yoga

Sunday: **3rd Feb**, 6pm Neck & Shoulder

NB: No Yoga Classes during school half-term week w/c 18th February

Box Hill Social Club (Brian Hobbs 01737 844647)

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Moves Fitness (Christine Bailey 07979973308)

Every Thursday: 11am – 12noon

Box Hill Villagers Group (Valerie Cross 01737 843165)

Third Thursday: 2.30-4pm

Craft Groups

Groups	Dates & Times	Contacts
Ashtead Beadworkers	1st Friday 9.30am - 6pm	Betty Newman T: 01372 272971 E: foxhollow@waitrose.com
Spinning Yarns on Box Hill (formerly Epsom Spinners)	2nd Friday 9.30am - 4pm	Roz Langendoen T: 077 313 313 33 E: spinningyarnsonboxhill@gmail.com
Box Hill Knitters	3rd Friday 9.30am - 4pm	Debbie Gullick T: 0208 660 2252 E: debbie.gullick@hotmail.co.uk
Creative Fibres	3rd Saturday 10am to 4pm	Rachel Glasgow T: 01737 642621 or 0775 901 4521 E: secretary@creativefibres.org
Box Hill Craft Club	4th Wed'days 2pm - 4.30pm	June Parrett T: 01737 842455



Mavis Mawdsley
(1933 - 2018)

THANK YOU

“I’d like to say a big thank you to family and friends who have helped me through the Christmas period. It has been a struggle and I don’t think I would have done so without you”

Alison Mawdsley (Surrey Hills Park)

SANTA'S SINGALONG – SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Thank you to everyone who came along. It was great to see so many people, notwithstanding the weather. The magician was a great addition to the evening. Everyone enjoyed the occasion and sang their hearts out around the tree and then moved into the village hall for free refreshments.

Thank you to all the helpers on the night who provided the sausage rolls, chestnuts, mince pies and mulled wine. We couldn't do it without you.

Thank you for supporting the raffle and we hope all the winners are enjoying their prizes. Without your support it would not be possible to run these events.

BHNC EVENTS & MEETINGS FOR 2019

Date	Day	Event
04-Mar	Monday	BHNC Public Meeting, 8.00pm Village Hall
03-Jun	Monday	BHNC AGM, 8.00pm Village Hall
07-Oct	Monday	BHNC Public Meeting, 8.00pm Village Hall

CYCLING EVENTS

Date	Day	Name of Event	Participants
23 Mar	Saturday	Maison du Velo (Bike Demo) NT members car park during morning	Unknown
05 May	Sunday	Headley Heath Orienteering	500
19 May	Sunday	Dorking TT cycling	60
09 Jun	Sunday	Evans Cycles Just passing through during the morning	1,200
23 Jun	Sunday	Midsummer Monro (Runners) Start/finish NT Box Hill Fort – by noon	250
07 Jul	Sunday	Hermes Running Reigate to Box Hill via Nth Downs Way	Unknown
04 Aug	Sunday	RideLondon Road Closed most of day	28,000
29 Sep	Sunday	Ben Green Box Hill Beast (Runners) Parking on Box Hill Farm. Zig Zag part closed until 10.30am	500
01 Nov	Saturday	Ballbuster Start and Finish at Box Hill. Car park will be clogged. No access to shepherd's hut until 1pm	500

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HIGHWAYS

The BHNC monitors any issues and reports them to Surrey CC Highways. If residents have any concerns, they should report them to Malcolm Ladell.

NEW GATES

We would like to thank Kevin Bowler for installing the new gate near to Upper Farm which looks very nice. Thanks also goes to Jeremy John for designing, making and erecting the lovely Welcome to Box Hill sign on top of the gate.

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We want to be able to reach as many people as possible, to keep you up to date with what's going on in your area as well as ways to contact us and how to contact our partner agencies, such as Stop Hate UK, Action Fraud, Country Watch and more. Find us on our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat at @surreypolice."

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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, Jeremy John, Julie Lever, Jen Martinez (Ladell). We also welcome suggestions on how the money we raise could be distributed for the benefit of the village.



Goodbye from Jina Patel

(Message received 9th December 2018)

Today, as we finally handover the keys of Hilltop Stores to new owners, a moment of reflection...

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.

On a personal note, I know I have devoted 100% to the business from the moment we took over.

You get a strange feeling when you leave a place that you have nurtured like a baby... It's like you will not only miss the people you met whilst you were there, but you will miss the person you yourself were whilst you were there.

I have built a strong bond with many customers who have become close friends. I will never forget the laughter, the jokes, the emotional moments and those tearful ones too.

Thank you to my two rocks - my hubby Deep and my brother Paresh – I couldn't have done it without you; and a massive 'thank you' to all the customers.



We Need your Support ...

If we are to keep entertaining you.

The Heath Players came to Box Hill Village Hall in 1972 and have been performing to audiences from the local area ever since. The Players formed in 1963 when a group of Box Hill people joined the then drama group of Headley WI, and performed initially at Headley Village Hall, moving to Box Hill shortly after the new village hall was opened.



Production of 'Cause Celebre' in 1990

With the passage of time, our number of members has sadly decreased to a level where it is now difficult, if not impossible to continue. We would very much like to keep going, but now we have so few regular members that our subscriptions and takings from shows do not cover our costs, even for the modestly budgeted productions.

If you would like to see more shows from the Heath Players, please get in touch with us and become a member. You could act or sing in our shows. You could help to build scenery or organise costumes or props. Help-out "front of house" assisting with: taking tickets at the door, selling programmes and raffle tickets, serving refreshments in the interval, and just generally helping us to put on a show. It would be great if you could get involved, and I think you will enjoy it. We really do need some new members, and would welcome you to our regular Tuesday evening meetings at 8:00 p.m.

If we do not get a sufficient response, we shall have little alternative but to close the group, and Box Hill Village Hall will "Go Dark".

Come along next Tuesday at 8 p.m., or e-mail: contacts@heathplayers.co.uk or phone Caroline Mellis (01737 218241) or Ed Stonard (01737 762751)

We look forward to hearing from you.



CYNTHIA DARNELL

12 May 1927 – 06 January 2019

Cynthia Darnell passed away at the Pinehurst Rest Home on Zig Zag Road, Box Hill, on 6th January. She was a founding member of the Box Hill Evening Women's Institute and had remained dedicated and enthusiastic about her involvement for the rest of her life.

Cynthia and husband Claude spent many happy years on Box Hill. They became residents in the early years of their marriage when they built a house (Spinney Rise) in Ashurst Drive and brought up their two daughters there until 1981 when they moved away. They returned to Box Hill around ten years ago and lived at Upper Farm where they enjoyed being amongst old friends in familiar surroundings.

Cynthia moved into the Pinehurst Rest Home in May 2018 with progressive dementia. Husband Claude joined her at Pinehurst in July 2018 and a month later passed away which was a terrible loss for Cynthia.

