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Welcome

Dear Neighbours, there is a palpable feeling of positivity and optimism in the air as the lock-down restrictions start to lift. We do seem to be approaching the new freedoms with some hesitancy at first, but it feels good, doesn't it?

The joy of meeting friends (albeit limited in numbers) outdoors again, the delights of sitting in a pub garden with a pint of beer and a packet of crisps! It's almost worth the months of lockdown just to enjoy these simple pleasures in their full intensity.

I hope you too have had the chance to meet friends and family again in an outdoor setting and start to heal some of those feelings of loneliness and frustration we've all experienced during lockdown.

Please spare a thought for those people in the community who don't have anyone to meet up with now that the freedom to do so is increasing. We've often heard the phrase recently 'new normal', for some people this is their normal! Whenever possible we should remember that lonelier people in our community would benefit greatly from some of us just checking in on them from time to time, especially now that we have all experienced a little taste of isolation and can appreciate, to some extent, what it might feel like if that was your normal life.

As I mentioned in the last issue, we really are starting to see a return of people

advertising their businesses, as we venture out and as the weather gets ever more spring like. We're looking for others to feel braver still and start promoting their live events later in the year (please do get in touch if you have events to promote over the summer and onwards, our next issue will be July & August) and the community is keen to start getting out there with renewed confidence and involvement.

As the advice tells us, let's take these next steps carefully, look after each other and hopefully we'll all have a fantastic summer. I look forward to talking to you again in July.

Paul Nicholls (Editor)
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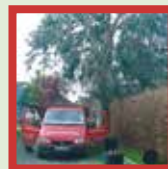
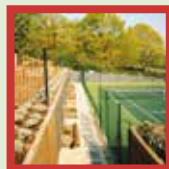
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Local news & events: get involved and tell us more about your news and events organised in Burpham, Jacobs Well and the surrounding areas.



London Road: there is no kerbside planting and the hedges are past their best.

Burpham needs to protect itself with kerbside planting.

Take a look at the hedges along your road and what lies between them and the passing cars. Most residents will find that they will have garden bushes on one side and a kerb on the other. If you're lucky, you will have a grassy patch between you and the garden, but nothing much between you and the road. If you're very lucky, trees – private or public – will shade your walk on a sunny day.

Greenery is not the only thing that accompanies you when you walk and cycle down your street. You also

have toxic particulates that rise up from passing tyres, especially where vehicles tend to brake, shredding small particulates of rubber that can reach the lungs and are known carcinogens. This makes junctions and roundabouts dangerous places. Also present are CO₂ emissions from passing exhausts, with the honourable exception of electric vehicles. Some of us on busy roads are also subject to noise and house vibration when heavy goods vehicles thunder by at speed.

Amazingly, there is a simple solution to toxic kerbside dangers and they are the brainchild of Professor Kumar who works at the University of Surrey. His solution is cheap, lovely to look at and simple: you plant shrubs, bushes and

trees as a barrier and an air purifier. According to Professor Kumar's research, low-level bushes on the kerb between you and the traffic captures those dangerous particulates and stops most of it rising up into the lungs of cyclist and pedestrians.

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Moreover, bushes and then tall trees on your other side (the garden side) will act as a barrier and as an air purifier by absorbing the CO₂ and giving it back out as fresh oxygen. This is a part of Nature's own air conditioning system. Interestingly, some leaves work better than other. Broad leaves are good if you are choosing a new hedge, but prickly rambling 'open' stems are not so effective.

How safe are Burpham's kerbsides?

At first sight, this is a green area rich in trees, but frankly, they are in the wrong places for this kind of protection. Take London Road, for example, as our busiest road: there is no kerbside planting, and the hedges, whilst plentiful, are past their best and in poor condition. There are stretches of grass which look good but, sadly, grass doesn't deal with emissions. As you move towards town, there is not even grass and the cycle

We must keep on protecting each other.

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lanes are downright dangerous. Here, houses sit hard against the road and therefore subject to higher levels of CO₂ emissions, noise and vibration. I count a dozen houses on London Road (where I live, incidentally) in which I would be fearful to live because of the air quality.

