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## October 2024

### Vicar's letter . . .

Dear Friends,

We are fortunate to live in an area of such beauty with glorious hillsides having views stretching over fields of wheat, barley, maize and, increasingly it seems, vineyards. Some crops of course have enjoyed the wet weather better than others, but as autumn is certainly upon us our thoughts turn to the harvest of the 'fruits of the land'.

We should have deep gratitude for all those that rise early to tend to all that they are growing and rearing for our wellbeing and food for the future. Not only that, but the seasonal workers who pick, package and deliver our food before pruning, tending and getting ready for next year's growth. It is a huge operation, of which we only see the tip of the iceberg (and that is not just the lettuce) in the supermarket.

Ever since the world began, Harvest has been a time of rejoicing, celebration and thanksgiving. In chapter 8 of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, we read that "*seedtime and harvest ... will never cease.*" There was a festival (known as the Feast of Weeks) dedicated to thanking God for the harvest, and there are numerous references throughout the Bible to being thankful for the food that sustains life.

And God's part in all this? God is caring and providing, as we read in Zechariah – "*Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.*" We are also told in Luke that, while we sleep, God is working in the background to ensure our safety and survival – "*Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.*"

Let us not take our land for granted but look after what is entrusted to our care. Let us be mindful of the goodness of God in providing the climate and the means for us to be sufficient in food. So too let us be thankful to God for the love showered upon us, and the care and dedication of those who toil to make sure that we are all able to eat and have our fill.

Happy Harvest!

With love,  
**David**

# October Diary

for St John's Church, Wonersh

Tues 1	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 3	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 6		<b>19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	10am	<b>All-Age Harvest Service, with Baptism</b>
Tues 8	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 10	10.30am	Harvest Service
Sun 13		<b>20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 15	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 17	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sun 20		<b>21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	10am	Holy Communion
Tues 22	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 24	10.30am	Discovery Service
Sun 27		<b>22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	8am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 29	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 31	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

## November

Sun 3		<b>23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	10am	All-Age Worship
	3pm	<b>Memorial Service</b> [ <i>see p.6</i> ]
Tues 5	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 7	10.30am	<b>Remembrance Service</b> with Wonersh & Shamley Green School

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CW = Common Worship (2000)      BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional 1662)



### Midweek Service

Every Thursday at 10.30am



Thursday services take place in the church and are followed by coffee and a chat in the Selwyn Room. Transport is provided for those needing it, and many say that this quiet and reflective service is the highlight of their week.

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Groups of around 10-12 people meet on a regular basis (usually weekly) in local homes to study the Bible, pray, get to know each other and develop deeper friendships. Most groups meet in the evening, but there are some during the day.

If you are interested in joining a group or would like to find out more, then please contact **David Peters** ([vicar@wonershchurch.org.uk](mailto:vicar@wonershchurch.org.uk) / 07521 090179).

## Church Office

The Church Office (in The Vicarage) is open as follows:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9 am - 2 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday - Thursday</b>	<b>9 am - 1 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9 am - 2 pm</b>

The office number is **01483 890266** (if outside office hours you may leave a message), or email [office@wonershchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@wonershchurch.org.uk).

## Copy Deadline for November 2024

Please submit articles for the November issue by **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**.

E-mail address for copy is [magazine@wonershchurch.org.uk](mailto:magazine@wonershchurch.org.uk).

For advertising, please contact John Gosden ([JohnGosden@aol.com](mailto:JohnGosden@aol.com) or tel.502076).

# Children and Families Update



I can't quite believe it's been a month since our Family Fun Day, which we held in the vicarage garden on the miraculously sunny Sunday that was September 1<sup>st</sup>! A wonderful time was had by all and it was heart-warming to see so many families enjoying each other's company and making new friends. Whether child to child or adult to adult, there's something reassuringly grounding about being known, especially after the long summer holidays.

