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Welcome

Dear Neighbours, now we find ourselves in September, many of us sense a fresh start. With the recent Olympics, the lift we've seen in pandemic-related restrictions, and a summer break for many, we appear to be approaching brighter times.

Although the Covid-19 pandemic still threatens our health and way of life, the emergence of a vaccine and growing awareness of how to inhibit the transmission of the virus have helped to slow its growth. And now that the vaccine has become available to our younger population, we're in a stronger position to withstand its worst effects.

Looking around our local community, it seems that the lifted mask mandates, the opening of day-to-day amenities and the wider availability of entertainment have encouraged many of us to reacquire ourselves with familiar luxuries. After the recent struggles that many industries have faced, the community have been more than willing to help support their local businesses recover by dining out, shopping locally, attending events and getting outside.

It has also been wonderful celebrating Team GB's massive success at the Tokyo Olympics, where they amassed a stunning 65 medals, 22 of which were gold, placing us fourth in the world league table. One of these medals was won by local Olympian kayaker, Liam Heath MBE, who attended George Abbot School. During the Paralympics, look out for local swimmer Hannah Russell, of

Guildford City Swimming Club.

With the schools reopening this September, it seems appropriate to thank the teachers and school staff who have had to work beyond normal expectations. Not only dealing with the challenges of creating a covid-safe environment and running online classes, but they've also had to mark and grade the internally assessed exams that have formed students' official results.

Finally, this Halloween, do remember to leave a carved pumpkin on your doorstep if you're welcoming trick-or-treaters. In the meantime, stay safe!

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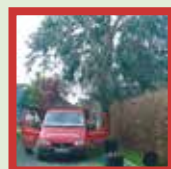
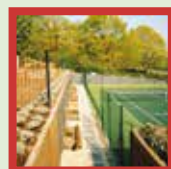
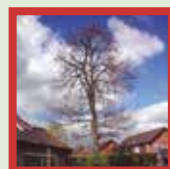
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Local news & events: get involved and tell us more about your news and events organised in Burpham, Jacobs Well and the surrounding areas.

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The Burpham Neighbourhood Forum is undertaking a review of the current Burpham Neighbourhood Plan, which was adopted in 2016 following a local referendum.

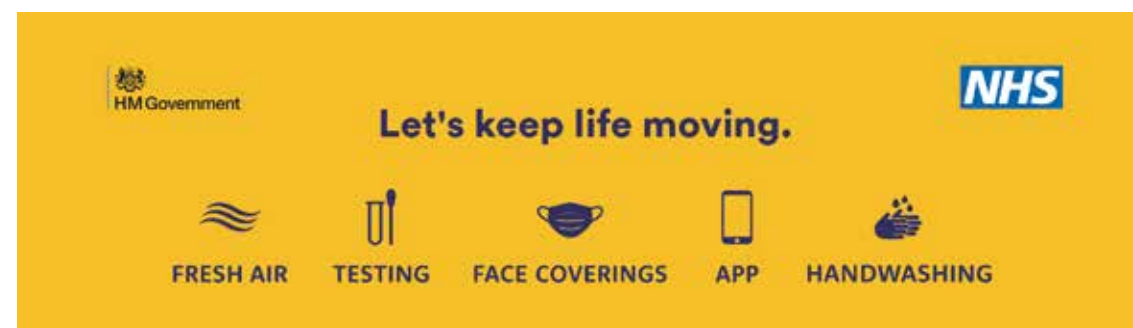


The Forum continues to work on behalf of the local community by monitoring development proposals in and around Burpham. Issues such as housing supply, pressure on the local road network and availability of local community facilities remain hot topics in Burpham. The Forum is keen to ensure the plan's policies, which are used to help determine planning applications for development, remain up to date and relevant to the decision-making process.

To help in this process the Forum is undertaking a survey of Burpham's residents to obtain the views of local people on a wide range of important topics.

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Please do take the time to complete the survey, which you will find in the middle of this month's edition of Burpham Pages. They'll even come and collect your completed survey from you. Alternatively you can complete the survey online.



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Local success at the Tokyo Olympics.



Liam Heath competing in his Olympic final and having received his medal.



Four Guildfordian athletes took part in the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, team GB's second-best Olympic games ever.

Although Alicia Wilson, of Guildford City Swimming Club, made her Olympic debut by reaching the final of the women's 200m medley this year, the most successful of the four was Liam Heath MBE. Tokyo was sprint canoeist Liam's third Olympic Games. Going into this year's Olympics, he had already won sprint bronze in the K2 200m beside Jon Schofield in London 2012, silver in the same event in 2016, and gold that year in Rio's individual 200m kayak sprint event.