Cynthia and Claude are greatly missed by their daughters Alison and Fiona, who take comfort that their parents are now together again, and by their grandchildren and many friends.

Saturday 2nd February

Open Day 10.00am-2.00pm

with display of photographs from 1960s, the decade in which St Andrew's was built, followed by

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A chance to share memories & reminisce

Sunday 3rd February

A Village Songs of Praise

in St Andrew's 6.30pm

Sunday 10th February

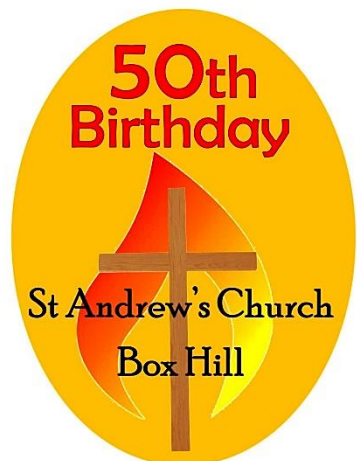
St Andrew's Big 50th Birthday Service

10.30am

Coffee

11.00am to 12 noon

Service with Bishop Jo of Dorking



Church Service for Des Langley by Beryl Langley



St Andrew's Church was full on Sunday 13th January when the Rev. Christopher Hancock led a *Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving* for Des' life, with the organ played by Ian Twentyman. Family and friends contributed to a service of readings, verses, and special memories of Des, as well as well-known hymns.

I am so proud of my family who took part, including my lovely 14-year old great grand-daughter who sang beautifully*. The younger two little girls sat quietly paying attention and the baby boy made not a sound!

It was a lovely service

I am very grateful to family and friends who helped with preparation and clearing up in the hall afterwards; a special thanks to Box Hill News for producing the Service Sheet.

I am fortunate to have so much love and support from family and friends. For me, this was a very special and memorable day – thank you to everyone who helped to make it so.

* Great grand-daughter Selly has got through to the third-round of auditions for **Welsh Factor**, a programme on Welsh TV like X-Factor.

Boxer Dogs Warning

I just wanted to let fellow dog owners know about two very irresponsible Boxer dog owners. I was walking my dog, Charlie, a Cockapoo, along the path leading to the gate at Headley Heath Approach when we were approached by two Boxer dogs and their two female owners. Having heard about the danger of someone walking two boxer dogs, I immediately put my dog on the lead. However just as I did, one of the Boxers attacked Charlie, pinning him to the ground and not letting go. Fortunately, I was not alone and had help pulling the dog off Charlie who was screaming in fear. The two owners did absolutely nothing to help and even when I did manage to pick Charlie up in my arms, their two dogs were still off lead! Unbelievable response from the owners.

Charlie is very shaken by the ordeal and appears to be a little sore, but I am hoping he's managed to escape what could have been a terrible injury or even worse. I urge people to be aware and to protect your dog if you see them approaching as the owners of the boxers will do nothing to warn you or stop their dogs.

Message from LB (full name supplied) on 4th January 2019



Update: Malcolm Ladell

Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill & Headley

Boxhill Road Double Yellow Lines – Possible Controversy

Possibly by the time you read this the SCC Highways Public Consultation may have already ended. The original proposal selected by the majority of villagers who attended and voted at the BHNC Meeting almost a year ago in March 2018, was to put down double yellow lines for 10 metres either side of the junctions of Headley Heath Approach, Woodlands Park and Hi Hopes driveway on the north side of Boxhill Road.

The original proposal was amended, on grounds of road safety, to include the driveway junctions of the Roof-of-the-World and Hillcrest on the opposite (south) side of Boxhill Road facing the junctions with Headley Heath Approach, Hi Hopes and Woodlands Park. In addition, following applications direct to me, as your MVDC Councillor and/or to your SCC Councillor Hazel Watson, it has been agreed (also subject to the results of the Public Consultation) to include the adjacent driveways of the Spinney, The Oaks and Birchglade (on the northside) and Golden Lodge, St.Andrews Church and the Village Hall (on the southside) immediately to the east of the junctions of Headley Heath Approach and the access driveway of the Roof-of-the-World (on the southside). Also, Little Whispers, Follies End and Beechwood on the northside of Boxhill Road (due to loss of sightline caused by the bus stop and risk of vehicles parked on the downward slope of the road) to the east of the junction with Woodlands Park.

To my knowledge just one member of the BHNC Committee and one or two other residents are likely to object to these additional changes. Ultimately, the final decisions will be made based on advice from SCC Highways regarding road safety and compliance to Road Safety Regulations including the Highway Code.

There were a few more applications for double lines for driveway junctions along Boxhill Road that, when examined in detail, could not be justified on grounds of road safety.

Weak and spasmodic Internet connections in parts of Box Hill

My thanks to the few residents who responded to my requests regarding notification of variable weak inadequate connections to the internet. I understand there have been some limited communications between BT Openreach and SES Water regarding co-operation on pipe and cable laying that should help to speed up installation, reduce costs and minimise disruption.

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Update: Malcolm Ladell

Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill & Headley

Weak and spasmodic Internet connections in parts of Box Hill (Continuation)

Whether it be as a result of my communications or purely coincidental BT Openreach has recently been installing fibre-optic cabling in some parts of Headley (Tumber Street) and on Box Hill along Boxhill Road but as I have not yet experienced the benefit, I guess it has yet to be activated.

Headley Court

It is a sad and uncertain time for the future of Headley Court following completion of the move of the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DMRC) to the much larger modern Defence National Rehabilitation Centre (DNRC) at Stanford Hall Estate, Stanford on Soar, near Loughborough, Nottinghamshire, LE12 5QW. To see an update on the DNRC log on to: www.itv.com/news/2018-06-21/new-armed-forces-rehab-centre-unveiled-by-duke-of-cambridge/

Recently MVDC was notified by the Police that they have had reports of some suspicious activity around the Headley Court site and surrounding area. Presumably the Police also notified the Trustees (as owners of Headley Court) and assume this is what brought about the locking of the gated access to Dale View and placing of the concrete blocks at the entrances to Cunliffe Close and the Car Park. At the time of writing this there have been no Planning Applications lodged with MVDC indicating that the property remains unsold.

Speculative Proposal for a large housing development, including shops and a school, straddling the M25 between Ashstead and Tyrells Wood

There has been much public concern about the speculative outline proposal submitted to MVDC in response to it's general request for developers and property owners to put forward ideas for the creation of sustainable housing developments to meet the demand from the Government for additional housing targets that have yet to be determined.

Whilst the proposal does have some attractive merits as far as I am aware none, or very little of the land is classified as 'brownfield' (i.e. it has not previously been built on or used commercially) and most, if not all of it, is within the Greenbelt. Thus I think it is very unlikely that planning consent would be granted by MVDC but such a decision could be overturned on Appeal.

