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# Welcome

Dear Neighbours, It's hard to believe how quickly summer has come and gone, and we're already in the midst of autumn with Christmas just around the corner. There are plenty of exciting events happening in and around Guildford at this time of year, many of which are listed in Burpham Pages or on our website.

If you're interested in listing your festive events on [burpham-pages.co.uk](http://burpham-pages.co.uk), please email us at [editor@burpham-pages.co.uk](mailto:editor@burpham-pages.co.uk) with the details.

In this issue, we're highlighting a few events such as the **Guildford Lions Firework Fiesta** on Saturday, November 4th, as well as Christmas fairs at **Guildford Cathedral**, **Jacobs Well Village Hall**, **George Abbot School**, and **Merrow C of E Infant School** (a part of the Merrow Schools Federation). **The Fountain Centre**, the small independent cancer charity located at St. Luke's Cancer Centre at the Royal Surrey Hospital, is also hosting 'A Celebration of Christmas' at the Holy Trinity Church in Guildford. In addition, if you're interested in learning more about the building and development work around Burpham, the **Burpham Community Association** and **Neighbourhood Forum** are holding a meeting on November 2nd at 7.30pm at the Burpham Village Hall.

You can also stay updated on our local area through the bi-monthly updates from our Councillors, **George Potter** and **Jane Tyson**, and from the **Burpham**

**Community Association**, who keep us informed about recent work at **Riverside Park**, progress on the development at **Gosden Hill**, and news of the **London Road Action Group**.

Although Christmas might still seem a long way off, I hope you enjoy the various festive events throughout November and December, whether you celebrate the holiday or not.

The next issue of Burpham Pages will be distributed in the New Year, and we look forward to speaking to you then.

**Paul Nicholls (Editor)**

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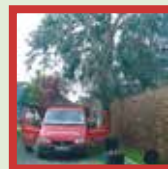
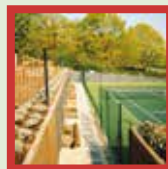
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## Play Your Part, a capital campaign to transform Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud into a cultural community hub with theatre at its core.



(L to R) Stephen Bampfylde, (Chair of the Yvonne Arnaud theatre), Joanna Read (Director & Chief Executive), with actors Timothy West, Susan Jameson and James Bolam.

### The Yvonne Arnaud Theatre staged the launch event for their Play Your Part campaign this September.

The Yvonne Arnaud Theatre is a registered charity and the only producing venue in Surrey. A regional theatre with a national reach and a mission to produce and present vibrant, outstanding, entertaining drama for the communities of Surrey and the South East.

The Play Your Part campaign will transform the theatre and develop this iconic and much-loved building as a cultural community hub with theatre at its core. Radically improving accessibility and creating new multi-purpose spaces for wider community and artistic benefit; ensuring it is able to meet the needs of the communities of Surrey for the next 50 years.

### Launch Event

The evening went successfully, and

we're excited as we enter this new phase of our campaign to make the theatre more accessible, and importantly promote its sustainability as a civic resource for future generations of local people.

Stephen Bampfylde, Chair, and Joanna Read, Director & Chief Executive, of the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, were delighted to meet long standing friends of the theatre at the launch of the next stage of the Play Your Part campaign on Wednesday 27 September.

Around 80 close supporters of the theatre attended the celebration, to learn about the next steps for the campaign, to view a new video outlining future plans, and to hear from the theatre team and campaign donors. ■

## Winter Lectures 2024

These one-hour Winter Lectures are given by local residents for local residents and take place at **8.00pm** at the **Village Hall** on **Burpham Lane**. Here's a run down of the lectures for **January & February 2024**.

Friday 5th January 2024

### English Pyramids

Andrew Plumridge gives us a whistle-stop tour of the surprisingly numerous English pyramids.

Friday 12th January 2024

### What Happens to Waste After it Leaves Our Bins?

Graham Fox enlightens us about the way we deal with rubbish.