It's that sense of connectedness that gives us purpose and helps us to flourish as a part of something bigger than ourselves. At St. John's we're always delighted to welcome new faces, so please do drop me an email ([clare@wonershchurch.org.uk](mailto:clare@wonershchurch.org.uk)) if you'd like to learn more about what we offer our local children and families - both during the week and on a Sunday.

Love, Clare

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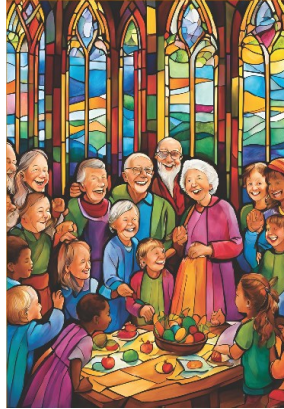
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## All Age Harvest Service Sunday Oct 6th at 10am

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your  
decorated  
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## Community Christingle Choir Sunday 15th December 3pm (Rehearsals Saturday 7th, 14th Dec, 9-9.45am)

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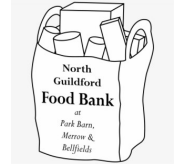
## Community Carols Choir

(ability to read music helpful, but not essential)

## Sunday 22nd December 6pm (Rehearsals Saturday 7th, 14th, 21st Dec, 10.15-11.15am)

Register your interest with Liz:  
[hospitality@wonershchurch.org.uk](mailto:hospitality@wonershchurch.org.uk)

# North Guildford Food Bank



We are well and truly into Autumn now. The evenings are dark and we're all spending more time indoors, which means that many of us have turned the heating on or up and our electricity bills will be rising. Thank you for helping us help those who are struggling to stay on top of their bills.

A reminder that our Harvest Service at St John's will be on **6<sup>th</sup> October**. This is such an important time in the Foodbank year when we can increase our stock in readiness for the busy winter months. We would be grateful for any of the usual tinned and non-perishable items, basic toiletries or cleaning liquids.

Our more specific requests for **October** are:

**Tinned Soup**

**Jam**

**Tinned Spaghetti Rings**

**Teabags**

**Cloths / Scourers**

In addition, we always need **strong carrier bags/bags for life**.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Donated items can be left in the foyer of St John's church, or in the crate on Rosie Couzens' doorstep (**10 Little Orchard Way, Shalford, GU4 8JY**).

If you would rather make a financial donation, please refer to our website: [northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk](http://northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk) which lists the ways you can donate (if you are a taxpayer, Gift Aid can be claimed by the Food Bank on personal donations).

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

AT ST. JOHN'S WONERSH

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE TO REMEMBER, WITH THANKSGIVING, A LOVED ONE WHO HAS DIED.

Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm

Each year, close to All Souls Day, the church at St John's holds a Memorial Service. This is a chance for those still living to remember a loved one with thanksgiving and in prayer.

Candles will be lit for those that have died over the last 12 months and, if you let us know as you arrive for the service, we will mention the person and light a candle in memory of those for whom you are attending.

The service will have space for reflection and personal prayer, as well as times of thanksgiving and celebration that the God who loves us came to meet us, and bring us home.

All would be welcome to join us on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3pm at St John's Church, Wonersh.





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## **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm**

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Rev'd Prof. Begbie is a theologian and professionally trained musician and will be speaking to us about the relationship between theology and music. He is currently Thomas A. Langford Distinguished Research Professor of Theology at Duke Divinity School and is also an affiliated lecturer in the Faculty of Music, University of Cambridge. He has performed as a pianist and conductor, speaks and teaches internationally, and is the author of many acclaimed books. He has taught theology at Duke, Cambridge and St Andrews. He is no stranger to Guildford, having been ordained in the Cathedral, and we are delighted to welcome him back.

We are also very excited that Jeremy's presentation will feature a grand piano. So please join us for an evening of theology and the arts that promises to stretch the mind and heart.

