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Burpham Welcome

Dear neighbours, well here we are approaching summer 2022, but there's still plenty to get excited about in May and June and many local organisations are really getting back into the swing of arranging events.

What is heart-warming is the number of organisations arranging events to support members of the community who might have suffered more from isolation than others over the past couple of years. There is also going to be a number of events commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, she will be the longest ever reigning British monarch as we celebrate her 70 years on the throne.

We're also getting excited as the 100th issue of Burpham Pages is rapidly approaching, the September & October issue will really be a milestone for us.

Great to see that Kelly's Storage Charity Events are again organising the Clandon Park Run along with the George Abbott School PTA, I hope this is well supported by the local community.

I found Alex Rose's article, on how we can all help local nature, particularly interesting. In Burpham we are surrounded by so many areas of beautiful natural space. The idea of 'rewilding' can also become a fun project in the garden for children as we head into summer, when they can enjoy seeing wild flowers grow and perhaps witness visits

from various garden creatures. Don't forget to keep an eye out for hedgehogs!

Remember, if you are organising events or promoting your business or service to the local community, there are various ways to promote yourself through Burpham Pages - in print and online. And, if you want to see what is happening in the local area, we also have an online What's On page (we're only as good as the events submitted to us, so please do send us your details).

I hope you have fantastic May and June and that you get the opportunity to take part in one of the local events.

Paul Nicholls (Editor) editor@burpham-pages.co.uk

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News + events

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

The Burpham Winter Lectures are back



Creatures of the Rain: Gargoyles, grotesques and hunkypunks.

These one-hour Winter Lectures are given by local residents for local residents and this year were postponed a couple of months due to lockdown. Here's a run down of the first lectures of 2022.

Andrew Plumridge kicked off this year's postponed Burpham Lectures with a quirky and informative account of those architectural fancies Gargoyles, Grotesques and Hunkypunks.

These brooding creatures originated in France (think Notre Dame Cathedral) as a way of routing water off the roofs of churches and towers. They are cleverly disguised outlets for lead piping. Water gushes down the roof and is discharged through the mouth of the creature to clear the walls. The word gargoyle is derived from the French word gargouille for throat.

The range of animals and people represented in gargoyles is prolific – lions, snakes, griffins, dragons, evil-looking imps and – less flattering – local celebrities such as vicars, lords

and lawyers. Happily, gargoyles are placed well above ground level so masons were able to poke fun at the personalities of their town from a safe distance.

Once you have one gargoyle, your sense of symmetry may crave four – one for each corner, but without the rainwater. The other three are grotesques. And if you live in Somerset and the South West, you may well call them hunkypunks.

Yes, Minister!

Bob Hughes, formerly MP for Harrow and a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, entertained and educated his audience at the second Burpham Lecture. Getting ministers, or anyone, to act in your favour is not just about passion, it needs cool-headed planning.

It is all too easy, says Bob, to make a negative impression and he cited the examples of mass identical emails, extreme attention-seeking tactics and petitions as less effective than direct discussion. People in power are interested in ideas which are aligned with their priorities, have evidence to back them up and there is a good way to implement them.

Bob himself led the effort to get soft landing floors installed in playgrounds, a simple idea which has saved a lot of broken bones and prevented some deaths. He accepts, though, that not every good idea will be taken up by ministers because they have to juggle and choose between competing ideas.

Far from the image projected by Yes, Minister, Bob said that a good working relationship between politicians and civil services was central to forging workable policy. For people wishing to promote their ideas to government, the best approach is to work through one's local MP.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Fair at Queen Elizabeth Park Stoughton Friday 3rd June, 12.00-5.00pm

Nearly 20 years ago now, the first residents started moving in to the new **Queen Elizabeth Park** estate in Stoughton. This estate was built on the site of the former **Women's Royal Army Corps** barracks. As many will know, Queen Elizabeth II, then a teenage Princess, served in World War 2 as a driver and mechanic in the Auxiliary Territorial Service and worked at the Stoughton site.

