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# Welcome

**Dear Neighbours, I think it was in the last issue that I was saying that it looks like 2023 is going to be a busy time in Burpham. Well, that's certainly proving true based on how busy Burpham Pages has been recently.**

We've really had to juggle our editorial this month to fit and some articles have had to be saved for the next issue or published online (please do check out <https://burpham-pages.co.uk>).

I hope you entered the **Where in Burpham** competition in the last issue. We've received lots of correct entries and the winner will be announced in our May & June issue. In the meantime we have another location for you to identify and again enter online with the chance of winning a £10 Sainsbury's eGift card. Enter at <https://burpham-pages.co.uk/where-in-burpham-02-2023/>

The **London Road Action Group (LRAG)** are continuing their efforts to negotiate with Surrey County Council over the **London Road Active Travel Scheme** (see the BCA Update); the **Burpham Community Hub** continue to battle with Guildford Borough Council over the use of the **Sutherland Memorial Hall**, although this is proving to be more of a struggle than it really ought to be. Please help support the campaign by completing the survey at [www.burphamwellbeing.com/communitycharter](http://www.burphamwellbeing.com/communitycharter)

With **local borough elections** coming up on **May 4th 2023** we hear from some of the candidates for the Burpham Ward, so you can start thinking about what they value within our area and whether or not it aligns with your needs and hopes for your Burpham.

I hope you find this an interesting edition and look forward to speaking to you next time. Please don't forget to check us out at <https://burpham-pages.co.uk> to see what another news we have.

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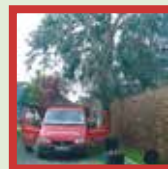
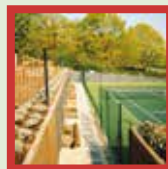
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# News + events

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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.

## The Burpham Community Charter: Your chance to shape Burpham's Community Hub

Complete the survey at:  
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**Regular Burpham Pages readers will be aware that a number of locals have been working together to secure local management of Burpham's community assets in Sutherland Memorial Park.**

The battle began back in April 2021, and despite the concerted efforts of all involved, it has yet to succeed.

The good news is our campaign is gathering momentum, we have amassed over 20 residents to form **Burpham Community Hub**. We also have the support of our local councillor and MP. And, we continue to welcome new supporters – so if you want to join our community collective let us know [burphamwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:burphamwellbeing@gmail.com).

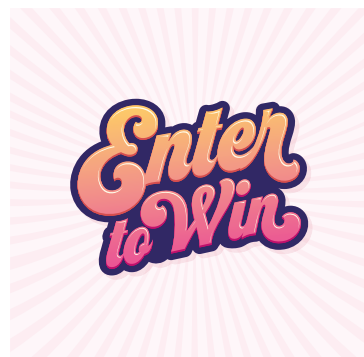
The not so good news is that in January our expression of interest for **Sutherland Memorial Hall** was rejected by **Guildford Borough Council**. In order to deliver the requirements set by the council certain

costs need to be covered. GBC stated in its terms it is unwilling to cover those costs. We are now at a deadlock because without a formal arrangement with GBC we cannot apply for grants or funding to cover those costs.

Everyone in the **Burpham Community Hub** is of the opinion that the **Hall, Cricket Pavilion and Tennis Courts/5-a-side pitches** should be run by the community for the community. We believe this is a fair assumption, and are now seeking to back it up with a survey.

This is where we need you – just 3 minutes of your time to share your opinions and ideas about what services you'd like to see in Burpham

to improve our community. The results of the survey will be used to create a community charter that we'd like to present to GBC and the various funding bodies we'll be approaching to enable us to deliver the facilities, events, classes, courses and services you'd like to see.



Everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win the following prizes from our friends on Kingpost Parade:

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- £20 Voucher to spend at The Wine Shop
- 10% off at Coronet Cleaners
- 15% off at M&R Barbers
- A bottle of bubbly and golf umbrella from Seymours

To complete the survey please visit [www.burphamwellbeing.com/communitycharter](http://www.burphamwellbeing.com/communitycharter)

We look forward to sharing the findings in the next edition of **Burpham Pages**.

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## New Service set to speed up MRI scans for heart patients with pacemakers.



*Guildford MP, Angela Richardson cuts the ribbon with Consultant Cardiologists Dr Michael Hickman (L) & Dr Ed Leatham.*

**People with implanted pacemakers and defibrillators will now be able to access a new high quality MRI scanning service launched today by VCL, the specialist imaging company based at The Surrey Research Park.**

At present, patients with pacemakers and defibrillators are either prevented from undergoing essential MRI imaging or have unacceptably long waits. This causes significant problems to patients – and their clinicians – particularly in cardiology, cancer care, neurology and orthopaedics.

The ‘magnetic challenges’ that arise for these patients during scanning can only be addressed by exceptionally highly skilled radiographers and technicians, that VCL is now able to provide.

VCL was founded by two local cardiologists Dr Edward Leatham and Dr Michael Hickman in 2020 with the sole objective of improving access to the latest technological advances specialist imaging.

These highly specialised new MRI scans, which use the latest Siemens 1.5T MRI Scanner, require the joint

expertise of a multidisciplinary team to undertake these vital scans safely and as quickly as possible after the need has been identified.