Friday 19th January 2024

### The Hidden History of Nursery Rhymes

Hidden secrets, sex and violence, Henry Spyvee explores what nursery rhymes really mean.

Friday 26th January 2024

### The Sorry Story of the Clandon House Fire

A guide from the historic house explores its history and the consequences of the great fire in 1915.

Friday 2nd February 2024

### Sun, Sport and Sights on the Way

Andy Clapham recounts his experiences, both sporting and cultural, following rugby around the globe. ■

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## November & December bi-monthly update from local councillors George Potter and Jane Tyson.



Local councillors George Potter  
and Jane Tyson.

### Come and talk to us

We hold our regular drop-in sessions where people can come to speak to us on the first Saturday of every month at Burpham Bowling Club from 10am to 11.30am. Please drop by if you have any issues we can help with, or email us at [george.potter@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:george.potter@guildford.gov.uk) and [jane.tyson@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:jane.tyson@guildford.gov.uk).

### London Road consultation open until 27th November

The public consultation on Surrey county council's proposals for new walking and cycling infrastructure along London Road has been open since 18th September. The consultation was originally meant to end on 13th November but will now run until 27th November due to delays with sending out letters to local households to let people know about the consultation.

The consultation covers both the design and the construction plans for the changes to London Road, so please do read the proposals and have your say: [burpham-activetravel.commonplace.is](http://burpham-activetravel.commonplace.is)

### Find out about local planning issues

Burpham Community Association and Burpham Neighbourhood Forum will be holding a public meeting at Burpham

Village Hall on Thursday 2nd November in the evening to give an update on various major planning issues affecting our area and to give people a chance to ask questions about them. Topics will include the new sewage treatment works and the impending planning application for Gosden Hill.

### Planting new trees

Many thanks to the resident who got in touch with us to point out that the birch tree on the Clay Lane/London Road roundabout has sadly died. We've been able to arrange for the planting of two new trees on the roundabout to replace it.

Additionally, Surrey County Council have happily announced that they are about to scrap the £25 fee they currently charge residents for requesting a new tree on their street. So if you know any trees which need replacing in Burpham, or know anywhere where a new tree should be planted, please request a tree on the county council website here: [surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/permits-and-licences/planting-trees](http://surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/permits-and-licences/planting-trees)

### Guildford borough council announces balanced budget

In our previous updates we've talked about the big financial challenges facing Guildford borough council and that, unless urgent savings were made, the council faced declaring bankruptcy this year by issuing a 'section 114' notice. But this month we have some positive news for a change! The council finance team have confirmed that we have managed to balance the budget for the current year and avoid the immediate threat of bankruptcy.

However, there is still a great deal of work left to do to get the council back to financial stability, and this will unfortunately have to include some difficult choices over the next few years.

But obtaining a balanced budget this year and avoiding bankruptcy means that those choices will be made by local councillors, who are accountable to local people, rather than by government-appointed commissioners as is happening in Woking. ■

Friday 2nd February 2024

### Home-Start Together Ball



Join us at **G Live**, Guildford to celebrate the **Together Ball**, raising funds to give children the best possible start in life. A sparkling reception, 3 course dinner, auction and raffle plus live entertainment. Tables of 10-12 are available, £110 per person.

**Home-Start Guildford** is a small, independent local charity supporting vulnerable families who are dealing with issues such as disability, sickness, mental health, domestic abuse and bereavement.

We are holding a ball to raise the critical funds required to support their work. Please join us for a spectacular evening where we come together as a community to make a meaningful difference in the lives of families and children in need.

If you can't attend you can still support the cause by purchasing raffle tickets, bidding in the auction, donating a prize to the raffle/auction, or simply by making a donation – this can all be done via [www.togetherball.com](http://www.togetherball.com)



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**Merrow Schools Federation**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Saturday 25th November 2023**  
**12 pm to 2.30 pm**

**Merrow C of E Infant School, Kingfisher Drive**  
**GU4 7EA**



**Free entry**

**Merrow Schools Federation**  
Together we grow



# What's on this month



Saturday November 4th

## Guildford Lions Fireworks Fiesta 2023



Following the fantastic success of the past 2 years we are delighted to confirm this years event will take place on **Saturday November 4th**.

