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Welcome

Dear Neighbours, it feels like quite a busy time in Burpham with local elections being decided, travel schemes being considered, memorial halls being managed (hopefully) and lots of summer events being planned. Did you celebrate the King's coronation? Even if you didn't, it was certainly a moment in history.

Firstly, I hope you have been enjoying the string of bank holidays we've been having (although these have led to a slightly later distribution of the magazine than usual), the latest of which was an additional day for the King's Coronation. It seems that we're starting to get some hints of summer shining through too!

You'll see in this issue of Burpham Pages that summer events are starting to be publicised and, whilst some of them in this issue are looking forward a couple of months, we're keen to hear what events you are organising so that we can promote them in our next (July & August) issue of the magazine. Please e-mail or call us with your details and dates.

Also, in this issue we announce our first winner for the 'Where in Burpham' competition from January & February. We hope you entered in the last issue (March & April) and that someone has a good enough local knowledge to identify the rather tricky photograph in this issue (see page 10).

Following the recent local elections, the results were announced on the 5th May and George Potter (Liberal Democrats) and Jane Tyson (Liberal Democrats) were elected as the Borough Councillors for the Burpham Ward. Congratulations to them both and we look forward to them having a successful tenure with Guildford Borough Council. Hopefully we'll get the chance to talk to them soon.

I hope you have a good May & June and I look forward to talking to you again in our Summer issue, July & August 2023.

Paul Nicholls (Editor)

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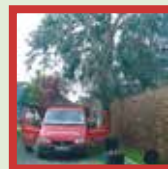
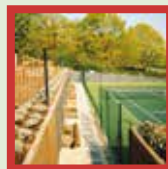
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London Road Active Travel Scheme



London Road looking towards the A3 slip road from the roundabout with Clay Lane.

The first meeting of the 'Burpham to Guildford Sustainable Travel Scheme – Stakeholder Reference Group (STRG)' was held on March 27th. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Matt Furniss and facilitated by The Consultation Institute (a not-for-profit organisation who aim to spread good practice in engagement activities).

Surrey County Council representatives stated their wish for a fresh start and a constructive engagement process. They repeated that the scheme will not require lengthy closures and that the carriageway will mostly be wider than the 3 metres previously announced. They hope that a consensus in favour of the revised scheme will be achieved.

The purpose of the Stakeholder Reference Group is to ensure that stakeholder views are understood and properly considered during the engagement process. It will provide a forum for dialogue between Surrey County Council (SCC) and its

stakeholders, at each key stage of the scheme.

Local councillors, residents associations and representatives of schools & students, cyclists, disabled people and businesses were invited to contribute to the design of the process.

It is proposed that the process will include a series of meetings, a public survey and two workshops looking at details of the proposed design and implementation plan.

Any documents provided to or generated by the group will be available before and after the

meeting for wider stakeholders and individuals to access: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks/burpham-active-travel>

The BCA is contributing to this process through **Guildford Residents Association (GRA)** and **London Road Action Group (LRAG)**. ■

Introducing Merrow Schools Federation

Local residents will soon start to see some changes happening in our local Merrow schools. **Merrow Infants C of E School** and **Bushy Hill Junior School** recently federated to become the **Merrow Schools Federation**.

Executive Head Teacher, Louisa Dormer explains, "The two schools have always worked closely together. By strengthening the collaboration through the formal process of a Federation, the children, staff and families associated with both schools will experience a greater range of opportunities."

Some of these opportunities include:

- A consistent approach to curriculum provision, to enhance the learning experience from Reception to Year 6;
- A smooth transition for our children as they move from Infants to Juniors;
- Shared best practice and expertise, to ensure consistently high standards;
- A strong leadership structure, to navigate challenging times in the education sector;
- Stronger purchasing power, to enable both schools to realise economies of scale.

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Guildford Fringe Festival celebrates 10th birthday with free events in town centre.



Vintage sounds with close harmony trio, Bluebirds performing to the High Street (8th July).

A jam-packed programme of arts events is taking place in venues in and around Guildford from 24 June to 15 July 2023 as Guildford Fringe Festival celebrates its tenth anniversary.

Founder Nick Wyschna wanted to bring a multi-arts experience to the town which gave people the opportunity to try out different events, so he launched **Guildford Fringe Festival** in 2013 with just one venue and 33 shows.