Or take Weylea and Weybrook estates: with garden-city style landscaping, open green spaces and lots of grass. But their development preceded Kumar's research so it is largely confined to small (but beautiful) green packets of land. In truth, it needs to be dispersed more widely along roadsides.

However, there are mitigations: developers built in short-cuts for pedestrians between houses to link roads and avoid traffic. Weybrook estate is outstanding in this respect. That 'avoiding' strategy started in Merrow Park which has an outstanding pedestrian network to avoid the traffic. That was due to the involvement of the Merrow Residents' Association at the time.

There's more we can do in Burpham to create pedestrian green shortcuts, the simplest of which is a path around the inside perimeter of the Sutherland Park so we don't have to walk or cycle alongside heavy traffic in that area. And thank goodness the Burpham Community Association curbed Sainsburys' plan to dock more vehicles here.

The council has, to my mind, done a great job of maintaining the parks, but it needs to re-plant and renovate the hedges for safety and plant low-level protective shrubs along the kerbsides of our busiest roads. It needs to advise residents who have no protective planting on their road-facing sides to put some in.

Sue Hackman



Coming out of lockdown – don't wait: get debt help now.

Guildford charity urges people in debt to get urgent help as lockdown restrictions are eased.

A group of churches in Guildford have been running a **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** debt centre for nearly nine years. The free service is available to all people in the surrounding area.

The combination of rising unemployment, reduced hours, illness and larger bills covering the period when so many people have been at home has created a situation where many people now have unmanageable debt. As people emerge from lockdown the uncertain economic effects may impact people hard. However, for people here in Guildford, there is a solution.

Jane Seals, Guildford CAP Debt Centre Manager, said: "Although we've continued helping people out of debt throughout the pandemic, we know that many people have been in survival mode and it's only as we come out of lockdown that they will start to seek help.

"We want everyone to know that we're here to give that help completely free

of charge along with localised support, understanding and encouragement.

The Debt Centre currently has plenty of appointments available so we're urging people to get in contact as soon as possible to get help and get their lives back on track.

There is a team of volunteers, some of whom have been in debt themselves and are now out the other side, able to give a helping hand with practical solutions.

"Although we've continued helping people out of debt throughout the pandemic, we know that many people have been in survival mode and it's only as we come out of lockdown that they will start to seek help."

CAP client, Lisa, said: "Without CAP I think I would probably be dead as I wouldn't have had money to buy food! Now, I'm going to uni! Now, I know I can afford it and I feel mentally better, I'm hoping to change people's lives the way CAP has changed mine."

If you know things are out of control and you're stressed, missing meals or sleep, please give us a call and let us help you get your life back on track.

Book an appointment with **CAP** by calling **Freephone 0800 328 0006** or visit capuk.org

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity determined to reduce UK poverty delivering debt counselling, money management, job clubs, life skills groups and support for people breaking life controlling habits.

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Launched in March 2021, **Surrey Hills Baby Clothes Library** provides rental of age appropriate boxes of pre-owned baby clothes at a suggested rental of £5 per box (this is just a recommendation, more is always welcome and benefits many more families with young babies) plus a £20 returnable deposit (subject to the condition of the returned clothes).

Who & why?

I am a local mum who wants to share with other families. I want to help make a difference to our planet and keep money in your pockets for making memories. I do this voluntarily and in good faith and all that I ask is that our customers share these

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- Pram suits, shoes and grobags are all available to rent with an additional deposit.

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Common Objective (2021)

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Eden People wellbeing & spirituality group

 **Eden People** are a local community wellbeing & spirituality group based in the Stoughton area of Guildford. They have over 20 years' experience of facilitating & running wellbeing spaces & activities around the Guildford area. Some locals may remember their venue at Guilfest and many other community events.

This group look to support people's mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health through a range of activities accessible to people of all ages, gender or ethnicity; with any, no or some belief or faith basis – everyone is welcome.

The group creates different wellbeing & spirituality activities to bring rest & peace to the body, mind & spirit, and to encourage participants to build self-worth and awareness of their uniqueness & identity.