Your comments would be much appreciated by me for passing onto the MVDC Planning Department dealing with the need to respond to the request from Government on satisfying the need for more housing.

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Update: Malcolm Ladell (Continuation)

Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill & Headley

BHNC Santa Claus Procession and Carol Singing at Box Hill Village Hall

It was not raining when I set off to meet Father Christmas, but by the time I hitched the decorated trailer with its light-up animals and flashing lights to my car the heavens had opened up to a very heavy downpour of rain. Father Christmas was reluctantly forced to sit in my car rather than his special seat on the trailer and the procession from the car park at Hilltop Stores to the Village Hall had to be abandoned.

Nevertheless, those who braved the cold rain to get to the Village Hall were rewarded and warmed up with Mulled Wine or other warm non-alcoholic drinks before and after singing carols led by the Reverend Harry Latham. This was followed by the draw of the Christmas Raffle. Then it was back home to store away the equipment ready for next year.

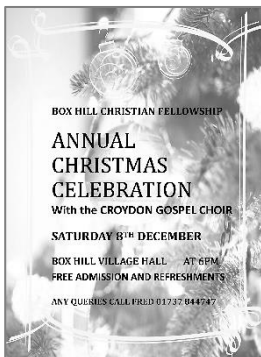
In conclusion

No comments on Brexit!! 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. Please do not hesitate to email or phone or knock on my front door to discuss any concerns you have.

With very best wishes for 2019

Malcolm B Ladell

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Christmas Carol Celebration

Once again, we held our annual Christmas carol celebration concert with the Croydon Gospel Choir in the Box Hill village hall on 8th December.

The evening was attended by sixty or more from the village as well as thirty members of the choir. It was an enjoyable time and donations of £200 were raised including packets of homemade sweets donated from our grandson. We were able to forward this amount onto the charity which the Christian Fellowship support in Zambia, so once again

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To the Woods!

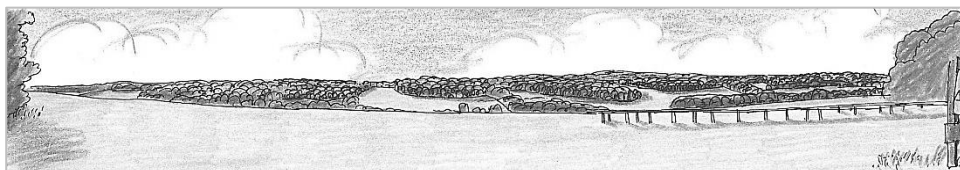
Adding to our woodland cover

By Prof. Alan Aylward



A view from the Langley Vale site as it is now (above)

and an artist's impression of how it will be after the new planting has established itself (below)



Langley Vale Wood

If you drive from Epsom racecourse towards Ashted, you may have noticed a change in the former farmland spreading out from Langley Vale. The 640acre site has been bought by the Woodland Trust to become the English First World War memorial wood. What was originally only 20% wooded is being planted with a variety of native trees so that ancient woods will be joined up to cover 55% of the old farm. Of the remainder, 18.5 hectares (46 acres) will be managed as chalk grassland - itself a diminishing environment in southern England - and 58 hectares (146 acres) will be managed as sites for rapidly disappearing arable plants such as ground pine and night-flowering catchfly. The whole site will become a haven for bird and insect species.

The Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust was set up in 1972 as an organisation to protect and grow woodland cover in Britain. It concentrates on native trees and especially what is called ancient woodland. Ancient here means any wood that has survived since 1600 AD. It takes hundreds of years for a stable symbiotic environment to become established. These are our links back to the original "wild wood" that covered the land after the last Ice Age. This intricate relationship between wildlife, plants, fungi and the wider environment implies soils that have not been disturbed for centuries with a balance of bacteria and fungi evolving with the plants - the rich biodiversity of these woods are not found anywhere else. Once these have gone, they have gone forever.

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To the Woods! Adding to our Woodland Cover (Continuation)

UK Woodlands

The UK has only 13% woodland coverage compared to 35% in most of mainland Europe, but only 2% is "ancient" woodland - and much of that is damaged. In the decades following the World Wars a lot of fast, straight-growing conifers were planted as a national drive to replenish our timber stocks. Much of this was as in-planting into ancient woods. These areas are known as PAWS - Planted Ancient Woodland Sites. The conifers shade out the native species and leave native wildlife struggling. This damages the ancient woods but fortunately does not destroy them entirely, and the biodiversity can be recovered if we act quickly enough. This does not mean wholesale ripping out of the conifers in one go - this was tried and found to leave the forest floor exposed and liable to sterilisation. Instead the Woodland Trust has developed a method where 5% are taken out about every 5 years. The ancient woods have been found to be surprisingly resilient - often reseeding and recovering themselves, sometimes with a little assistance.

Work Being Undertaken by the Woodland Trust

The other mechanism that the Woodland Trust uses in its drive to improve the sustainability of our native flora and fauna, is to try to build "bridges" between those ancient woods that still exist. For example: two small copses hundreds of meters apart may not be big enough to support insect or small mammal populations but put in a "bridge" of hedgerow and trees between them and the whole aggregation



One of the new fields of planting at Langley Vale. Protected for their first few years against the deer by polytubes, already they are beginning to push out their leaves. Within a few years the new woods will be well established

becomes a more sustainable environment. This is part of the approach at Langley Vale. It has a number of small woods that are of semi-ancient origin. These will be "buffered" by new planting and improved by removing invasive species. On top of this, though, there is also the opportunity to add new woods where it has previously been rather poor arable fields.

What is being planted is all native trees, sourced from within the UK. There are 33 species of native trees - three of which are conifers and the

rest broadleaf. They are the species which our native fauna and insects best thrive in. It is hoped to improve the environment to encourage important ground nesting birds such as skylark and lapwing.

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To the Woods! Adding to our Woodland Cover

Work Being Undertaken by the Woodland Trust (Continuation)

It is known there are five species of bat including Brown long-eared, Natterer and Noctule on the site and these too should be encouraged by the developments there. There are other environmental advantages to the re-wilding of the site - the extra trees will give protection against flooding as they will stabilise the soil and prevent run-off. Pollution of the water table will also be reduced since fertilisers, insecticides and other chemicals will no longer be used on the land.

Langley Vale and the First World War



A re-enactment of the training that took place near Langley Vale during the First World War

fortuitous heritage the Langley Vale site will have a number of more specific memorial designations. There is already an avenue of native cherry trees commemorating Sainsbury employees that died in the war. Sainsbury's has been a



2000 professional footballers – in many cases whole teams – signed up to go to the front in WWI

sailors died. The Germans also lost ten ships and 2055 men. The memorial - a planting in the shape of a ship - will have one tree for each of the sailors that lost their lives. In collaboration with the National Football Museum, the FA and Sir Trevor Brooking, there will be planting to commemorate the 2000 professional football players - many signing up as whole teams - that went to the front-line, many to lose their lives.