Liam Heath MBE was born and raised in Guildford and attended George Abbot School. He was introduced to kayaking for the first time when he was 10, on a 'holiday fun' activity week at the Wey Kayak Club in Guildford, where he instantly clicked with the sport. He went on to train with them, competing as a junior, learning quickly and training hard.

Wey Kayak Club is one of the top kayak clubs in the UK, catering for beginners through to international-level canoeists, and it is where young Liam spent much of his time. This served him well, and at the age of 25, he was invited to train with the GB sprint canoe team. After winning his first three medals, he sealed his title as an Olympic legend

this year by winning a bronze in the men's K1 200m sprint, his fourth medal of three consecutive Olympic Games.

In a recent interview, he was quoted as saying "It's hard to put into words, it's what you're working towards, to be at your best for these events and I've learned so much along my journey. You learn more about yourself, your competitors and the people you work with day in, day out. It's them working tirelessly behind the scenes which provides the support for me to be able to achieve my dreams. A massive thanks to everybody that's watching at home. Not quite the gold, but I'm happy with my performance so I hope you guys can be happy too."

As the current Tokyo Paralympics take place, watch out for Hannah Russell MBE. Hannah was born with a vision impairment and took up swimming at the age of five with Woking Swimming Club, before moving to Guildford City Swimming Club at the age of 12. After winning double bronze and a silver in London 2012 and double bronze and a gold at Rio 2016, she plans to compete in three events in Tokyo, the S12 100m backstroke, the S12 100m freestyle and the S13 50m freestyle.

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We are continuing to meet via Zoom, including our book groups and interim quiz/chat meetings. We have been able to resume our coffee mornings at local garden centres which have given members the welcome opportunity to meet face to face. We are looking forward to when it will be safe to resume our meetings in Burpham Village Hall. Until then our speakers will continue to give talks via Zoom. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Please check our website for information about when we are returning to the Village Hall.

We hope the forthcoming talks will be as follows but please check our website for any changes:

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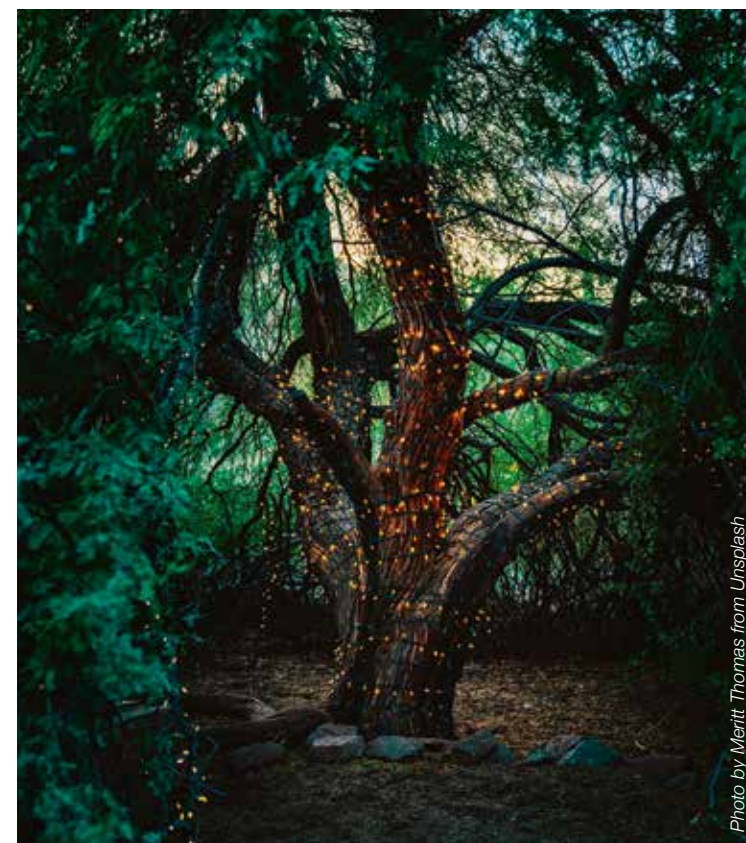


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Saturday 25th September

Big Questions



A unique opportunity to get
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dealing with difficult questions

– the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Over the weekend of the **25-26th September**, the Archbishop is going to be visiting our area and hosting a series of Big Questions events, including one at GLive (**10.00am–11.00am, Saturday 25th**). This will be a unique opportunity for you to put your questions to the Archbishop and hear him speak on how to find security and hope in uncertain times.

Everyone is very welcome and places are free, but need to be booked in advance at www.bigquestions-guildford.eventbrite.co.uk

About this event

A unique opportunity to put questions to Justin Welby, and hear him explore how to find lasting security and hope in uncertain times.