So residents of Queen Elizabeth Park

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thought it was only right that we should commemorate the **Queen's 70th anniversary** of acceding to the throne – her **Platinum Jubilee**. She is the first British monarch who has ever reigned for this long.

On Friday, 3rd June (Friday of the long Jubilee bank holiday weekend – 2nd to 5th June) Q E Park is holding a Community Fair, from 12 noon to 5 pm, to be held on our main Green, at Railton Road, GU2 9LX. We hope to feature: live music, bouncy castles, ice creams, cream teas, children's fancy dress competition, a dog agility event, tombola, raffle, face painting, a baking contest and many other items. Bring a folding chair or a rug, and stay for the afternoon!

It will be **free to attend**, though there will be charges for some attractions. Any profit from the day will be donated to charity. Plenty of free parking around the event.

Local businesses can get involved by: sponsoring the event; taking advertising in our programme; donating raffle or other prizes. If interested please email: social@qepark.co.uk

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Sport for life!





There are not many activities that continue throughout one's life, walking is the most obvious but there is a sport and that is lawn bowls.

Get Healthy, start bowling!

It doesn't matter what age you are you will benefit from bowls. It will improve your fitness, coordination and skills. It will enhance wellbeing and will connect you with the community.

Bowls builds lean muscle and stronger bones

It is well documented that lifting weights helps you build lean muscle, stronger bones and burn more calories. For women it's especially important as they lose 5% of muscle mass every decade and that starts in their 30s. Bowls weigh up to 1.5 kilograms and in a game, you bowl up to 84 times, that's bowling 126 kilograms!

Bowls improves vascular health

Physical activity, whether intense and vigorous or as leisurely as a walk in the park, helps improve vascular health. Playing bowls will reduce cardiovascular disease and the onset of strokes and heart attacks. An average game will result in completing about 2,000 steps but because you are involved both socially and competitively you won't notice.

Bowls promotes functional ability
A gym workout involves sit ups,

lunges etc. A game of bowls involves bending down up to 84 times to pick up your bowl and 84 times leaning forward to bowl it. How many people do 168 exercises in a gym session? Don't forget you are socialising and concentrating and you won't notice.

Bowls improves cognitive health Bowls requires coordination, agility and strategy. Refining your tactics, concentrating for long periods and maintaining mental alertness will not only help you maintain a good level of motor skills, it will also improve your brain health.

Bowling is good for your mood, social relationships and enjoyment

It's a community sport. It is a pastime with like-minded people coming together to enjoy competition, camaraderie and physical activity.

By John Kershaw

John Kershaw is Captain of Burpham Bowling Club in Sutherland Memorial Park.

To find out more please contact him on 07811 142435 or email burphambowlingclub2@gmail.com

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Kelly's Cycle Challenge

Sunday 22 May 2022

Alice Holt, Farnham, GU10 4LS

All money raised goes to support local disabled young people at:







Kelly's Clandon Park Run

Saturday 2nd July 2022

Clandon Park, Guildford, GU4 7RQ Organised by the George Abbot School PTA,

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News + events

Cycle or run? Two fabulous fundraising events for you to enjoy.



Kelly's Storage Charity Events organise the Clandon Park Run with George Abbott School.

Kelly's Storage Charity Events are once again organising the Kelly's Clandon Park Run with George Abbott School's PTA and the Kelly's Cycle Challenge in aid of Challengers.

Kelly's Storage Charity Events pay for and organise active sporting events which provide huge fundraising opportunities for local charities. They cover all costs so every pound donated and raised goes 100% to the charity.

They are once again organising their hugely popular **Cycle Sportive** on **Sunday May 22nd** near Alice Holt, Farnham. All money raised goes to **Challengers**, a local charity providing play & leisure opportunities for disabled children across Surrey & Hants.

The **Kelly's Cycle Challenge** starts from HQ in a field on the doorstep of Alice Holt forest and follows quiet country roads for mile on mile of stunning Surrey & Hampshire scenery.