As always this remains a charitable event and ALL profits will be used to support our local community through our club's welfare fund and also the **Oakleaf Enterprise** who support people with mental health issues.

## Entertainment

We are excited to announce that **Blurasis** who headlined our first ever Firework and Live Music event in 2021 will be back as our live music act!

If you were there in 2021 you will recall the energy they created making it a real festival experience so expect more of the same this year with their covers of Blur, Oasis, Robbie Williams and many more!

We are again creating a Children's Entertainment area which will feature a stunning Fire Show by **Stagecraft Collective**, plus kiddies fairground rides, a face painter, an opportunity to buy glow in the dark toys.

The stunning finale will be our fireworks

display which will again be provided by **Pains Fireworks** the largest fireworks company in the UK. Our MC will again be the brilliant **Peter Gordon**.

## Ticket Prices

As we are all too aware, prices have and continue to increase, indeed our expenses have increased by in excess of 25% this year. Consequently, and reluctantly, we have had to take the difficult decision to apply a small increase this year. This will be an all ticket event again with NO sales on the night.

Tickets will be priced at £12 (plus booking fee) for adults with children under 16 again FREE but these must be accompanied by their parents/ adults. In addition all children will be given a wristband which should be worn at all times whilst in the park.

Tickets are available via Seetickets <https://www.seetickets.com/event/fireworks-fiesta/stoke-park/2662437>

Friday 17th & Saturday 18th November

## Guildford Cathedral Christmas Fair



Guildford Cathedral's ever popular two-day fair is back.

Every year we welcome a wonderful range of artists, crafters and makers to the Cathedral. **10.00am until 4.00pm**. Entry £3 per person.

This unique shopping experience will have over **50 exhibitors** selling an eclectic mix of bespoke Christmas gifts and decorations, spirits, jewellery, accessories and much much more!

The **Cathedral Shop** and **Café/Restaurant** will also be open. Free, but limited parking available on-site

Further details about event: <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/christmas-fair>



## JACOBS WELL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 25th 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 [JWCFair@gmail.com](mailto:JWCFair@gmail.com) with any enquiries and follow us on Facebook for more updates: [www.facebook.com/jacobswellchristmasfair](https://www.facebook.com/jacobswellchristmasfair)

Saturday 25th November

## Merrow Schools Federation Christmas Fair



**12.00pm - 2.30pm**

**Free admission** Please come and join us at our

Christmas Fair at Merrow C of E Infant School for children's games, festive food, mulled wine, Christmas crafts & local business stalls.

Win prizes in our raffle and bottle tombola. Come and meet Father Christmas and his elves in our Grotto!

Many stalls will be accepting cash only. Please enter via the main school entrance on Kingfisher Drive, GU4 7EA.

**Do you have any events happening in and around Burpham & Jacobs Well that you would like added in the next issue?**

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## Harvest and Christmas activities at Merrow Schools

As we transition into the second half of the Autumn term, Merrow Schools Federation gets busy with exciting Harvest and Christmas activities, both within the schools and within the wider community.

### Harvest Activities

One of our most cherished traditions at Merrow Schools is our annual Harvest Celebrations. Our youngest children in Reception through to Year 3 eagerly participate in delightful performances, providing parents with one of the first opportunities to watch their children shine on stage.

Additionally, we work closely with **North Guildford Food Bank** to collect essential provisions. Our children go the extra mile: writing heartfelt notes, decorating boxes, and personally delivering these packages to some of our older community members, who are genuinely delighted to receive these visits.

These initiatives help combat food insecurity and foster a sense of unity among our children, teaching them the values of empathy and compassion.

### Christmas Activities

Christmas is a time for spreading joy and happiness and it's a fun and busy time for our schools. The children at the Infant school will participate in a Christmas service at St John's Church and we're excited to share this with the new incumbent Rev. Tim. The Juniors will hold a carol service at the Methodist Church and the Christmas school productions are a highlight too!