But what has this to do with the First World War? Well, it appears the site has several direct links. Epsom Downs was where Kitchener inspected the British Expeditionary Force before it set off for France, and parts of the local Downs were used as camps for troop training throughout the war. There were flagpoles - one of which remains in Round Wood on the site - which were used as a sighting point during gas training. To build on this

major donor for the work at Langley Vale. Other companies like the Prudential and Premier Paper have also contributed and set aside areas for their own memorials.

There is to be a Jutland memorial. Jutland was the only major sea battle of the Great War. Fourteen British ships of the line were sunk, and 6097

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To the Woods! Adding to our Woodland Cover

Langley Vale and the First World War (Continuation)

And several individual plots have been earmarked for more personal memorials such as one in the shape of the wheel from an artillery carriage, dedicated to the men of the Camberwell Light Artillery by the grandson of one of the officers from that unit.



*A Verdun Oak at Corby Castle
(Woodland Trust)*

Verdun Oaks

One especially poignant element of the planting will be that of oaks derived from what were known as the "Verdun Oaks". More than 400,000 French and German soldiers died at the battle of Verdun, and the artillery barrage flattened an area of Belgian forest larger than Surrey. After the fighting ended, acorns were collected from the battlefields and distributed by the London and North Western Railway Company across British towns to raise funds for the War Seal Foundation, a charity which supported ex-servicemen and their families. The

trees were planted in remembrance of the loss of life but have been largely forgotten nowadays. Woodland Trust volunteers have sought out as many of these trees as they can and collected acorns from them to be in turn planted at Langley Vale.



*One of the new fields of planting at Langley Vale.
Protected for their first few years against the deer by
polytubes.*

Progress at Langley Vale to date

As 2018 comes to an end we will have planted all but a few thousand of the 200,000 trees that will make up the new planting on the site. Several thousand of these were grown from seed in local schools as part of the "Seeds to Trees" initiative that involved local schoolchildren. Recently those same school children have been out planting their saplings. Currently, swathes of the old farm are covered in new planting set off by

polytubes to protect them from deer. In years to come these will grow and cover the landscape in vibrant new woodland. We will benefit from a new accessible area of outstanding beauty. Already you can take a trail through the old and new to see how it is coming on. They say being out in nature is good for the soul: here is a chance to be part of the development of that ideal.



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DOG GROOMING DAYS

Cards & Donations

Firstly, a HUGE thank you for the cards and gifts we received from customers at Christmas and also the donations brought in for Greyhound Lifeline. As said before, we collect all through the year, just more so at Christmas, so any donations of used postage stamps, unused bin bags, pilchards in tomato sauce and washing up liquid will be gratefully received I assure you, at any time.

Pre-Christmas Grooming

Needless to say, December was manic and thanks again to my customers who were very patient, as we got behind on a regular basis. This was mainly due to a lot of interruptions from pet owners ringing round to see if they could be squeezed in to my parlour, as they could not get into their own and time is then spent explaining why we cannot take them in and advising them, why they should not go to the first groomer that can take them at short notice. All good groomers will be booked up and it always concerns me that in a pet owner's eagerness to get their pet to a groomer, especially for Christmas, they will go to anyone that can take them. Other hold ups came from customers overlooking the fact that the roads would be busy in the festive month and did not leave earlier to compensate, so arrived late and of course there is always the matted dogs.

Much-Needed Christmas Break

Both Becky and I enjoyed our break from the parlour, and I spent a good deal of it in Kent with my family. When here, I was back and forth to my parlour giving the place an early spring clean.

Newsletter Competition

The competition in my Christmas newsletter certainly had my customers going. As one customer said, it was interesting finding out the answers and learning at the same time. The answers will be in my Spring/Summer newsletter with an explanation where required. Just a reminder that the competition closes end of February and I still have some newsletters available.

Crufts 2019

Crufts dog Show will again be held at the NEC Birmingham on 7th to 10th March. Have been told that some coach companies have a day trip, but usually on the Best in Show day.

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DOG GROOMING DAYS (Continuation)

Keeping Your Dog Safe

Please, please keep a close eye on your pets. They are part of your family and how would you feel if they 'disappeared'. Recently, since the end of last year, there has been a huge increase in dogs being stolen. They are taken from being tied outside shops (amazes me, pet owners still do this), from being left in cars, from pet owners own garden and when pet owners let them off lead and they go out of sight. The Spaniel group seems to be the dogs targeted, not to mention the Staffies and the French Bulldogs. It's heart-breaking not knowing what has happened to your pet. It is up to you to protect them. Please take care, there are a lot of nasty people out there.

Until next time, **Maureen** (member of the Dog Groomers Association)

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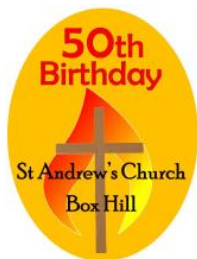
At illustrated lectures we hear experts, chosen for their knowledge, presentational skills and entertainment value, speak on a huge variety of topics: architecture, artists and designers, china, glass, painting, music, furniture, sculpture, jewellery and much more, covering prehistory to modern times.

The visits may include country houses, exhibitions, gardens and places of interest. For those who enjoy hearing about a subject in greater depth, we have Special Interest Days which allow the speaker more time on his subject.

Box Hill resident, Lucinda Lewis, has emailed to say:

I think many *Box Hill News* readers might be interested in joining The Arts Society Betchworth. It is a very friendly society which meets on the third Monday every month (except August and December) at 2pm in the Betchworth Village Hall. We have excellent speakers on subjects as varied as English Piers, the Elgin Marbles, and Art Inspired by Wine as well as excellent visits to historic places and major exhibitions. The annual subscription is £35.00 but visitors are welcome at £5.00 a time booked in advance.

I am very happy to take anyone who is interested – Tel: 01737 844616



History of St Andrew's Church, Box Hill

(based on an article by Des Langley)

Prior to the late 1930's the parish church for Box Hill residents was Christ Church, Brockham Green, at the foot of Box Hill – a fair distance for dedicated worshippers.

The Misses Brodie – Miss Phoebe, known as “Miss Biddy”, and Miss Margery – feature very largely in the story of our Church. In 1928 the indefatigable sisters had a meeting room erected on Brockham Warren Estate (where they lived in the family home), which housed various organisations, including the WI.

After the estate was sold the sisters bought a parcel of land opposite the present Church and Village Hall and moved their room - then known as the Brodie Room and later as St Andrew's Hall - lock, stock and barrel, to the site.



Own place of worship

It was in 1938 that services were first held in St. Andrew's Hall (left), on Boxhill Road, conducted by the Rev. Anthony West, Vicar of Brockham; thus, the Box Hill community had its own place of worship. As well as being

used as a Church the timber hall also served as doctors' surgery, library and meeting place for various organisations.

One of the memories of the Hall was the rather temperamental stove which, according to a WI report, “joined in one day as we raised our voices in Jerusalem; at ‘Oh clouds unfold’ it belched out a pall of soot and smoke!!”