*"Precisely because it's saturated in good news, theology is not only demanding, but endlessly exhilarating."* (Jeremy Begbie)

Tickets **£10**, available via [Eventbrite](#).

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## **Bee & Moth Eco Night**

### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30 - 8.30pm**

### **St Mary's Church, Shalford, GU4 8BP**



Don't miss this special evening with a fascinating illustrated talk on bees (and probably moths) by expert Peter Smith from the [Rosamund Community Garden](#). Plus moth lamp in action in the churchyard to study whatever arrives from the moth world that night. And the 'launching' of the new solitary bees' hotel, recently built by Shalford Guides with the help of a team from [Unstead Nature Reserve](#), and now installed in St Mary's Churchyard (see photo above).

All welcome. Refreshments available from 7pm..

Donations on the night gratefully received.

For further information, contact Marion Payne-Bird (Shalford Guides):

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# St Martin's Murals



130 years ago a woman artist mounted scaffolding in Blackheath to spend two long summers creating a beautiful and unique wall painting scheme. Between 1894 and 1895 Anna Lea Merritt, an Anglo-American artist, painted in the most difficult conditions. Wearing the long restrictive clothing of the time, she turned blank walls into compelling scenes from the Life of Christ creating a work of art. The paintings remain important for two reasons.

Firstly, the painting of a monumental mural scheme by a woman was unprecedented at the time. Secondly, the murals remain well preserved, painted using the waterglass Keim technique resisting damp. It worked! Conservation work in 2011 restored their original delightful colours. Records at the time show the murals were popular and they remain a delightful surprise to modern visitors.

A year earlier Merritt had attracted huge attention with her oil painting 'Love Locked Out' - the first work by a woman artist bought by the Chantrey Bequest (later the Tate Gallery) for the nation. An emotional painting, a naked boy symbolises love separated by death.

Famous metallurgist Sir William Roberts-Austen commissioned Arts and Crafts architect Charles Harrison Townsend to design the Blackheath church, and his wife, Florence, selected Merritt to paint the interior. Merritt was inspired by the soft pale colours of Early Renaissance wall paintings offering religious education and moral guidance. Scenes illustrate specific Christian stories - for example, John the Baptist, above the baptismal font as one enters, offers Christian faith. The Church aims to bring all classes together for worship, so wall painting was the art of the people encouraging villagers to attend services, many for the first time. Merritt intended her murals to aid religious instruction.

In 1890 Merritt moved from fashionable Chelsea to live permanently in Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hampshire. Preparation began in her end-of-garden studio with pencil and chalk studies which still exist. She travelled with the full size cartoons to Blackheath where they were fixed and traced onto the blank walls leaving them ready for painting. For authenticity she used Hurstbourne Tarrant villagers, 'simple rustic folk,' wearing clothes collected on recent trips to Palestine and Egypt with Pre-Raphaelite artist Holman Hunt, as models for her simple, bold compositions. Local builders, carpenters and plasterers were used to build and decorate the church bringing work to the two poor isolated settlements, promoting Christian values of hard work and diligence.

Anna Lea Merritt, largely self-taught, was one of a few commercial, professional women artists challenging society's expectations when women were viewed as amateurs, led by their emotions, lacking the intellectual capabilities to create historical/religious painting. Championing equal access to academy membership and art training she proved her brilliant design capabilities, overcoming obstacles for women artists. We are privileged to be custodians of St Martin's Murals.

*Olive Maggs*

*Olive Maggs is an art historian living in Blackheath, author of **Anna Lea Merritt's Murals: wall paintings in a Surrey Church** (2011) - available at *The Watts Gallery* or visit [artsandcraftsmovementinsurrey.org.uk](http://artsandcraftsmovementinsurrey.org.uk).*

# Blackheath Focus

## October 2024



### Services at St Martin's

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service [see below]	10am
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Services in Wonersh	8am / 10am
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Choral Evensong	6pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	'Be Still with God'	6pm
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sung Holy Communion	10am



After the Harvest Service at St Martin's on **6<sup>th</sup> October**, please join us for coffee and cakes in the church.

