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Welcome

Dear Neighbours, we're pleased to bring you the latest issue of Burpham Pages, covering March and April. Inside, you'll find a mix of updates and stories that reflect the heart of our community.

In this edition, we're looking at the progress report on the **Sutherland Memorial Hall**. It's a story of our community's efforts to take on the running of this important space, and the challenges we're facing with Guildford Borough Council.

Our local councillors have shared their latest updates, keeping us informed about what's happening in our area. And we're also celebrating **Safeguard Coaches'** centenary – a milestone worth acknowledging.

On a lighter note, we're excited to announce the **2024 Guildford in Bloom competition**. It's a chance for residents and schools to get involved and bring a bit of beauty to our surroundings.

We're taking a stroll down **London Road** to explore Burpham's Parade of Shops, delving into the history of these local businesses. And of course, we have the usual bi-monthly update from the **Burpham Community Association**.

As we approach Easter, there's also an article from **Burpham Church** reflecting on the season and the theme of new life.

For every new issue of the magazine, we make an effort to connect with as many local organisations as possible. This helps us to keep you updated on the latest news and events in the area. However, it's important that we receive information from people about what's happening locally. So if you know of any local events or news that would interest the community, please let us know. Additionally, if your business caters to the local community, advertising in the magazine could be beneficial for you.

I hope you find this issue both informative and enjoyable. I look forward to speaking with you again in May.

Paul Nicholls (Editor)

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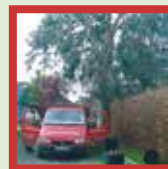
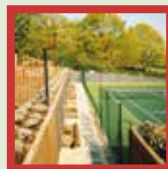
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Sutherland Memorial Hall – Progress Report



The sign displayed on the wall inside the **Sutherland Memorial Hall** says it all: "This hall is for the use and benefit of the Burpham Community".

Two months ago there was every indication to believe that the newly-formed Burpham Community Hub would have the keys for Sutherland Memorial Hall early in 2024, and that plans for many enjoyable and exciting community events would be well underway.

However, there has been another bump in the road, causing further delays to developments.

Despite having 'Heads of Terms' (an agreement in principle between two parties, but which are subject to a formal contract) with **Guildford Borough Council for Burpham Community Hub** to manage the property last year, the project has once again shifted to another silo at the Council for sign off. This time it went to Finance.

From the outset we were assured we would be able to have the hall for a peppercorn and that Guildford

Borough Council would bear the utility costs given we would be servicing the community of Burpham, and also because the nursery, that are currently the only organisation to have been granted a lease for the building, is not charged for utilities as part of its lease arrangement.

GBC's finance team has taken Guildford Borough Council's wider financial situation into account, and will not now honour the agreement made.

Therefore, in order to proceed, Burpham Community Hub now has to apply for a grant to cover the costs of its use of the utilities. (We are assured

by the Guildford Borough Council that money has been set aside for this to cover most of the anticipated utility costs for year one, so all being well this is just a formality).

A property such as Sutherland Memorial Hall can not have multiple leases held upon it, so GBC will issue a new licence, which will replicate the established and agreed terms, to replace the lease, currently held by the nursery, plus a new licence for Burpham Community Hub. The current lease, held by the nursery, is subject to a six-month break clause, which should they opt to take up on presents us with another long wait. We are hoping that the owners of the nursery can see the general community benefit that Burpham Community Hub represents and that they can help cut the time by simply switching over to the new licence without delay. However, if this is not the case, we will be asking GBC if we can have some access to the hall as a good will gesture over this six-month period.

Stop press... News just in: it looks like we are working towards getting the keys at Easter – fingers crossed.

All we can say with certainty is that it remains our endeavour to secure the hall for the community it was built for, as indicated on the sign displayed in the premises (pictured) and we appreciate any support you can offer. ■



Sutherland Memorial Hall

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News + Events

March & April bi-monthly update from local councillors George Potter and Jane Tyson.



