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Moira MacQuaide looks at  
the history of Burpham's  
flood plains.

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Alex Rose explores the  
stories behind some of  
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# Welcome

**Dear Neighbours, as the nights draw, the clocks go back and the ground is carpeted with falling leaves we are definitely in Autumn and winter is just around the corner. By the time you read this magazine you may well have celebrated Halloween.**

As we put this issue together I'm starting to get a few of those Christmassy twinges of excitement, looking at the ads for pantomimes and Christmas fairs. I love this time of year but I think that is partly because I have a romantic notion of sunny, crisp and frosty weekends and snow blanketed Christmas mornings. The reality is often a little more grey and rainy.

Despite the ups and downs of the British weather there's still plenty to look forward to at this time of year, within our communities and in and around Guildford. Once again we have the opportunity to see a fantastic firework display with the **Guildford Lions 'Firework Fiesta'** on Saturday November 5th at Stoke Park; or if you prefer some lower impact fireworks why not try **Burpham Church's 'Family Fireworks Fun'** on Sunday 6th November. There will be lots of interesting Christmas fairs going on this year including the fairs at **Guildford Cathedral** and **Jacobs Well**.

Moira MacQuaide has been looking into the history of flooding in and around the area and, although she actually wrote this article back when drought was the current

problem, the recent wet weather has made her article seem a little prophetic.

We've been really pleased that Alex Rose has been back writing for us, this time exploring some of the various works of art and statues situated around Guildford's town centre. It's quite amazing, when you start looking, how many marvellous pieces of inspirational and emotive art there actually are dotted around the town.

I hope you all enjoy the various end of year celebrations and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. I look forward to talking to you again in 2023.

**Paul Nicholls (Editor)**

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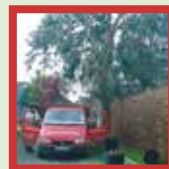
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## Guildford Lions' 'Firework Fiesta' to go ahead again this year.



**We are delighted to confirm that our annual Firework Fiesta will be going ahead again this year on Saturday November 5th in Stoke Park, Guildford!**

**Guildford Lions** are continuing the successful format of last year but with even better entertainment (including children's rides etc) and a lot more food and drink options.

This remains a charitable event and ALL profits will be used to support the local community through the Guildford Lions club's welfare fund and also the Prostate Project who are raising funds to provide a mobile screening unit service.

### Times

**Gates open 5.00pm** Music 6.00pm until 8.30pm **Fireworks from 8.30pm**

### Entertainment

Live music this year will feature leading Mumford & Sons tribute act '**Chasing Mumford**' plus local band

**21st Century Riot** performing covers of Kings of Leon, The Arctic Monkeys, Blur and many more

This year the Guildford Lions will be creating a specific **Children's Entertainment** area which will include fairground rides, a face painter, an opportunity to buy glow in the dark toys, with more to come.

The fireworks display will again be provided by **Pains Fireworks** the largest fireworks company in the UK and the brilliant **Peter Gordon** will be returning as MC.

### Ticket Prices

These are difficult times for all of us so despite a significant increase in our costs we have decided to maintain last

year's prices to allow as many people as possible to come along and enjoy a great and safe community event.

**This will be an all ticket event again with NO sales on the night.** Tickets will be priced at **£10** (plus booking fee) for adults, **children under 16 FREE** (but these must be accompanied by their parents/adults). To buy tickets visit <https://www.seetickets.com/tour/fireworks-fiesta>

### Food & Drink

A lot more catering options will be provided this year to reduce queues. These include **American style food, Indian street food, Thai and Spanish** plus **vegan & vegetarian options**.

We are delighted to confirm some outlets will be providing children's portions. A wide variety of drinks will be provided by the **Star at Godalming** including a wine bar this year.

### Parking

**Free parking** will be available at the **Spectrum** (to be confirmed), **Guildford College, Allianz Insurance** with disabled parking available at the **Guildford High School**.

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## Challengers charity launches Big Play Appeal campaign to build an accessible playground for disabled children.



**A new quarter of a million-pound state-of-the art playground which would transform the lives of thousands of disabled children is due to be built in Guildford.**

The campaign, **Big Play Appeal**, is being launched by local disability charity, **Challengers**, which has provided more than 40 years of fun and accessible play for children of all ages.

The playground's design, inspired by the **Surrey Hills**, will be a multi-functional space with specialist equipment aimed at facilitating fun and adventure for disabled children and will be built at the **Challengers Guildford Playcentre** in Stoke Park.

When not in use Challengers will be looking to open the centre up for **Family Fun Days**, for local families to enjoy together. It is an exciting opportunity to build a space bringing disabled and non-disabled children together, where they can make friends and learn from each other.