Of course, it wouldn't be the same without our Christmas Fair. This year it will be held on 25 November 2023, at Merrow C of E Infants School. Children have the chance to visit Santa's Grotto,

enjoy numerous games and treats, and experience the magic of Christmas. Entrance is free and we invite you all to join us!

As Merrow Federation School continues to develop, our dedication to the wider community remains unwavering and this permeates everything we do. We firmly believe that by fostering these connections, we strengthen our community and teach our children to become compassionate and socially responsible individuals, ready to make a positive impact on the world around them.

*Wednesday 6th December 2023*

## A Celebration of Christmas



The Fountain Centre are proud to present a **Celebration of Christmas.**

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*Saturday 9th December 2023*

## John Rutter's Christmas Celebration in Guildford Cathedral



Join us this Christmas at  
**7.30pm on 9th December**  
for a sensational **Guildford**

**Cathedral Choir Concert**, featuring the esteemed John Rutter!

We are thrilled to announce the return of this celebrated composer to Guildford Cathedral, where we will be treated to a captivating **Christmas Celebration.**

Prepare to be swept away by an enchanting evening of carols and Christmas music, presented by the talented Guildford Cathedral Choir alongside **Septura Brass Septet**, organ and the audience!

The evening is set to be a delightful blend of traditional and contemporary pieces, creating a joyful and festive atmosphere.

Tickets are now on sale via our website: <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/691>



*Thursday 2nd November*

## Local building projects



A joint meeting of the **Burpham Community Association** and the

**Neighbourhood Forum** to inform residents about building projects which will affect our ward in the coming year:

- The Weyside Urban Village
- The London Road Project
- The Gosden Hill development
- The relocation of the sewage works

7.30pm at the Burpham Village Hall.

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# Get strong. You'll like it!

Christine Sciberras, Founder and Head Coach at Melita Fitness

**Strength training is important. I bang on about it. Muscle mass. Bone density. You know.**

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## **The ability to do things!**

There's the sheer satisfaction of doing things that require strength: the ability to lift heavy stuff, the ability to move shift furniture if needed. But also, the ability...

... to carry the overfilled shopping bags all the way home.

... to lift the bike up onto the car.

... to not even question whether you're strong enough for that mountain walk.

... to be able to do handstands on the beach with the children...

## **Building your capacity to do hard things.**

*"I'd never worked out with weights before and always thought I wouldn't be able to. But Melita Fitness has made me realise I am capable of so much more than I thought I was."*

It's a common theme, especially with women who are new to exercise or weight training. Strength training helps you to realise that you are capable of so much more than you thought. Almost every person who starts a class, baulks at the 8kg weight that I suggest they start on. But within 4 weeks, they're squatting, lunging and overhead pressing it confidently and competently.

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Because 2 or 3 times a week you are doing something hard. And completing it. And so over time, your capacity to do hard things increases.

## **Self-acceptance**

*"For me, it's the joy of learning what my body can do."*

Women, particularly those of us born in the 70s and 80s, have spent so much of our adult life conditioned to judge our body for how it looks. But these days we're learning to love and be grateful for what our body can do instead.

Strength training is a brilliant way to emphasise and experience this. Session by session we increase the repertoire of things we can do and see tangible evidence of progress.

Plus working out to increase strength is a more positive goal for body image and self-acceptance. It shifts from the focus away from the "exercise to lose weight" mantra that we hear about all the time, and towards a healthier relationship with exercise.

## **For longevity**

Muscle mass is vital for women especially as we age. But really, specifically, have we thought about why?

It's important for the things it will help us do as we age. Like:

- Get off the toilet unassisted when we're 80+
- Keep up with the grandchildren when we're 60+
- Live a life full of adventure, right now!

## **For your mental wellbeing**

*"I feel physically and mentally stronger and no matter what the rest of the day throws at me. I know I have accomplished something and taken some time out of the day just for me."*

Whether it's the release of happy hormones or the suppression of stress hormones, strength training leaves you feeling accomplished, with mental clarity and resilience to boot!