As we look to come out of restrictions Eden People are here to help support local people's wellbeing, spirituality & health at this time. They would like to open opportunity for people to engage with them and others through some of the following activities:

- Body Blessing & Positive Postures Sessions
- Meditation / Contemplation
- LifeWalks walking group
- Art & Creative workshops
- Dream Interpretation, Insight & Destiny, Encouragement & Healing.

All activities are offered for free or with a donation from participants.

To find out more about **Eden People**, join their mailing list and current activities

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 **Holiday at home for the over 50s at the Millmead Centre Guildford – Fun and Games in 'Japan'.** As we get older we can feel more lonely, particularly with the restrictions we've all been facing, so why not join us at the **Millmead 'Holiday at Home' July 20th – 22nd** where you can meet up with friends, old and new, enjoying various activities, reminisce, have some good food and some much needed fun.

£7.50 per day or £21.00 for all 3 days. Provisional bookings can be made but please do NOT send money. We will confirm after 21st June. Booking forms are available from the church office: **Guildford Baptist Church GU2 4BE** or online via www.guildfordbaptist.org/hah-guest

If you have any questions telephone **01483 575008** or email office@guildfordbaptist.org


Tuesday 20th July at 7.30pm

Surrey Police Band in Concert

 The Surrey Police Band, conducted by Graham Atterbury, will be performing a 1940's themed evening that is not to be missed at the **Yvonne Arnaud Theatre**, Guildford as a part of the **Guildford Fringe Festival**.

Tickets available now at:
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 We are continuing to meet via Zoom, including our book groups, interim quiz/chat meetings and 'virtual' coffee mornings. We are looking forward (as we emerge from lockdown and come into the spring/summer months) to when we will be able to meet in person.

Until such time as it is safe to resume meetings in the Village Hall, our speakers will continue to give talks via Zoom. Meetings are held Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

Forthcoming meetings are:

Tuesday 18th May

A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer

Discussion and voting for this year's National WI Campaign – followed by a quiz or game.

Tuesday 15th June

Sex, secrets, scandal and salacious gossip of the Royal Court 1660-1760

Tuesday 20th July

Fonteyn – A ballerina for all time

Membership of the WI is open to all women aged 18 and over. The subscription to Burpham Evening WI members this year is discounted to £22.40 (from £44.00).

If you would like further information about our WI, including how you can join our meetings via Zoom, please email us at burphamevewi@hotmail.com

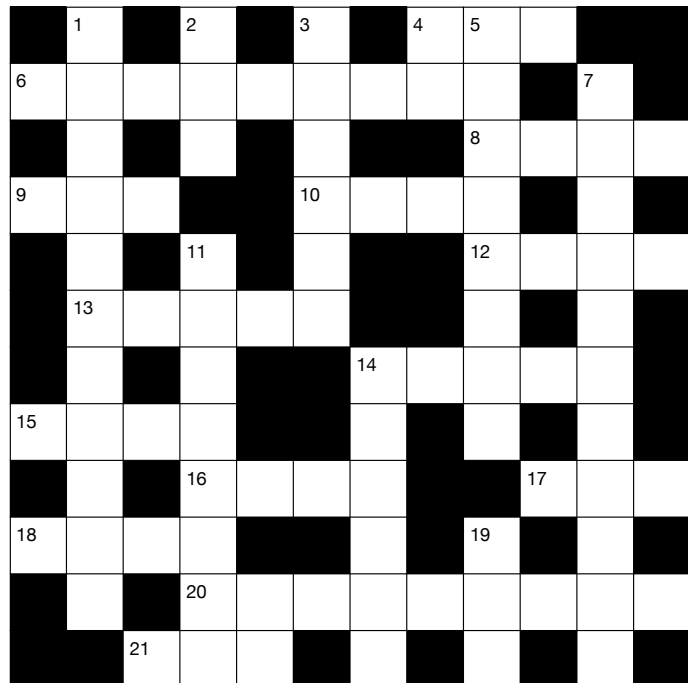
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Burpham Pages Crossword