Dr Leatham explained: “Patients with pacemakers can only have an MRI scan if there’s a highly experienced multidisciplinary team available both to programme their pacemaker (before and after) and operate the scanner to ensure the patient’s safety. For instance, if a person has a raised PSA test there is often a need for an MRI to establish whether they have prostate cancer, however it is increasingly impossible to deliver this within the required timeframe. Therefore, some patients with pacemakers either must undergo a biopsy instead of an MRI scan or wait until a specialist team is available – if at all. Waiting lists for MRIs are already long, but particularly so for pacemaker patients; our new service potentially

puts an end to all this.”

This is not the first breakthrough from VCL; through its partnerships with global leaders in medical imaging technology, it has developed a number of UK-first patient pathways for one-stop chest pain assessment including CT coronary angiography that uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to assist with detection of critical coronary artery disease up to ten years before symptoms occur ([www.heartscandirect.com](http://www.heartscandirect.com)). It has enabled many patients with Critical Coronary disease to avoid often lengthy – and risky – waits for diagnosis and treatment.

Dr Hickman said: “Following the Covid pandemic, the backlog in NHS services nationally has been particularly harmful to cardiovascular health, due to diminished access and delayed diagnoses. At VCL, we provide direct access to a streamlined, high-quality, patient-centred service that overcomes these delays in accessing healthcare.”

Dr Leatham added: “While we have contracts with all major private medical insurance companies, we are hoping that the NHS will consider out-sourcing some of its MRI/CT demand; our CT scanner for instance may very well sit idle for three days a week and has the capacity to help tackle patients who are waiting, so we believe we hold the answer to speeding up diagnosis and treatment in this area; we are in active negotiations with government and NHS officials to help tackle NHS waiting lists.”

The launch was attended by Guildford MP, Angela Richardson, who commented “This new scanner is a welcome addition to imaging services in this area and I will do all I can to encourage outsourcing to specialist scan providers that have both the expertise and capacity to reduce waiting lists locally.”

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# News + Events

## Guildford in Bloom Launches Annual Gardening Competition for Residents and Schools.



*Guildford in Bloom 2022 winners, sponsors, judges & Mayor – Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.*

**The Guildford in Bloom Gardening Competition, which is open to residents and businesses in Guildford Borough launched on 14 February 2023 alongside the Schools in Bloom competition which launched at the end of January 2023.**

The theme for this year is **For King and Countryside** which incorporates both the **Coronation** celebrations and **King Charles III's** love of wildlife

Part of the **Guildford in Bloom** ethos is to create diverse habitats that encourage and protect wildlife, especially our pollinators. The **Best Site for Nature Conservation** category supports and encourages projects to promote biodiversity and havens for all wildlife in our area. However, it will not be possible to reverse the decline in populations of pollinators unless everyone can be encouraged to do a little bit.

Therefore as part of this year's theme, Guildford in Bloom have created a list of ten things entrants can do in their gardens or allotments to create mini wildlife havens. These include bird feeders, being part of a hedgehog

corridor, having a pond or other water source, nectar café's, bug hotels and log piles. In order to qualify for the theme entrants have to choose five things from the list to do – those that can do all ten should enter the **Best Garden for Wildlife** category too.

Cllr Paul Spooner, Chairman of Guildford in Bloom says: "Guildford in Bloom are delighted to be able to celebrate the King's Coronation with our theme **For King and Countryside**. We felt it was important to include an element that would have a tangible benefit to local wildlife and we sincerely hope that these elements in people's gardens and plots will be maintained in the future.

We hope that our Guildford gardeners will rise to the challenge and help us make a real difference in honour of King Charles III's lifelong love of



*2022 Overall winner Susan Clutterbuck with Mayor and sponsors Keith and Esther Churchouse from Chapters Financial.*

nature and wildlife. Any garden, big or small, private or a business can enter Guildford in Bloom. We'd love to see your photos and stories, please share them on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages by using the hashtag **#GIB2023** and show us how you've interpreted this year's theme."

To take part, please go to **www.guildfordinbloom.com** to download the entry form, and once completed send that to **info@guildfordinbloom.com** no later than **Sunday 18 June 2023** Judging takes place between 28 June – 16 July 2023. You can keep up with the competition on the Guildford in Bloom social media pages – visit **@guildfordnbloom** on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook here **https://www.facebook.com/GuildfordInBloom**

The school competition is also underway and children across the borough will be designing and creating their gardens with the **For King and Countryside** theme, and keeping a journal, diary or scrapbook to record their progress.

Entries for the **Schools in Bloom Competition**, sponsored by **Edwins Garden Centre**, need to be in by **21 May 2022** and judging will take place between 5 to 16 June 2023. Entry forms for this competition can also be downloaded from **www.guildfordinbloom.com**

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The winner of **#bloomingschools** will receive £50 to spend on plants or gardening equipment for the school, together with other prizes.