"Our new playground will benefit the community as a whole, bringing us a step closer to achieving our vision of a world where all children and young people can play together, freely," Gen Dearman, CEO

The support of the local community and businesses is crucial to the playground's development. Challengers have launched a major crowdfunding campaign to help fund the cost of the project and to reach the **huge target of £250,000** and start the playground build. **Challengers need the support of the community to donate, fundraise and spread awareness of their Big Play Appeal.**

Parents whose children attend Challengers are really excited about the new play-ground and the difference it will make to their children's lives; 'Children with disabilities deserve opportunities to access play. This is currently something we lack in Surrey. This playground will allow children who use Challengers and families in Surrey to play in a safe and secure area. Parents will feel comfortable and safe when allowing their children to play in this new playground, this is often something they can't feel in other playgrounds in Surrey'. Parent Supporter, Challengers.

According to research from the disability equality charity **Scope** "Half of families with disabled children in the UK, face accessibility problems with their local playground." The new Challengers playground will provide a place where children and young people can play freely, with equipment to suit a wide range of needs, as well as opening up an opportunity for local families to use the space and benefit from inclusive play.

Guildford MP Angela Richardson said, "I have had the pleasure of visiting Guildford Challengers and have seen the positive impact Challengers has on children, young people, and their families. It is clear that the children love to attend Challengers and get so much out of the centre, but it is missing a vital element, an inclusive and accessible playground for all to enjoy. Disabled children and young people are so often excluded from society, including local playgrounds, so to have access to a specially designed playground is invaluable to the disabled community and their families."

### The community can help to raise the money needed by:

- Donating to the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bigplayappeal>
- Taking on a fundraising play challenge of your own during the month of October visit Challengers website <https://disability-challengers.org/playground/> or contact [fundraising@disability-challengers.org](mailto:fundraising@disability-challengers.org) to find out more
- Sharing the appeal with friends and family on social media

# Challengers

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# What's on this month

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## Another festive family pantomime is sprouting from Yvonne Arnaud's stage!



*Peter Gordon & ensemble, Dick Whittington 2021 – Yvonne Arnaud Theatre*

**Peter Gordon, Kit Hesketh Harvey and James Merry will return to star in this year's fun-filled family pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, playing from Saturday 3 December 2022 to Sunday 8 January 2023 (following their award-winning production of Dick Whittington!).**

Jack makes a moo-ving sacrifice and bids farewell to his beloved cow in return for a magical bean-tacular investment, which has giant consequences!

Can he make an egg-cellent escape back down the beanstalk or has he really cooked his goose?!

With stunning sets, dazzling costumes and a thrilling live band, join the **Yvonne Arnaud Theatre** for a tantalising adventure with all the sparkles, songs and side-splitting silliness you could ask for!

We're thrilled to announce that **Kit Hesketh Harvey, Peter Gordon and James Merry** will return in this year's pantomime!

**Hendrix the Horrible** will be played

by Guildford's favourite villain, **Kit Hesketh Harvey**, following his roles in nine previous Arnaud pantos!

**Peter Gordon** will take the role of the loveable Dame, **Mary from the Dairy**, in what will be his 16th Yvonne Arnaud panto appearance (oh yes it will!). Peter said: 'It's a real privilege to be coming back for what will be my sixteenth panto at the Arnaud! Pantomime is always a real joy, and at the Arnaud – our very special theatre – it's just magic. I'm looking forward to getting the makeup on and getting back into those outfits! Jack and the Beanstalk will be another triumph for Guildford, Surrey and beyond!'

After joining the cast of Dick Whittington last year, Guildford

resident and Guildford School of Acting alumnus **James Merry** will return as **Simon**. James is best known for his role as Simon Brooklyn Bell in CBeebies' popular BAFTA-nominated series Waffle The Wonder Dog. James said: 'I'm delighted to be returning for my second year of Panto at the YA. I must've done something right to be asked back, although after 1,500+ custard pies to the face I do think it's the least they could do! This year's tale of Jack and The Beanstalk looks set to be a rollicking ride of laughs and I can't wait to get back on stage with PG, Kit and the gang. Last year's audiences were so kind and generous, especially with the backdrop of COVID, I'm sure this year we will see more of those magic full houses. Can't wait to see you all!'

Find out more at [www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk/whats-on/pantomime/jack-and-beanstalk](http://www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk/whats-on/pantomime/jack-and-beanstalk)



*Peter Gordon & James Merry, Dick Whittington 2021 – Yvonne Arnaud Theatre*



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*Sunday 6th November*

 **Family Fireworks Fun**  
**4.00-5.45pm** An all-age 'fair' style event with free games, Messy Church crafts, face painting, and wellbeing activities. Drinks, cakes and hot dogs available to purchase at low cost. Concludes with a low impact fireworks display in the field. At the **Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane**. Tickets **£4 per person in advance ONLY**, from Burpham Church office (under 2s free).


*Wednesday 9th November*

 **Wednesday Catch Up**  
**9.00-10.30am** Coffee, cake and conversation – all welcome. At the **Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane**.