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Across

- 4 A type of beer (3)
- 6 Check, adjust, or determine the accuracy of a measuring device (9)
- 8 A video blog (4)
- 9 A boat built to be filled 2 x 2 (4)
- 10 An animal whose babies are called 'leverets' (4)
- 12 Mixture of butter and flour used in making sauces (4)
- 13 Meeting where ideas and views on a particular issue can be exchanged (5)
- 14 Not clearly stated, described, or explained, or not clearly seen or felt (5)
- 15 Cooled in or containing pieces of ice (4)
- 16 Individual item regarded as single & complete (4)
- 17 Pen or enclosure for swine (3)
- 18 Molten or semi-fluid rock (4)
- 20 Change completely appearance or character (9)
- 21 Bottom of the sea or a lake or river (3)

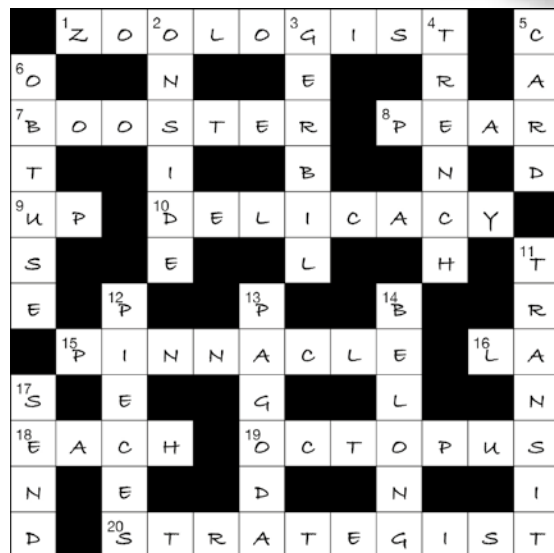
Down

- 1 Of or relating to the act of giving up something that you want to keep (11)
- 2 Personal identification number (3)
- 3 Dutch city focussed on by Operation Market Garden (6)
- 4 Place or time something happens or is situated (2)
- 5 Use something you already have to achieve something new or better (8)
- 7 Consisting of or based on official documents (11)
- 11 Successfully complete an academic degree (8)
- 14 Activity of choosing in an election (6)
- 19 Near, toward, or in the stern of a ship (3)

Solution to Crossword No. 16

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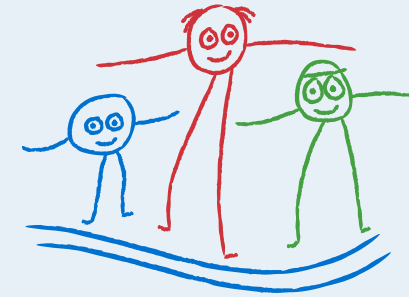
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Sacrificial love

I wonder if you are a morning person, who is always full of beans and energy first thing in the morning, ready to face the day. Or are you a night owl who comes alive in the evening and can keep going long into the night. Most of us will be somewhere in between the two extremes!

What I have observed is that those people who start the day with the right attitude seem to get through life much better. I am not really one for life phrases but the one that says, 'today is the first day of the rest of your life' is true. However, it does not address how to act in each new day of the rest of our lives! In the last issue we talked about the need to let go of our worries and those things we cannot control and drain away the rubbish. But perhaps the most powerful thing we can start each morning with is forgiving sacrificial love. Parents learn to start every morning with new love, day after day, for their children. Our life partners and perhaps friends, can be harder to start each morning with fresh love, particularly a sacrificial kind!

Sacrificial love means a love that costs us and is not always returned to us. I understand that is hard and sometimes impossible to find this kind of love to give away every morning. Indeed, in order to give love away, we need to receive love from somewhere. That is generally from our family and friends, but they can fail too. Our danger is then to look in the wrong place for love. While this too is understandable it still often leaves us empty.

Sacrificial love means a love that costs us and is not always returned to us.

While I understand not everyone shares my faith in God, God is my

place to go for love each and every morning, because He promises that His love is unlimited and always available to everyone who seeks and knows Him. The Bible says this:

"God's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning."

Lamentations 3:22-24

Are you starting your new day every morning with love? Where is your love coming from every morning?

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Community Update

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May & June 2021

We represent the community of Burpham, Guildford

If at first you don't succeed...

One of the functions of the **Burpham Flood Forum** has been to research the various water courses in the Ward.