The building of a new Church for Box Hill was first discussed in 1957 – and the land was purchased and given by the Brodie sisters. Services continued at St. Andrew's Hall for a further ten years. Work on building our present Church began on 24th April 1968. In that decade a great deal of fundraising had been done and among the many initiatives was a letter to Box Hill residents – assisted by the local newspaper delivery service - inviting their co-operation in fundraising; this was followed up with personal visits by members of Box Hill Church Building committee.

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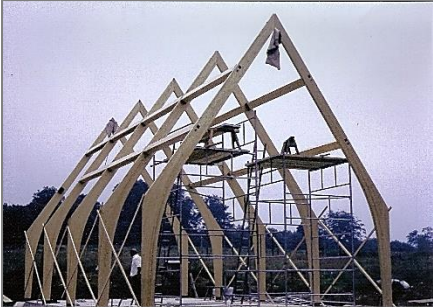
History of St Andrew's Church, Box Hill (Continuation)

By 1965 it had been decided that the building of a Church and a Village Hall there should be two separate ventures and on 28th April the Box Hill Church Committee was formed, chaired by the Rev. Anthony West, with Miss Margery Brodie as vice-chairman and Mr Leslie Worth treasurer.

It was agreed that the PCC (Parochial Church Council) should be asked to approve a 99 years lease for the specific section of the site to the Village Hall Committee. Total funds at this time had risen to £2,416; by the end of February 1966 this had grown to £3,071 and reached £4,962 by 4th August.



Almost a year later, on 8th March 1968, Leslie Worth was able to estimate that funds stood at £8,100 (which included donations each of £1,000 by both Southwark and Guildford Dioceses). Estimated building and furnishing costs were £11,000.



Building begins

At the time building commenced (24th April 1968) £10,520 had been raised. During the building three precious things were placed in the wall behind the altar - namely a bottle of water from the River Jordan, earth from the Via Dolorosa, and leaves from the Mount of Olives.



Gift Fund set up

A Gift Fund for the furnishing of the church was set up and by the end of 1968 individual residents of Box Hill had given money for specific items – 100 chairs (including an amount of £171.12.6 from Miss Brodie), 100 kneelers, the altar fall, candlesticks and candles, 100 hymn books, flower pedestal and two altar cloths. The organ was given by Brigadier

Schreiber of Belassis. Other items, such as the sanctuary carpet, 100 prayer books, wafer box, etc. were paid for out of general contributions. The chalice was paid for by the Rev. Anthony West, Vicar of Brockham.

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History of St Andrew's Church, Box Hill (Continuation)

Dedication Day

The new Church on Box Hill was dedicated to St Andrew by the Lord Bishop of Kingston on 1st February 1969 as the daughter Church in the Parish of Christ Church, Brockham Green, the Vicar being the Rev. Anthony West.

1969 and Onward

Church Army Officer Captain Eric Shaw – a keen Scouter who had moved to Box Hill in 1966 and was attached to the parish – took over the Cub pack previously run by Miss Brodie; some of the boys formed into a robed choir. Each year the Vicar and Captain took a number of young people from the parish on holiday on the continent, driving the parish (double decker!) bus in turn.

A thriving Sunday school was run by Miss Hayward and Miss Sherlock for many years, from the time the church was built until they were no longer able to continue.

In 1971 St Andrew's was transferred from the Parish of Brockham Green, in the Diocese of Southwark, to the Diocese of Guildford.

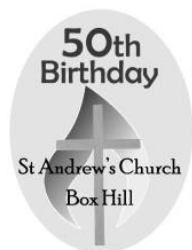


In 1986 more fundraising was done on Box Hill for a new organ for St Andrew's. £1,700 was raised by individual donations, coffee mornings, an organ concert, ploughman's lunch, barbecue, a raffle by the Heath Players. A local man – Ron Coates – installed the organ.

Marking the new Millennium, the exterior was renewed, with replacement uvpc windows, soffits, fascias and doors. And the "new look" was then completed with re-decoration of the interior.

Since 2004, the Friends of St Andrew's raised funds to undertake a number of improvements to the church and surrounds, including the addition of a kitchen and a side entrance.

St Andrew's Church now celebrates its 50th birthday as an excellent religious centre and community hub for the village of Box Hill.





Box Hill Good Neighbours

The Tinsel and Turkey trip to Hayling Island

This trip in December was a fantastic success with two coaches fully booked! The delicious 3-course Christmas meal and Dick Whittington panto were enjoyed by all.



Elves Mike & Annalisa with Santa Fred

Box Hill Good Neighbours Christmas Tea Party at the Village Hall

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all with afternoon tea including sandwiches, crisps and cakes. There was a raffle and Christmas themed quiz presented by Mike Balch and among those present, aside from Father Christmas and his elves, were committee members Glenys Williams, Sue Clark and Liz Chadwick who we would like to thank enormously for the delicious afternoon tea they generously provided and Mike Balch for providing the entertainment!

Thanks

Transport Manager Mike Balch and mini bus co-ordinator would like to thank the people in the village for the generous Christmas gifts given to him, including gifts from residents he has not yet met but who he has spoken to on the telephone. Your kind thoughtfulness and generosity were very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Event Numbers

Box Hill Good Neighbours now have 50 people (with requests for more to join growing) who attend their events. Unfortunately, no more people can be accepted at the moment but if you are interested in joining any of our events throughout the year, please contact Mike Balch on 07905 178335 and he will be happy to put your name on the reservation list and let you know if and when a space becomes available.

Volunteer Drivers

Finally, Box Hill Good Neighbours Transport Manager Mike Balch would like to say a big thank you to all of his dedicated drivers for their hard work throughout the year. Their services are invaluable to the residents on the hill and appreciated by many. I would like once again to point out to residents however, that the transport service is run solely by volunteers who generously give up their free time between the hours of 9am-5pm Monday to Friday to drive residents to and from various appointments throughout the week. Please note that telephone calls to Mike Balch will only be answered between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and any calls/messages received outside of these hours will not be answered, handled or dealt with until Monday morning when the service re-opens at 9am.

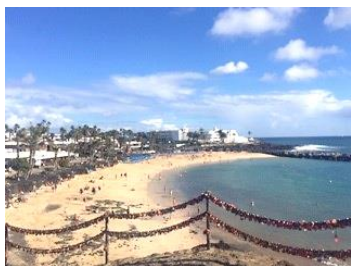
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TRAVEL BLOG: Lanzarote for Winter Sun



Lanzarote is one of the Canary Islands. It is a volcanic destination with quaint white buildings all painted with either green or blue shutters dotted around the place. The Canary Islands are an ideal destination if you are looking for some winter sun during the cold miserable months of the UK as the climate is temperate all year round.