We will be supporting **Guildford Action** and **Guildford Hygiene Bank**.

All donations very welcome: **tinned items, fresh fruit and vegetables** for Guildford Action; **hygiene products, washing powder, toothpaste and toilet paper** for the Hygiene Bank.

Every donation gratefully received!

Please bring your gifts anytime on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** and leave them in the church porch, or bring them to the **10am Harvest Service**.

Produce to decorate the church would also be very welcome. These can be left in the Church on Friday, or on Saturday morning.

## Dates for your Diary



Remembrance Service Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10.50am

Blackheath War Memorial on the Heath

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Blackheath Carol Service Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm

St Martin's Church



## Blackheath Care Team

The Blackheath Care Team has a pool of volunteers for residents in Blackheath who need a lift to hospital appointments, or dentist or surgery appointments; the volunteers can also collect prescriptions, etc. Please contact Penny Kirkwood on **07973 836987** (phone or text), or otherwise Alex Jones on **07810 486521**, if you need assistance.

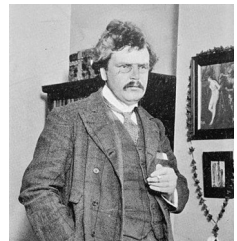
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## Study Morning: G.K. Chesterton Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am - 12.20pm St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, GU4 8QR

Members of the public, of all faiths and none, are invited to learn about **G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist** (29 May 1874 – 14 June 1936), who was an English author, philosopher, Christian apologist and literary and art critic.

Fr John Seddon OSB, resident Benedictine monk at the monastery, will show Bishop Barron's video on Catholicism's Pivotal Players, and then lead the discussion about it afterwards. You need no prior knowledge, do not have to be Catholic and don't have to contribute anything to the discussion if you prefer.



Optional holy Roman Catholic Mass is at 9am in the Abbey Church. Then we meet in the Assisi Room at the rear of the monastery for the Video and Talk.

Refreshments will be freely available, and you're welcome to bring friends. To attend the Study morning, there is a charge of £10 per person for refreshments and room hire. There's a special offer of £25 for three people to attend.

For more information, and to book, visit [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com).

# Village News

## Wonersh & District Garden Club

Wonersh & District Garden Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at **7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall.

This will be followed by what promises to be a most interesting talk: **‘Forty Years a Gardener’** by Dean Peckett. He was an apprentice at Chatsworth, then trained at Merrist Wood and subsequently worked at RHS Wisley for twenty years. He moved on to RHS Harlow Carr specialising in practical horticulture, garden design, community projects and the rest. He relocated to Berkshire to manage a 200 acre garden, Fort Belvedere (part of the Crown Estate in Windsor Great Park), and now lives in Wales managing his own Garden and Design business.



For more information, please contact Hilary Goodridge: **01483 535108**.



## Wonersh United Reformed Church

Minister: **Revd Graham Hoslett** (tel: **07425 569807**)

Facebook - **Wonersh United Reformed Church**

### October 2024 - News

Please see details below of our activities at Wonersh URC, including **Film Club** on **2<sup>nd</sup> October** when we will be showing **‘Educating Rita’**. And don’t forget the **Taizé Service** on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**.

We will also be continuing with **HOPE EXPLORED**, which is exploring the Hope, Peace and Love available in Jesus - all welcome. Further information from me on **07425 569807**.

God bless.