As Britain emerges from Covid, everyone seems to be asking big questions. How could this have happened? What now? How can we find security when life is so fragile? What should the new normal be like? Does life have any real meaning? What happens when we die? What is my identity? How can we flourish and find happiness?

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is travelling throughout our area to listen to local people and to help us to tackle some of life's biggest questions.

A Hope Space in Burpham

If your questions or thoughts are of a more personal nature and you are wondering how to process the last eighteen months, share your own story and move on with hope, perhaps you might like to engage with our local Autumn project: A Hope Space in Burpham.

Burpham Church will be providing a **Hope Space**, coming to a location near you during the Autumn with the opportunity to tell your story, process your loss and look forward with hope. There will be a **Wall of Loss** for you to contribute to, as we stand with one another and corporately recognise all that has been lost over the last eighteen months, and a **Tree of Hope** where we can expectantly look forward to the future. Full details of times and locations will

be circulated throughout Burpham – so look out for a leaflet through your door to see when you can engage. It is our desire that this Hope Space might be for all of us, whether of faith, little faith or no faith at all – together we make up this local community and together we need to move forward into the unknown of what lies ahead.

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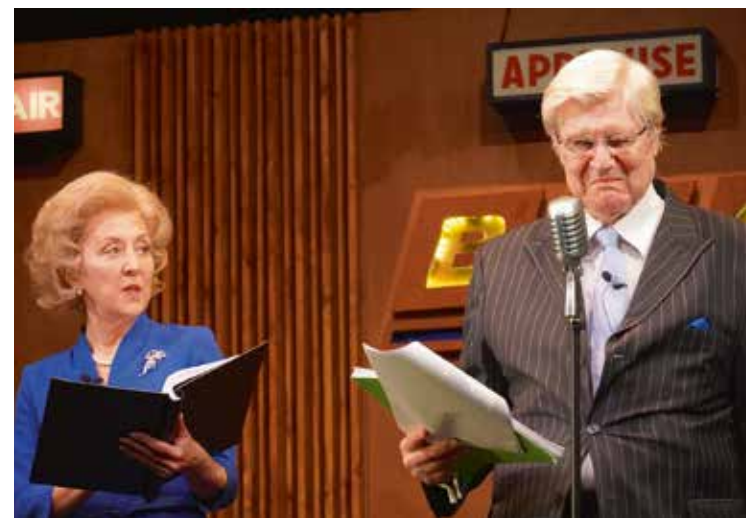
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Yvonne Arnaud Theatre announces Autumn 2021 Season



Clare Bloomer (Maggie Thatcher) & Martin Jarvis (Ted Heath) star in new political comedy *Maggie and Ted* (12th to 16th October).

The Yvonne Arnaud Theatre has an exciting autumn season planned!

If you need a laugh after the past 18 months there's comedy aplenty, including the latest production from the creators of *The Play That Goes Wrong*, **Groan Ups** (20 to 25 Sep); Agatha Christie-inspired romp, **Crimes in Egypt** (8 & 9 Sep); and evenings with **Miriam Margolyes, David Suchet, Andy Hamilton** and **Arthur Smith** and more.

A stand out production of the season is new political comedy **Maggie and Ted** (12 to 16 Oct), starring Martin Jarvis and Clare Bloomer. Shining a light on the relationship between Margaret Thatcher and Ted Heath, this uproariously funny play comes to Guildford only, direct from a sell-out West End debut.

Are thrillers more your thing? If so, you're in luck! The most scandalous political thriller of the year, **Dead Lies** (2 to 6 Nov),

stars Clive Mantle, Harriet Thorpe, Kimberley Wyatt and more. There's also ghost stories galore, with a gripping new adaptation of American classic, **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow** (18 to 23 Oct), starring Wendi Peters and Bill Ward; and terrifying new spine-chiller **When Darkness Falls** (28 to 30 Sep).

Families can enjoy a delightful adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks' award-winning picture book, **What the Ladybird Heard** (5 & 6 Oct) packed full of live music and puppetry. The theatre's much-loved panto will also return (3 Dec to 9 Jan) for lashings of slapstick silliness for all aged 5 to 105!

Other season highlights include **Being Mr Wickham**, with Adrian Lukis as Pride and Prejudice's most roguish gentleman (28 to 30 Oct); Andrew

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Lloyd Webber and Don Black's iconic musical, **Tell Me On A Sunday** (16 to 20 Nov), starring Jodie Prenger; and Olivier Award-winning Ian McDiarmid in the world premiere of Julian Barnes' **The Lemon Table** (9 to 13 Nov).