We stayed in Playa Blanca at the Elba Premium Suites Resort. This is an adult only resort offering a selection of restaurants, swimming pools and a spa. We had a few days in the resort enjoying the sunshine; one of the swimming pools had a bar where it served food and drink, so I had a glass of sangria to toast the start of the holiday.

A complimentary spa voucher was included with our stay, a fantastic way to relax. The Spa was great fun; there was an amazing high-pressured shower system. The Jacuzzi was fantastic, with heated loungers to relax on afterwards. The Hotel had spectacular views of the golden sands of Playa Flamingo beach. This is a lively resort filled with many cafes, bars and supermarkets.

We hired a car for a few days and explored the Timanfaya National Park, the mountains of fire, where you can take a camel ride to see the spectacular views of the volcanoes!

The following day we went to the colourful Marina Rubicon Markets, still in Playa Blanca, which are open every Wednesday and Saturday. Having the car for three days enabled us to see

the island, including the wine museum Museo El Grifo.

One evening we had a lovely meal at La Lapa restaurant in El Golfo, eating fresh locally caught red snapper which was cooked to perfection, with a glass of the local Lanzarote wine, went down a treat!

Author: Ellie Harris of Symphony World Travel

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When it's not life-threatening, call 111 for help

Winter is always an extremely busy time for the NHS, with ambulance services receiving hundreds more 999 calls and Surrey hospital emergency departments experiencing huge demand for care, which means patients wait longer to be seen. However, in many instances these calls for help aren't always for genuine emergencies.

This winter the NHS is asking people to Help Us Help You by knowing what to do and where to go for the right level of advice and support when you, or a loved one, is feeling unwell - and that's where NHS 111 comes in.

NHS 111 is much more than a helpline. Dialling 111 on your landline or mobile is the fastest way to access urgent healthcare advice and support from highly trained advisers, supported by qualified healthcare professionals. Calls are free and the service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Call 111 if:

- You need medical help fast but it's not a life-threatening emergency
- You don't know who to call or you don't have a registered GP
- You need health information or reassurance about what to do next

South East Ambulance Regional Operations Manager, Andy Cashman, endorses this approach: "People can play a significant role in helping us manage our demand by remembering that calling 999 should be reserved for the most serious incidents. Using it for any other purpose impacts on our ability to respond to all patients."

When a child falls ill, as an example, worried parents sometimes head straight for A&E, but Tariq Bhatti, Consultant Paediatrician and Specialty Lead for Paediatrics at Ashford and St Peter's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, suggests this may not always be the best course of action. "Most children with a bad cold, cough or mild fever have a viral illness. If they are able to continue to eat and drink, in most cases they will not need any more treatment other than an over-the-counter painkiller and good hydration."

If in doubt, or if the child is aged under one, call NHS 111 in the first instance. They can connect you to a GP, specialist nurse, emergency dentist or request an ambulance, if they think it necessary. You can also check symptoms and seek advice via 111.nhs.uk



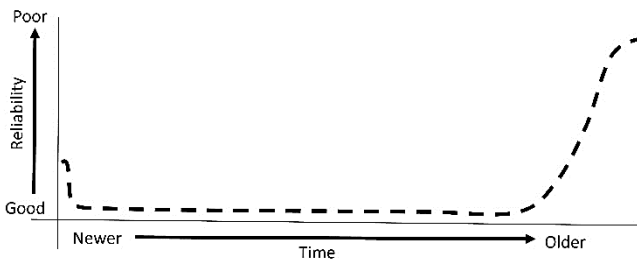
Computer User's Corner

Computers and Bathtubs

Not the most logical connection, so stick with us....

Frequently we are asked how long does a PC, Mac or tablet last for? Their reliability is very good as you will see...but what affects the devices performance is the complexities of the current software and security systems that are an integral part of the operating system on the device, also the mixture of different applications and programs a machine can accrue during its life.

Additionally, a machine that was designed for the market 8 years ago would be a very different technicality and specification to a modern-day machine. Yes, the machine can be upgraded to squeeze some more life from it, but it is often a compromise, and the cost of upgrading the machine can be half the cost of a replacement device; also, you get the prospect of greater reliability, newer technology, and much improved performance with a new machine.



Looking at the reliability, there is a graph called a “bathtub” graph (*left*), which plots the average reliability of a computer (and most electrical items) against time. This indicates the device may have some reliability

issues when it is first supplied- this is typical as the electronics may have a manufacturing issue which wasn't detected during post manufacture testing, once this has been overcome there is a long period of uninterrupted reliability, then as the device starts to age, typically this is around 7-9 years of age, when it starts to become less reliable, where eventually this becomes a terminal issue.

Considering this - if you want a really cost-effective solution, then buying a refurbished high spec machine could end up being a worthwhile exercise as they still have a lot of reliability ahead of them, and they also will be significantly cheaper.

We do have used PC's, Apple iMac's, Macbook's and iPads from stock- they have all been fully refurbished and upgraded where necessary, with prices starting as low as £50.00 it could be worth considering?

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National Trust Box Hill

Visitor Centre Update – February 2019

We started 2019 at a run. Families flocked to Box Hill on New Year's Day and just kept coming during the rest of the school holidays. The volunteers and Rangers worked hard to find parking spaces for everyone and there was a constant stream of visitors wanting hot coffee and soup and despite some over indulgence at Christmas it didn't stop people having just one more slice of cake up here.

Schools going back have left us a bit quieter midweek which has given us time to re-evaluate our menu, spring clean the Café, sort out our store rooms and look more closely at our environmental impact. All our cups, plates and cutlery are compostable, but we would like to make better use of the compost and ideally encourage people to bring their own cups. Behind the scenes we are using our own mugs, switching off lights, being careful about the quantity of hot water we use, using compostable plastic bin bags and looking at other ways we can save energy and be more environmentally conscious. We want to make significant changes in 2019.

February brings us Valentine's Day and the chefs are working on a special cake, as well as heart shaped shortbread biscuits and with some staff pressure their White Chocolate and Raspberry Muffins! A week later and the children have their first half

term of the year, so we hope to have some nice treats here in the café and some lovely family walks.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to our wonderful Assistant Manager, Steve. He has been with us for five years but has decided he would like to be closer to his family in Wales. He is not leaving the Trust but will be working at another property just over the border. We all wish him every happiness in his new role.

We hope everyone's New Year has started as happily as ours and look forward to seeing all our local friends in 2019.

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Dorking Museum was able to celebrate another amazing year in 2018. Chairman Nigel Arch says, "Dorking Museum is a real jewel in the crown for both the town and the whole district. We reach far and wide, our activities not confined by the Museum's walls, celebrating our shared heritage. Every year our reach gets wider, and more people within our community are able to benefit from our services and facilities. With no paid staff and no guaranteed funding, none of this could have happened without the hard work of our dedicated volunteers."