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And finally, it doesn't need to be complicated. You can do it on your own with minimal equipment. Or join a group so you can't go wrong.

Either way, pick up those weights and start your journey to getting strong. I promise you'll love every moment of it!

## STILL THINKING ABOUT JOINING MELITA FITNESS?

For some of us it's all about the squats and lunges. (OK, that's mostly just me!)

For most it's about the community, the sense of being in it together, the friendships, the positive and supportive atmosphere. And the knowledge that we're doing something so beneficial for our health and wellbeing...

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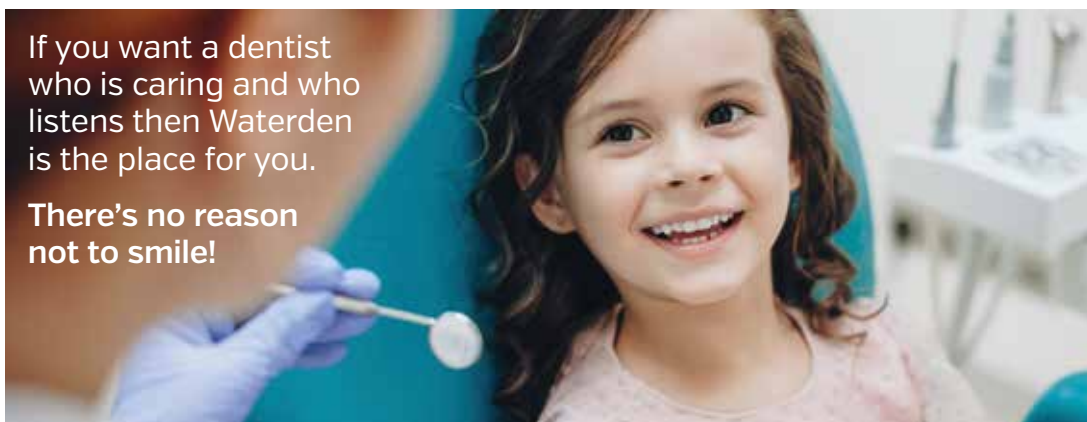
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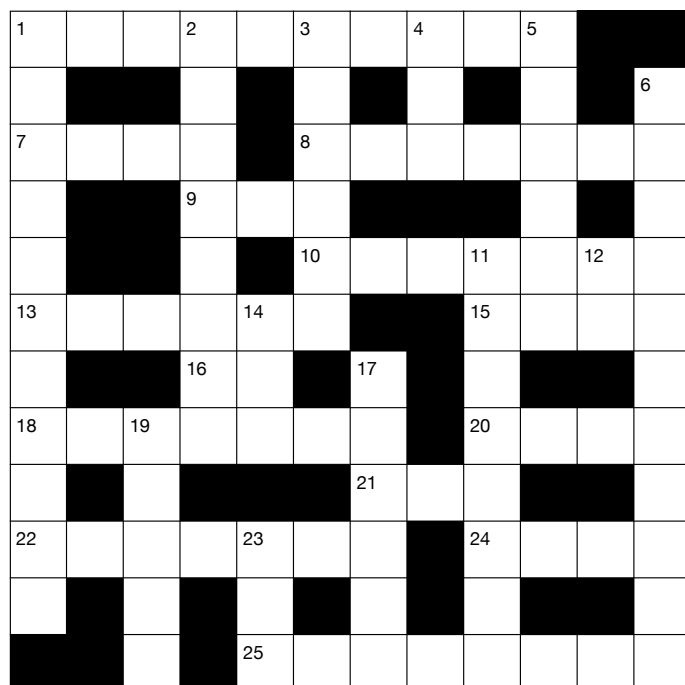
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# Burpham Pages Crossword