For King and Countryside will also be celebrated at the free **Blooming Picnic in the Castle Grounds Event** on **3 June 2023** – picnic goers will be encouraged to dress up in keeping with the theme and bring flags to wave while they enjoy entertainment from the Castle Bandstand provided by **Guildford Fringe Festival** as we bring our celebrations of the Coronation to a close. Blooming Picnic is sponsored by **Chapters Financial** and **Experience Guildford** and would not happen without the collaboration with Guildford Fringe Festival



*Blooming Picnic in 2022 celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee.*

Charlotte Wyschna, Managing Director of Guildford Fringe says:

"Guildford Fringe Festival are very pleased to be helping organise the Picnic once again after setting the event up with Diana Roberts and GIB all those years ago. It has grown into a wonderful event which is always so well attended.

A true community event for the people of Guildford. There will be music and fun for all the family from the bandstand whilst you enjoy the beautiful Castle Grounds."

More details on the Guildford in Bloom website [www.guildfordinbloom.com](http://www.guildfordinbloom.com)

## Challengers charity builds new accessible playground for disabled children.



*Guildford pre-school children enjoying watching the diggers at the playground site.*

Work has started on a new, state-of-the-art inclusive playground at the Guildford playcentre of charity **Challengers**. The specially designed playground in **Stoke Park** will have a huge impact on the lives of thousands of disabled children who are often unable to use typical playgrounds in their own communities.

Challengers has provided more than 40 years of fun and accessible play for children of all ages and continues to champion play for disabled children.

The charity raised £300,000 to build the playground through a fundraising campaign called the **Big Play Appeal**. 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.

Inclusive and accessible, the equipment is exciting and varied, providing the opportunity for climbing, sliding, swinging and creative play.

Most importantly, the playground will mean disabled children will be able to play with their non-disabled peers in a safe, accessible space where they can have fun and make friends.

Challengers is especially excited and proud that the new playground will see the first installation in the UK of a We-Go-Swing, which represents a revolutionary step forward in inclusive play. The swing, allows wheelchair and

non-wheelchair users to play together. Unlike many accessible swings that are segregated from main play areas, this swing is designed to be fully integrated into the playground setting.

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 2022 Challengers parent survey indicated only 6% of Surrey families felt there was enough access to safe and accessible play in Guildford. Challengers wants to change that.

British Paralympian and Challengers Patron **Rachel Morris MBE** said: "I'm delighted to see that Challengers are building a new, accessible playground with top-of-the-range equipment for disabled children to enjoy in Surrey.

"This will make such a difference to disabled children's lives and will help to break down the barriers to play they are faced with daily."

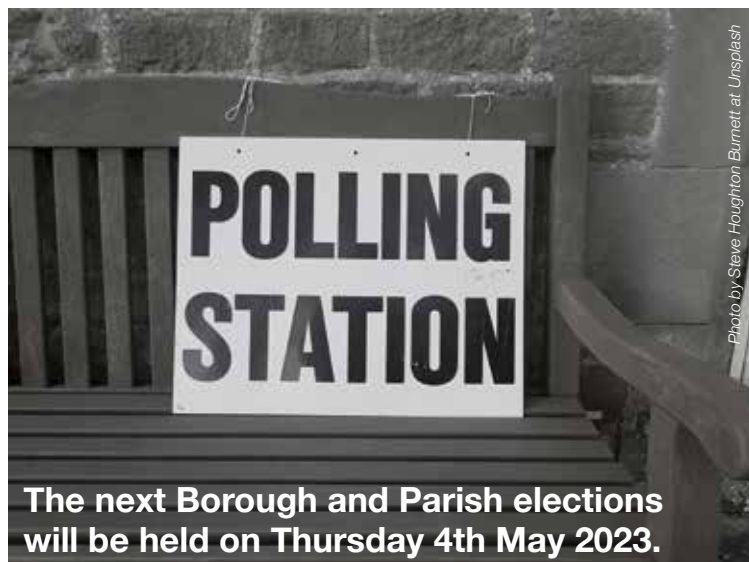
Parents whose children attend Challengers are also really excited about the new playground and the difference it will make to their children's lives.

One Challengers parent supporter said: "Children with disabilities deserve opportunities to access play. This is currently something we lack in Surrey.

"This playground will allow children 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."

The playground is due to open in early Spring 2023 and the charity will be showcasing it with a special launch event.

# Challengers



**The next Borough and Parish elections will be held on Thursday 4th May 2023.**

**Whilst Burpham Pages is not a platform for specific political debate, we have asked some of the Burpham Ward candidates in the local elections to outline issues in Burpham that they intend to focus upon. We understand that the official and complete candidate list should be published on 5th April 2023.**

A fundamental change to the voting procedure will be the introduction of photo ID at polling stations. Find out more about voter ID in the 2023 elections. <https://guildford.gov.uk/article/26641/Voter-ID-and-Voter-Authority-Certificate>

Photo ID will apply for the first time in England at these local elections.

To vote in this year's election, you will need to register before you can vote: <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/21725/Register-to-vote>

## **Burpham Ward Candidates – May 4th Borough Elections**

### **R4GV: Liz Hyland**



I'm Liz Hyland and I'm going to stand in Burpham Ward as one of the two candidates representing

Residents for Guildford and Villages (R4GV) in the local election on 4th May; my R4GV partner candidate is Charles Wilce.