*Revd Graham Hoslett*

DATES	DETAILS
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	7pm: Film Club - <b>‘Educating Rita’</b>
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10.30am: Communion Service - Revd Claire Hargreaves 3pm: Youth Harvest Service - Revd Graham Hoslett
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10.30am: Livestreamed Service
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	7pm: Taizé Service - Revd Graham Hoslett
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10.30am: Morning Worship - Vivien Gerhold
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.	7pm: HOPE EXPLORED - Revd Graham Hoslett
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10.30am: Recorded Service - Revd Graham Hoslett

# Wonersh Cricket Club



2024 has been a season of new beginnings for Wonersh Cricket Club. Many in the Parish will be aware that Martin Maybrey retired as groundsman at the end of 2023, and a celebratory event was held for him in May to celebrate his service to the Club of over 50 years. The event included a Wonersh XI v Martin Maybrey XI cricket match, with a large number of former players and local residents turning out to play a closely fought match. Close results became a recurring theme across recent matches, with 7 out of 12 matches played in August and September being decided by less than 5 runs. This year has also seen the inauguration of a 2<sup>nd</sup> XI team, which has been successfully established as a player pathway from the junior teams into the senior sides. Over the season our 1<sup>st</sup> XI side played 18 matches, winning 6, and finishing a commendable 7<sup>th</sup> in Division 3 of the Surrey Downs League.

2025 will continue the theme of change, with the national cricketing league structure going through a reorganisation into a national pyramid. The impact on Wonersh is not yet 100% clear, but this could mean that we have a number of new clubs and venues to travel to in future.

Finally, Wonersh will be entering the winter indoor league again; so if anyone is interested in playing social, village cricket, either over the winter or into next year with our 1<sup>st</sup> XI, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, midweek T20 or friendly Sunday teams, do drop an email to [secretary@wonershcc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wonershcc.co.uk).

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## Donate a Gate or a Tree Barnett Fields and Healy's Wood

The resident-led Barnett Fields Group (BFG) plans for the newly acquired fields and woods (now known as Healy's Wood) have been agreed in principle by the Parish Council. Thank you to the BFG and of course the Wonersh Environmental Advisory Group (WEAG) of volunteers who will do much of the work. The plans include completing baseline wildlife and plant surveys, paths through the woods, hedging, new trees, new gates and fencing, coppicing and thinning, and dead-hedging. Other options to be evaluated include a pond, orchard and possibly even short term grazing by Highland cattle. Barnett Hill Hotel has agreed to a connecting gate between the hotel and Healy's Wood.

We also plan new signage (sponsored by our Surrey County Councillor) and have received a generous grant from the Wonersh Fair for seating. Most of the funding is expected to come from grants and sponsorship.

All the community are very welcome to join in volunteer activities, and have the opportunity to **sponsor one of the gates or a new tree** (example plaque shown right) by contacting

[anthony.shutes@wonershparish.org](mailto:anthony.shutes@wonershparish.org)

or [clerk@wonershparish.org](mailto:clerk@wonershparish.org).



# U3A Wonersh & District

Your local U3A, covering Blackheath, Bramley, Chilworth,  
Shalford, Shamley Green and Wonersh