*Wednesday 30th November*

 **Wednesday Catch Up**  
**1.00-2.30pm** Coffee, cake and conversation – all welcome. At the **Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane**.

*Weekly on Thursdays*

 **Drop In**  
**10.00-11.15am** All welcome to drop in for coffee and biscuits at our regular coffee morning for seniors at the **Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane**.

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*Weekly on Fridays in term time*


 **Caterpillar Café**  
**9.30-11.00am** A parent/carer & babies/toddlers drop in playgroup with great toys and song time, at the **Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane**. Coffee and snacks provided, bring your own lidded cup **£2 per adult**.




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## November & December Church services


*Sunday 13th November*

 **Remembrance Sunday**  
**10.45am** Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside **St Luke's Church** (followed by all age worship in the church at 11:05am, coffee and donuts after)


*Sunday 4th December*

 **Christingle Service**  
**4.00pm** Start your advent preparations with a festive service of light. Make your own Christingle and join in the **Messy Church All-Age service**, followed by sandwich tea. at the **Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane**.


*Sunday 11th December*

 **Carols in the Park**  
**3.15-4.45pm** in **Sutherland Memorial Park**: come and enjoy a simple outdoor nativity with a real donkey and join in with the carols. Simple refreshments available to purchase. **Opportunity to meet the donkey from 3.15pm**. Nativity starts around 3.45pm.

*Thursday 15th December*

 **Traditional Candlelit Carol Service**  
**7.30pm** at **St Luke's Church in Burpham Lane**.


*Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December*

 **Interactive Nativity**  
**4.00pm** at the **Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane**.


*Saturday 24th December*

 **Candlelit Midnight Communion**  
**11.15pm** at **St Luke's Church in Burpham lane**.

*Christmas Day Sunday 25th December*

 **Communion Service**  
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 **All Age Celebration**  
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Saturday 27th November

### The Jacobs Well Christmas Craft Fair



**10.30am to 4.30pm** at the  
**Jacobs Well Village Hall.**

There'll be refreshments available to purchase, plenty of free parking and free entrance to the hall.

Contact Zoe at [JWCraftFair@gmail.com](mailto:JWCraftFair@gmail.com) with any enquiries and follow us on Facebook for more updates: [www.facebook.com/jacobswellchristmasfair](https://www.facebook.com/jacobswellchristmasfair)

Saturday 19th November

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Friday 18th & Saturday 19th November

### Guildford Cathedral Christmas Fair



**10am to 4.00pm** Come and join us for this popular event with fabulous stalls to get those unique presents for family and friends. This unique shopping experience will have over 50 exhibitors selling an eclectic mix of bespoke Christmas gifts and decorations, chocolates, jewellery, accessories and much much more!

The **Cathedral Shop** will also be open, stocked with wonderful items for Christmas whilst **Seasons, our Café/Restaurant**, will be selling drinks, snacks and lunches.

Location of event:

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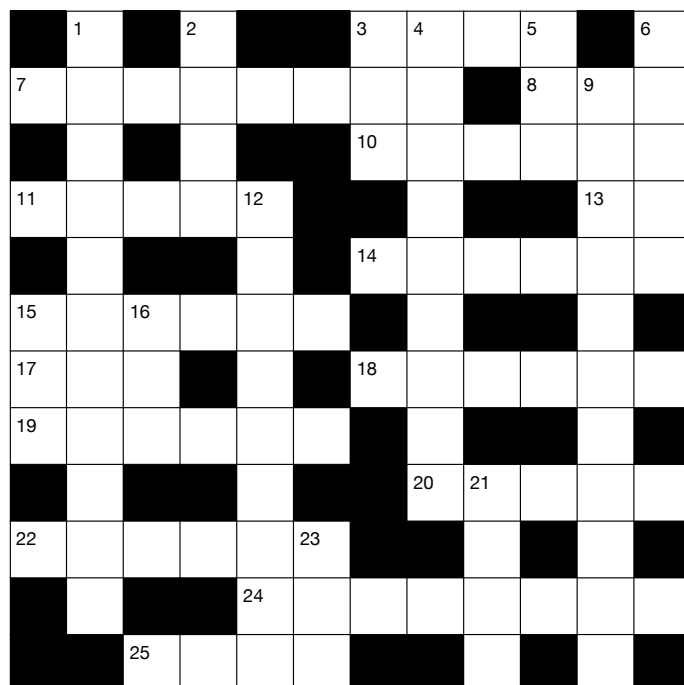
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## Across

- 3 Largest of the continents, bordering on the Arctic, Pacific & Indian Oceans and the Mediterranean & Red Seas. (4)
- 7 Suede-like fabric with short, soft pile on one side (8)
- 8 For each (3)
- 10 Able to move or be moved freely or easily (6)
- 11 Humorous imitation of a film (5)
- 13 All he wanted to do was "go home" (2)
- 14 Room or building in which people work (6)
- 15 Long, loud, piercing cry (6)
- 17 An abbreviation for when one might arrive (3)
- 18 Sweet, baked food made of a mixture of flour, fat & water and often filled with fruit or cream (6)
- 19 Regard with respect or warm approval (6)
- 20 Planned public or social occasion (5)
- 22 Piece of land surrounded by water (6)
- 24 Legal document stating a formal agreement (8)
- 25 One who writes rhyming or expressive verse (4)