As well as Main House productions, the Yvonne Arnaud team are thrilled to bring performance back to the Mill Studio after a long period of closure. There's a diverse programme on offer, including the acclaimed **Paines Plough Theatre's Sessions** (30 Oct), and award-winning **Who Cares** (23 Oct) from Lung Theatre, as well as a delightfully festive recreation of Charles Dickens' famous performance of **A Christmas Carol**, performed by John O'Connor, in the lead up to Christmas (20 to 24 Dec).

To find out more or to keep up to date with the latest news, visit www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk or sign up to the theatre's mailing list and social media channels.



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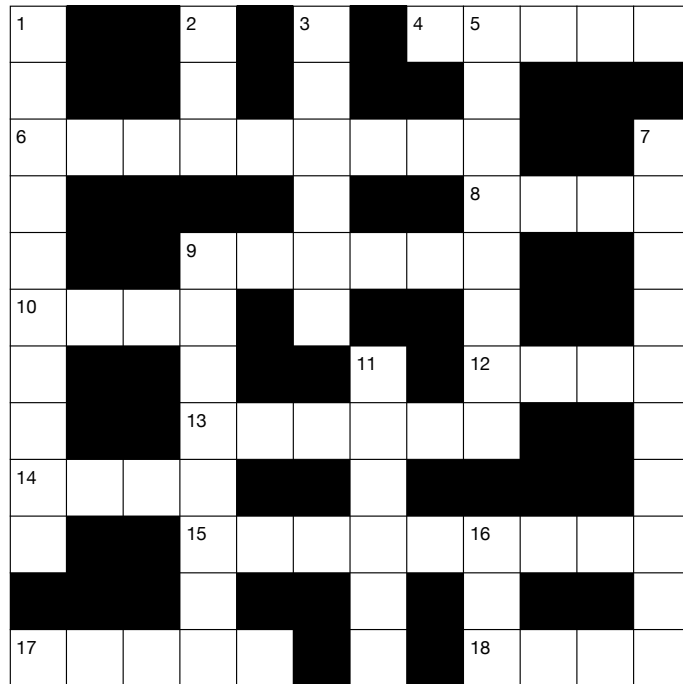
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Burpham Pages Crossword

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Across

- 4 The capital of Japan (5)
6 A social unit residing in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage (9)
8 Slang for very good or very large (4)
9 Slang for a convertible car (6)
10 A small island (4)
12 A small and informal establishment serving various refreshments (4)
13 The son of Daedalus (6)
14 An artistic work, especially one on a large scale (4)
15 Done without being planned, organised, or rehearsed (9)
17 Identifying symbol or mark (5)
18 Take part in (a sport) (4)

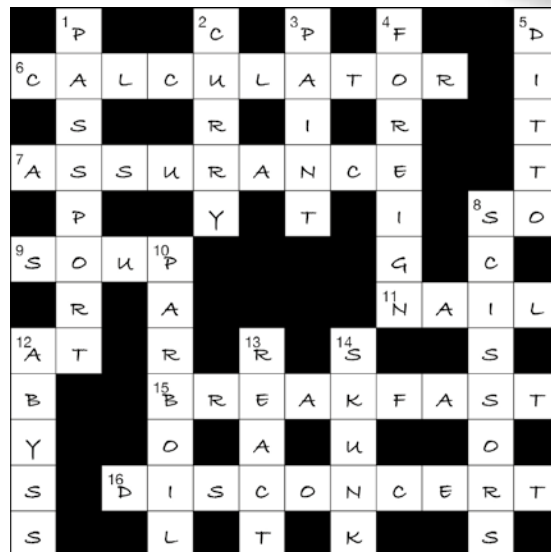
Down

- 1 Bishop of the highest rank (10)
2 Squeeze or pack tightly into a space (3)
3 To handle or direct with a degree of skill (6)
5 International athletic and sporting event held every four years (8)
7 Early ecclesiastical centre of England (10)
9 An alteration or correction (8)
11 The resting place of Noah's Ark (6)
16 Diagrammatic representation of an area of land (3)

Solution to Crossword No. 18

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Big questions

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Quite apart from those of us who are still living with losses from COVID, this week as I write, the world is also reeling from the speed at which the Taliban has taken over Afghanistan, and the devastation caused by another earthquake and huge storm hitting Haiti. Plymouth too, is in mourning from the loss of life in the UK's worst shooting incident for over a decade. Things look dark. We can be left with so many questions. Are there any answers and where can we find them? Is it even possible to find hope when life seems so fragile? How can I find purpose and happiness? Can there be a loving God in all this mess? I wonder what questions you are left asking? And what do you do with those big questions? Do you have anyone to ask them of?