Email us at george.potter@guildford.gov.uk or jane.tyson@guildford.gov.uk

Local councillors George Potter and Jane Tyson with Ross from the Surrey Wildlife Trust.

Local councillors **George Potter** and **Jane Tyson** write their regular update for Burpham residents:

Drop in to see us!

So far it's been a pretty quiet start to the new year in Burpham, but one change this year is that we have moved our monthly drop-ins to take place at 10am to 11.30am on the first Saturday of every month at **M & R Barber + Brew** at the Kingpost shopping parade. If you've got anything you would like to talk to us about, or would just like a chat over a tea or coffee, please pop in to see us.

Borough council passes balanced budget

In February the council passed a balanced budget for the upcoming financial year. The budget includes a 2.99% increase in the borough council's share of

council tax (which is about 9% of council tax collected). The budget also includes a big improvement in the council's finances with the medium term budget gap reduced from £18 million to £2.4 million over the next four years. Closing that gap will still be challenging, but this rapid turnaround means that the council has avoided the risk of bankruptcy.

London Road active travel scheme

By the time you read this the County Council will have made its decision about the **London Road active travel scheme** which proposes new cycle lanes, widened footpaths and more pedestrian crossings along the London Road. At time of writing we don't know for certain what the decision will be, but it looks likely that the Boxgrove

roundabout changes will go ahead, the Burpham section will only go ahead if an additional safety audit finds no issues, and the town centre section will be cancelled for the time being. A new pedestrian crossing on London Road near Winterhill Way, which we have been lobbying for, will also be built regardless of whether the rest of the Burpham section is built.

New Neighbourhood Plan for Burpham

Burpham's local **Neighbourhood Forum** has started the process of updating the **Neighbourhood Plan** which sets out policies to protect local green space, ensure minimum development standards and suggest possible locations for new development in Burpham. Public meetings to kick start the process, and to hear views from local people on what we want from our Neighbourhood Plan, will be organised for March or April.

20mph for Burpham Lane

A speed limit survey on Burpham Lane, commissioned by George as county councillor, has now been completed. The recommendation from highways engineers is to lower the speed limit along the road to 20mph, which local residents will be consulted on in the next few months. A lowering of the speed limit will go ahead if it is supported by residents.

Wildflower circles for Burpham

Finally, we were really pleased to have a great meeting recently with Ross (pictured with us above) from the **Surrey Wildlife Trust** where we talked about the idea of the trust and local volunteers planting circles of wildflowers around trees in Burpham. We are now both working on getting county and borough council blessing for this to take place on their land, and hope to report back about next steps soon! ■

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Safeguard Coaches celebrates centenary with FREE community event.



The much-anticipated Safeguard Centenary Celebrations, which take place at Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 16 March between noon and 4pm, offer 'something for everyone' making it a great day out for local families and transport enthusiasts alike.

The blend of stalls, talks and experiences through the day will combine to deliver enjoyment and entertainment for all. These include mask-making with representatives of **The Hive**, a **photo booth**, talks on **the history and the future of bus transport in Guildford**, a **mobile farm**, **transport-themed stalls**, performances by **Guildford's Rock Choir** and **Farnham Brass Band** – all professionally hosted by broadcaster **David Guest**.

In addition to the FREE shuttle heritage buses to and during the event **GMES** (Guildford Model Engineering Society) will be offering rides on two miniature steam engines from its fleet. And if visitors need to take a break one of **The Fountain Centre's** therapists will be offering hand massages on the day.

Limited edition Safeguard Centenary booklets will be available for £5 with all

proceeds being donated to **The Fountain Centre**.

Dave Newman, a director of family-owned **Safeguard Coaches** says, "The whole family is genuinely excited about the Company's centenary celebrations. We look forward to welcoming the community to say thank you to them – after all they are the reason why we're still operating after 100 years of business."

Andrew Halliday, MD of Safeguard Coaches adds, "It's so great to see the event coming together as well as it has. The buzz it is creating is tangible and we are confident visitors will enjoy every element of the day."