Upstream from Bowers Lock is possibly the oldest stream; it appears at the rear of Abbotswood and drains into the River Wey. If you walk along the towpath from Bower's Lane and turn left at the bend by Old Buck's Weir, heading upstream, you may have noticed a deep ditch on your left which ends in a pipe. This is the outflow from that ancient stream.

The flow of water has been impeded to such an extent that it has flooded the towpath.

Over the years, this ditch has become choked with fallen trees, and other vegetation has been dumped in it. The flow of water has been impeded to such an extent that it has flooded the towpath. The BCA raised this issue with various authorities as far back as 2013 and there followed years of playing that well-known game called 'pass the responsibility parcel.'



Photograph by Jim Allen

...keep on nagging.

After seven years of patient trawling through a multitude of documents, it transpired that GBC was 'the responsible landowner' and therefore responsible for clearing the ditch. We are delighted to report that the fallen tree which was blocking the flow has been removed and we understand that the full length of the watercourse will be cleaned out this spring.

NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day

The National Health Service came into being on 5th July 1948 and brought free health care to everyone. In the past year that service has been tested to the limit by the impact of Covid-19

On **Monday July 5th** this year we have an opportunity to show our gratitude when the first NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day takes place. It is hoped to hold a series of events throughout the day – flag raising, a 2 minute silence at 11am, special lunches and teas and at 8pm church bells will ring out.

The BCA hopes to do something to mark this occasion...

Money will be raised for two causes – **NHS Charities Together** and the **National Care Association**. The BCA hopes to do something to mark this occasion, perhaps working with other Burpham groups so keep a look out on social media for more information. To find out more about this event go to <https://www.nhsfrontlineday.org>

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Litter picking

The first BCA litter pick of the year was due to take place on the 10th April (this article was written at the end of March).

Many thanks to all the volunteers. If you would like to join in, please contact the Membership Secretary on membership@burphamca.org.uk

The average household in the UK throws away around one tonne of rubbish every year; of that, 400kg is plastic waste.

The average household in the UK throws away around one tonne of rubbish every year; of that, 400kg is plastic waste. The Covid pandemic has seen a huge increase in single use plastic – cleaning wipes, disposable masks and gloves, and coffee cups, not to mention **38.5 million plastic bottles every day**. Much of this ends up in landfill, or incinerators or in the environment.



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There are a few simple things we can do to help prevent this:

- Use a refillable water bottle.
- Take your own re-useable cup for coffee. Many businesses in Guildford accept them and some offer a discount for using them rather than disposable ones.
- Avoid single use packaging – buy loose if you can.
- Try refill shopping – there are

several places in Guildford where you can refill dry foods and bathroom essentials – **Noel's Farm shop** in Sutton Green, **Guild Foods Market** in Woodbridge Road and **Food for Thought** in North Street.

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Please contact Liz Turner, our Membership Secretary, if you have any queries. Her email address is membership@burphamca.org.uk

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Burpham

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Guide Price £265,000



Burpham

A superbly presented one double bedroom Freehold house, updated by the current owners to a good standard throughout. Situated in the heart of Weybrook Park, the property is within walking distance of Burpham village shops, Sainsburys superstore and ideally located for access onto the A3.