We formed R4GV in early 2019. We're from all walks of life and political

viewpoints but all members of R4GV have two things in common:

- The passion to make the borough better for everyone who lives, works, and visits here
- The belief that a council free from the distractions and partisan agendas of party politics is best placed to serve its community

In the May 2019 election, R4GV became the second largest group on the council when 15 of the 17 candidates we put forward became councillors. Our

leader Joss Bigmore became the council leader when the Lib Dems handed over the baton during the rather challenging Covid-years.

I'm really proud of the vital and long over due changes that the group has achieved already. I am definitely not a politician and would love to see a more common sense, practical approach to local government 'without the point scoring'.

Local politics should be about what residents and the community want and need, NOT national party agendas.

I have lived in Burpham for over 30 years and I care deeply about our local community and enjoy getting actively involved. I am the current president of Burpham Womens' Institute and I'm a member of Burpham Neighbourhood Forum. I sit on the steering group of the London Road Action Group and I'm involved with the Burpham Community Hub; a group trying to achieve a lease for Sutherland Memorial Hall so it can be used for community events.

I also recognise the importance of Guildford's town centre to our borough's economy and the need for well-planned regeneration. I fully support R4GV's promise to introduce height limits and form a design panel to influence future architecture.

I promise that as your councillor I will:

- Properly represent your views
- Ensure local community assets are protected and available for community use
- Keep all development in Burpham strictly in line with the Neighbourhood Plan

I fully support R4GV's manifesto that promises to:

- Put climate change at the forefront of everything we do

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- Review the current 3-hour minimum parking charge in the town centre
- Demand better bus services despite Surrey County Council's attempts to cut bus routes

### Labour: Ian Creese



In the last few months, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you who I did not already know. Since

I began my campaign to represent you as one of your two borough councillors, I have spoken to neighbours on their doorsteps, on Kingpost Parade and in Sutherland Park.

Two key issues have arisen, time and time again. Firstly, the temporary forthcoming road closure of London Road for improved cycle lanes.

Secondly, Burpham's lack of a GP surgery since the New Inn Surgery closed in 2019. I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on my position on the former and ask for your support on the latter.

With regard to London Road, we all agree with the aims of reducing carbon emissions, improving air quality and facilitating safe exercise for adults and schoolchildren. However, the County Council's plan for this work was poorly shared, lacked consultation and left many questions unanswered. A last-minute consultation meeting at George Abbot school led to the formation of the 'London Road Action Group' which has members from all political parties and with no political affiliation. I believe that this is the best way to make sure that common sense prevails.

Turning to the issue of the lack of a GP surgery, I feel that the absence of one in Burpham is completely unsatisfactory. Like myself, after the surgery's closure, many of you will have re-registered at

the surgery in Merrow or one of the ones in the centre of town. My personal experience at the Merrow surgery has been first class, I thank them for welcoming me. My only problem is location.

With over five thousand residents, Burpham includes parents with small children, those with mobility issues and the elderly. A round trip to the doctors by bus seems unnecessarily arduous, particularly if the visitor is not well. I propose three things. Firstly, that the issue needs attention at Council level. Secondly, that the owners of groups of multiple surgeries in the area are approached. Thirdly, that any potential properties or sites are monitored.

I would welcome the support of those who agree, regardless of political party. If anyone has relevant experience in planning or the management of such facilities, I would be particularly interested.

### Conservative: Christian Holliday & Adam Heilbron



Burpham is a great place to live, work and play, with good schools, a thriving shopping parade and active community groups that take pride in the village. But there is still room for improvement: Increasing pressure on roads, housing, local facilities, green spaces and local businesses means changes are required to how the Borough Council delivers for Burpham.

Your Conservative candidates in the May election are Adam Heilbron and Christian Holliday. Adam is 23 years old and was born, educated and raised in Burpham. He lives in Wylea Farm with his family. He has a degree in politics from the University of Surrey and regularly engages in local activities. Adam volunteered at a Covid vaccination centre during the pandemic. Adam

is keen to engage further across our community. Christian lives in Ockley Court with his wife and works as a planning consultant specialising in renewable energy. He was previously Councillor for Burpham between 2011 and 2019 and plays an active role in Burpham in relation to planning matters. Adam and Christian experience the same frustrations with traffic and access to local services as other readers of the Burpham Pages. They will continue to engage with Surrey County Council and residents over the London Road cycle lane proposals.

In these difficult financial times, it is necessary to refocus Council priorities on delivery of services to the service user, maximising every penny of public funds whilst keeping Council Tax low. If elected, and the Conservatives take back control of Guildford Borough Council, Adam and Christian are committed to restoring full availability of key public facilities, such as Sutherland Memorial Hall in Burpham, through the appointment of dedicated staff to run such facilities across the Borough. Adam and Christian will work to restore minimum acceptable standards of customer service provision, including answering phone calls and emails in a timely manner.

Adam and Christian will closely monitor Gosden Hill Farm and Weyside Urban Village, both of which have the potential to impact Burpham through additional pressures and, at the Weyside Urban Village, visual impacts on Burpham's nature reserve. Adam and Christian will work to strengthen planning policy and the Council's enforcement function, to ensure future development remains appropriate for Burpham.

Adam and Christian look forward to meeting as many of you as possible between now and polling day. ►



### Liberal Democrats: George Potter



Getting to work for our community as a borough councillor is an absolute privilege, and words cannot express my gratitude to all the people who placed their trust in myself and the Liberal Democrat team 4 years ago.