For more information on the day visit <https://www.safeguardcoaches.co.uk/category/100-year-anniversary/> ■

Burpham Wellbeing raffle in aid of Guildford Action, the Matrix Trust and Surrey Hills Baby Clothes library.



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baby clothes library

Burpham Wellbeing is bringing you the chance to **WIN 2 VIP Club Wembley tickets** for Taylor Swift's Eras Tour at **Wembley Stadium on Saturday 17 August 2024**.

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Guildford Town Centre: The Hideaway Cafe Guildford Matrix Trust's Social Enterprise Cafe, Allen House Pavillion, Guildford; **Guildford Action** Beverley Hall, Haydon Place, Guildford GU1 4LR

The prize draw will be made **LIVE on Facebook at 8.30pm on Monday 15th April**.

www.burphamwellbeing.com/taylorswift for further info. ■

News + Events

Guildford Lions Club hosted their annual 'Pensioners party' on Saturday 10th February 2024



 **Guildford Lions Club** hosted their annual party for some of our senior citizens in Shalford Village Hall on Saturday 10th February.

106 guests from four local homes and 11 Guildford & Godalming clubs were fed and entertained. The eldest guest was 101 year old Queenie.

Everyone was entertained by ex-ACM singer **Jack Mason** and the evergreen entertainer **Billy Clayton** from Mack Entertainment. **Nicki** from the **Daisy Chain Café** at **Guildford's Wey Valley Indoor Bowling Club** catered for the event including some delicious cakes.

Guildford Lions Club, whose motto is 'we serve' is a long established voluntary service club in Guildford. They have a focus on making a difference to people's lives in Guildford. They are all volunteers, both male and female, with a passion for helping others whilst having some fun along the way. Being based at the **Waterside Centre** in Guildford the Lions support our local community but as part of Lions International they also respond to global crises.

Find out more about the Guildford Lions Club at <https://www.guildfordlions.com> ■

Guildford in Bloom Launches Annual Gardening Competition for Residents and Schools



Peter and Min Martin's 2023 award winning allotment.

The Guildford in Bloom Gardening Competition, which is open to residents and businesses in Guildford Borough launches on 23rd February 2024 alongside the Schools in Bloom competition which launched at the beginning of the month.

The theme for this year is the **Wild About a Greener Guildford** to encourage gardeners to create pockets full of nectar rich plants to care for our pollinators.

Part of the **Guildford in Bloom** ethos is to create diverse habitats that encourage and protect wildlife, especially our pollinators. This year we have a new category – **Nature Champions** – which is open to areas managed as a business, community groups, churches and partnerships that have nature conservation, wildlife and protecting insects and pollinators at the heart of their ethos.

The category of **Wildlife Gardens** returns in 2024 to encourage gardeners with domestic gardens that are wildlife

friendly to enter.

In order to include everyone the **Container Garden** category remains for those with very small plots, hanging baskets and window boxes.

Paul Spooner, Chairman of Guildford in Bloom says: "This year Guildford in Bloom is in a much safer financial position thanks to our sponsors support. Our committee has been looking at the future focus and we will be making some changes to judging criteria based on our new strapline **Enhance the Traditional – Embrace the Future**. We are renaming **Best Site for Nature Conservation to Nature Champions** in recognition of the broad focus for this category whilst recognising pollinators as essential to our planet. We are also working

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closely with stakeholders following the withdrawal of some horticultural features in Guildford such as the planters. We hope this is temporary but are looking at options to fill the gaps left by the Council's decision. We thank Experience Guildford and local businesses for their support in our endeavours."

"On behalf of the Committee I wish everyone well and hope that you will embrace Guildford in Bloom 2024 and beyond. We support all residents from window boxes, small and medium size gardens through to large gardens and public spaces. Good luck for 2024."