Over the next couple of months let me encourage you to take advantage of a couple of great opportunities to ask some of those big questions and

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Over the next couple of months let me encourage you to take advantage of a couple of great opportunities to ask some of those big questions and wrestle with these issues.

The first is a unique opportunity to get alongside someone a little more experienced than I, in dealing with difficult questions – the Archbishop of Canterbury. Over the weekend of the 25-26th September, Archbishop Justin is going to be visiting our area and hosting a series of Big Questions events, including one at GLive – see 'What's on this month' page 9 or visit burpham-pages.co.uk/whats-on-directory/. This will be a unique opportunity for you to put your questions to the Archbishop of Canterbury and

hear him speak on how to find security and hope in uncertain times. Why not join us and bring your Big Questions along?

If your questions or thoughts are of a more personal nature and you are wondering how to process the last eighteen months, share your own story and move on with hope, perhaps you might like to engage with our local Autumn project: **A Hope Space in Burpham**.

It is our prayer and hope that you will be able to make the most of these opportunities in the next couple of months and that you discover real answers to your questions. As always, if you would like to speak to someone in confidence about your specific issues and questions, we would love to be here for you and connect – please do use our website to contact us, or give us a call on **01483 853023**.

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Wey Navigation Lengthsman

Back in the Middle Ages, a lengthsman was someone who kept a length of road tidy and passable. When the canal system was developed, a lengthsman was responsible for a length of canal, maintaining and repairing banks and tow paths, and also undertaking lock keeper's duties.

The Stoke length of the Wey Navigation runs from Millmead Lock to Bowers Lock, and for the past 16 years has been looked after by Richard Cant who is now moving on to become a lecturer at Merrist Wood.

The BCA is very grateful for all that Richard has done to keep his 'length' in good order, and his willingness to help both the BCA and BNF when river issues have cropped up.

He has given an insight into his work in his 'Richard's Wey' column in the Guildford Dragon – well worth a visit to the Dragon if you have never read them. A few years ago, the BCA organised some summer evening walks along the canal and round the Riverside Park; they were led by Richard who gave the walkers a real insight into the canal



and wetlands habitat. He also kindly arranged for a boat for those unable to manage the complete walk.

We wish Richard and his family all the very best and thank him for all he has done for 'our' bit of the Wey Navigation.

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Burpham Flood Forum

The Flood Forum will take place on Friday 24th September, at 1pm in the Village Hall.

Angela Richardson MP will chair the meeting which will include representatives from SCC, GBC, the Environment Agency, Thames Water and the National Trust. The meeting is open to the public, so if you would like to attend please let the Secretary know (contact details above).

At her request, Ms Richardson undertook a walkabout in July to see for herself the various issues raised in the Flood Action Plan – inadequate barriers behind the houses that back on to Merrow Lane, crumbling culverts, cameras that cannot be accessed, foliage maintenance issues and erosion of the watercourses, most evident along the Wey Navigation. The Action Plan is available on our website: www.burphamca.org.uk

Burpham Neighbourhood Forum (BNF) Survey

The first survey was done in 2013, prior to the drawing up of the Burpham Neighbourhood Plan which was formally adopted by GBC in 2016.



Work has started on updating the Neighbourhood Plan and the BNF are conducting a second survey to find out the views and aspirations of all who live and work in Burpham. Ward. You will find a copy inside this magazine, or you can complete it online via the BNF website.

This is your chance to have some say in Burpham's future – please use it.

Subscriptions are £8 per household or £4 per single occupancy and run from January to December. Join now or renew your membership for 2021.

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NB We never share your data or use it for any purpose other than informing you of BCA activities.

A very important date for this year's diary...

Saturday 11th December, 7.30pm in the Village Hall sees the return of the **BCA Christmas Social!** There will be a quiz and tombola plus drinks and nibbles and we hope many of you will join us.

...and some more dates for 2022

Sue Hackman and Andrew Plumridge are planning some more **Friday evening Winter Lectures**. Subjects include talks on marriage and sex in Mediaeval England, gargoyles, a minister on behind the scenes at Westminster, beloved and puzzling objects from the Museum (hands on) and with luck, a Formula One driver.

They hope to present these live in the Village Hall but this will depend on any future restrictions – they will be via Zoom if all else fails. The dates are 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th of January and the 4th February.

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

Chai on the patio!

Last year Burpham Pages spoke to Mandira Sarkar, founder and inspiration behind Mandira's Kitchen based at Silent Pool. We learnt about (and sampled a few of) the fantastic authentic Indian meals that they produce and sell frozen from their converted cowshed in the Surrey Hills. Alongside the meals the team at MK also offer hands on cookery lessons, spice tours and bespoke catering in between sampling the gin and wine from their neighbours!