There are three distances to choose from plus a special **7 mile Family**Forest Ride suitable for young cyclists.

Whichever route is chosen, all riders can be sure of a truly scenic cycle.

"This is an event I'll keep coming back to. Well organised; excellent logistics; a friendly and helpful event team; brilliant feed stations; and a lovely scenic, hilly course. It's a superb charity to ride for and I love that the 'entry fee' is a suggested donation that goes straight to Challengers." said Richard Humphreys a 74 miler!

The event is professionally organised and the routes fully supported with mobile mechanics, feed stations along the way with delicious food & friendly helpers and of course a buzzing HQ village with free parking.

If cycling isn't for you, Kelly's Storage also sponsor and provide equipment for the **Kelly's Clandon Park Run**, established by **George Abbott PTA**,

a registered charity established to raise money for the purchase of capital equipment to benefit the pupils of the school. Every year the Earl of Onslow kindly opens the gates to Clandon Park with its stunning fields and lake & invites 10k & 5k runners of all ages and abilities to come & eniov! This year, for the first time, instead of starting & finishing at the school the entire event will take place in the Park on July 2nd. HQ will have a festival atmosphere with school bands playing, stalls from each department offering various activities & displays and of course there will be plenty of delicious refreshments on offer.

This is definitely a local event not to be missed! Kate Carriett, Headteacher, commented: 'The Kelly's Clandon Park Run is a real flagship event for the school. It really embeds us in the local community and, each year, enables us to make a real difference for our students.'

"This is an event I'll keep coming back to."

So why not sign up today to a Kelly's Storage Charity Event! Cycle or run you can keep fit, have fun & help great causes. You can enter both events online today at charity.kellystorage.co.uk.

No transaction fees will be charged so rest assured 100% of your donation will go directly to the charity.



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Wednesday 4th May



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We are a friendly club and enjoy being entertained by a variety of knowledgeable demonstrators who give us ideas and inspiration to try new styles. We also hold regular workshops on a variety of topics where members, novice or experienced, can gain skills and confidence in a friendly environment. If you enjoy flowers. gardening or art why not come and meet us.

For further information contact Cvnthia on 01483 772019 or Email: quildfordflowerclub@gmail.com www.guildfordflowerclub.com

Sunday 22nd May

Surrey Police Band presents: A Platinum Jubilee Concert



7.00pm. Normandy Village Hall, Guildford GU3 2DD Join us for an evening of

music to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II. In aid of the Chief Constable's Charity, Woking Mind.

Tickets: £8.00 adults. £5.00 under 16s, free under 5s

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Sunday May 15th & Sunday June 19th 4.00pm



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Opportunities to connect

Fridays 1.00-2.30pm



Friday Catch Up

A relaxed space to enjoy coffee and company (under

5s welcome) Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane.

Thursdays 10.00-11.00am



Thursday Drop In

A weekly opportunity to join a friendly older community

coffee morning - all most welcome! Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane.

Check out our website www. burphamchurch.org.uk for up to date information on what's going on.

Sunday 17 July



Burpham Wellfest 2022

10.00am - 6.00pm.

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Tuesday 17th May

Resolutions

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Tuesday 21st June

Gertrude Bell - the woman who founded a country

Spy, explorer, climber and linguist. Speaker - Antony Wood.

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or visit www.burphamevewi.co.uk facebook.com/burpham.eveningwi

Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st July



Holiday at Home for the over 50s

Holiday at Home for the

over 50s at the Millmead Centre in Guildford - this year's theme is 'Fun in the 1950s'. Why not join us this summer where you can meet up with friends old and new, enjoy various activities and talks, have some good food and some much-needed fun.