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## Across

- 1 A group of owls (10)
- 7 Kiln for drying hops (4)
- 8 Transparent protective coating applied to wood (7)
- 9 Frozen water (3)
- 10 Cocktail made from gin, vermouth & Campari (7)
- 13 Parade or display ostentatiously (6)
- 15 Greek god of love (4)
- 16 Party or social event (2)
- 18 One who fastens things by means of metal pins (7)
- 20 All or every (4)
- 21 Every one (3)
- 22 Historically, a group of ten householders who lived close together and were collectively responsible for each other (7)
- 24 Video log (4)
- 25 Furnish or adorn with something ornamental (8)

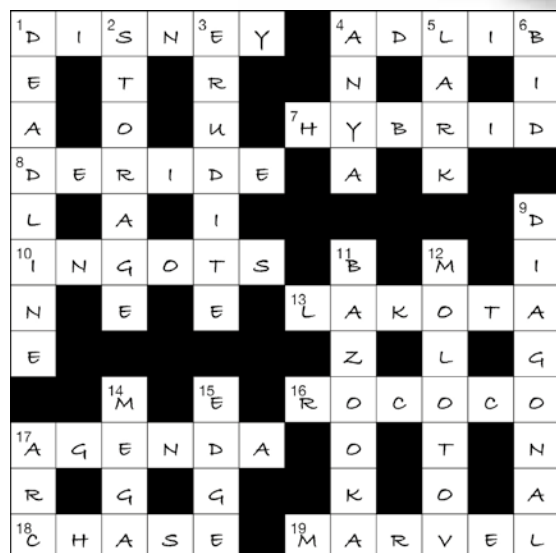
## Down

- 1 Increase rapidly in number (11)
- 2 Position north or south of the equator (8)
- 3 Start of liturgical year in Western Christianity (6)
- 4 Entire cob of corn with the husk still on (3)
- 5 Someone who makes, mends or alters clothes (6)
- 6 Christian service for children held before Christmas (11)
- 11 Pistol with rotating chambers (8)
- 12 Negative answer (2)
- 14 With auxiliary verb, forms a negative phrase (3)
- 17 Dreadful, disastrous or fatal (6)
- 19 Someone who expresses their choice or opinion in a ballot (5)
- 23 Improvised Explosive Device (3)

## Solution to Crossword No. 31

Burpham Pages issue No. 106  
September & October 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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# Market Comment

3rd October 2023

After a quiet summer period, we were all hoping for the return of the traditionally busy September market. However, activity was muted as buyers waited to see what the Bank of England did with the base rate, when they met on the 20th of September. The news that the Bank held the base rate at 5.25% has given buyers a little more confidence that rates have now peaked and may even start to fall a little in 2024. This has translated into a gentle uplift in activity in the housing market, both in terms of viewings and sales agreed. Motivated sellers, who take a pragmatic view on their price will most probably fund a buyer this autumn, but we will only have until the end of November before the market shuts down until Spring.

I think a quiet second half of 2023 will mean that there will be pent-up demand, which should ensure the Spring 2024 market is busy. The likely downwards pressure on interest rates as inflation continues to drop will give buyers renewed confidence and we should see more buoyancy in the market. We have an election to contend with next year and that usually means that activity cools off for a couple of weeks either side of polling day – let's hope they cut the housing market some slack and don't decide to hold it in May, right in the middle of our busiest period!!

If you're thinking of moving, please do get in touch with me or my colleagues on 01483 347100, if you want honest, sensible advice that puts your best interests first.

**Anthony Brown, Director**





Welcome to the **Burpham Community Association**

# Community Update

November & December 2023

## Japanese Knotweed

**Guildford has been identified as one of Surrey's knotweed hotspots this year; 90 infestations have been reported, 42 of them within 4km of the town centre.**

It is incredibly invasive – even a small piece of the root can generate a new plant and it's very difficult to eradicate. Knotweed can damage property and reduce the value of your home. We know that it has been found along Clay Lane and is now being dealt with by National Highways but it will take several years to clear it completely. How did it get there – well, it usually spreads from garden

waste that has not been properly disposed of, or could even have been deliberately dumped.