Well, Mandira and her dedicated team haven't been standing still whilst in lockdown and have been creating new experiences as well as new recipes and have now launched their 'Chai On The Patio' offering.

This new addition to Mandira's Kitchen provides the most delicious spot to enjoy fabulous Indian street food. Beautifully positioned, they have five tables of six which can be booked for slots of one hour (or more) where you can catch up with family & friends over some delicious food and drink. Each 1 hour slot costs £20 and is fully redeemable against any purchases you make on your visit.

They have an exciting street food menu – which you can order at the time of your booking, plus you can always add more dishes when you get there.

Walk-ins are welcome, but booking is advisable especially for busy times and weekends. The menu is also designed to be a takeaway should you wish to enjoy elsewhere.

Talking to Mandira she clearly has missed the freedom recently to visit home but we are fortunate that she is happy to recreate the taste of home here to share with us. "Summer seems to have passed

us by but I still consider myself so lucky to be in beautiful Burpham during these uncertain times. We have the ancient Medieval town with every modern amenity within walking distance as well as the stunning Surrey hills on our doorstep too – the best of both worlds. Not being able to travel to India to see my family and eat at our favourite restaurants, I have tried to recreate many of my favourite dishes and here is one to share with you. Perfect with a cup of chai or a glass of wine or gin or beer...

Masala chai is a tea beverage made by boiling black tea in milk and water with a mixture of aromatic herbs and spices. Originating in India, the beverage is traditionally prepared as a decoction of green cardamom pods, cinnamon sticks, ground cloves, ground ginger, and black peppercorn together with black tea leaves.

Photo by Charlotte May from Pexels

Recipe

Mandira's easy to make pakoras



Ingredients

(makes 15 medium sized pakoras):

To make these delicious morsels you will need:

- 2 large red onions sliced
- A bag of baby spinach, chopped
- Approx. 2 heaped tablespoons of gram flour (*besan*)
- 1 heaped tablespoon of rice flour (optional – can substitute with self raising flour if you want)
- Salt to taste
- 1½ tsp chilli powder
- 1 level tsp chilli powder,
- 1 finely sliced green chilli
- 1 tsp of coriander seeds, roughly ground – you need to be able to bite into these
- Oil (enough to cover your pan to the depth of an inch)
- Cold water (alternatively you can use beer)

Method:

- 1 Tip all the ingredients, except the water (or beer) and oil into a large mixing bowl.
- 2 Add about 3 tbsp water (or beer) to start with and gently try and bring together. The mixture should hold but not get too thick or doughy – the secret to light fluffy pakoras is not too much gram flour. If you find you need a little more binding then add gram flour and if it is too dry add a tiny bit more water (or beer).
- 3 Let it rest for a few minutes.
- 4 Heat oil – about an inch to cover the pan. A wok is usually good but a heavy bottom frying pan also does the job.
- 5 Once the oil is smoking reduce the heat and then gently spoon a tablespoon of the batter into the hot oil. Careful to regulate the temperature, if it's too hot it will remain raw inside and burn outside – too cold and you get greasy pakoras. Should take about 3 minutes on each side.

- 6 Drain on a kitchen towel and serve hot with ketchup or a mint and yoghurt sauce.

Mint and Yoghurt Sauce

Blend together 1 clove of garlic, half a cup of mint leaves, salt and ½ cup of Greek yoghurt. Serve chilled with pakoras

About Mandira

Burpham resident, Mandira is the owner (general dogsbody) of Mandira's Kitchen. MK are a wholly woman led business operating out of a 400 year old converted cowshed overlooking the beautiful Silent Pool. They create award winning Indian food offering authentic homestyle freezer meals, bespoke catering, Indian picnics, hands on cookery lesson and spice tours. Mandira's Kitchen now offer an authentic street food cafe option on their patio which is a fabulous way to spend some time with friends and family.


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Milestones & Boundary Stones

Moira MacQuaide's history of Burpham



Turnpike roads were established by law from the 17th century, to allow the collection of tolls in order to maintain the roads. The first one through Guildford was in 1749, forming part of the London to Portsmouth route.

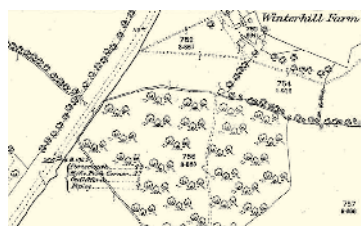
All Turnpike Trusts had to erect mile-stones every mile, to inform travellers how far they had to go. Tollgates were built so that Tollkeepers could collect the money.