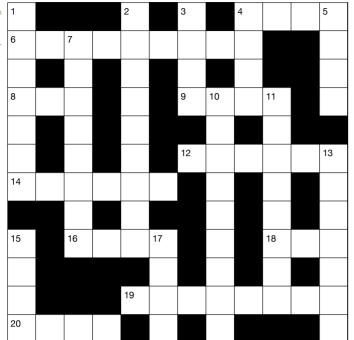
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Burpham Pages Crossword

Crossword No. 23
May & June 2022



Across

- 4 Person of Scottish origin (4)
- 6 Closest to the centre (9)
- 8 A feeling or reaction based on an instinctive emotional response (3)
- 9 Moved quickly (4)
- 12 Body's extreme response to an infection (6)
- **14** Predatory insect with a triangular head (6)
- **16** Look or gaze in a lascivious way (4)
- 18 Sheltered side of something (3)
- 19 Something of no lasting significance (8)
- 20 Land used for growing crops and rearing animals (4)

Down

- 1 Territory ruled by a king or queen (7)
- 2 Former (9)
- 3 Small amounts of a strong alcoholic drink (4)
- 4 Inflamed swelling on the edge of an eyelid (4)
- 5 Tailless amphibian with a short stout body and short legs (4)
- 7 Based on a suggestion, estimate, or theory (8)
- 10 Maintained something in its original or existing state (9)
- 11 To be absorbed by a liquid (8)
- 13 More than two but not many (7)
- 15 Food formed into an oblong shape and sliced into portions (4)
- 17 Thick strong cord made by twisting together strands of hemp, sisal, nylon, or similar material. (4)

Solution to Crossword No. 22

Burpham Pages issue No. 97 March & April 2022

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Who is an inspiration to you today?

I wonder who is an inspiration to you today? Who or what are you most tightly linked to? Is there someone who leads you on and encourages you, whatever life may bring?

When I was a teenager, we had a corgi dog called Taffy. Unlike most corgis he was guite lean and tough and although he was quite a little dog, to be honest, I think he thought he was an Alsatian! He definitely had delusions of grandeur. Although, one summer we holidayed in Scotland, visiting Balmoral Castle, the summer residence of the Queen; and I can't tell you how many people stopped and asked me if my dog was one of the Queen's corgis! Obviously not all corgis belong to the Queen - but for many people the two things are very tightly linked. Perhaps Taffy was right to have a high impression of himself!

Our choice of a corgi was not actually influenced by the Queen but as we approach the Queen's Platinum anniversary celebrations, it is a good moment to reflect on the influence our Queen has had

on this country over the last 70 years. Irrespective of our views on monarchy, we can't fail to be inspired by Queen Elizabeth's selfless devotion and commitment to do the best she can for the people of the UK and the wider Commonwealth.

And although the Queen is tightly linked to both her dogs and horses, she is clear that it is Jesus who has been the biggest influencer in her life, enabling her to be the person she is. As she said in her Christmas message 2014: "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, [whose birth we celebrate today], is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

I wonder who is an inspiration to you today? Who or what are you most tightly linked to? Is there someone who leads you on and encourages you, whatever life may bring? As we approach the Jubilee celebrations, is it a good moment to reflect on what and who influences us the most? If you are interested in discovering more about the person of Jesus Christ who has been such an influence in our Queen's life, do get in contact (jo@burphamchurch.org. uk) and we can invite you along to the course we will be running in May and June. You never know, you might just meet the biggest influencer the world has ever known!

With every blessing for the coming year Rev'd James & Jo Levasier

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to give a hand so if you feel you

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could help, even in some small wav.

please contact the committee using

We represent the community of Burpham, Guildford

Welcome to the **Burpham Community Association**

Community Update

May & June 2022

call 07513 366072 or visit the website at www.burphamca.org.uk

will also take place.

To get in touch with the BCA: Contact the secretary on secretary@burphamca.org.uk

held via Zoom so we look forward

and the Treasurer's Report to a live

You should be aware that the current

committee comprises a small group

struggling to cope with the many

of Sutherland Memorial Hall as a

issues that affect Burpham - traffic

congestion and the resulting pollution,

infrastructure issues, the potential loss

community asset, flooding and damage

to the Wey Navigation. We desperately

need more people to come forward

audience. The election of Officers

to presenting the Annual Report



Other issues discussed included the Merrow Common River, the state of associated culverts, water egress, its management and the importance of understanding Riparian ownership for residents living on the edge. It was proposed a further visit to this site involving all interested parties would take place to review any work required.

and the agency representatives for their time.



last public AGM was in 2019.