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 23 June 2024 Judging takes place between

1-19 July 2024. You can keep up with the competition on the Guildford in Bloom social media pages – visit [@guildfordnbloom](https://twitter.com/guildfordnbloom) on X (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 **Wild About A Greener Guildford** 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 24 May 2024 and judging will take place between 17 to 24 June 2024. Entry forms for this competition can also be downloaded from www.guildfordinbloom.com

The Schools Competition will be

awarding **Best School, Best First Time Entrant, Best Vegetable Growers** and **Most Improved Garden** with cash prizes to reinvest into their gardens.

Guildford in Bloom will also be holding its **Blooming Picnic** in Guildford Castle Grounds on **1 June 2024 from 12noon to 4pm** – this free event includes fantastic entertainment from the **Bandstand** from **Guildford Fringe Festival** and is supported by **Experience Guildford**.

Nick Wyschna, Founder of Guildford Fringe said : "We've loved watching Picnic in the Castle Grounds grow each year, it's such a lovely, free event for Guildford. This year Guildford Fringe Festival are looking forward to bringing more wonderful entertainment to the bandstand for the community to enjoy." **More details on the Guildford in Bloom website.** ■

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Do you own a veteran, vintage, classic, or other exceptional car?

The event is open for any **pre-1983 cars** (ie tax exempt). We are limited to seventy-five cars so we expect there will be a demand for places so initially we ask that you send us details of your car to include:

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Saturday 1st June

Blooming Picnic in the Castle Grounds



Guildford Castle Grounds, Castle Hill, Guildford GU1 3SX. **Gates open at 12 noon** and there will be live music until 4pm.

Bring your own picnic! Tea, coffee, cakes, ice cream and Pimm's will be available to purchase. You can bring chairs or a blanket but please no tables or gazebos.

Well behaved dogs are also very welcome but must be kept on leads. Please also be aware the area gets loud and busy so nervous dogs may well not enjoy the experience.

There will be various stalls from local charities and partners for you to visit – including facepainting for the children (and adults if you like!)

We look forward to seeing you there!

For further details visit: <https://www.guildfordinbloom.com/picnic-in-the-castle-grounds>



Tuesday 19th March

David Hill – Head Chef, University of Surrey: Tempering Chocolate Demonstration



David joined the University of Surrey in 2004 working in the prestigious School of Hospitality. David has a passion for teaching and for all things edible. He comes from a restaurant and hotel background working his way up from a pot washer to a head chef today. He is an experienced patissier and chocolatier.

Tuesday 16th April

Shirley West – British Heart Foundation



Shirley is Chief Fundraiser for British Heart Foundation Guildford Group and has been a volunteer for 38 years, 25 years as Chairman. As well as talking about her role in the charity she will talk about the signs of heart disease and what we should look out for.

All meetings are held at **Burpham Village Hall** and start at **7.30pm**, you are entitled to attend up to 3 meetings without joining the WI, we also hold extra events each month ie. walks, coffee & chat, theatre trips, visits to local places of interest, craft activities etc.