## What's on in October 2024 – join us for these activities

Tues 1	<b>Tai Chi Improver/Inter:</b> Lawnsmead Hall	Fri 18	<b>French:</b> Godalming
Wed 2	<b>Table Tennis:</b> Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	Mon 21	<i>(No Pilates)</i>
Thurs 3	<b>Mah Jong:</b> Bramley Library Room <b>Latin Advanced:</b> Godalming	Tues 22	<b>Tai Chi Improver/Inter:</b> Lawnsmead Hall <b>Listening to Music:</b> Turner Room, Lawnsmead, Wonersh
Fri 4	<b>French:</b> Godalming	Wed 23	<b>Coach Outing:</b> Syon House, Brentford <b>Table Tennis:</b> Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn
Mon 7	<b>Pilates:</b> Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Thurs 24	<b>Latin Intermediate:</b> Godalming <b>Speaker's Corner - Michael Gilbert:</b> Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Tues 8	<b>Tai Chi Improver/Inter:</b> Lawnsmead Hall	Fri 25	<b>Art:</b> Bramley Village Hall
Wed 9	<b>Explore London:</b> Old Marylebone <b>Table Tennis:</b> Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	Mon 28	<b>Pilates:</b> Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Thurs 10	<b>Line Dancing *NEW*:</b> Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Green	Tues 29	<i>(No Tai Chi)</i>
Mon 14	<b>Pilates:</b> Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh <b>Book Club:</b> Selwyn Room, Parish Church	Wed 30	<b>Table Tennis:</b> Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn
Tues 15	<b>Tai Chi Improver/Inter:</b> Lawnsmead Hall <b>Short Walk:</b> meet Compton Car Park	<p><i>Join us for some very interesting talks, visits and activities. Newcomers are welcome. For further details, please phone Deirdre on 07792 741749, or visit <a href="https://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh">https://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh</a></i></p>	
Wed 16	<b>Table Tennis:</b> Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn <b>Pub Lunch:</b> Red Lion, Shamley Green		
Thurs 17	<b>Latin Advanced:</b> Godalming <b>Current Affairs:</b> Turner Room, Lawnsmead		



**'KNOW YOUR WONERSH'**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2-5pm**  
**Wonersh Memorial Hall**

Come and find out about everything that goes on in Wonersh, whether you are new to the village or have lived here for many years. Everyone is welcome to join us for drinks and snacks at any time during the afternoon. Come and meet all the village Clubs and Societies and catch up with friends and neighbours.

*We are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Memorial Hall and the re-launch of the Wonersh Connections website.*





## Memory Lane News

Following the success of the "Joy In Music" concert, presented by Memory Lane, regular meetings return on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** with the third in a series of talks for the Carer Guests. The talk, entitled "Living With Our Plan", addresses Alzheimer's from both Carer and patient viewpoint.

There will be an extra meeting on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** as Dr Jill Rasmussen, the National Advisor for Dementia to Doctors and Parliament, is kindly giving a 2-hour presentation; other guests will be made most welcome and of course invited to the tea & cake interval at 3pm.

The normal meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (**21<sup>st</sup> October**) will be the fourth talk on "Living with our Plan" in the series of six.

*Memory Lane meets regularly at 2.15pm in the Cranleigh Arts Centre on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month. For further details, please contact Memory Lane: [mamwild@aol.com](mailto:mamwild@aol.com) or 01483 274398.*

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## Cranleigh Camera Club

Cranleigh Camera Club is a vibrant community of photography enthusiasts. We currently have around 30 members of various ages and photographic abilities. The Club is dedicated to fostering a love for photography, enhancing members' skills and promoting the artistic and technical aspects of the craft.

Membership of Cranleigh Camera Club is open to anyone with an interest in photography, regardless of experience or photographic equipment. The Club prides itself on being a welcoming and inclusive space where everyone can learn, grow and share their passion for capturing the world through a lens.

We meet on Thursday evenings from 7.45-10pm in the schoolroom of Cranleigh Baptist Church. Prospective members are welcome to attend a couple of meetings without charge to see if they think it will suit them.

For more information, see [cranleighcameraclub.co.uk](http://cranleighcameraclub.co.uk).



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## Quiz for a Cause Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP

Back by popular demand, Guildford Cathedral are hosting a pub-style quiz night. Gather your friends/family/neighbours, enjoy a delicious meal, and test your knowledge against other teams. Ticket prices (£20 per person, available from [Guildford Cathedral Online Box Office](http://Guildford Cathedral Online Box Office) or call 01483 547881) include dinner and a contribution to the Cathedral.

On the evening, doors will open at 6.30pm and food will be served as you arrive. The quiz will start at 7.30pm. There will also be desserts available for purchase on the night, plus a bar and a raffle.

For more details, see the [Guildford Cathedral website](http://Guildford Cathedral website).