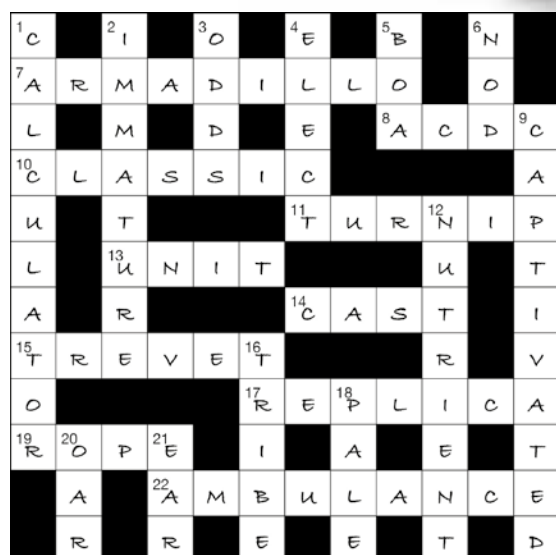
## Down

- 1 Digital music storage format developed in the 80s (11)
- 2 Person admired for their courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities (4)
- 3 Point or direct (3)
- 4 Complex crystal formed of ice (9)
- 5 Application Programming Interface (3)
- 6 Sharp mountain ridge (6)
- 9 Branch of physics dealing with emission, behaviour of electrons using electronic devices (11)
- 12 Pleasant, sweet smell; perfume (9)
- 15 Large expanse of salt water (3)
- 16 Used for battering or for memory storage (3)
- 21 Type of word used to describe an action (4)
- 23 Small round mark (3)

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Flooding in the fields around Old Bucks Weir, on the River Wey Navigation and the River Wey, near Bowers Lock and Burpham Court Farm (Photo by Jim Allen).

# Flooding to drought – a topsy turvy world!

Moira MacQuaide's history of Burpham

**Burpham was probably chosen as a suitable place to settle over two thousand years ago due to its proximity to water – the River Wey. Since then, we have seen changes in the climate and the way we use resources, that have affected water levels across the country.**

At the time of writing this, there are reports in the media of proposed hosepipe bans in Southern England and there have been wildfires on common ground due to the recent very hot weather. *[Note from Editor: Moira originally wrote this article for the previous issue of the magazine but this was switched with the article for our 100th issue.]* July was recorded as the driest since 1911. Will 2022



Wildfires at the Riverside Nature Reserve, Burpham in 2022 (Photo by Jim Allen).

be remembered in the same way as the 'heatwave of 1976'? Do you remember queueing to use standpipes in the street that summer? We need the 'right sort of rain' in order to refill aquifers and reservoirs.

However, with the ground so dry and hard, any rain is likely to run off as surface water, with the risk of flash flooding. Old maps show that areas of Burpham were deemed to be 'Liable to Flooding', especially south of **Burpham Court Farm** and along **Clay Lane**. In 2013 there was significant flooding over the fields and roads, when Burpham was recognised by Guildford Borough Council as a flooding hotspot. More recently, in 2020 Surrey was battered by Storm Dennis. Another area prone to flooding is the stream that runs down



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the back of gardens in **Great Oaks Park**, now named **Merrow Common Stream**. This runs between culverts



High water levels at Bowers Lock, Burpham seen in 2021 (Photo by Jim Allen).



The ford between Dairyman's Walk and Ladygrove Drive can fill quickly, taking drivers by surprise (Photo by M Bass).

at **London Road** and **Gosden Hill Road**. According to the [riverlevels.co.uk](http://riverlevels.co.uk) website, the water in the stream has been at a steady level this year, but it reached its highest level on Christmas Eve 2013.

The ford between **Dairyman's Walk** and **Ladygrove Drive** can fill quickly, taking drivers by surprise – sometimes leading to them being swept away by the water. The cul-de-sac of **Burpham Lane**, in front of Burpham Primary School, used to flood regularly, due to blocked drains. Luckily that problem was resolved by making a hole in the acoustic fence to allow water to drain away! Sewers often cannot cope with heavy rainfall, and blocked drains need to be cleared. **Riverside Nature Reserve** has a man-made lake and ditches, as well as the towpath, both of which need maintenance in order to prevent problems.

What will the coming months bring us?