In Burpham there was the Green Man Gate Tollhouse, located between New Inn Farm and the Anchor & Horseshoes pub on London Road, but it seems to have been demolished in the early 20th century.



The only surviving milestone near Burpham seems to be the one on the corner of London Road and Boxgrove Road, showing 1 mile to Guildford and 26 miles to Hyde Park Corner. But there was one between Orchard Road and Winterhill Way, showing 2 miles to Guildford and 27 to London – it was either lost during the building of houses, or is hidden under vegetation.

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.



Boundary stones were used to mark town, or parliamentary, boundaries for tax and bye-law purposes. As boundaries changed over the years, so new boundary stones were put in place. The oldest stones in Guildford date back to the 18th century. In 1933 the Borough was made much larger, taking in what had been rural areas, and there is a stone outside Dillon Cottages, off Merrow Lane, that reads G.B.B. 1933.

Boundary stones were used to mark town, or parliamentary, boundaries for tax and bye-law purposes.

On London Road there is an early 19th century stone just after the Abbotswood estate, with a very helpful explanation attached to the fence behind it. This says that it marks the boundary between Guildford and

Burpham, has been there since at least the 19th century and is shown on old maps as B.S. Pre-1920 it was the boundary between the Parishes of Stoke and Worplesdon, as the Parish of Burpham wasn't created until 1922 (Parish of Burpham with Sutton Green). Looking very closely the words Stoke and Worplesdon can just be seen on either side of the stone.

The 1912 map shows the Parliamentary and Municipal Boundary lines, almost opposite the Primitive Methodist Church (now The Old Chapel) on London Road. It also shows boundary stones on either side of the road, but there's only the one left now, at the end of Abbotswood.



Finally, a question. On the corner of the old London Road and Merrow Lane, by what is now a footpath but used to be the old London Road, a white stone can be found in amongst the vegetation. Is this another boundary stone? One day I'll find out and let you know!

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Lewis Carroll: Guildford's Links to Wonderland

By Alex Rose

As Alice embarked on her journey through the looking glass, Carroll began his life in Guildford, the place that may have partially inspired "Looking-Glass House", the fictional parallel of "Wonderland" from the famous sequel, "Through The Looking Glass". So, how was the children's author of "Alice's Adventures In Wonderland" impacted by Guildford?



Statue of Alice in the moment she enters through the looking glass. Sculpted in 1990 by Jeanne Argent.



Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) is buried in The Mount cemetery, Guildford, where you can still find his grave today.

Behind the picturesque Guildford castle, and its beautiful grounds, Castle Hill boasts the famous grade two listed building, The Chestnuts, acquired in 1868 by Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (more famously known by his pen name, Lewis Carroll) for his six sisters. By then, he had already written his first successful book, 'Alice's Adventures In Wonderland', and that same year he would begin writing its sequel, 'Through The Looking Glass'.

Born on January 27, 1832, in Daresbury, Cheshire, he and his ten siblings grew up in isolated villages in the English countryside with their father, Reverend Charles Dodgson, and mother, Frances Jane Lutwidge. As the eldest boy of the family, he was skilled at entertaining himself and his brothers and sisters, making up a number of games and telling imaginative stories. He attended Christ Church, Oxford and

graduated in 1854 with degrees in mathematics and classics. He was also a keen photographer, notably shooting pictures of actress Ellen Terry and poet Alfred Tennyson. After graduating, he stayed at Christ Church, and became a lecturer, teaching mathematics – a position he had sought. Although taking deacon's orders in 1861, Dodgson was never ordained a priest, as his stammer made preaching difficult.

If you take a walk through the castle grounds today, you might notice the locally famous statue of Alice in the moment she enters through the looking glass, reaching out towards the ruins of Guildford Castle.

Due to this stammer – which he referred to as his 'hesitation' – and

his position in the family, with eight younger siblings, he found it easier to talk to children, three of which were the children of Henry George Liddell, Christ Church's dean. The Liddell children – Lorina, Edith and Alice – held an important place in his affections. They were the only children at Christ Church whilst he tutored there. On July 4, 1862, he and his friend, Robinson Duckworth, took a boat from Oxford to Godstow along the Thames and picnicked on the bank. This is where Dodgson first recounted the story of 'Alice's adventures underground', revealing the story of a little girl called Alice who fell down a rabbit hole and travelled into a fantasy world.

The story was partially based on a picnic taken by the same party around two weeks earlier, when they all got caught in the rain. Both Alice and Duckworth remarked on how improved this story was from his



One of Lewis Carroll's own illustrations of Alice from 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.



A photograph of Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) later in life.

others, and Alice went as far as to plead with Dodgson to write it out. Not only did he handwrite it, he also illustrated it and presented it to her for Christmas in 1864. Within a year he had published it under the title of 'Alice's Adventures In Wonderland'.