It has grown ever since and last year professional and amateur performers put on 137 events in nine venues, entertaining thousands of people, many who come back year after year.

The Festival is multi-genre and features theatre, comedy, art, spoken word, film, workshops and children's shows, some of which are free of charge.

On 24 June, the Guildhall balcony becomes the stage for **'Opera on the Balcony'** with arias and duets from well-loved composers including Puccini and Mozart and on 8 July, the sound turns vintage with close harmony trio,

Bluebirds performing to the High Street.

People can do their own singing on 1 July with a guided stroll around the town centre during 'Sing When You're Walking'. Song leaders will be on hand and there will be a few surprises on the way!

Managing Director, Charlotte Wyschna said: 'It's felt especially important to us this year to have events which are free to attend so do come along and enjoy some top-quality entertainment in the town centre. There are so many other acts as well – we expect a lot of fun, laughter and drama over the three weeks so this is an opportunity to take a risk and experience something you wouldn't usually see.'

Tickets and information on all the events can be found at **[GuildfordFringeFestival.com](https://www.guildfordfringefestival.com)** ■

Introducing Merrow Schools Federation (continued)...

The two schools within Merrow Schools Federation now share an executive headteacher, a leadership team and a Governing Body. The governors believe that the learning experience and achievement of children at both schools will be improved through the Federation.

"It's the best of both worlds," says parent Katie. "My Year 6 child loves being involved in the Infant School – she recently helped out with sports coaching for the little ones. And the Infant School is such a lovely, nurturing environment for smaller children but gets to access all the brilliant facilities at the Junior School."

As part of the changes, Bushy Hill Junior School will soon change its name to Merrow Junior School and uniform changes will be phased in over the coming couple of years.

"We're completing this exercise whilst being very conscious of the current economic climate," said David Wright, Chair of Governors. "So all rebranding will be slowly transitioned to make sure we're not wasteful of the school's resources or too taxing on our families' budgets."

The Federation is organising its first joint Summer Fair, scheduled to take place on 23rd June at the Junior School in Sheeplands Avenue and invites local residents to come and join in an evening of fun for all the family. There will be food and drink, games, raffles and tombolas as well as bouncy castles and face painting!

Entrance is free and all proceeds will go towards the schools!

This is a very exciting time for our schools and we look forward to sharing our successes in the future. ■

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Guildford in Bloom's Blooming Picnic is back in the Castle Grounds on 3 June 2023



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

The Guildford in Bloom Blooming Picnic takes place in the Guildford Castle Grounds on 3 June 2023 from 12 noon to 4pm.

The event is free to attend, **Guildford in Bloom** hopes people will come along with friends and family, bring a picnic and enjoy an afternoon's entertainment from the bandstand organised by **Guildford Fringe Festival**. The event has been sponsored by **Guildford Fringe Festival, Experience Guildford and Tunsgate Quarter** and without their generous support – and the support of our Premium Sponsors; **Chapters Financial Ltd** and **Unigold 2000 Ltd** as well as the **University of Surrey** and **Guildford Financial**, and **Guildford Pubwatch** this event could not happen.

In addition to the live music, you can have a go at bowling on the bowling green with **Castle Green Bowls club** as they celebrate their 100th year. There will also be a Pimms Tent, a Gin Tent with Silent Pool Gin, Cocktails from Fallen Angel and lots of stalls with activities for the children. Guildford in

Bloom will be joined by The Fountain Centre, Canterbury Care Centre, Hallow Project, Headway Surrey, Surrey Wildlife Trust, BBC Surrey, Experience Guildford, Guildford Twinning Association, Guildford Beekeepers Association and Guildford Pranksters. There will be facepainting for the children and lots of games.

The event takes place 3 weeks before the deadline to enter Guildford in Bloom 2023 – and on their stand visitors can find out about this year's theme For King and Countryside – and ways to create Pollinator Pit Stops in your garden.

People coming to Blooming Picnic can bring chairs and picnic rugs but no tables or gazebos please. Well behaved dogs are very welcome, but owners need to be aware that it gets crowded and loud.

Guildford in Bloom Chairman, Paul Spooner said: "Blooming Picnic is a highlight of the Guildford calendar – it's

a super afternoon with lots of families enjoying a free afternoon. From our perspective, it's a good opportunity to get our partners together to share the day and our last big opportunity to persuade people, community groups and businesses to enter the competition.