### What is the Flood Forum?

The Flood Forum had its origin in a Surface Water Management report

commissioned by Guildford Borough Council around 2012 which revealed Burpham as a flooding hotspot – proved very omniscient by the floods of 2013/2014. **The Burpham Community Association (BCA)** formed a sub committee, the **Flood Action Group**, which initially became part of the **Worplesdon Flood Forum**. However, it soon became clear that Burpham had enough issues to form its own **Flood Forum**. This brings together all the relevant agencies – **SCC, GBC, Thames Water, the Environment Agency and the National Trust** and meets annually. Our MP, Angela Richardson chairs the Forum meetings. Members of the Flood Action Group have prepared an **Action Plan** which gives details of all the main concerns, who is responsible, what action is needed and when it is completed. They meet several times a year to update the Action Plan.

The **Flood Risk Map** can be viewed at <https://burphamca.weebly.com/flood-forum.html> and gives an overview of the issues.



[riverlevels.co.uk](http://riverlevels.co.uk)

### Merrow Common Stream at Burpham

**Current River Level: 0.885m, rising**  
Within the usual range for this location

Current level recorded at 11:00am,  
Thursday 20th October BST  
(10:00am, Thursday 20th October GMT)

Change from previous  
measurement: 0.001m  
(recorded at 3:00am, Thursday 20th October BST)

**The usual range** of the Merrow Common Stream at Burpham is between 0.84m and 1.06m. It has been between these levels for 90% of the time since monitoring began.

**The typical recent level** of the Merrow Common Stream at Burpham over the past 12 months has been between 0.79m and 0.93m. It has been between these levels for at least 150 days in the past year.

**The highest level ever recorded** at the Merrow Common Stream at Burpham is 2.09m, reached on Tuesday 24th December 2013 at 10:45pm.

Note that this data may not take account of recent measurements, as we wait until a level has been verified by the Environment Agency before adding it to our records.

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](mailto: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.



Welcome to the **Burpham Community Association**

# Community Update

November & December 2022

## Hedgehogs Rule!

**Back in 2020, Sainsburys lodged an application to extend their store which threatened a Local Green Space and its resident hedgehogs, now officially classed as vulnerable mammals. Many local people objected, as did one very well known non-resident, Brian May, co-founder of a hedgehog charity, Amazing Grace. The hedgehogs won the day! We asked Elizabeth Lee to tell us about these enchanting animals.**

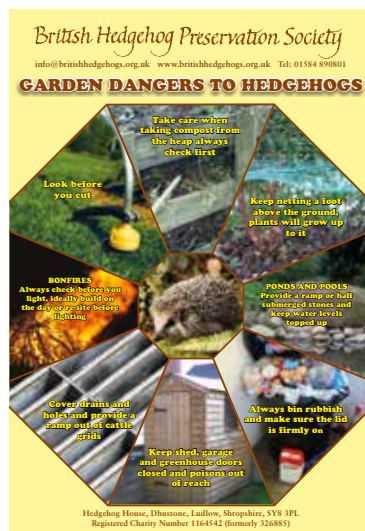


I am a volunteer for several wildlife charities. I am especially passionate about hedgehogs and trying to help the declining population in Burpham and Merrow. Through my Facebook page 'Hedgehogs of Burpham and Merrow', I try to offer advice and assistance to anyone that has hedgehogs in their garden or if they

find a hedgehog in need of any help. It is lovely to be able to share local hedgehog stories and to try and make a difference in our community. I would love to hear of any new sightings, as I am aware of hedgehogs on Weybrook Park, especially the Devoil Close area, Gosden Hill, Bushy Hill and Merrow Park. A few remain around the London Road area and in Jacobs Well, but sadly the population mostly seems to have disappeared on Wylea Farm.

To encourage our prickly friends into your garden, there are lots of things that you can do. Hedgehogs are lactose intolerant and must never be given milk. Plenty of fresh water and meaty cat food in jelly or kitten biscuits, can be a life saver, and will mean that your prickly friend will keep on visiting you.

The key piece of information that I give to people is that hedgehogs are nocturnal, and if out in the day they are likely to be sick or injured. Unfortunately a lot of people do not realise this, so it is always best to call your local wildlife rescue, The Wildlife Aid Foundation in Leatherhead on 01372 360404 for advice. Never try to care for a sick hedgehog yourself as they are extremely complex little creatures.



Other important suggestions would be to make your garden as hedgehog friendly as possible, for example creating hedgehog highways for free roaming between gardens, checking areas before using any garden machinery or before lighting bonfires, creating ramps in ponds, eliminating the use of chemicals and keeping netting off the ground. Making your neighbours aware of the presence of hedgehogs is also very important and indeed also the parks team at the council if they cut back areas locally where

### BCA on Facebook & Twitter!

Join the conversation! Open to members and non-members, it's a great way to stay up-to-date with everything that's happening in our community.

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they could be nesting. Hedgehogs can have two litters of babies per year, typically of up to six hoglets.