In 2020 it was cancelled because of Covid lockdowns and 2021 was

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giving your details would be helpful.

the Burpham Neighbourhood Forum AGM, after which you are cordially invited to stay and enjoy our first

The BCA AGM will be followed by

social event since 2019. There will be drinks and nibbles, and to celebrate the Jubilee we have a special Jubilee Quiz - there will be prizes! If you are coming to the AGM and Social it would be helpful if you would let the

committee know (details above).

We look forward to seeing you at the

BCA AGM and Jubilee Social

Thursday 12th May, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.



The first of two defibrillators was installed outside Aldi, whose support was vital.

Defibrillator

Back in January 2021 a Burpham resident, Alex Donaldson, suggested to the BCA Committee that it would be a very good idea to have a defibrillator in Burpham.

The committee agreed and a working party was set up; it was chaired by Andy Clapham and included some committee members and Alex. They had their first meeting in February 2021 - just one year later, the first of two defibrillators was installed outside Aldi, whose support was vital. We would like to thank all the people who made this possible by donating to our fundraising or helping to advertise the campaign. A particular thank you goes to Surrey County Councillor George Potter, the proprietors of the Raidoot, all the Sports Clubs who use Sutherland Memorial Park, the Women's Institute and the Guildford Lions for their support and generosity.

We do still need to raise a bit more money to buy the second defibrillator (to be installed at Sutherland Park) so if you would like to contribute, please use our **JustGiving** page:

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Guildford Community Lottery

meeting with representatives of

interested agencies and residents.

Issues raised included the problems

seems that persistence has paid off!

has succeeded in getting the ancient

The Burpham Flood Action group

ditch cleaned and prepared for a

complete clear out of fallen trees.

The river has been allowed to flow

too fast which has contributed to the

erosion of the banks and subsequent

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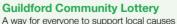
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Rosamund Community Garden, based in Pewley Down, Guildford, is a "peaceful, wildlife haven where volunteers gather to sew, grow, build and learn together in tune with nature".



Eco-friendly cultivation in the garden attracts wildlife such as slow-worms.

Many of us have become increasingly aware of the diminishing wildlife in our local community, for example, less hedgehog sightings and fewer butterflies and bees. This is statistically evidenced by the Surrey Nature Partnership's 2017 report, 'The State Of Surrey's Nature', who's headline conclusions state that "56% of UK wildlife species have shown a declining population trend between 1970 and 2013" and that "15% of all UK wildlife is either threatened with extinction or is extinct already". While this may seem dire, each one of us can support our local environment through any of these actions.

One of these declining species is the British suburban hedgehog.
The average hedgehog travels 2 km every night, so this rapid decrease in population is partly due to a loss of access to areas rich with insect life like gardens that hedgehogs pass through. This is caused by man made barriers such as fences. However, there is a way for us to combat this obstacle and do our part in preventing further decline of the hedgehog. The Wildlife Trust suggests creating

'hedgehog holes' along the bottom of our fences for ease of passage. While these might seem like eyesores, there are plenty of hedgehog hole decorations and small signposts to be found online that can make them a seamless part of your garden. This could also be a fun project for young children. To amplify the benefit to our local hedgehogs, invite your neighbours to do the same. Other small ways of helping to ensure their survival are leaving out small amounts of dog or cat food, pet biscuits and water (not milk, as this can make them very ill), and avoiding the use of pesticides and slug pellets.