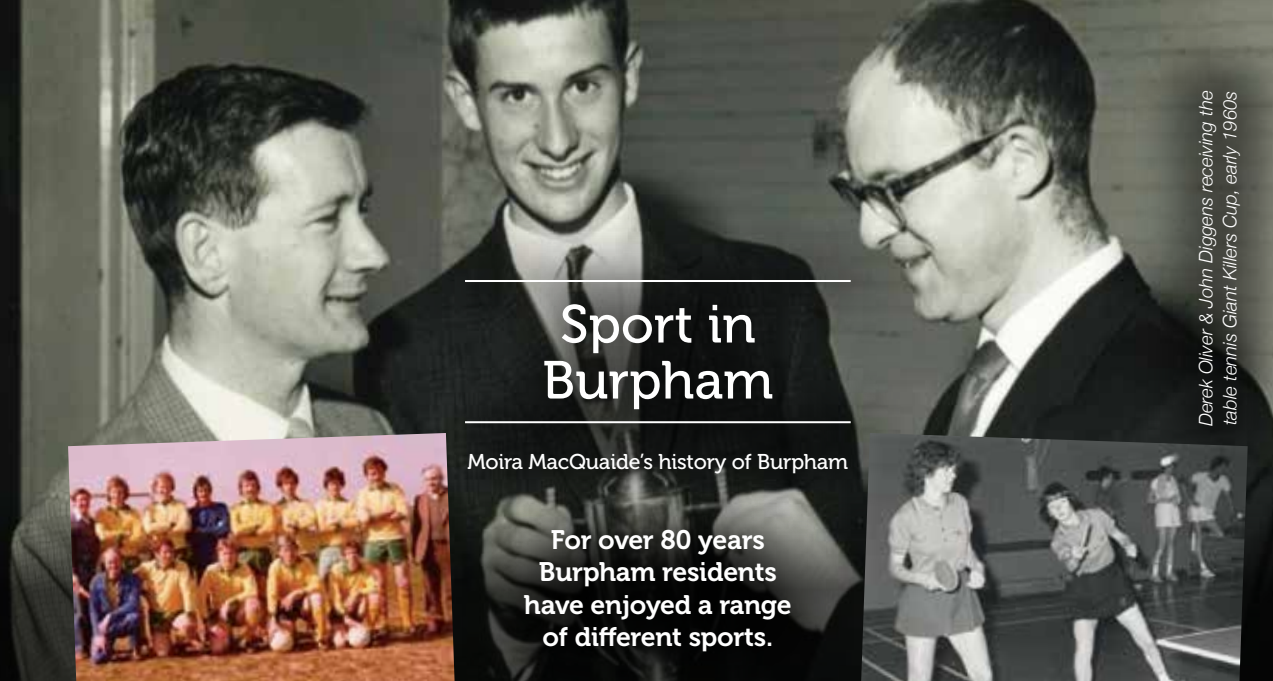
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Sport in Burpham

Moira MacQuaide's history of Burpham

For over 80 years
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have enjoyed a range
of different sports.



Burpham FC 1970s (E Voller)

Burpham Football Club was established in 1956, using the newly opened Playing Fields. Local builder, Percy Howard, built the small pavilion as changing rooms – plus a place for a barrel of beer after matches! The Green Man also had a team that played on Sundays. After Guildford City FC ceased playing at Joseph Road in 1996 Burpham FC were asked to move to the Spectrum to represent Guildford, becoming AFC Guildford. Burpham FC now plays in the Guildford & Woking Alliance Football League. In 2000 a group of Burpham fathers started Burpham Juniors FC.



Burpham Juniors 1969 (E Voller)

Burpham Cricket Club was established in 1957, also using the Playing Fields. In 1999 they merged with Worpleston and since 2011 have played their

matches at Worpleston, where there is a pavilion with more facilities, including bar & kitchen – essential for cricket teas.

Burpham Tennis Club was started in 1990 by Jane Hill and benefits from the facilities in the Sutherland Memorial Park extension. They provide coaching, have a junior section and the all-weather courts allow them to play all year round.

Burpham Bowling Club, established 1990, is one of the largest in Guildford. They benefit from a recently refurbished clubhouse, with bar, enabling club members to enjoy a full social programme in addition to matches.

Table Tennis had been played in Burpham since at least 1938, when a team from the Kingpost played in the league. PC Fred Oliver taught youngsters to play at Burpham Youth Club. The Burpham Table Tennis Club started in 1966 and Fred's children, Derek and Christine won many tournaments. Susan and Linda Howard, Percy's daughters, played both tennis and table tennis, going on to become top UK players. The club closed in the 80s.

If you are willing to share your memories and/or photos to tell us more about Burpham then please contact Moira MacQuaide, either by e-mail (moira.macquaide@gmail.com) or by phone or text (07963 756543). My two books ('The History of Burpham Primary School' and 'Burpham – A Gateway to Guildford') are still available from me for £10 (free delivery locally) or on Amazon.



Susan and Linda Howard

During the 1980s the Anchor & Horseshoes had an Aunt Sally team that played in the pub garden and competed in matches with several other local pubs. The pub also had a darts team.



Burpham Aunt Sally team c.1984 (M Oldfield)

Both Burpham Primary School and George Abbot provide a range of sporting activities for pupils and some have gone on to represent their country at their sports.