If you think you have knotweed in your garden, you are not legally required to report it but you can be prosecuted if you let it spread to your neighbour's garden. Contact GBC if you see it on council land. If you want information to help you identify it, there are many useful websites – **[www.japaneseknotweed.co.uk](http://www.japaneseknotweed.co.uk)** is very informative, with lots of pictures showing the very distinct seasonal changes and they, and other websites, offer a free identification service.



*Japanese Knotweed in autumn.*



*Japanese Knotweed in winter.*

## Riverside Park

**In the last issue of Burpham Pages, we noted that the stream draining the wetland and lake overflow had been partially cleared but was still heavily silted.**


There is some doubt as to whether GBC would be able to complete the clearing due to funding issues but we are pleased to say that the work has now been done, and the risk of flooding reduced.



**Riverside Park:** Work has been completed to reduce flooding.

### 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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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)

We represent the community of Burpham, Guildford

## Gosden Hill

**Members of the BCA Committee met with representatives of Martin Grant Homes in September for preliminary discussions about the proposed development.**

We are pleased to report some very positive outcomes; however, there is a deal of work ahead as we still have many concerns about essential infrastructure, especially safe and effective access and the impact on Burpham of the increased traffic.

## London Road Action Group

**Surrey County Council have sent a letter to all residents concerning the active travel scheme but it seems that many residents have not received it.**

In a news update on **29th September** Surrey County Council state that they have contacted the delivery company and the error is being rectified, so

you should have received a copy by now.

The online survey closes on **13th November** so there may still be time for you to have your say. Go to Surrey County Council website, **London Road Burpham Active Travel Scheme**.

The final public meeting is being held on **November 8th** at **Guildford High School**.

## Dates for your diary

### Christmas Social Evening

This will be held on **Saturday 9th December** in the **Village Hall**.

Details are not yet finalised but we are hoping to have a fun evening of Christmas games and activities plus drinks and nibbles. We'll send out final details nearer the time – **looking forward to seeing you!**

### Winter Lectures 2024

*By residents for residents*

**8pm at the Village Hall in Burpham Lane**

### Fri 5 Jan

#### English Pyramids

Andrew Plumridge gives us a whistle-stop tour of the surprisingly numerous English pyramids.

### Fri 12 Jan

#### What Happens to Waste After it Leaves Our Bins?

Graham Fox enlightens us about the way we deal with rubbish.

### Fri 19 Jan

#### The Hidden History of Nursery Rhymes

Hidden secrets, sex and violence – Henry Spyvee explores what nursery rhymes really mean.

### Fri 26 Jan

#### The Sorry Story of the Clandon House Fire

A guide from the historic house explores its history and the consequences of the great fire in 1915.

### Fri 2 Feb

#### Sun, Sport & Sights on the Way

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

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### Online –

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Please contact Liz Turner, our Membership Secretary, if you have any queries. Her email address is [membership@burphamca.org.uk](mailto:membership@burphamca.org.uk)

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# Lords of the Manor of Burpham

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Moira MacQuaide's history of Burpham

Traditionally, most Manors were compact areas, centring around the Manor House, surrounded by the village church and tenants' dwellings. Around these would be cultivated land, owned by the Lord of the Manor and farmed by the tenants. However, Burpham Manor was not compact, as it stretched from the Woking Road in Jacobs Well, to the top of New Inn Lane.



*Minutes of Court Baron 1645*

The earliest records show that in 1276AD the Manor of Burpham was given to William de Wintershull, and it stayed in that family until 1548, when it passed to Sir Anthony Windsor. By 1592 it passed to Sir John Wolley, who was an MP for Surrey. He was one of

the commissioners who tried and sentenced to death Mary, Queen of Scots. He was also the Latin Secretary to Queen Elizabeth I, translating official documents – a job later held by the poet John Milton. His son Francis Wolley inherited, then in 1609 he bequeathed the Manor of Burpham to his illegitimate daughter Mary – a very unusual move. On her death the Manor passed to her half-brother Robert Wroth, who was MP for Guildford in the early 18th century.