Sadly, the bee population has been a matter of concern for many years, as bees act as our most important pollinators. This role is vital to our ecosystem, as a third of what we eat depends on pollinators, yet, due to habitat loss (as well as other factors) their numbers are in decline. Luckily, there are several ways to aid and support your local bees. Firstly, by being generous to bees that you encounter around your house; when you see a bee struggling with tiredness,

a spoonful of sugar-water can do wonders, as well as help in finding a window or exit. Another way to help is by cultivating a bee-friendly garden. This can be achieved through growing plenty of flowers, or making a bee hotel, another fun project for children with plenty of resources online.

Rewilding is the process of allowing nature to take its course in natural spaces.

Another hugely beneficial action that you can take is rewilding. Rewilding is the process of allowing nature to take its course in natural spaces. On a larger scale, this can include reintroducing predators and keystone species, and protecting areas abundant in ecological functions in order to create and preserve stable. self-sustaining ecosystems, and promote near pre-human levels of biodiversity. On a smaller, backgarden scale, there are many ways of encouraging a similar effect. Not mowing segments of your garden is one of these ways. Leaving some grass to grow can help many species



About 1 acre of the site is used to grow a variety of vegetables, herbs, fruit & flowers.

of plants and insects and can be hugely rewarding. Other ways of rewilding your garden are growing a tree or creating a log pile or compost heap to allow decay. It's important not to view any of these as 'messy', but as potential homes to many endangered species.

Community gardens are collaborative projects on natural areas where groups of people share in the maintenance and products of the garden. These communities are a great way to stay in touch with nature and offer great environmental benefits such

as reducing waste through compost programs, reducing food miles and creating a more sustainable system. Locally. Rosamund Community Garden, based in Pewley Down, Guildford, is a "peaceful, wildlife haven where volunteers gather to sew, grow, build and learn together in tune with nature". Rosamund Community Garden offers a number of regular events, such as Big Job Sundays and Apple Pressing as well as the upcoming Spring Beltane Celebration on the 15th of May. They welcome members and visitors alike. For more information, visit their website: www. quildfordcommunitygarden.org.uk

In the face of constantly devastating environmental changes, it can be difficult to be aware of the impact that small actions can make, but continually learning about nature and how we can help is a big step forward. Other ways of helping include walking instead of taking a car where

possible, using natural grass in favour of AstroTurf, leaving bird baths/food in your garden to aid local birds, and buying organically/from local farmer's markets if possible.

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These places enrich our lives and offer peace and joy to many people, and it is our responsibility to guard and protect our natural environment for future generations to enjoy.





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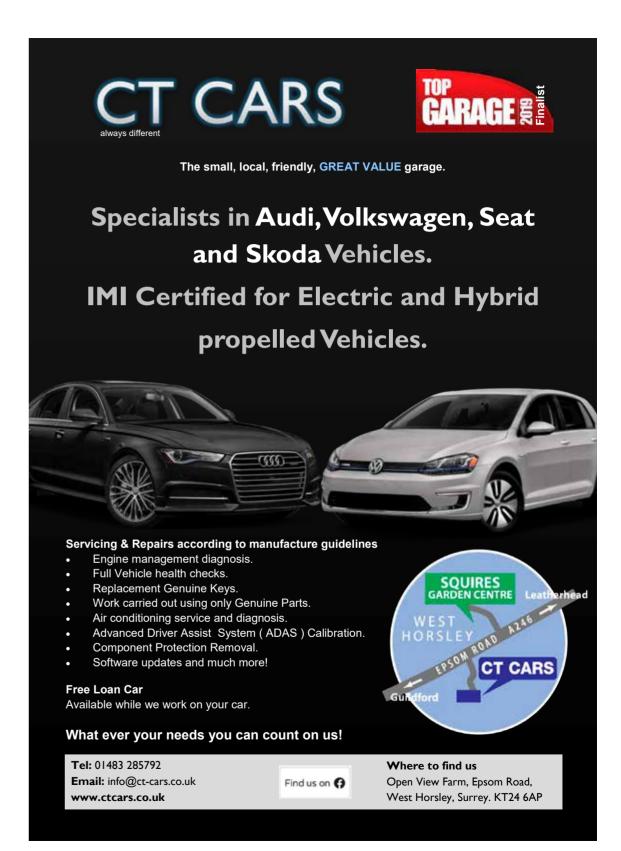
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Burpham Afternoon Women's Institute (WI)

Moira MacQuaide's history of Burpham

The WI came to Britain in 1915 from Canada, and in 1931 the women of Burpham opened their own branch as an afternoon meeting.