It's also an opportunity for us to get our valued sponsors together.

In order to run Blooming Picnic again next year we are currently crowdfunding to ensure that Blooming Picnic and our competition remain free and happen in 2024 – full details of how you can support us with a pledge can be found on our website."

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 Guildford in Bloom 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."

You can find out more information on Blooming Picnic, pledge support to the Guildford in Bloom crowdfunding appeal and download competition entry forms at www.guildfordinbloom.com or follow social media for updates.

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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What's on this month

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Pilgrim Morris raise the Summerpole at Guildford Castle. (All photography by Dylan Thomas).

Thursday 1st June



Pilgrim Morris Men at the Anchor & Horseshoes

Dancing from 8.00pm onwards.
Anchor & Horseshoes, 194 London Road, Burpham, Guildford Surrey GU1 1XR. It has been several decades since Morris Men have appeared in Burpham. A great, traditional community event to attend. Visit www.pilgrimmorrimen.org.uk for more information.

Established in 1972, **Pilgrim Morris of Guildford** generally dance around Surrey and north-east Hampshire during the summer season. From time to time they will head off to other locations, mainly for tours, festivals and corporate events.

Pilgrim Morris always welcomes new members, so if you fancy giving it a go, contact them via www.pilgrimmorrimen.org.uk/contact-us/ or visit their Facebook

page at www.facebook.com/pilgrimmorriguildford. Being a Pilgrim is about more than just dancing: they normally have a music session after their pub gigs and the team has a strong social side. They also present the traditional Guildford Mummings Play on Twelfth Night (6th Jan) in the oldest pubs in Guildford town centre every year as well as hosting the annual Summerpole festival to welcome in the Summer.

See the events calendar at www.pilgrimmorrimen.org.uk/events-2023/ for details of where to see the team dancing. ■



Entertaining in Guildford town centre.

Saturday 16th September



Twilight Runway Challenge 2023 Cleared For Take Off!

The popular **Twilight Runway Challenge** returns on **Saturday 16th September**, encouraging people to get active whilst raising money for charitable causes in the local community. Participants can run, walk, cycle, scoot or skateboard along 3km, 5km or 10km of the airstrip of Blackbushe Airport, taking part for fun or supporting their chosen charity.

This annual sporting event is organised by **CMPP (Community Matters Partnership Project)** and attracts a wide variety of participants, from people looking to get fit, beating a personal best, taking part in fancy dress or having fun with friends, family or colleagues.

Simon Jarvis (CEO) states "CMPP is about community and collaboration, our Twilight Runway Challenge embodies this. Last year the event helped to raise over £38,000 for local charitable causes and we are hoping to raise even more this year"

The event is fortunate to have a diverse array of charity partners, including **Oakleaf Enterprise** in Guildford. Jen Clay (Fundraising & Partnership Manager) at the charity reveals "Oakleaf Enterprise is delighted to be a charity partner of the Twilight Runway Challenge once more. This event is a fantastic opportunity to raise both awareness and funds for our support of people managing mental ill-health in Surrey."

The challenge would not be possible without the generous support of headline sponsors – local businesses **Hi-Speed Services, Herrington Carmichael, Amazon Filters and Village Hotels.**

To find out more and enter visit www.twilightchallenge.co.uk

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 July & August 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 before **5th June**.