There was a swimming pool at the Kingpost from the 30s until the 50s, but this was purely a social activity for Burpham. And finally, when the Duke of Sutherland lived at Sutton Place, he kept his polo ponies alongside Clay Lane and Prince Phillip came here to play the game.

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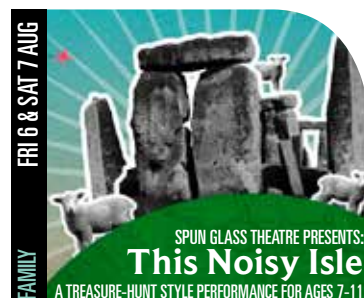
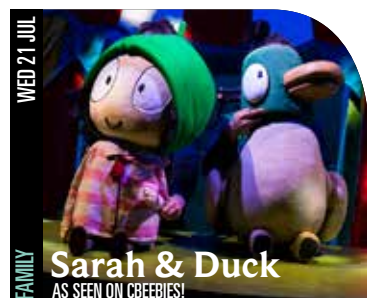
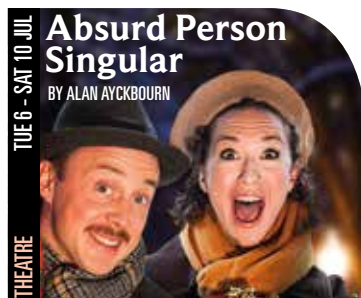
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The arts are staged for a big comeback

Arts and entertainment have taken a big hit over the past year with performers, artists and audiences all being locked down, socially distanced and whilst observing measures put in place to combat the global pandemic they have had to stay away.

Fortunately, it seems, these measures have started to pay-off and venues are beginning to look forwards with more positivity.

Burpham Pages spoke to the **Yvonne Arnaud Theatre** in Guildford (a charity which relies on box office income for its day-to-day operation) to see how they have coped through lockdown and what they now have in place to welcome back their audiences.

Throughout 2020 the Yvonne Arnaud, like theatres up and down the country, were forced to close and open again multiple times. They've stood up and stood down their front of house team; they've welcomed back audiences and then sent them home again.

With a huge loss of income from cancelled shows, the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre's leadership team have had to make some tough artistic choices and

painful business decisions in order to keep the theatre in the best shape for survival. Having been running the theatre from their kitchens and living rooms, they are now back in the building and busy behind the scenes preparing to open the theatre's doors again this summer.

We know how much people have been missing live entertainment, and the Yvonne Arnaud can't wait to

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welcome you back! They have a jam-packed season planned which, they hope, offers something for everyone.

They're proud to be **reopening on 3 June** with their own production of new comedy, **Siobhan Basset's The Hound of the Baskervilles**, written by and starring much-loved Surrey resident Sara Crowe. Aside from their beloved annual panto, this will be their first piece of home-produced theatre in a number of years. With lighting designed by Yvonne Arnaud Lighting Technician, Hannah Walker, and directed by the theatre's Director and Chief Executive Joanna Read, this is an Yvonne Arnaud production through and through. And what better way to celebrate the return of theatre in Guildford than with something that's been made in Guildford!

Another highlight of the Arnaud's summer season is socially-distanced sound installation, **Blindness**, from the **Donmar Warehouse** (21 to 26 June). They're especially excited to be welcoming the Donmar to Guildford for the first time with this boundary-pushing, innovative production by award-winning playwright Simon Stephens. Audience members sit on the stage, under glowing bars of criss-crossing, colour-changing light, listening on headphones to Juliet Stevenson's narration, fully immersed in the experience. It's a very different Arnaud experience, but one to remember. There's plenty in the diary for drama lovers too in the shape of espionage thriller **A Splinter of Ice** (15 to 19 June), **Alan Ayckbourn's black comedy Absurd Person Singular** (6 to 10 July) and West End favourite **The Woman in Black** (12 to 17 July).