When Robert Wroth died in 1720, Thomas, 2nd Baron Onslow, bought the Manor and it passed down through generations of the Onslow family, until much of the estate was sold in 1905.

The Manorial system enabled a sophisticated way of functioning in medieval England. Courts Baron were responsible for the internal regulation of the Manor, chaired by the Steward and would have a jury, known as the Homage. The courts would record changes in land transactions, resolve disputes

between tenants, and regulate local agricultural practices. **Surrey History Centre** holds an example of minutes of the 1645 Court Baron, written in Latin, and rather hard to decipher. They also hold an example from 1858, and a number of names and places are recognisable in recent Burpham history. It is unclear where the Manorial Courts were held in Burpham, but it's likely to have been either Burpham Court Farm or Burpham Court House.

Some Lordships of Manors fall into disuse and are forgotten. The Manorial Society warns people against several websites, which claim to offer Lordships for sale to the unsuspecting public. The Society's records show that in 1938 William, 6th Earl Onslow, was Lord of the Manor for Burpham.

The 1944/5 Kelly's Directory recorded that "The Manors of Worplesdon and Burpham belong to the Earl Onslow", so the title was probably inherited by Rupert, 8th Earl Onslow, after his father's death in 2011. ■

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](mailto: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).

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Here at Burpham Church we are waiting for the arrival of our new vicar. Times of waiting may be frustrating and anxious, but sometimes they can be helpful times of preparation. As part of writing the information for our recruitment pack we must write a Parish Profile. This is information for candidates that sets out what our church, and what the

community of Burpham are like. We have started by doing a survey of people who attend church, it's confirmed that Burpham Church is very much the church for Burpham. 58% of people live in Burpham, 40% of people live in a neighbouring parish and 2% travel over the three miles. (The person has been seconded to us while we are without a vicar!)

We asked people why they come to Burpham Church rather than attend one of the many other churches in Guildford and the overwhelming response was because it's local, part of the Burpham community.

There are plenty of opportunities for the Burpham community to gather at one of our two churches in November and December. Services are for everyone.

- **Remembrance:** Sunday 12th November 10.45am There will be a short Remembrance Service with the two minutes silence at the war memorial in St Luke's Churchyard.

## Advent and Christmas

From Friday 1st December our online advent calendar will go live. You will be able to find the calendar on our website here [www.burphamchurch.org.uk](http://www.burphamchurch.org.uk)

- **Christingle:** Sunday 3rd December 4pm *Church of the Holy Spirit*
- **Carols by Candlelight:** Sunday 10th December 4pm *St Luke's Church*
- **Community Carols:** Sunday 17th December 4pm *Church of the Holy Spirit*
- **Nativity Service:** Christmas Eve 4pm *Church of the Holy Spirit*
- **Christmas Day Celebration:** 10am *Church of the Holy Spirit*
- **Christmas Day Communion:** 10.45 *Church of the Holy Spirit*

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- Keeping distance of more than 2 metres when sick or around others who are sick.
- Optimise your sleep, 7-8 hours & reducing caffeine and alcohol intake.
- Opening windows and encourage fresh airflow.
- Get your annual vaccination if eligible, it takes 2 weeks for adequate antibody response.
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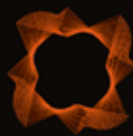


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# Burpham Gardening Hints & Tips

November & December

## 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 over-wintering 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 over-wintered in the ground they should be covered with a mulch dressing.
- 🌿 Apply an application of a mulch dressing to protect Agapanthus from the frost.

## The watering of Houseplants should be reduced as the nights draw in.

- 🌿 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.
- 🌿 Now is a good time to plant Raspberry Canes, Fruit Trees and Bushes.
- 🌿 Start the winter pruning of Apple and Pear trees.

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

- 🌿 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.

## 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.

- 🌿 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.

## Keep off of the Lawn when it is frosty or very wet to prevent damage.

- 🌿 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 to prevent damage.

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