Not all hedgehogs hibernate now, due to climate change, and autumn juveniles need to be of a certain weight to survive the winter. From October, any hoglet under 200 grams needs to go to rescue. Any between 200-400 grams please call your local rescue for advice or feel free to message me through my Facebook page. Any over 400 grams looking healthy, out at night, please help with supplemental feeding. At any weight, if out in the daylight, circling, wobbling, sunbathing, injured or with fly strike (looks like grains of rice) please seek help straight away.

Hedgehogs have faced a huge decline in population over the last sixty years, but together we can work to increase their numbers and make our gardens a safe haven for them. I look forward to seeing any new members on the Facebook page and anyone is welcome to join even if further afield.



### Riverside Nature Reserve

When cattle are in the Nature Reserve, the gates have to be closed but there have been problems with access for people using mobility scooters. The first gate installed, on the left of the photo, could not be opened by people on their own thus removing their independence. The new double gates, shown on the right, are intended to overcome this problem. We hope they do... If you use the gates, please let us know how you get on.

### Other News

After lengthy correspondence with GBC, we hope that the 2nd defibrillator the BCA bought will soon be installed at Sutherland Memorial Park.

We hope to have a Christmas Social some time in December – drinks, nibbles, a seasonal quiz and a tombola or raffle. At the time of writing (early October) the date isn't settled so keep an eye out for bulletins or notifications on Nextdoor.

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# The Stories of Guildford's Public Art

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by Alex Rose

From the Surrey Scholar to the Sutherland Circle, let's discover more about what's around us every day.

Guildford, known for its picturesque town centre, is rich in charming scenes and unassuming treasures. Among these are a number of carefully crafted art pieces, each of which has a story of its own.



**Left:** Guildford statue of George Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury, sculpted by local artist Faith Winter, who studied at the Guildford School of Art. **Right:** The Sutherland Circle, created by Steve Tomlinson, in Sutherland Memorial Park in Burpham.

Perhaps the most well-known of these is the grand statue of **George Abbot**, Archbishop of Canterbury, erected in April of 1993 at the top of the high street. It was sculpted by local artist Faith Winter, who studied at the Guildford School of Art, and unveiled by Robert Runcie, the then Archbishop of Canterbury. Born in Guildford, 1562, Abbot attended the Royal Grammar School and went on to teach at Oxford University. He was three times Vice-Chancellor of the university and took a leading role in translating the authorised version of the New Testament. Guildford continues to honour Abbot with a hospital, a pub, a secondary school and the towering statue. His tomb can be visited at Holy Trinity Church.

Another recognisable sculpture of Guildford Town Centre rests at the bottom of the high street. The **'Surrey Scholar'** depicts a young man holding a number of books and raising his mortarboard hat in a lively running position. It was commissioned for the Golden Jubilee by the University of Surrey, also coinciding with the University's 35th anniversary. It had the

brief of a 'dynamic' feel and was raised in 2009, a feat of engineering, as the Scholar balances on one toe on a sloping site. The 11-foot high, bronze sculpture was created by Alan Sly to represent education in Guildford. Interestingly, Alan Sly also sculpted the eye-catching **'Surrey Stag'** outside the University – designed to represent its logo.

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Erected in 2017 and distinctly recognisable, anyone who frequents Sutherland Memorial Park must be familiar with the **'Sutherland Circle'**. This creative steel art piece aims to explore themes of nature; each leaf-shaped structure is ornately decorated with individual natural scenes, including a bird flying over a child in a flower meadow or a robin surrounded by falling autumnal leaves. The structures surround a small cylindrical column with a plaque. It was created by artist Steve Tomlinson in close collaboration with a local school.

**'The Bargeman'**, an intriguing sculpture located on Town Wharf, was commissioned by the Guildford Borough Council to celebrate the millennium. Facing the canal, a working man made of steel coils wears a flat cap and coat and stands in a position to throw a length of looped rope. It was created in 2001 by Andy Quirk and Robert Kranenborg at Utopia Forge and designed to reflect the time when the Wey was a working river.

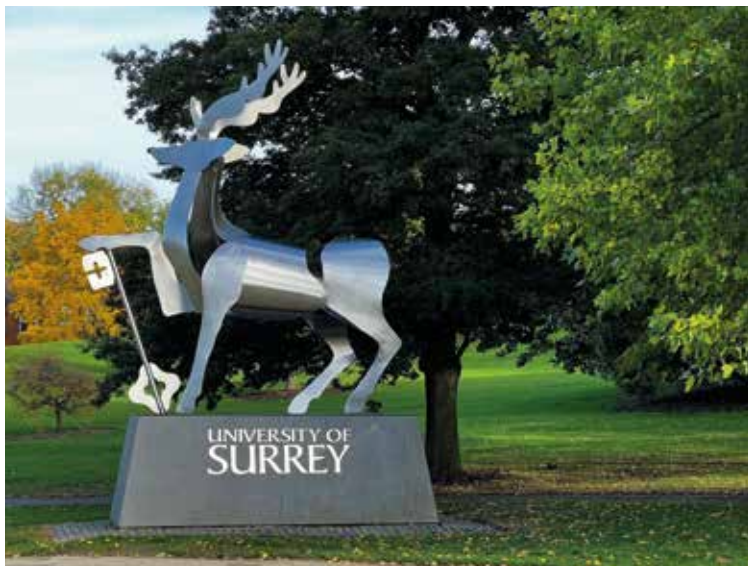
The Wey itself is a waterway of almost 20 miles connecting Godalming and Surrey with the Thames at Weybridge. The river Wey Navigation was created between 1651 and 1653 to offer Guildford merchants a convenient highway to London. It is one of the oldest river navigations in the country, and today the National Trust manages it as a leisure waterway.