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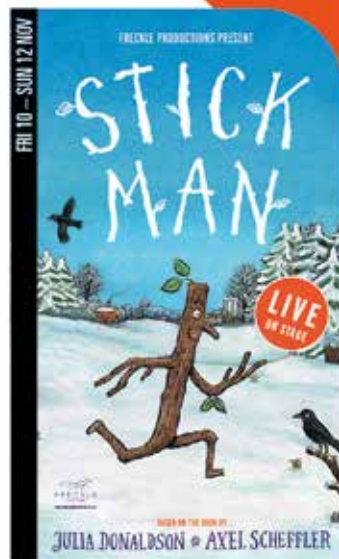
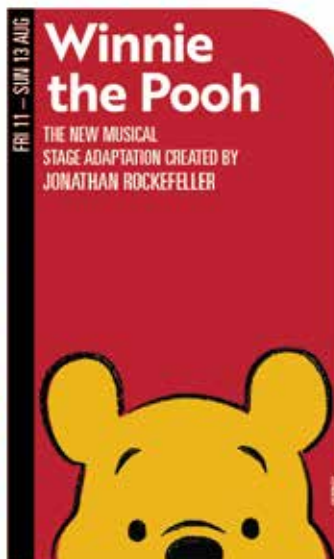
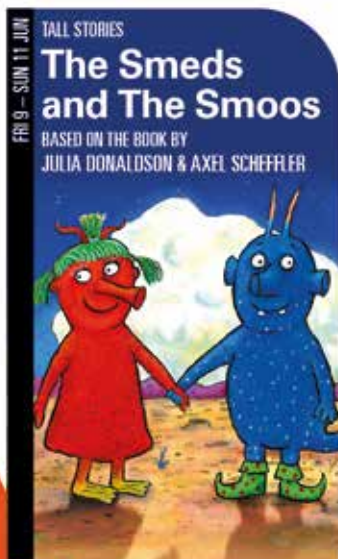
January & February winner!

In our Jan & Feb 2023 issue (#102) we asked you to identify the image (inset on left). We had loads of correct answers with some really accurate co-ordinates and descriptions of where people believed it to be.

The winner, chosen randomly, was Jane Turner from Burpham who correctly identified 'the base of the signpost for Kingpost Parade', she even gave us the What3Words location for it! Well done Jane.

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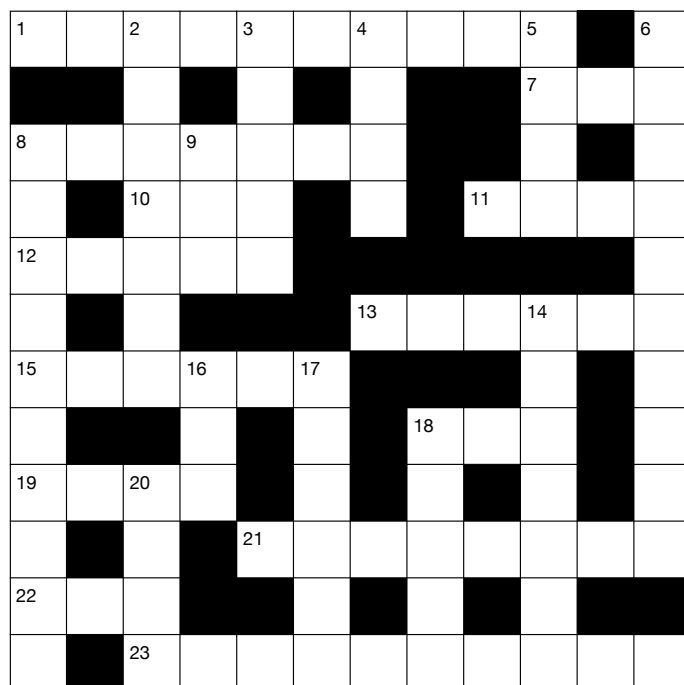


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Burpham Pages Crossword

Crossword No. 29
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Across

- 1 Observe, encounter, or undergo (10)
- 7 The side away from the wind (3)
- 8 A hard, smooth-textured cheese (7)
- 10 Wheel in a machine that fits into the edge of another wheel and makes it turn (3)
- 11 Boxlike enclosure made of wires or bars (4)
- 12 Join or combine (5)
- 13 Extreme or irrational fear (6)
- 15 Arrangement to receive goods and pay later (6)
- 18 Have something that legally belongs to you (3)
- 19 Thin material made of threads of cotton or silk (4)
- 21 Short whiskers extending from hairline to below ears, worn with an unbearded chin (8)
- 22 Pole with a flat blade, used to row a boat (3)
- 23 Something that carries pollen from one plant to another (10)