When we were elected we said our priorities were communities, affordable housing and the environment. We have delivered on those commitments. Thanks to prudent financial management we have managed to keep council tax rises below-inflation at the same time as protecting public services, especially for those most in need.

We're building 700 new council houses and refurbishing existing ones. We're developing a masterplan to guide regeneration of the town centre, and we're working with the county council

to tackle transport problems in our town.

We've also declared a climate emergency, adopted an ambitious plan to make the council carbon neutral by 2030, and have re-written our planning policies to put sustainability and wildlife protection at their heart.

Some of my personal highlights from the past 4 years of work in Burpham:

- Stopping the introduction of parking charges at Sutherland Memorial Park
- Supporting the rebuilding of Burpham Bowling Club's clubhouse with a £10,000 grant
- Funding a safer speed limit review for Burpham Lane (due to take place in the 2023/24 financial year)
- The restoration of concrete road surfaces in Coltsfoot Drive, Charlock Way, Burnet Avenue and Woodruff Avenue, and pavement repairs on Gosden Hill Road
- The withdrawal of SCC's plans for a 5-month closure of London Road and a commitment to consult the

community properly on a re-designed London Road cycle scheme

None of these are things I can take sole credit for, but they are all things where I am pleased to have been able to help use my weight as a councillor to make a difference for our community.

I am actively supporting the Burpham Community Hub project in their efforts to get the Hall re-opened for public use, and I hope this can be resolved soon. Elsewhere, concrete blocks at Mallow Crescent still need to be covered with soil to create earth bunds, problem parking continues to obstruct traffic in Wylea Farm, privatised bus services are a mess, and there are ongoing problems with accessibility at the nature reserve.

These, and others, are issues I am currently working on as your local councillor, your local Liberal Democrat team will continue to work for you and our entire community if you place your trust in us again in this May's elections.

## Burpham Church: What's on this month

March & April 2023

Sunday March 12th & April 2nd

### All Age Donut Services



**10.45am** An interactive morning service for all ages, café style with donuts and coffee.

Sunday March 26th

### Messy Church 'Joy!'



**4.00pm** Making church fun for all the family – crafts, activities, food and celebration.

Thursdays March 30th & April 27th

### Monthly Communion Service



**10.00am** Quiet reflective service on the last Thursday of the month.

### Regular weekly services:

Sundays



**9.15am Holy Communion** and **10.45am Contemporary**

**Worship** (children's groups 1st & 3rd Sundays, no service on 4th Sundays)

Weekly on Thursdays

### Drop In



**10.30am** Join us for a warm welcoming space to enjoy tea, coffee and company.

### Easter Services and other specials:

Friday 24th March

### Serenity Evening



**7.30pm** An evening of emotional and spiritual wellbeing, with food, drink, spa activities, craft, hand massages and wellbeing areas, over 14s, tickets £4, book at [www.burphamchurch.org.uk](http://www.burphamchurch.org.uk)

Thursday 6 April

### Maundy



A reflective joint churches Communion Service **7.30pm** at **St John's, Stoke Road.**

**Do you have any events happening in and around Burpham & Jacobs Well that you would like added in the next issue?** Our next issue of Burpham Pages will cover May & June 2023. If you would like your event, happening during this period, added to our 'News & events' or 'What's on this month' sections please e-mail the details to [editor@burpham-pages.co.uk](mailto:editor@burpham-pages.co.uk) before **3rd April**.

Good Friday 7 April

### Pause for Good



**10.00am** A short all age time to engage with the meaning of Easter, followed by hot cross buns.

Good Friday 7 April

### Hour at the Cross



**2.00pm** A quiet reflective space to focus on the heart of the Christian faith at **St Luke's Church.**

Easter Sunday 9 April



**9.15am Communion** and **10.45 All Age Easter Praise and Communion.**

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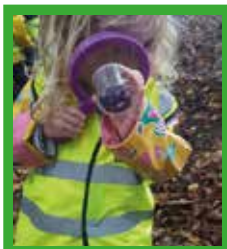
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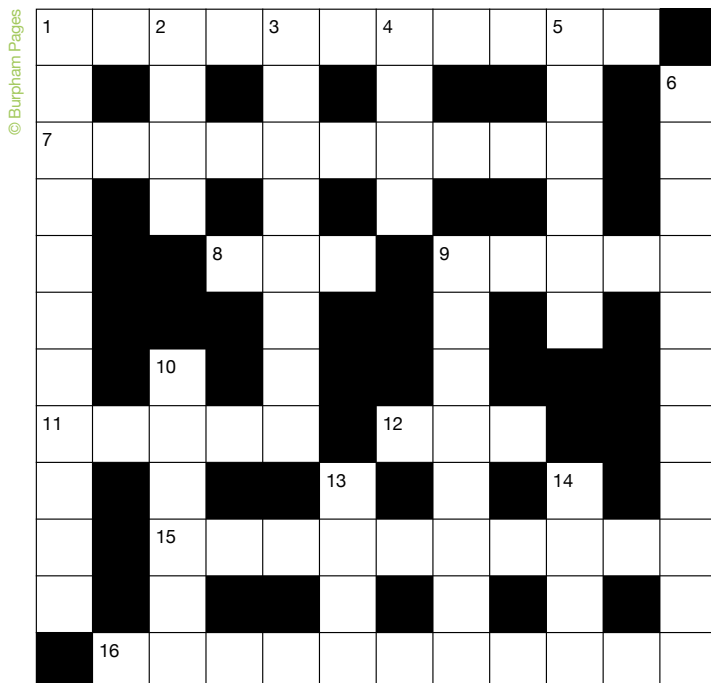
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# Burpham Pages Crossword