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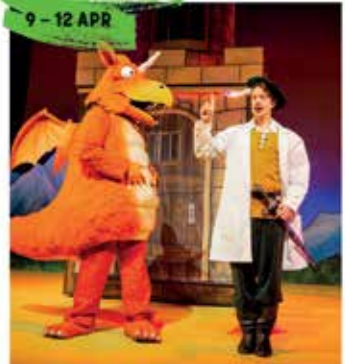
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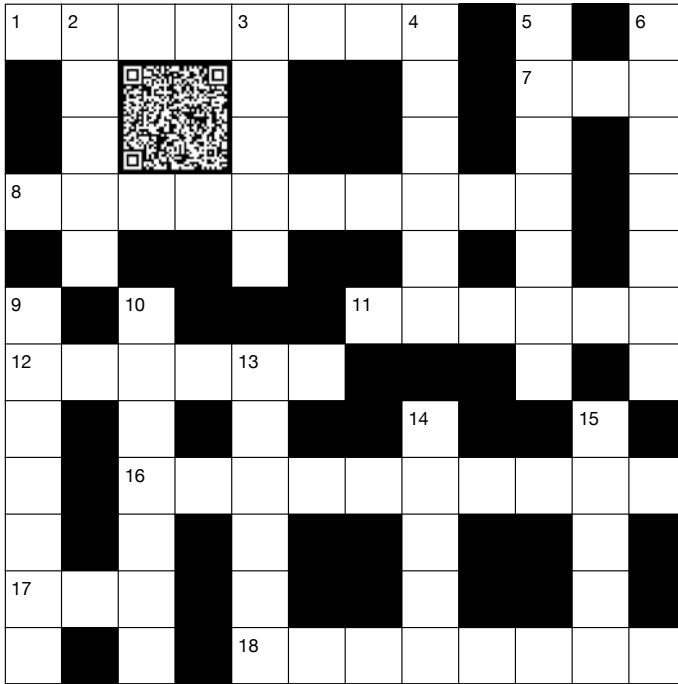
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Burpham Pages Crossword

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Across

- 1 An ideal or idyllic place (8)
- 7 One of the 26 administrative 'cantons' of Switzerland whose coat of arms is emblazoned with a bulls head (3)
- 8 A recently revived BBC TV programme where contestants compete against an elite team of body-builders and athletes (10)
- 11 Trust, faith, or confidence in something (6)
- 12 To drink (6)
- 16 A person who is learning a trade from a skilled employer (10)
- 17 Purposeful violation of the will of God (3)
- 18 A wide, unbroken view (8)

Down

- 2 Difference in direction between two lines or surfaces (5)
- 3 Entry in your accounts that increases what you own or reduces your profit (5)
- 4 Reveal the true, objectionable nature of someone or something (6)
- 5 Follow or search for something (7)
- 6 Person trained to assist women in childbirth (7)
- 9 To see an event, crime or accident, happen (7)
- 10 Gains or gets, usually by effort (7)
- 13 Little character on which a popular nursery rhyme is focussed (6)
- 14 A town of central Italy on the Tyrrhenian Sea, where a decisive battle was fought in 1944 (5)
- 15 Disorderly crowd of people or things, or an interlocking formation of players in rugby (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 33

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What's in store for the property market in 2024?

With the Bank of England holding the base rate again at their February meeting, and the Big Six banks and building societies all reducing their borrowing rates for mortgage deals, activity levels are picking up quite nicely. As I write this (6th February), we have been very pleased to have had a busy start to the year. January can be a bit hit & miss for us in terms of sales, but across our four offices there have been more sales agreed than we had expected which is, frankly, a relief given the turbulence of 2023!! The first week of February has not disappointed either, with four more sales arranged from my Merrow & Burpham office and plenty of viewings booked in for this week already. We anticipate a busy first half of the year before things slow down for the summer and the country moves onto an election footing, which will slow the market down somewhat.

If you're thinking of moving in 2024, my advice would be to get cracking with marketing your home as soon as possible. Many people think it sensible to wait for Spring when gardens look better and "the market is busier" but I would suggest that you take advantage of the relatively low levels of stock currently on the market for buyers to choose from. If you price your house correctly, you will find a buyer over the next three or four weeks and then you'll be in a great position to find your next home when that big influx of stock comes on the market from mid-April onwards...!

If you're thinking of moving in 2024, please do get in touch with me or my team on 01483 347100. We pride ourselves on offering sound, sensible advice that puts your needs first.

Anthony Brown, Director





Welcome to the **Burpham Community Association**

Community Update

March & April 2024

What is that noise?



Sutherland Memorial Hall within Sutherland Memorial Park, Burpham.

That slow hammering noise you've been hearing for the past few months is the sound of machines compacting the ground that used to be the Slyfield landfill site, and more recently driving in the foundations for the new building.

This is so that it can bear the weight of the new sewage treatment works which are being moved from their current location near Stoke Lock to the north-east side of Slyfield industrial estate, closer to Clay Lane.