At the time most married women stayed at home as wives and mothers, so it was a great opportunity to get out of the house and mix with others of like mind. The founder members included the Hon. Mrs Hopewell, Mrs Bidwell, Mrs Berry, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Grover, as well as Mrs Gatley, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Binsted, Mrs Sturgess and Mrs Sheppard.

The WI has a long history of fundraising, education for women and lifelong friendships. In 1936 the Yorkshire Evening Post reported that "Burpham Surrey Women's Institute decided, after a debate, that married women have a better time than single women". In 1939 the Surrey Advertiser reported that "the choir gave a very spirited performance of old songs"; also that Mrs Braybrooke won the potato competition with one of 26lbs. They ran jumble sales and outings, as well as organising Christmas parties for the village.

The ladies were kept busy during the war, making swabs for the local hospital, or marmalade. There were collections of baby clothes and prams

for the evacuated mothers staying at Gosden House, and toys for the evacuated children.

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than single women".

Yorkshire Evening Post, 1936

Social activities continued, but were often interrupted due to air raids. In the days before the NHS the WI members would collect eggs, vegetables and potatoes for local hospitals. After the war, life returned to normality and records show that WI meetings would begin with everyone singing Jerusalem, the WI song, and minutes reported the Chairlady saying "and so ended another interesting and happy meeting".

In 1952 there was a minute's silence in memory of the late King George VI, followed by singing the National Anthem. In 1953 members went on a coach trip to London, to see the Coronation illuminations. They were

asked to make flowers for the Civic Restaurant, and were invited to the Coronation celebrations at Sutton Green. In 1954 the WI was asked to help provide for a playing field in Burpham, so they raised money at social events and ran a stall as part of the fete for the Grand Opening in 1956.

The WI had a drama group, which put on plays in the village hall. In 1964, as part of the 33rd birthday celebrations for the branch, money was raised for Burpham Homes and the Betatron Appeal for St Luke's Hospital. In 1965 the National Federation celebrated the Golden Jubilee and Mrs Joan Petry was invited to represent Burpham at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

The current Burpham Evening WI started in 1989, to reflect the changes of modern life, with more women out at work during the day. By 1991 the Afternoon WI closed down, when they were unable to enlist a new Treasurer, having been an important part of the village for 60 years. However, the Evening WI continues to thrive in the Burpham community.

www.burphamevewi.co.uk

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.















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Overcoming obstacles to exercise

Christine Sciberras, Founder and Head Coach at Melita Fitness

If you're having trouble starting or sticking to an exercise plan, you're not alone. Despite our best intentions, it's easy to push 'exercise' to the bottom of the To Do list.

We all know good reasons to exercise: better energy, mood, sleep, less perimenopausal symptoms, less anxiety and stress. But sometimes the gap between knowing what to do and actually doing it can seem insurmountable.

In many cases, this gap is made up of the excuses we make for ourselves and the stories we have told ourselves for years or decades.

So today I'm going to hand you over to some brilliant **Melita Fitness** clients to talk about how they managed to overcome obstacles to exercise

Lisa says "I'm not a natural athlete and hated PE at school. My biggest achievement was plucking up the courage to come to my first taster session and then to come back again."

Lisa suggests, "You have to prioritise your wellbeing and realise that all the

reasons you think you can't are just excuses that are holding you back."

"I'm too busy was my favourite excuse," says Catherine. "I have a full-time job and 2 young children. My strategy is to book training in my diary and the family diary. That way the time is allocated. I don't get dragged into working late and my husband knows he's sorting out the children!"