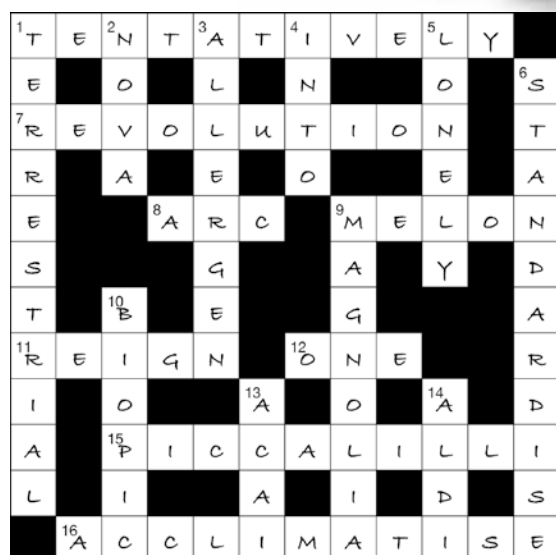
Down

- 2 Exact and accurate (7)
- 3 Long, narrow elevation of land (5)
- 4 Strange in a frightening and mysterious way (4)
- 5 Princess of Arendelle born with the ability to create and control ice and snow (4)
- 6 Group of societies or other organisations (10)
- 8 Elected representative for a local council (10)
- 9 Very small round mark (3)
- 14 Ceremonial dinner party for many people (7)
- 16 Female deer, antelope, goat or rabbit (3)
- 17 Feeling of great excitement and pleasure (6)
- 18 One of the Earth's four distinct, large areas of salt water (5)
- 20 Type of freshwater fish (4)

Solution to Crossword No. 28

Burpham Pages issue No. 103
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Guide Price £600,000



Hodgson Gardens

A very well presented three bedroom family home, which has been extended and updated by the current owner to provide a light and spacious ground floor including 27' living room, separate kitchen overlooking the garden and further living space that is currently being used as a study, but could easily work as a family room/playroom.

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Glendale Drive

15 viewings, 5 offers, sale agreed for in excess of the asking price.

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Darfield Road

A well-presented two bedroom end of terrace bungalow, located in a quiet cul-de-sac. The property has been recently renovated to include a replacement bathroom, a re-fitted kitchen as well as being redecorated. The bungalow is for over 55's and set in a very popular part of Guildford close to Burpham's shops. Tenure Leasehold. Council tax band D. **EPC Rating:** 


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Guernsey Close

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Community Update

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GBC Election Hustings

Elections for Guildford Borough Council will take place on 4th May 2023. This will be the first election where photo ID will be required to vote in person. It will also be the first election to include Abbotswood, Ganghill and Boxgrove Avenue in Burpham ward. The next elections for Surrey County Council will be in 2025.

A Hustings for the GBC election was arranged by the BCA and held on March 23rd at the Village Hall. It was attended by all the candidates we know are standing in Burpham ward. These are, in alphabetical order, Conservative (Adam Heilbron and Christian Holliday), Labour (Ian Creese), Liberal Democrat (George Potter and Jane Tyson) and Residents for Guildford and Villages (Charles

Wilce and Liz Hyland).

Candidates were given the opportunity to speak, reply and then answer questions from the audience. They were asked to stick to their vision for Burpham and Guildford and avoid national and party politics.

With the application of the Chair's yellow card, some of the candidates followed these rules all the time and all the candidates followed them some of the time.

The Q & A session was lively and occasionally heated. Too many commitments and hopes were expressed to cover here, but all candidates did commit to holding regular 'surgeries' to enable residents to pass on questions, requests and opinions.



Sutherland Memorial Hall

The BCA is an active member of the group seeking to establish Burpham Community Hub as a legal entity to manage Sutherland Memorial Hall.

Following the rejection of our expression of interest, a constructive meeting was held with GBC and, by the time this is published a revised bid will have been submitted. We are very hopeful that this will be successful and the hall available for community use again within the next few months.



Left to right: Conservative (Adam Heilbron & Christian Holliday), Labour (Ian Creese), Andy Clapham (BCA), Liberal Democrat (George Potter & Jane Tyson) and Residents for Guildford and Villages (Charles Wilce & Liz Hyland).

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Coming Events

BCA Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday May 25th in the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. The Chairman will present the Annual Report and the Treasurer will submit the Accounts for the year ending March 31st. The election of officers will also take place. Nominations for elections to named posts must be sent to the Secretary not later than seven days prior to the AGM and must have the approval of the person being proposed. If you wish to put forward a resolution other than those for election of officers please submit it to the Secretary not later than ten days before the date of the AGM. It would be helpful if you would let the Secretary know if you intend coming. Refreshments will be provided.