Crossword No. 28  
March & April 2023



## Across

- 1 With hesitancy or uncertainty (11)
- 7 Sudden, radical, or complete change (10)
- 8 Part of a curve, especially a part of the circumference of a circle (3)
- 9 Large, juicy, thick-skinned, many-seeded fruits of the gourd family (5)
- 11 Period of rule of a monarch (5)
- 12 Any person, but not a particular person (3)
- 15 Mustard pickle, a mixed vegetable relish (10)
- 16 Get used to a certain climate (11)

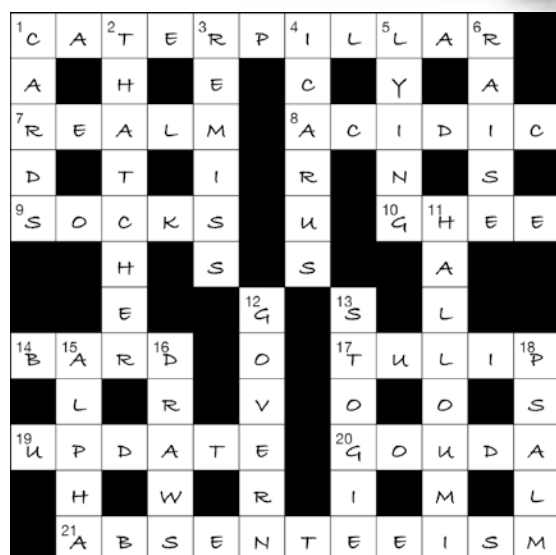
## Down

- 1 On or relating to the earth (11)
- 2 A star that suddenly increases its light output tremendously and then fades away to its former obscurity in a few months or years (4)
- 3 A substance that can cause an allergic reaction (8)
- 4 Toward the inside or middle of something (4)
- 5 Unfrequented and remote (6)
- 6 To make one thing the same as others of that type (11)
- 9 A flower, pale cream colour often used for paint (8)
- 10 A biographical movie or film (6)
- 13 Small, round, dark purple fruit from a type of palm tree (4)
- 14 Brand name of German multinational family-owned discount supermarket chain (4)

## Solution to Crossword No. 27

Burpham Pages issue No. 102  
January & February 2023

The solution to each crossword will be published in the following issue of Burpham Pages as well as on our website [www.burpham-pages.co.uk](http://www.burpham-pages.co.uk)  
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Welcome to the **Burpham Community Association**

# Community Update

March & April 2023

## We've done it!

### The second Community Public Access Defibrillator is up and running!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed – from our wonderful local businesses to our equally marvellous members of the community. Special mentions go to **Burpham Football Club, Guildford City Cricket Youth Project, Burpham Bowling Club, the local WI, Seymours Estate Agents, Guildford Lions**, as well as **Surrey County Council** and the **Rajdoot**. We kicked off our fundraising a couple of years ago and we've been

delighted with the response from the community. As you know, the first cPAD was fitted outside Aldi last year and the second one is on **Sutherland Memorial Hall**, so accessible to bowls, football, cricket, tennis players and others who use the park.


We worked with The Community Heartbeat Trust who have helped to install thousands of cPADS in local communities around the country. We're planning to run some training sessions in the next few months so if you're interested in attending then please send an email to **cpad@burphamca.org.uk**.



Left to right: Paul Cliff (Burpham Junior FC), Richard Stovold (Seymours), Liz Hyland (WI), Liz Turner (BCA), Andy Clapham (BCA), Alex Donaldson (BCA), Susan Poole (BCA), Brian Watts (Guildford Lions), Geoff Sheldon (Burpham Bowling Club), Martin Wing (BCA).

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## Flood Forum

### The Burpham Flood Forum was held at the Village Hall on Friday 9th December 2022.

Chaired by Angela Richardson MP with agencies concerned with surface water and river management – GBC, SCC, Thames Water, the National Trust – well represented the meeting followed the details contained within the Action Plan prepared and updated by members of the Flood Action Group which you can access on our website. This allowed a detailed discussion concerning the state of the Gosden Hill and London Road Culverts, the watercourse of the Merrow Common River, bank erosion, flood defence issues and associated riparian responsibilities. Maintenance and upkeep also featured strongly with the high erosion on the Wey Navigation between Old Buck's Weir and Bowers Lock a particular concern, as well as problems associated with the Riverside Nature Reserve. The meeting concluded with a number of important aspects agreed for further investigation and action by specific groups of attendees. The importance and efforts of all concerned are much appreciated by the local community, a significant number of whom have experienced real problems in the past.