Are you making the most of the Museum? In 2018, we welcomed 4,000 visitors to the Museum; took 660 people underground on Cave tours; guided 450 people on walks in Dorking and on the Deepdene Trail; benefitted 385 children on school and youth group visits; welcomed 300 participants to our school holiday and half term family activities; attracted over 650 people to our temporary exhibitions 'on the road' and 200 to our regular Gallery Talks; as well as adult group visits, Open Day tours of the Dutch House and much more besides. We hosted several community activities, mounted three all-new temporary exhibitions, hosted two film-makers, funded and unveiled two blue plaques, and, of course, played a key role in the Rob Walker Centenary Festival.



Our current exhibition: 'Lord Ashcombe's Minerals – the gentlemen collectors and the advance of science'. The Museum's spring exhibition showcases the history of and examples from Lord Ashcombe's stunning mineral collection. In the 19th century, George Cubitt, the first Lord Ashcombe (*left*), amassed an extensive and impressive collection of fossils and minerals, which were displayed at his Denbies home. The collection was donated to Dorking

Museum in 1948 by his grandson, Roland Cubitt, the 3rd Baron Ashcombe. The fossil collection, fondly known as 'Lord Ashcombe's teeth', is on regular display at the Museum and is a favourite for many visitors.

Apart from the fossils, mineral specimens were also collected by Lord Ashcombe. Many of the quartz crystals originate from Derbyshire, some from other parts of the country (Cornwall and Staffordshire) and from overseas (India and Italy). Cubitt displayed these dazzling minerals in glass-fronted cases at Denbies for the enjoyment of his family, friends and visitors at a time when there were few museums and no television or internet, so these were the only opportunities that people had to view the wonders of the natural world.

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DORKING MUSEUM – What's On (Continuation)



A Woodstone sample from Derbyshire

However, this part of the collection – some of the pieces up to 20kg in weight – has not been on regular display, so the exhibition provides a rare opportunity to view. As Museum curator Clare Flanagan says, “we want to retain the collection as a whole for historical and research purposes and to give a full picture of what Lord Ashcombe was trying to achieve. The collection if all displayed would take up four times the amount of space we currently have in our prehistoric / geological area. It is a magnificent collection and we are proud to be able to retain it for visitors now and for future generations.”

Lord Ashcombe's collection and those of other gentlemen collectors played an important role in an age of amateur science, in the development of the study of geology and palaeontology and the scientific understanding of the earth's history.

Guided walks: The Museum's programme of guided walks of the town and the Deepdene Trail is available for group bookings. Open Days will resume in March (the Deepdene Trail 10th March). See the Museum website for details and bookings.

SNOWDROPS by Patience Strong



I thought that snow had fallen overnight
When I saw the Willow ringed with white -
Like a necklace looped around the tree.
Mystified I crossed the lawn to see - snowdrops.
Yes, the snowdrops are back again -
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LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS – February 2019

Compiled by Ian Codd

2nd at 12.00, Music at Midday at St Martin's church, free, 01306 884229
2nd at 5.55, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717
3rd at 3.00, Dante string quartet at Dorking Halls, £21, 01306 740619
4th at 2.00, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717
5th 12th 19th 26th at 8.30, Watermill Jazz at Betchworth Pk golf club, 07415 815784
9th at 5.00, Dorking Chamber Orchestra at St Nicolas's church, Great Bookham, £15
13th-16th at 7.45, My Fair Lady at Dorking Halls, £12-20, 01306 881717
19th at 7.15, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717
24th at 3.00, Dante string quartet at Dorking Halls, £21, 01306 740619
25th at 2.00, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717

February sees two further concerts by the **Dante string quartet**, continuing the series they began last month. Each concert will include one of Beethoven's 'Razumovsky' string quartets. The first concert will feature Razumovsky no.2, in which Beethoven included an old Russian tune, so it is appropriately partnered with two Russian quartets by Shostakovich and Glazunov. The other concert includes Beethoven's last Razumovsky quartet, a large and powerful work, along with quartets by Haydn and Schumann.

The **Dorking Chamber Orchestra**, playing in Great Bookham, has a predominantly baroque programme with music by Bach, Handel and Albinoni. They will also play the Serenade for strings by the Swedish composer Dag Wiren.



The musical *My Fair Lady* is performed by the **Dorking Dramatic and Operatic Society**. Written by Lerner and Loewe, and adapted from Shaw's play *Pygmalion*, this is the story of how a professor of phonetics attempts to transform a Cockney flower girl into a duchess. One of the most enduring musicals, it includes many well-loved songs. As well as the four evening performances,

there is also a Saturday matinee at 2.30 in the afternoon.

There are several screenings of opera and ballet at the **Dorking Halls** this month. Bizet's colourful Spanish opera *Carmen* comes live from the Metropolitan Opera in New York (2nd), while Verdi's tragic tale *La traviata* is shown in a recording from the Royal Opera House (4th). The ballet *Don Quixote* is broadcast live on 19th and then in a recording on 25th.

February's lunchtime recital at **St Martin's church** will be given by the Brass Buck trio.

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LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS – February 2019 (Continuation)



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05 Feb, Jam Experiment

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accessible, intelligently crafted... and irresistible." London Jazz News. www.jamexperiment.com

12 Feb, Sara Dowling

Gifted with immensely emotional vocals, Sara Dowling's influences are far-reaching. With an Irish father and Lebanese mother, she grew up surrounded by the sounds of her father's jazz collection and was influenced by Sarah Vaughan and Betty Carter. Sara is now one of the UK's leading jazz vocalists. www.saradowling.co.uk



19 Feb, Robin Aspland – Anthony Kerr Quartet

Crystal Silence is a new project featuring the partnership between two of the leading lights of the UK Jazz scene, vibraphonist Anthony Kerr and pianist Robin Aspland. Supported by the world class rhythm section of Matt Skelton and Jeremy Brown, you'll want to make this night a firm fixture in your jazz diary.

26 Feb, Vein

The group was immensely popular on their debut visit to Watermill Jazz, and this evening they will be playing originals balanced with adaptations of pieces from the classical and jazz traditions, including works from their acclaimed album VEIN Plays Ravel. www.vein.ch





A Tribute for Our Family Generated Church by Glenys Sahay

On this special occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of St Andrew's Church it is fitting that we recall some of those people who gave so much to the development of our church during their lifetime.

We should remember **Leslie and Rosemary Worth**.

Thank you to Leslie for all his meticulous book-keeping and money management, and to Rosemary for her flower rota and wonderful altar arrangements. We also owe her for the parties and special meetings in their home with their unfailing welcome and delicious catering.

Thank you too to **Eric Breaks** for all his planning and committee work, and to **Mary Breaks** as dedicated secretary and record keeper. It was always Mary who gave our annual report at St Mary's Church. I never knew Mary to miss a weekly collection; if she was unable to attend services her collection envelopes were still filled and waiting for me in her top sideboard drawer.