The Yvonne Arnaud team would like to say a huge thank you to the generous volunteers that have been helping throughout the last year, including working as ushers for *The Snow Queen* over Christmas and tidying up the garden in preparation for a number of outdoor live music events throughout the summer. They're

pleased to once again be partnering with their friends at Guildford Jazz for another special evening of **Jazz in the Garden** (31 July) with vocalist Zoe Francis, multi-award winning guitar legend Jim Mullen, pianist Gareth Williams, and Marianne Windham on double bass. They're also thrilled to welcome dynamic duos **Jacob and Drinkwater** and **India Electric Co.** for two emotionally-charged evenings of contemporary folk music on 20 June and 8 August respectively.

They have filled the summer holidays with family theatre and events for children of all ages. **The Snail and the Whale** and **Pippi Longstocking** are perfect for little ones aged four and above; older children will enjoy interactive treasure hunt show **This Noisy Isle**, and those aged three and above will love CBeebies favourites **Sarah and Duck**. The theatre will also be hosting two Guildford Fringe Festival events for the first time this year: an evening of stand-up comedy with **Gag House Comedy Superstars**, and music from **The Surrey Police Band**.

Whilst the theatre has been closed the team rummaged through the archives and shared a series of videos looking back at the history of the Arnaud, from how it was built, the history of the buildings, and some of the dramatic

events taking place at the theatre in the last 56 years! They're all available to view on the website (Yvonne-Arnaud.co.uk). Yvonne Arnaud staff members also recorded videos about their job roles and careers that we made available to schools and colleges. If you'd like to watch them, please email marketing@yvonne-arnaud.co.uk. The Yvonne Arnaud is taking safety measures very seriously including clear signage and one-way systems, hand sanitiser stations, mask wearing and thorough cleaning. The team are grateful to have received a grant from Theatres Trust to purchase specialised fogging equipment, enabling them to maintain high standards of decontamination and keep audiences, performers and staff safe when they return.

Finally the theatre would like to say a huge thank you for your support throughout last year. The cheery messages, kind donations and offers of help and letting them know how much you were missing live theatre, have kept them going through this extraordinary time.

Be sure to sign up to the theatre's emails at Yvonne-Arnaud.co.uk and follow them on Facebook (@YvonneArnaudTheatre), Twitter and Instagram (@YvonneArnaud) to keep updated.



The Yvonne Arnaud Theatre is looking forward to their auditorium being full again.

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May & June

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The Club still remains closed at present but hopefully when life gets back to some sort of normality we will be able to hold an Autumn Show on Saturday 28th August so you can start to plan your entries now.

Things to do in the garden in May.

The golden rule for this month is to be on guard for a late frost, do not plant out tender bedding plants until the end of the month, otherwise when a sharp frost appears you will be making an expensive return visit to the Nursery or Garden Centre.

Dahlia plants and tubers should not be planted until at least the middle of the month.

...be on guard for a late frost, do not plant out tender bedding plants until the end of the month...

Allow Forget-me-nots to set seed before pulling up.

Spray Roses with a systemic insecticide to control Blackspot and Greenfly.

Sweet Peas should be tied to supports as they climb.

There is still time to sow Courgettes and Squash, two

seeds to a pot for planting out later, sow the seed standing on its edge for better germination.

French and Runner beans can now be sown outdoors.

Plant out Tomatoes towards the end of the month...

Leeks and Purple Sprouting should be sown for harvesting next winter.

Pinch out the tips of Broad Beans to control Blackfly.

Plant out Tomatoes towards the end of the month, remove side shoots from all types except Bush and small fruited varieties.

Make small successional sowings of Salad Crops.

Continue to mow the lawn frequently, apply a Spring and Summer dressing just before rain is forecast.

Things to do in the garden in June.

Prune Spring flowering shrubs such Forsythia and Philadelphus,

Magnolias should be left until they are in full leaf.

Fast growing Annuals such as Calendula should be sown where they are to flower.

Pinch out the leading shoots of Chrysanthemum, Helianthus and Fuchsia to encourage bushy growth.

Dead head Delphiniums and Lupins to encourage a second flush of bloom.

Complete the planting of Summer Bedding plants, Cannas, Dahlias and Gladioli.

Early Potatoes which have come into flower are ready for lifting.

Dead head Delphiniums and Lupins to encourage a second flush of bloom.

Sow French and Runner Beans for a late crop.

Plant out Courgettes and Squash

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