So, it is safe to say that the bargeman represents an important aspect of historical life in Guildford and celebrates the gateway of local trade.

The newest significant public art piece in Guildford is the **war memorial** at the castle grounds (erected in 2018 and



**Left:** War memorial in Guildford Castle grounds, created by David Annand.



**Right:** 'Surrey Stag' outside the University of Surrey sculpted by Alan Sly.



Wooden sculpture, 'Rising Stars', by Steve Geliot.

created by David Annand) honouring the lives of the eighteen residents of the town who have died in service since the end of World War 2. The bronze memorial depicts a young man in military uniform holding a plaque engraved with the names of those who died. The figure is surrounded by three arcs, which represent the three services and echo the Norman Architecture of Guildford Castle.



The Bargeman created in 2001 by Andy Quirk and Robert Kranenborg at Utopia Forge.

Public art in Guildford, however, doesn't end there; a number of other pieces can be found throughout Guildford. Lewis Carroll's impressive influence can certainly be sensed throughout the town for example, with '**Alice through the looking glass**' and '**Alice and the White Rabbit**' exemplifying local art. Outside the Odeon cinema, you may well have seen the only wooden sculpture on this list, '**Rising Stars**', by Steve Geliot, perhaps a cheerful tribute to the stars on the big screen. Other art pieces include the extract from an **Edgar Allen Poe poem** on the side of the Parkway Premier Inn, the dancing figures sculpture on the wall of the



The green man sculpture on the side of the Burpham Aldi.

youth centre at Haydon Place, many interesting statues on the grounds of Surrey University, and, more locally, the **green man sculpture** on the side of the Burpham Aldi, paying respect to the Green Man pub which stood in the location previously.

Clearly, many creative and captivating gems surround us whilst we go about our daily lives. When we take a moment to notice the talent around us and appreciate our local environment, we may be surprised at what we find.

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# The Sister's Preserves Story

**Burham Pages is all about 'local'. Local community, local businesses and local events. We've recently been exploring local produce and in doing so have spoken to Jackie Turner who runs 'Sister's Preserves'.**

In 2016 I grew an abundance of tomatoes and by September I was left with a lot of unripe ones. I experimented with my Mum's runner bean pickle recipe from the 1970s and gave my brother, Tony, a few jars of the resulting, yummy green tomato chutney. He served some in baguettes and ploughman's lunches in his Wiltshire deli. One customer liked it so much he asked if he could buy a jar. Tony replied, "I don't have any to sell, my sister makes it, I'll ask her." The next few times the same guy came into the shop he asked, "Have you got any of your sister's chutney?" ...and so, my brand name was born!

I did a lot of research, got qualified in food safety and hygiene, had our kitchen and practices inspected by Guildford Borough Council (which wasn't as scary as you might think!), and started making chutney to sell at fairs and farm shops. Since then, I have extended the range of chutneys and added jams, marmalade, mustard

and other products depending on the season.

Great tasting products should be available locally, and buying from a small business makes a real difference to real people. I love to use traditional, family recipes, but also to experiment and create new combinations of flavours. I now have returning customers saying it is the best jam and chutney they have tasted!

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I pick a lot of the produce myself, working with the seasons; picking rhubarb in April, strawberries in June, blackcurrants, elderflowers and tomatoes in July, beetroots and plums in August, apples and elderberries in September and quinces in October. Several friends and neighbours swap a bag of something

they have grown for a jar of something I have made. I love the community feel this brings to my work.

**Sustainability is important to me so my glass jars are made in Britain from partially recycled glass, and are fully recyclable.**

Sustainability is important to me so my glass jars are made in Britain from partially recycled glass, and are fully recyclable. My gift boxes contain only biodegradable materials, no plastic; and at Christmas time I use natural baskets and biodegradable cellophane to create a range of tasty hampers.

**You can find Jackie's products for sale in:**

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# Wondering with a Conker!

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**As I write this, we are firmly in the Autumn season: the autumn leaves are turning and the acorns are piling up underfoot. (Is it me, or do there seem to be a particularly large number of acorns this year?)**

One of the great things about the UK is that we really do seasons, and after the parched summer, doesn't autumn seem particularly welcome this year?