The work is carried out between 7am and 7pm and will go on until April

this year when attention shifts to the laying of new pipes, tunnels and foundations prior to shifting site, and all that will take until late 2026.

The new works will be nearer to us but more modern and effective and we're assured that the plant will be discretely hidden behind foliage. We hope this

will also mean the disappearance of unpleasant odours. These are caused by the fermentation of foul waters backing up in our local sewage pipes. The old works have insufficient treatment capacity, identified back in 2010, which is why tankers are shipping out waste to other treatment plants. This will continue until the new works are scheduled to come on line in late 2026 or early 2027.

As you can imagine, residents in the Jacobs Well and Slyfield areas are bearing the brunt of the noise and are in close contact with the council. The noise is also clearly audible in Burpham and the BCA is keeping an eye on this development as the noise pollution is worse than we expected – clearly audible indoors with windows closed.



Loss of recycling facilities

We are sorry to report that recycling bays have been closed at Burpham Sainsbury's in line with similar closures across the country. Sainsbury's say they are concentrating on services which cannot be provided elsewhere.

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Other news

green bin, you have to take it to Slyfield tip which is less than convenient for non-drivers or disabled residents. In truth, the skips were emptied too infrequently and assorted rubbish built up in front of them in eyesore heaps. The problem is compounded by the closure of similar bins in Spectrum car park. One small consolation is that Sainsburys are offering a recycling bin instore for used plastic bags, as well as boxes at the exit for used batteries.

If you have a large amount of rubbish to get rid of, you may be considering using a waste removal company. Unscrupulous companies often resort to fly tipping, so please check that any company you use is fully licensed by the Environment Agency. That licence means that waste will be disposed of legally and safely. You can check if a waste carrier's licence is registered by looking at the EA's public register or calling 03708 506506. Failure to make proper checks can lead to a fine if your rubbish is fly tipped and can be traced back to you.

Gosden Hill

The BCA and BNF have a meeting on February 27th to discuss access and transport links.

We will keep you informed of progress.

Loss of Merrow Park Pharmacy

This is of great concern; we know many residents are finding it very difficult to get prescriptions made up and collected.

At the time of writing (early February), we know that a Woking chemist applied to open a branch on Kingpost Parade but the application was rejected by the commissioning group. The BCA will continue to do what we can to try and get a sensible resolution of this issue.

Summer Walks

There will be five free Saturday morning summer walks to places of local interest between mid June and the end of July.



Keep an eye on our notice boards and newsletters for details.

The winter talks will resume next January; if you would like to suggest a topic, or perhaps give a talk, please contact the Secretary (details above).

Help by joining the Burpham Community Association today!

NB We never share your data or use it for any purpose other than informing you of BCA activities.

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Patient Participation Group

We are recruiting new members for our Patient Participation Group. The group meets once monthly at the surgery to discuss patient feedback, current events and suggestions.

If you are interested, message Ross Mackenzie, Practice Manager for more details at manager.merrowpark@nhs.net.

Some of the outcomes include:

- Articles in these pages.
- Improved telephony system and messaging.
- Patient suggestion box.
- Improved wording in patient communication.

Extended services

Primary Care Network

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- Extended Access – A contract is in place to provide additional limited appointments between 6.30pm-8.00pm weekdays and on Saturdays from 8.00am.
- Paediatric Hub – An additional temporary contract is in place offering appointment for ages 1-16 year olds weekdays.

We would love to hear any feedback on the provision of these services to help development in future.

Pharmacy First

We are all aware on the struggles on pharmacies in our area, due to recent closures however a new contract was taken up by 90% of pharmacies on the 31st January 2024.

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Burpham's Parade of Shops

Moira MacQuaide's history of Burpham

On the 1912 OS map of Burpham, the land opposite the Green Man, from New Inn Lane to the Anchor and Horseshoes, was all New Inn Farm land. The only buildings being New Inn Farm and Green Man Gate (the toll gate and house).