To get in touch with the BCA contact the committee on [secretary@burphamca.org.uk](mailto:secretary@burphamca.org.uk) phone **07513 366072** or visit the website at [www.burphamca.org.uk](http://www.burphamca.org.uk)

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## London Road Active Travel Scheme

**The public meeting on January 5th was very well attended and lively, showing the depth of feeling about the proposed road closure to enable the cycle lanes to be improved.**

The BCA is playing an active part in the **London Road Action Group (LRAG)** along with the Burpham Neighbourhood Forum, the Abbotswood, Ganghill and Boxgrove Avenue Residents Associations and local councillors.

At the time of writing in early February, Surrey County Council have corrected some of the errors in the information they had previously provided. They have agreed to reconsider many aspects of the scheme and its implementation. Work will not start until revised proposals have been fully consulted on, with LRAG and others and not before the start of the school summer holidays. This is intended to prevent interference with the May council elections as well as GCSE exams.

The BCA and LRAG are hoping that improvements can be made to London Road which benefit the whole community and cause much less disruption than the original plans.



*Photograph Guildford Dragon*

## Other news

### **Borough Council elections take place on Thurs 4th May.**

The BCA will be holding a hustings on Thursday 23rd March in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Prospective candidates for all parties have been invited. They will be given time to speak about their plans for Burpham – no national or party

politics – followed by questions from the floor. You may submit a question in advance if you wish – please email to [secretary@burphamca.org.uk](mailto:secretary@burphamca.org.uk)

NB Voter ID will be required for this and all future elections; passports, driving licences and a variety of other photo IDs will be accepted. You can find a full list on GBC's website.

## Dates for your diary

### **Burpham Community Association AGM**

The AGM will be held on Thursday May 25th in the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Summer Social Event**

This is on Saturday 24th June, starting at 7.30pm and will celebrate the BCA's Golden Jubilee. There will be a wine tasting and a quiz with prizes.

More details about these events will be in the May/June edition of Burpham Pages.

**Help by joining the Burpham Community Association today!**

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One of the topical issues at present is the **SCC Active Travel Scheme** for London Road, so it is interesting to look at one of the farms that used to be along that stretch.

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# Wylea Farm

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Moir MacQuaide's history of Burpham

These days we all know Wylea Farm as a housing estate off the London Road in Burpham, but until the 1970s it was a working farm with quite a history, and names varying from Chagden to Shagden to Wylea.



*A map showing Shagden Farm 1838*

The earliest reference found was in 1603, which was a rental agreement (written in Latin), but it seems that an area called Chagden Meadows was around in the time of Elizabeth I.

By the time of the Tithe Maps in 1838 the name was Shagden and the land was owned by William Sparkes, but occupied by Hugh Russell, who farmed land from the Green Man down to Ganghill, on both sides of the London Road. By 1851 the farm was being run by Charles Gosden – could he have been connected to Gosden Hill Farm?

The farm was sold in 1870, described as “a very pretty modern family residence with a newly erected lodge entrance, carriage drive, pleasure grounds, orchard...” including a granary, cow-house, piggeries and an orchard. The stock was also sold, including cows, horses, pigs and chickens. In the 1871 census it was owned by Catherine Ward, an American from New York, living with

her three children. By 1891 Albert Coote was running the farm, then Percy Smeed – described as a retired farmer, aged 24 years! During the 20th Century residents included Georgiana Skirrow Richardson, Frank Eve, Robert Dickie and Robert Cox. The last farmer of Wylea was J S Heard in 1975.

In 1973 Wylea Developments submitted a planning application for over 300 houses, shops and flats to be built on the 47 acre plot, alongside the proposed A3 diversion, on land that wasn't approved for residential purposes. After getting through some objections, the foundations were laid by Ideal Homes, designed by John Reynolds & Associates, Architects, and in 1981 the advertisements said “See Wylea Farm Guildford – Where everyone wants to live”.







*Wylea Farm seen from Woodruff Avenue c1980 (Pete Gardner).*



*A 1981 newspaper ad for Weylea Farm.*

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All the homes were built with advanced energy saving features to cut fuel bills, maintenance and housework! Prices ranged from £26,000 to £75,000.



In June 1983 Guildford Mayor Rosemary Hall cut the ribbon to release 100 helium balloons to celebrate the Coming of Age – 21 months since work started. The first purchasers were Michael Goldberg

and Janice Patrick. Plans for the future included a scheme for the active elderly with a resident caretaker and a number of large family houses backing onto Abbotswood.

Today, looking from London Road, much of the estate is hidden by trees and a wall. It has been extended over the years, to include Gatley Drive, and finishes down by the Village Hall on Burpham Lane.

*Looking across Wylea Farm  
to St. Lukes Church.*







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# A few of my favourite things!

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Reverend Joanna Levasier

This is going to be my last article for the Burpham Pages as my final Sunday working at Burpham Church will be April 9th, Easter Sunday – in just a few weeks.

We will have been here for 10½ years – arriving with junior school age children and an energetic young black Labrador and leaving with (about to be) 18 and 20 year olds and a distinctly elderly dog! And can I say what a privilege it has been to have been part of the community here in Burpham for that time. So much has happened over the ten plus years and we have made some truly wonderful friends both in and outside the church community.

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Paul (*BP Editor*) suggested I share with you a few highlights, and at risk of not mentioning someone else's much-loved thing, I thought I'd share a few of my favourite things over our time here. (*cue Julie Andrews!*)

The very first thing that we came to in Burpham, before we'd even started, was **Free and For Nothing** in **Sutherland Memorial Park**.