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**Feeling lonely? Fancy a tasty lunch and a friendly chat?**

Then join the Villages Wednesday Club. We meet at Blunden Court, Bramley every Wednesday 10am-2.30pm

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For older people living in Shamley Green, Wonersh, Bramley and the surrounding villages it's a lovely day out and a chance to meet old friends and make new ones!



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For more information contact the manager Nicola Mendelssohn on 01403 470895 or email [manager@fourvillages.co.uk](mailto:manager@fourvillages.co.uk) or just pop in any Wednesday for a chat

Get in touch now either for yourself or for a member of your family.

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### INFORMAL CONCERT

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

Lower Atrium - no need to pre-book tickets.

## Home-Start Guildford

**Can you spare 3-4 hours per week to help a family with young children?**



Being a parent is hard for everyone, and for some it can be overwhelming. With your knowledge and experience as a parent, you could be the vital support a family needs in their child's early years and make a big difference to their lives. For further details, see [hsguildford.org.uk/thinking-of-volunteering](http://hsguildford.org.uk/thinking-of-volunteering).

Our Prep Course will give you the skills to use your knowledge and experience to visit a family once a week for about 9 months and give them the additional support they need to thrive and enjoy family life.

Our 6-session autumn Prep Course starts in Guildford on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. To find out more, tel. **01483 511181** or email [office@hsguildford.org.uk](mailto:office@hsguildford.org.uk).

## Bramley & District PROBUS Club



**Bramley and District PROBUS Club** covers the Parishes of Bramley, Wonersh with Blackheath and Shalford. Our membership currently consists of those men who have retired, or who are approaching retirement, from a *Professional or Business* background.

We meet monthly at **Bramley Golf Club** for lunch. In the winter months we are entertained by a variety of speakers covering a plethora of different topics.

Anyone who feels that they would like the opportunity to enjoy the social contact with like-minded people and wishes to consider membership should contact our *Membership Secretary* at [alwb747@btinternet.com](mailto:alwb747@btinternet.com).

# **Be a Chorister for an Afternoon**

## **Sundays 13<sup>th</sup> October / 17<sup>th</sup> November, 4 - 7pm**

### **Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, GU1 3RR**

This Autumn, boys (13<sup>th</sup> October) and girls (17<sup>th</sup> November) aged 6-13 are invited to join the choristers of Holy Trinity Guildford, for a special afternoon of musical fun. The young people will get the opportunity to:

- Sing with the current choir
- Play singing and theory games
- Try on robes and medals
- Learn about the organ
- **Perform for their friends and family in a special service of evensong at 6pm**

The event is completely free to children, though places must be booked in advance (via [Eventbrite](#)). There is also a short talk for parents/guardians at 5.45pm to introduce the choir, and the training children receive as part of it.

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## **GMES Open Day**

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2 - 5pm**

### **Stoke Park, Guildford, GU1 1TU**



Guildford Model Engineering Society's open days at Stoke Park Railway are always popular with families. Train rides are available on both our ground level and raised-track miniature railways. Our outdoor 'garden' railway layouts are usually running, along with a OO gauge railway in the clubhouse.

Free entry - train tickets £2 each, or 3 for £5 (children under 3 free).

For more information, see [gmes.org.uk/events](http://gmes.org.uk/events).



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## **Gardening Volunteers Needed**

Phyllis Tuckwell needs keen gardeners to volunteer their time and skills to help keep the lawns, paths and beds at the Beacon Centre, located at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, in good order - just 2 or 3 hours once a week or fortnight.

For more details, call **01252 729400** or email [voluntary.services@pth.org.uk](mailto:voluntary.services@pth.org.uk).

# **Quiz Night in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm for 7.30pm start Shalford Village Hall, GU4 8BQ**



Teams of up to 6, please

Tickets £12 per person

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tickets available from Louise Healy:

tel. 01483 898539 or email [louise.healy605@btinternet.com](mailto:louise.healy605@btinternet.com)

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## **Bramley Bonfire and Fireworks Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 6 - 8.30pm**

In 1973 the Bramley Bonfire was established to bring the village together by offering a safer, better alternative to back-garden bonfires and fireworks. Fifty years later it continues to be hugely popular in the local area and always puts on a spectacular display, with a torchlit parade, raging bonfire and magical fireworks.