Summer Social Event

Come and join us to celebrate the BCA's Golden Jubilee! This will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th June, starting at 7.30pm. We would love to hear from you if you have any

local reminiscences from the last 50 years you would like to share – please contact the Secretary.

The main event will be a wine tasting to see if you can tell a Gewurztraminer from a Pinot Blanc or a Shiraz from a Merlot - or just want to enjoy them all! A viticultural quiz with prizes will also feature, and there will be a buffet. If you intend coming, would you please let the Secretary know so we have some idea of numbers.

Disabled Parking



You may have read some recent correspondence on Next Door (Burpham) concerning parking

issues for disabled people using Parent and Child (PC) spaces; one such incident led to a disabled driver being verbally abused. Blue Badge (BB) holders should be aware that

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

Weybrook Park

Moira MacQuaide's history of Burpham

A couple of years ago this column focused on the plan to cut down over 60 trees by Sainsbury's, but this time the focus is on farming and housing and the land that eventually made way for the Sainsbury's superstore.



A map showing Pimm's farmland in 1838.

The name of Bower's Farm was first mentioned in the 1881 census, but Bower's Mill had its name from at least the early 18th century. Farmland changed owners and tenants fairly regularly, and many farms changed



A aerial view showing the same area in 2023

their boundaries as the landlords bought and sold their lands. We know that William Francis Pimm, who lived at Marlyn's, farmed the area between Burpham Court Farm and London Road in the early 19th century, but

after his death in the 1840s it was split up. Bower's Farm was run by Arthur Pimm, Thomas Slaughter, George and Percy Gatley, Leo Keene and Dorothy (Keene) Jones over a period of about 100 years. Many of them ran more than one farm, some of which were a distance away from Burpham.

Percy Gatley was recorded in a newspaper in 1905 as being gored by a bull at the Guildford Cattle Market. Luckily, he survived the accident and went on farming in Burpham until 1959.

Gatley sold Bower's Farm in 1938 and the stock sold included 70 head of cattle, five cart horses, poultry and machinery. These sales show that the farm was mainly dairy but also encompassed some arable fields.





Bowers Farm from Dorothy Keene's book 'Living the Changes in Agriculture'.

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A 1981 newspaper ad for Weylea Farm.

Leo Keene owned Gosden Hill Farm as well as leasing numerous other farms in the area. In 1945 there was an outbreak of foot and mouth disease and all his cattle, pigs and sheep had to be slaughtered.

All the cattle at Bower's Farm were given names beginning with a B, including a pedigree Guernsey bull called Burpham Colonel. In 1958 Leo's daughter Dorothy took over Bower's Farm, which was rented from the Duke of Sutherland and later Paul Getty. In the 1960s the farm was described as producing barley, and had 600 pigs as well as calves and poultry.

In 1970 Dorothy moved to Chippenham, taking the pigs with her. The farm was bought by Sainsbury's as the site for their new store. In 1974 Leo disappeared for eight days and

eventually his body was found in the long grass by the river edge, believed to be Bower's Farm. It was suspected that he had fallen into the river to help an animal but then drowned because he had never learned to swim.

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Planning applications for residential development on the farmland had been turned down in 1963, but in the 1980s Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Asda all wanted to build there. Sainsbury's won the battle of the supermarkets,

but originally they had planned to also build a garden centre and Homebase store on the plot. Eventually they had just the supermarket, which opened in 1985, adding the petrol station in 1997.

Plans for a housing estate first appeared in 1982, and permission was given for Ideal Homes to build a mix of residential homes, and the Miller Group to build 66 dwelling houses with garages. Ideal Homes advertised two bedroom houses from £73,950 in 1987, offering "Country living in a sought after area". Miller Group advertised 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes from £104,950 in 1990, stating "Two's company, three's a family, four's a move to Miller". Today Weybrook Park is a popular housing estate, with easy access to the A3 for commuters.

If you are willing to share your memories and 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 book, **Burpham – A Gateway to Guildford** is still available from me for £10 (free delivery locally) or on Amazon, but the **History of Burpham Primary School 1908-2014** is now out of print (available to borrow at Guildford Library).



Sainsbury's shortly after being built in the 1980s.