Our lovely patronal assistant **Ann Banks** who regularly visited homes where she was needed, still found time, when Peter Parrett became unable, to push her lawn mower over all our grass and trim our hedges. She was a staunch friend to Leslie and Rosemary and was responsible for making their little memorial garden at the side of the Church.

Des Langley too will never be forgotten for his work and loyalty, including the year he served as our church warden. He always opted to "meet and greet" at the door prior to services. At that time, we were renowned for the warmth of our welcome.

We have also been blessed by good friends still living, but who have left the district. **John and Jane Harding** were indispensable: John for his ability to remember all things important and to be our first point of reference for any queries: Jane not only for her delicious cakes, and for propagating endless plants for sale, but for her energy in helping out in endless different ways.

Nigel Brooks was my personal prop and guide through the mysteries of the internet. All records and printing for The Friends of St Andrew's Church were safe in his hands and I was nothing like as clever as he made me appear.

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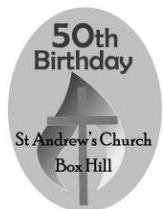
A Tribute for our Family Generate Church (Continuation)

Fortunately, still living on the Hill we must remember **Peter Parrett** who worked tirelessly on our grounds for many years, keeping them immaculate and never charging a single penny. There are few people left who have been as dedicated as Peter.

Lastly, I must mention my friend **Beryl Langley**. She has been hostess extraordinary, gifted flower arranger, and efficient organizer of public events. I wonder how many people will remember her monthly markets in the hall? Without their proceeds towards our kitchen we would never have raised enough money to build it. She still finds time to help out in myriad other ways, and in spite of all her versatility is still a very willing tea and coffee maker.

These are just some of the people who come readily to mind when I look back on the history of our special church. I know there are many more I haven't mentioned (apologies to them) because we are a family generated church, made what it has become by the efforts of all who envisioned, built, and fostered it.

The spiritual life of our church is enriched by those who loved and nurtured it for fifty years. And my own spiritual life has been greatly enriched too by having such true friends.



St Andrew's 50th Anniversary

Tea Time Talk-in

Saturday 2 February 2019

DO YOU RECALL BOXHILL VILLAGE LIFE IN THE LATE 1960's?

or know anyone who might?

As a part of our 50th Birthday Celebrations, St Andrew's Church is to hold an exhibition of pictures and materials from the late 1960's

During the afternoon, we will be inviting local residents with some stories to tell about life in Box Hill in the late 1960's, including the building of St Andrew's Church, to a "Tea-Time Talk-In", to recall and reminisce together

The discussions will be recorded for the "verbal history" archives of the Dorking Museum, before all the memories have been lost to posterity.

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Letter from the Rector

I am not an accomplished skier, but I have skied, and as sleet is falling as I write this letter a skiing analogy comes to mind. 2019 has begun and I find it begins with a rush. It now feels well under way – it feels as if we are on the downhill slope and like a skier gathering speed... but what lies ahead of us? Is it a training slope

or will it be a severe test?

I expect there will be icy patches at times and mogul fields, and we may well fall over, we may crash into other people and they may crash into us. We will feel ourselves under strain and pressure and out of breath, maybe exhausted, maybe bruised, maybe tearful... but also exhilarated and alive, hearts pounding, lungs expanding and faces smiling.



But it helps if we are dressed correctly. In our Christian lives St

Paul uses an analogy of taking clothes from a wardrobe and dressing (see Colossians ch3 v9-11 The Message): “Don’t lie to one another. You’re done with that old life. It’s like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you’ve stripped off and put in the fire. Now you’re dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete.”

The Colossians old ways of behaving and speaking are to be treated like the dreadful soiled clothes of a tramp and burned because God has got new clothes for them (and us) that are hand tailored.

And so, believing ourselves to be who Jesus says we are, we are encouraged to live differently, in his strength. In fact, to live and love as restoration projects of the people he has created us to be.

So, (v12-14) “dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: (& what has he picked?) Well look here: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Those really suit you. Also, be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense.”

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Letter from the Rector (Continuation)

They fit so well. They are truly eye catching, to God and to us. You see the analogy? God has chosen us, and picked out clothes for us, but we have to put those clothes on. And it is our ongoing experience of his love and kindness and forgiveness and mercy that helps us.



So, Paul says: “Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. Never be without it.” It sounds easy – but try it and we know it is not easy at all. The new clothes can be hard to put on, and the old can be hard to get rid of.

These old clothes may be addictions or destructive habits or self-centeredness and pride... but may also be wrong views of ourselves, lies we may have believed about ourselves for years and years that have twisted and warped us away from God’s original design.

But though we may struggle to identify some of the old clothes we wear, and they may be well hidden, others around us may be a help, and those with whom we spend the most time are likely to be best equipped to give us clues.

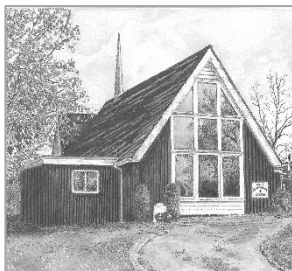
They will know what situations seem to ‘hook’ our baggage, or tread on our toes, or touch an emotionally bruised part of us so that perhaps we react a little over the top.

Others may hear our self-talk that is hard-done-by or put upon or superior or self-hating and see the particular context that leads to our giving voice to such beliefs. It is great if we let others help us, because Christian discipleship is really a matter of what Dallas Willard called the “renovation” of our hearts which then will radically alter how we live.

The big question is this, are we willing to pay attention to ourselves and especially to the areas of pain and conflict in our lives in order to bring ourselves to God in all our complexity and messiness?

Very best wishes and blessings, **Revd Harry Latham**

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	10.45am	2nd & 4th Sundays: Parish Communion
	10.45am	3rd Sunday: Family Service
<i>Also...</i>		
5th Sundays	10.15am	Joint Benefice Family Communion at either St Mary's, St Andrew's or St Peter's, Walton-on-the-Hill

Please note: The above is a general statement and there are variations. It is important please to refer to the detailed diary page on our website www.headleyboxhillchurches.org.uk or www.stpeterswalton.org.uk or to the lists on the notice boards in the churches.

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

Thanks to all those who submitted answers for Word Game 80. There were 38 entries of which 24 contained all correct answers. If you didn't get the correct answers this time, just keep on trying!!!!

Don't forget that the middle column shows a number in brackets – this is the number of letters in the correct answer. We are still receiving answers with more or fewer letters than the correct answer.

Game 80 answers: BRANDY (**SAUCE**) BOAT, SEASON'S (**GREETINGS**) CARDS, CHRISTMAS (**STOCKING**) FILLER, RELIANT (**ROBIN**) HOOD, DINNER (**PARTY**) NIGHT, CHRISTMAS (**WRAPPING**) PAPER, OLIVE (**OIL**) RIG, MOUNTAIN (**RANGE**) ROVER, EYEBROW (**PENCIL**) SHARPENER, NORFOLK (**TURKEY**) STUFFING

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Word Game No. 81 – 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 2. 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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