OS Map of New Inn Farm 1912.

By 1934 the Kingpost Restaurant and swimming pool had appeared, but it's not known when this was built. The 1934 OS map seems to show the outline of the building for London Road Parade, and the Edward VIII postbox on the parade suggests that the post office was in place in 1936.

The first shops along this stretch of London Road were recorded in the 1938 Electoral Register, showing a Ladies' Hairdresser (Marianne), General Draper (Mrs Ryall), News-agents (Arthur Manfield) and Grocers (Harold Kimber). For the next 15 years they were the only retailers in Burpham, but in 1953 they were joined by another Grocers (Burpham Stores) and Burpham Pharmacy. Then an Ironmongers (Purkiss), a Butcher (W Charles), a Fishmonger (Percy

Pettitt), and a Confectioner (Sid Sidey) were added to the row of shops now known as London Road Parade.

By 1961 the development of Kingpost Parade began, with Wines and Spirits (Carlos & Thrane), Antiques (J Hartley), Bakery (Coombes), Grocers (S Frost), Confectioners (Mussell & Co), Greengrocer (G Connor), Radio Dealer (Walton Electrics) and a Dry Cleaners (Elizabethan Cleaners). Over the years many of the names changed, and some of the shops changed – for example the Antique Dealer became Midland Bank (then HSBC). Those were the days when residents of Burpham had almost everything they needed in their own shops, within walking distance of home.

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Top: London Road Shops 1960s. **Above:** London Road Shops 2015. **Bottom Right:** Kingpost Parade sign.

There were flats above the shops and it's likely that some of the shop staff lived there. Mr Evenden was manager at Kimber's grocers, and he lived above the shop. He would travel round Burpham collecting orders from customers, then goods would be delivered.

By the 1980s there were Penny's Hardware, where the Rajdoot is now; Howzat sports and school uniform, where Stevenson's is now; the Dutch Flower Shop; Video Hire shop; and

the Tile Shop. By the late 1980s, competition from the new Sainsbury's meant that the chemist on the parade moved into the supermarket. Nowadays the bank has gone (replaced by a Tanning Salon), but there are three takeaways – the **Rajdoot** tandoori restaurant, **Seafare Fish & Chips** and the **Shangri La** Chinese takeaway. There's a **Wine Rack** off-licence a hairdresser and a barber, a funeral director, cycle shop, estate agent, and a carpet and flooring shop along

with many of the same type of shops as there were in the 1960s.

The London Road Parade and Kingpost Parade signs were erected in 2012, designed by Burrows Lea Forge.

In 2024 the residents of Burpham have a good selection of opportunities for retail therapy, with the Burpham Parade, Sainsbury's and Aldi. ■

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).

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Streams in the wasteland

Jane Agg, Churchwarden



*Photograph by Mike Pocock, Burpham Church.
Taken at the Riverside Park.*

Here at Burpham Church we have a Bible verse for the year:

**“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up: do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.”**

Isaiah 43:19

In Burpham there are a few streams making their way into the River Wey. The stream running through Weybrook Park is probably the most visible because most are now in channels underground, but you can hear them after heavy rain. There is something refreshing about walking alongside a stream or river. The promise of streams in this Bible verse is also a promise of new life. We can see that here in Burpham, at this time of year the **Riverside Park** is full of new life.

The trees and bushes will have buds breaking through and some will have blossom, some wildflowers will be blooming and those attract the insects. The birds are nesting and some will have already hatched. I wonder when we will see the first ducklings on the river?

Sunday 31st March is Easter Day.

Here in church we will be celebrating Jesus' resurrection and the new life that he brings. It will be a joyful celebration and there will be Easter eggs! The eggs

reminding us of new life; both in nature and through Jesus. Do come and celebrate Easter with us, everyone is welcome; if you have never been in a church before, haven't been for years or keep meaning to go to church but never quite get round to it. **We'd love to see you.**

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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.

- 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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