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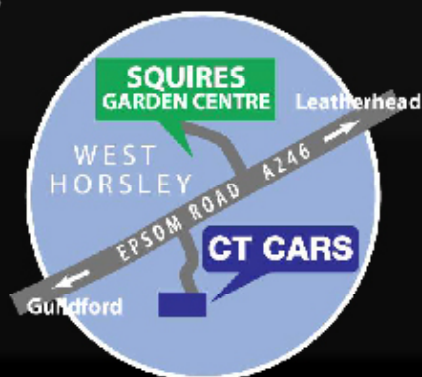
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Farewell and the future

Jane Agg & Lewis Williams, Churchwardens

On April 15th the Burpham Church family said farewell to Jo and James Levasier and their children. They have been with us for ten years and we will miss them. It was lovely to gather together and eat lots of cake and wish them well in their new ventures.

As we look to the future this extract from Jo's last sermon on Easter Day seems relevant.

Christians need to develop a future focus. It's a mark of maturity. Just because we can't see something yet doesn't mean it's not there. We have a new puppy, and yesterday we were wondering when she will learn that just because she can't see us, we have not abandoned her. Hopefully Maisie will get it soon (and ease up on the howling!) or we'll all be exhausted!

As humans, it's something we learn as we grow up, it's a developmental marker – we learn that although we can't see our parents all the time, they are still there. Maybe that is a mark of Christian maturity we need to grow into more and more in our now culture. Christ is risen – glory does lie ahead – therefore we do not lose hope.

So as both Burpham Church and I head off into uncharted territory this morning, let's join with Paul in fixing our eyes not on what is seen, but

on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18. CHRIST IS RISEN – therefore we do not lose hope.

Services and activities continue while we are without a vicar. You can find details on our website www.burphamchurch.org.uk All are welcome. If you need to get in touch contact the church office using the contact details on the website.



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George Abbot's Gift to Guildford

Sitting at the top of the High Street in Guildford is a large 400 year old Grade 1 Listed Building which most passers-by hardly seem to notice. It is called Abbot's Hospital, but it is a beautiful Alms House, providing accommodation for the elderly poor of Guildford, just as it did when it was given to Guildford by George Abbot.

George Abbot was born in Guildford in 1562 and rose to be **Archbishop of Canterbury**. He was chosen for that role by his patron, **James 1st**, who had involved him in a number of projects including the translation of the Bible, and an attempt to merge the Church of England with the Church of Scotland.

In 1619 Guildford was suffering badly from the decline in the wool trade and George Abbot built the Hospital to provide shelter and work for the suffering townspeople. He had been the Vice Chancellor of Oxford University and copied the Tudor brick style he was familiar with from the colleges there. It only took two and a half years

to build, and the first residents arrived in 1622, 10 men and 8 women. The rules were strict: they were all over 60, single, poor, a resident of Guildford and of good character.

The residents were required to go to chapel twice a day and to church in Holy Trinity on Sundays and holidays.





Abbot's Hospital Upper Court.

Failure to attend could lead to admonishment, a fine and even expulsion.

Today the 28 residents are all over 60, largely from Guildford and 'of modest means'. Since the controversial building of the Lower Courtyard in the 1980s, the Hospital has been able to accommodate couples. Chapel is no longer mandatory but there are services every week. Whereas in the past residents would live out their lives there, now they must be capable of independent living. While there is still a Master and a Warden managing the Hospital, the days of assistant masters, assistant wardens, matrons and assistant matrons are past.

The original Upper Courtyard contains many wonderful original architectural features. Apart from the residents accommodation, there a number of common rooms. The Masters Lodge contains some exquisite wood-panelling. The Presence Chamber, which was once George Abbot's office when he was staying with his brother Richard whom he made the first Master, contains many historical artefacts including the original charter and George Abbot's handwritten rules for the residents. There is also a fine portrait of him.

Above the Presence Chamber in the Tower over the Gatehouse was the Treasurer's Office, accessible only by a stone spiral staircase. In 1685 it was thought to be the most secure room in Guildford, so it was there that the young Duke of Monmouth was imprisoned after his unsuccessful rebellion against James 2nd on his way back to London to be beheaded. It is now always known as the Monmouth Room.

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The Common Room is where the residents used to take their meals, and still contains much of the original furniture as well as a wonderful collective portrait by renowned local artist Jane Allison of the residents in 2019.