As well as the leaves and acorns, I have to confess that I have never grown out of enjoying conkers. How about you? I remember we used to collect them obsessively at school, even as teenagers, when I recall surreptitiously climbing into a garden next to the playground which had a massive horse chestnut tree, to try and get even more to put in our bag. I still find it very hard to walk past a horse chestnut tree with fallen conkers without stopping to see if there are any shiny ones to pick up or, even better, unopened cases waiting for my foot to release their treasure. Squashing those prickly cases to reveal a shiny new conker never fails to bring me joy! Don't you just love the feel of a new conker – silky smooth and shiny, just perfect.

But the thing about conkers, is that smooth glossy look doesn't last long. The pleasure they bring is very short-

lived, for very quickly, shiny fades to dull, and the new conker joins the other hoards of yesterday's conkers which really aren't quite as entrancing, and off I go to find a new one. Yes – I'm conker fickle, always after the next new shiny perfect one!

**I wonder how many other things in life are like that conker – promising much, but only providing temporary pleasure that fades quickly and needs to be replaced with something else.**

But I wonder how many other things in life are like that conker – promising much, but only providing temporary pleasure that fades quickly and needs to be replaced with something else. And so, we fill our houses with lots of stuff we don't need, because the thrill of the new thing fades too quickly. Perhaps you can identify with always looking for the next thing to bring you pleasure or that elusive 'satisfaction' that always seems to be promised by

the next experience.

Or perhaps you struggle with finding that perfect Christmas gift for someone who seems to have everything – what is there 'new' that you can give to bring someone joy? Are we looking for things in the wrong place?

Jesus Christ said: I have come that they might have life, life in all its fullness. What a promise! What an invitation! Who wouldn't want life in all its fullness? Perhaps as we approach Christmas and that moment when we remember God choosing to enter our world himself, as a human baby in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, perhaps you might like to investigate that claim for yourself. Could it be that there is something or someone who isn't like that proverbial conker – shiny and perfect today but dull and disappointing tomorrow? You never know, it might be worth a look.

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# Burpham Gardening Club News

November & December

To join the club or our meetings call John Boon on 01483 874123

**Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to enter the Autumn Show, congratulations to the Trophy winners Morriss Kemp (Ron Sporle Shield, Four Tomatoes, Ted Crump Rosebowl, a Single Rose, Howard Plate, Three Roses, Newman Trophy, a Single Dahlia).**

Thanks again for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our shows in 2023.

## Things to do in the garden in November.

- 🌱 The Planting of Tulips should be completed by the end of this month.
- 🌱 Cut down faded perennials leaving Penstemon and other late flowering perennials to continue flowering.
- 🌱 Dahlias and Cannas can still be lifted and stored in a dry place if you do not want to risk frost damage by overwintering them in the ground. They should be lifted, dried and stored in a frost free place ready for planting next Spring, if they are being overwintered in the ground they should be covered with a mulch dressing.
- 🌱 Apply an application of a mulch dressing to protect Agapanthus from the frost.
- 🌱 Half hardy Fuchsias and Pelargoniums should be cut back and brought undercover, reduce watering so that they remain dormant during the winter months.

- 🌱 The watering of Houseplants should be reduced as the nights draw in.
- 🌱 Amaryllis bulbs should be potted up for Christmas flowering.
- 🌱 Bring potted Hyacinths into a light cool area once they begin to shoot.
- 🌱 Reduce the watering of Houseplants.

## Continue to rake fallen leaves off of the lawn.

- 🌱 Now is a good time to plant Raspberry Canes, Fruit Trees and Bushes.
- 🌱 Start the winter pruning of Apple and Pear trees.
- 🌱 Aquadulce Broad Beans should be planted now to produce an early crop ahead of the Spring invasion of Blackfly.
- 🌱 Garlic cloves and overwintering Onion Sets can still be planted.
- 🌱 Continue to rake fallen leaves off of the lawn.

## Things to do in the garden in December.

- 🌱 Indoor Azaleas should be watered frequently to prevent the dense root ball from drying out, rainwater is better than tap water.

- 🌱 Poinsettias are a popular gift at this time of the year, they should be kept in a warm light place away from draughts, they do not like to be overwatered. All other Houseplants should be kept in a bright place as winter light levels fall on frosty nights do not leave them trapped between closed curtains and the window.
- 🌱 Pinch out the tips of Sweet Peas sown in October to encourage bushy growth.
- 🌱 The vegetable plot should be cleared of all left over plant debris and lightly dug over to open up the ground so that the winter frost can get in and destroy bugs and diseases.
- 🌱 Rhubarb crowns can be forced by covering them with dark bucket.
- 🌱 Grape vines, Acers and Birches should be pruned before Christmas to prevent bleeding, most deciduous trees can now be cut back, leave Prunus species until they are in leaf next Spring, Magnolias should be left until the Summer
- 🌱 Keep off of the Lawn when it is frosty or very wet.

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