Other marks of his links to Guildford are the March Hare pub near Guildford Castle, and The Mad Hatter hat shop.

While Dodgson lived in Oxford, he often visited his family in Guildford. Where he not only enjoyed holidaying, but also fully took part in local life. In many ways, Guildford was his perfect second home, even allowing a quick journey to parts of London he frequented. He became good friends with the headmaster of the local royal grammar school, and the banker who lived next door. He was often called upon to preach at St Mary's Church on Quarry street, which was, and still is, the oldest building in the town.

Another of Dodgson's pastimes was to take leisurely walks around the

castle grounds, where it is thought that he was inspired to write 'The Hunting Of The Snark'.

If you take a similar walk through the castle grounds today, you might notice the locally famous statue of Alice in the moment she enters through the looking glass, reaching out towards the ruins of Guildford Castle. The statue, 'Alice Through The Looking Glass' sits in the Alice Garden, just behind The Chestnuts. It was sculpted in 1990 by Jeanne Argent to memorialise Lewis Carroll and his famous sequel, 'Through The Looking Glass', which he wrote in Guildford within the year of procuring the family home. At the start of the book, Alice travels through the looking glass on the fireplace mantel, and finds a very different world, similar to how Dodgson and his family must have experienced a large change when moving to Guildford.

Any visitor to Guildford would notice Carroll's impact woven through the town, including two statues, one previously mentioned, and one on the bank of the river Wey. This second statue was sculpted by local artist

Edwin Russell in 1984 and depicts the two sisters from the book – Alice watching as the white rabbit leaps towards the rabbit hole. Other marks of his links to Guildford are the March Hare pub near Guildford Castle, and The Mad Hatter hat shop.

Lewis Carroll is buried in The Mount cemetery, Guildford, where you can still find his grave today, under a pine tree to the left of the chapel.

Sadly, on January 14, 1898, Dodgson died of Pneumonia after a bout of influenza. He passed away at The Chestnuts, two weeks away from turning 66 years old, and was buried in The Mount cemetery, where you can still find his grave today, under a pine tree to the left of the chapel.

Carroll's remarkable imagination and nonsensical style has entertained generations of readers and influenced pop culture in countless ways, and Alice's stories continue to shape the world from their spiritual home in the town of Guildford.

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September & October

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The Autumn Winter season of talks will begin on Tuesday 26th of October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Nigel Choat will be showing a slide presentation on 'Wey Side and Woodlands'.

Do not forget the **Autumn Show** is on **Saturday 4th September** at 10.00am. It is open to the public at 2.30pm.

Things to do in the garden in September.

- The evenings are now drawing in and Autumn is upon us so enjoy your garden whilst it is still at its peak.
- On dry sunny days seed from Annuals such as Alyssum, French Marigold and Tagetes can be collected for sowing next Spring, do not collect the seed of F1 Hybrids as the new plants will not be the same as the originals.
- Continue to deadhead the flower border so that it will stay in bloom until the first frost.

The evenings are now drawing in and autumn is upon us so enjoy your garden whilst it is still at its peak.

- To produce good blooms Dahlias need to be fed with a high potash liquid feed once a fortnight.

- Cuttings of Fuchsia and Pelargonium can still be taken.
- Keep Camellias and Rhododendrons well watered to ensure good bud formation for flowering next Spring.
- Evergreen Hedges should be given a final trim before Winter.

Apply an autumn dressing to the lawn when rain is forecast.

- Daffodils and Narcissi should be planted this month or next for a good Spring display.
- A late sowing of Spinach and Turnip can still be made. Overwintering Onion Sets and Spring Cabbage should be planted out.
- Cut out the fruited canes of Loganberry and Raspberry.
- Apply an Autumn Dressing to the Lawn when rain is forecast

Things to do in the garden in October.

- All tender plants and shrubs should be brought indoors at the first sign of frost and kept in a frost free place.

- Cut back and divide Herbaceous Perennials.
- Dahlias should be lifted and stored once they have been blackened by the frost.
- Reduce the height of Bush Roses to minimise root damage caused by wind rock during the winter months, Climbing Roses should be pruned with the remaining stems being tied to a wall or trellis.

Now is a good time to plant hedges, shrubs and trees.

- Tulip Bulbs should be ordered or purchased for planting next month, remember that the bigger the bulb the larger the flower, prepared hyacinths and Narcissi 'Paperwhite' should be planted in pots for a Christmas display, mixed colour Hyacinths will not all flower at the same time.
- Sweet Peas should be sown under glass at the end of the month.
- Now is a good time to plant Hedges, Shrubs and Trees.

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