The Chapel has always been a central part of the Abbot's community. Its simple interior is highlighted by beautiful stained glass windows recording the life of Jacob from the Bible. It is a tribute to George Abbot's patron James 1st.



Inside the Chapel.

At the back is the Garden once used to grow vegetables, but now a haven of tranquillity for the residents.

George Abbot's later life was blighted by a tragic accident when on a visit to his friend Lord Zouche he was persuaded to go hunting and accidentally killed a game keeper. His enemies in the church used the incident to attack his authority, and the divisions within the Church of England widened dramatically. It was a portent of the English Civil War to come.

George Abbot died in 1632 and is buried in Holy Trinity Church opposite in a splendid tomb which survived the collapse of that church one hundred years later.

Today the Hospital is an independent charity. It is home to 28 residents so access to the public is limited. **There are guided tours (costing £5) at 11.00am every Thursday and Friday from Easter to October, and also on the first Tuesday of those months to coincide with the Farmers Markets on the High Street.** The hospital also welcomes pre-arranged Group Tours.

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- 🌱 Dahlia plants and tubers should not be planted until at least the middle of the month.
- 🌱 Allow Forget-me-nots to set seed before pulling up.
- 🌱 Spray Roses with a systemic insecticide to control Blackspot and Greenfly

Sweet Peas should be tied to supports as they climb.

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- 🌱 There is still time to sow Courgettes and Squash, two seeds to a pot for planting out later, sow the seed standing on its edge for better germination.

Make small successional sowings of Salad Crops.

- 🌱 French and Runner beans can now be sown outdoors.
- 🌱 Leeks and Purple Sprouting should be sown for harvesting next winter.
- 🌱 Pinch out the tips of Broad Beans to control Blackfly.
- 🌱 Plant out Tomatoes towards the end of the month, remove side shoots from all types except Bush and small fruited varieties.
- 🌱 Make small successional sowings of Salad Crops.
- 🌱 Continue to mow the lawn frequently, apply a Spring and Summer dressing just before rain is forecast

Things to do in the garden in June.

- 🌱 Prune Spring flowering shrubs such Forsythia and Philadelphus, Magnolias should be left until they are in full leaf.
- 🌱 Fast growing Annuals such as Calendula should be sown where they are to flower.

- 🌱 Pinch out the leading shoots of Chrysanthemum, Helianthus and Fuchsia to encourage bushy growth.
- 🌱 Dead head Delphiniums and Lupins to encourage a second flush of bloom.
- 🌱 Complete the planting of Summer Bedding plants, Cannas, Dahlias and Gladioli.
- 🌱 Early Potatoes which have come into flower are ready for lifting.
- 🌱 Sow French and Runner Beans for a late crop.

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- 🌱 Plant out Courgettes and Squash.
- 🌱 Continue to control Slugs and Snails.



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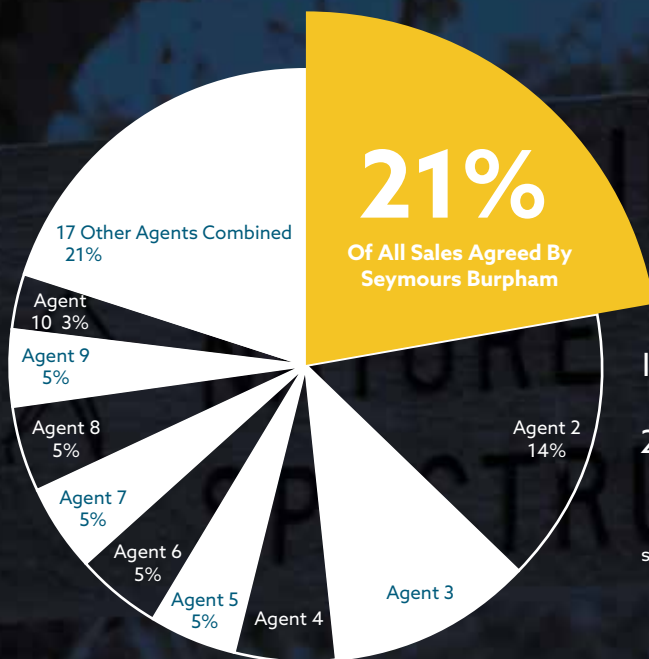
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