*Singing, playing games, watching dramas, 'rewarding' people with shaving foam 'pies'.*

Over the years it transformed and developed, giving many hundreds of Burpham people a free day out in the summer holidays – really costing nothing! Although social media meant that word spread far and wide and it became perhaps less the local community event that we were aiming for! But the sense of teamwork and commitment to bless the local community and share God's love in a tangible way was brilliant to be part of. I can still remember 6 hours straight of face painting in the early ones! We took a breather during COVID

and have chosen to connect in with the **Burpham Wellfest** event in the last couple of years. It's great to see local organisations working together more to try and benefit the wider community and I really pray that those connections might grow and develop in the future.

Our children's **Holiday Clubs** have also been a highlight for me, as we have travelled through lands of castles, pirates, the wild west, up in space, across the African savanna and the lands of dragons amongst



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Hosting Carols in the Park for the first time in 2021 with 'Merlin' the donkey.

other locations – accompanied by lots of enthusiastic children. Apart from a brilliant excuse to wear crazy costumes, we have loved accompanying the children on their adventures, singing, playing games, watching dramas, 'rewarding' people with shaving foam 'pies' and exploring what the Christian faith might look like in real life today. **What a fab time we have had together!**

I could continue on for quite a long time, as the more I think about it, the more 'favourite things' I seem to remember! Whether it is candlelit **Christingle** services to start **Advent** or to celebrate Christmas with years 3 and 4 from Burpham Primary School.

Taking puppets into Burpham Primary and barely being able to get through the assembly because the children were having so much fun; or singing with the toddlers at **Caterpillar café** and 'standing still like a statue'.

Getting stuck in at **Messy church** or quietly being alongside people at a reflective bereavement service at St Luke's. Hosting **Carols in the Park** for the first time in 2021, and sharing the joy as the donkey 'Merlin' decided to bray super loudly at a quiet moment, or singing in the choir at Christmas in a candlelit St Luke's Church. So many favourite moments.

But I expect most truthfully, those 'favourite things' have been little

special moments with so many different individuals across the years. It has been such a privilege to be part of so many people's lives, and stand alongside many of you at both joyful and difficult times. Thank you so much to all of you who have shared life with me in some way.

And I guess that probably sums up the Christian faith for me. God really is involved in all those little everyday encounters, in real relationships with real people. I got the surprise of my life when I discovered (aged 16) that Christianity wasn't about assenting to a whole host of religious statements, but actually about getting to know God and being known. I felt like life had gone from being in black and white to in colour – a whole new depth to life opened up to me. I discovered faith isn't about trying to convince yourself of stuff you know isn't true, but discovering you can rely on a Mighty God who loves you.

So I guess my prayer for you all as I leave Burpham and head off to Swanage in a few months, is that you will discover this God for yourself and a whole new range of favourite moments open up that you would never have imagined.

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# Burpham Gardening Club News

March & April

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## Things to do in the garden in March.

- Shallots and Onion sets should be planted this month and if it is mild Early Potatoes can be planted towards the end of the month.

**Most vegetable seed can now be sown outdoors if it is mild in prepared beds.**

- Most vegetable seed can now be sown outdoors if it is mild in prepared beds.
- If you did not do so last month you can still sow Aubergines, Cucumbers, Sweet Peppers and Tomatoes in a heated propagator or indoors.

**When conditions are dry the lawn should be cut with the mower blades on a high setting for the first few cuts...**

- Cut back last years Autumn fruiting Raspberry canes to ground level, prune Blueberries and Gooseberries and apply a dressing of a balanced fertiliser or Sulphate of Potash at 15g per sq m.

- Bush and Standard Roses should be pruned and fed with a Rose Fertiliser.
- Continue to prune Summer Flowering Shrubs and Dogwoods.
- When conditions are dry the lawn should be cut with the mower blades on a high setting for the first few cuts, Weed and Feed with Mosskiller should be applied just before rain is forecast.

## Things to do in the garden in April.

- Second Early Potatoes should be planted in the first half of the month, Maincrop Potatoes can be planted in the second half.
- Beetroot, Carrots, Leeks, Lettuce, Radish, Spring Onions and Turnip can all be sown outdoors now.
- Brassicas should be sown in small pots ready for transplanting later in the Summer.
- Plant out Broad Beans which were sown indoors.
- Tomato seedlings which have developed their first true leaves should be potted up. Plant Summer flowering bulbs such as Gladioli.

- Remove faded Daffodil and Tulip flowers leaving the foliage to die back.

## Plant out Broad Beans which were sown indoors.

- Deadhead Pansy and other Spring bedding plants to encourage continuous flowering. Prune Forsythia immediately after flowering.
- Cut back Lavender to keep the plant bushy but do not cut into old wood.

## Continue to apply Lawn Weed and Feed with Mosskiller as necessary.

- Pot up Dahlia Tubers to get an early start once the risk of frost has gone.
- In the Greenhouse sow bedding plants such as French Marigold for a Summer display.
- Continue to apply Lawn Weed and Feed with Mosskiller as necessary.
- Start checking for and controlling Slugs, Snails and Aphids.



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