Sarah says: "I used to think I'm too unfit. I kept thinking, I'll do some Joe Wicks first and then I'll join... But Joe Wicks never happened. When I finally plucked up the courage, I felt like kicking myself for not starting earlier. The classes are small and you feel well looked after. So my advice is don't worry about your fitness level. Everyone is on their own journey and the regulars remember exactly what it was like to start out!"

Some Final Words

Start Small. The trick is to start small and build momentum. If you haven't exercised in years, it's unrealistic to aim for 5 times a week. The more ambitious your goal, the more likely you are to fail. It's better to start with a goal that is so easy that you know you can achieve it. And once you do, you'll build self-confidence and momentum.

Be kind to yourself. Self-compassion increases the likelihood that you'll succeed. So, when things don't go to plan, don't beat yourself up. Instead, treat these instances as an opportunity to learn and grow.

Check your expectations. It will take longer than you want. Expect too much and it will lead to frustration. Don't focus on the outcome, focus on the process. Aim for consistent behaviour towards the goal and celebrate that!



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The delayed AGM will be on Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm, when the future of the Club will need to be decided.

Time to welcome your slugs and snails.

So says the Royal Horticultural Society, as it recently began a campaign to encourage us to see the gastropods in our gardens in a better light.

"Our gardens would be duller and messier without them."

The RHS says that the species play a key role in garden ecosystems, and thus are in need of 'positive PR'. It seems that only nine of the 44 known species in the UK are likely to threaten our gardens, and that all of them play a vital role in recycling dead plant material and animal waste, and acting as a food source for hedgehogs, frogs, birds, beetles and flies.

In fact, the RHS's principal entomologist says that we should consider our slugs and snails not as marauding pests bent on eating our flowers and vegetables, but rather as 'garden visitors'. "Our gardens would be duller and messier without them."

Things to do in the garden in May.

- French and Runner Beans can now be sown outdoors.
- There is still time to sow Courgettes and Squash in pots for planting out later, remember always to sow the seed standing on edge to aid germination.

A Spring and Summer dressing should be applied to lawns when rain is forecast.

- Nale, Leeks and Purple Sprouting should be sown now for harvesting during the Winter months.
- Brussel Sprouts and Tomatoes should be planted towards the end of the month after the risk of a frost has past, start removing side shoots from Tomatoes except for Bush varieties.
- Spray Roses regularly with a systemic insecticide to control Blackspot and Greenfly. Sweet Peas need to be tied to supports as they grow.

- Towards the end of the month plant out young Dahlia plants and tubers.
- Name A Spring and Summer dressing should be applied to lawns when rain is forecast.

Things to do in the garden in June.

- When Early Potatoes come into flower they are ready to be dug.
- Sow French and Runner Beans for a late crop.
- Plant out Courgettes and Squash.
- Fast growing Annuals such as Calendula can be sown where they are to grow.
- Complete the planting of Summer Bedding Plants Cannas, Dahlias and Gladioli

Sow French and Runner Beans for a late crop.

- Dead head Delphiniums and Lupins to encourage a second flush.
- Spring flowering shrubs such as Forsythia and Philadelphus should be pruned but leave Magnolias until they are in full leaf.

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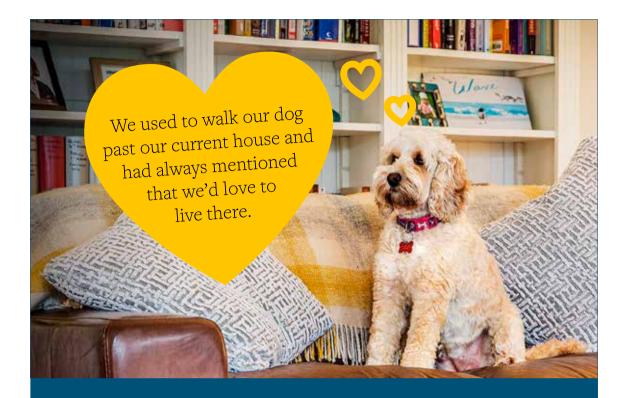


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