Timetable (approximate!):

- 6pm** Assembly of Guys in Library Car Park - torches are sold from about 6pm ready for the procession
- 6.40pm** Torchlight procession
- 7.10pm** Lighting the Bonfire
- 7.40pm** Fireworks

Please note all times are approximate and to be confirmed nearer the day - please visit our [Facebook page](#) for more details.

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## **Bellringing**



Bellringing is fun, challenging and rewarding, as well as bringing pleasure to lots of people who hear the bells across the parish. We welcome new (or lapsed!) ringers - no need to be a regular churchgoer. If you would like to learn the craft of bellringing, we'd love to teach you.

Please contact Stephen Darvill ([stephen.darvill@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen.darvill@btinternet.com) or 01483 894606) or come to any Wednesday practice night at 8pm in St John's to learn more.



## Church Walking Group

In September, a small select group of walkers enjoyed a walk along the canal at Loxwood and surrounding countryside followed by lunch at the Onslow Arms.

The next Church walk will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. Further details from Catherine Keech ([catherine@keechonline.com](mailto:catherine@keechonline.com))

## Wey & Arun Canal Trust

### Restoring London's Lost Route to the Sea

The Wey & Arun Canal, completed in 1816, linked the Thames to the English Channel by joining the River Wey Navigation at Shalford to the River Arun Navigation at Newbridge near Pulborough. With the development of the railways the canal became uneconomic and was formally abandoned in 1871, and the land was sold to private individuals.

In 1973, the Wey & Arun Trust was formed with the aim of restoring the canal which runs through 23 miles of the most beautiful Surrey and Sussex countryside. Since then, we have purchased and leased 8 miles of the canal. Some 10 miles of towpath are accessible and the general route of the whole canal can be followed by walkers using the Wey South path.

There are a number of sections of the canal useable by small craft such as kayaks and paddle boards. We have restored 3 miles of the canal at Loxwood where it has an Information Centre and operates 3 Trip Boats. These carry about 10,000 passengers each year on cream tea cruises, private hirings and themed events.

Over the past 50 years, we have restored 11 locks, 24 bridges and 2 aqueducts. We are planning to acquire additional canal land, open further stretches of towpath and extend the lengths of canal which can be used by small craft.

Clearly the restoration of the canal is a long-term project. However, it is opening a green corridor through stunning Surrey and Sussex countryside to wildlife, walkers, small craft and eventually even Narrow Boats.

#### Get Involved

Whether you like working outdoors, getting active, using your skills to fund-raise and organise special events or even skipper a boat, join our team of volunteers and make a difference.

#### Why Volunteer?

- Make a difference in your local community to restore more sections of the canal and open up the countryside for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders.
- Learn new skills and make new friends by joining one of our existing volunteer teams. There is a role for you, whether you are young or old, looking for a new opportunity in retirement or have a few spare hours you can give each month.
- Get involved and boost your health and happiness while supporting the Trust!

For more information, see [weyarun.org.uk](http://weyarun.org.uk).

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**Wonersh Connections** [www.wonershconnections.org](http://www.wonershconnections.org)

### 1st Wonersh Scout Group



**Group Scout Leader:** Robin Beeson 07766 641777

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## Wonersh Parish Council

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### Your councillors:

Please telephone any of us if you have a local issue you would like to discuss.

Anthony Shutes (Chair) 890831

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The Parish Office, located at Wonersh Sports Pavilion, is open by appointment - call the Parish Clerk (Lisa Davison) on 892601 or email [clerk@wonershparish.org](mailto:clerk@wonershparish.org).

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