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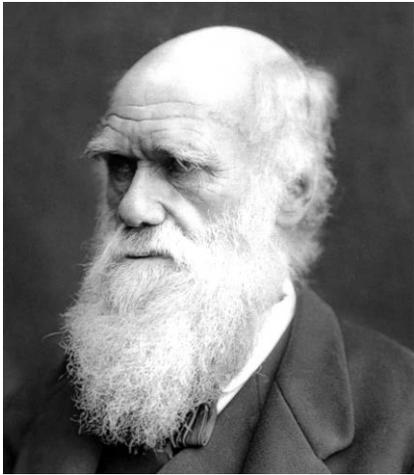
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## From the Vicarage

Did you know that 12<sup>th</sup> February is “Darwin Day”? I must admit to having previously missed this annual festival, but it was 12<sup>th</sup> February in 1809 that Charles Darwin was born. More recently it has been adopted as the date on which many celebrate the incredible contributions that Darwin made to formulating his theory of the origin of species. More than this, the 12<sup>th</sup> February is a day on which the sciences more generally are promoted around the world.



Over the post-Christmas break we took our children and nephews to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. If you’ve never been, I highly recommend it – we particularly enjoyed the experiments with volatile gases!

Sadly, because at the time of Darwin’s theorising, many people of faith considered his hypothesis to disprove the need for a Creator, over time there has been a tendency to place science and faith in God at opposite and contradictory extremes. Today, many more Christians believe that science and faith are complementary disciplines which seek to

answer different questions. Science gives us fascinating theories about how the universe, the planets and life came into existence, but only faith answers the “why” questions.

For me, as very much the interested novice when it comes to matters of science, the theory of the Big Bang seems to make complete sense of what we observe in astrophysics, cosmology, geology, and biology. But that theory still leaves me with the question of what, or who, lit the blue touch paper? What, or who initiated this incredible creative event in the farthest reaches of space and time? Was it all a giant cosmic accident?

Lee Strobel, one-time atheist and now Christian writer puts it this way:

*“To continue in my atheism, I would need to believe that nothing produces everything, non-life produces life, randomness produces fine-tuning, chaos produces information, unconsciousness produces consciousness, and non-reason produces reason. I simply didn’t have that much faith.”*

If you find these kinds of questions interesting, let me invite you to our next Alpha Course – a chance to explore some of life’s big questions. The course starts on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7:30pm at the Ball and Wicket in Holt Pound. We’d love to see you.

With all blessings,

**Rev. Russ Gant, Vicar**



**Do you know anyone who is grieving from bereavement and needs more support or time?**

Meeting weekly in Farnham, the group is supported by pastoral assistants and bereavement visitors attached to various Farnham Christian churches, and allows an opportunity for those who are bereaved and lonely to meet others who understand.

**Bereavement Café meet every Monday afternoon 3 - 4:30pm for tea and chat at  
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There are also occasional evening groups for those who need to talk and share about a bereavement. Parents, Spouses, Children, Friends... Do you know anyone who is grieving and would like support?

Contact Mary on **07999 368128** for details during Covid-19

You are also welcome to bring someone you know who may benefit from the support group, but not want to attend on their own. Accompanying friends are also welcome.

## St James' Church Website

**Take a look at our website.**

Full of interesting information and details of everything going on at St James'.



*We'd love to hear your comments.*

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For all the latest information, visit us online at [stjamesrowledge.org.uk](http://stjamesrowledge.org.uk)





# St. JAMES' CHURCH – February services

We are now meeting as a whole congregation in church weekly, physically, for worship, however we are continuing with our live-streamed services each Sunday for those who prefer that style, or are not ready to return to the church building.

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**Sunday services 9.15am and 10.45am.**

See our website for details.

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**If you want to receive email invitations to any of our online resources, email [vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk)**



**At the beginning of February, we are thinking about "A vision for Growth", refreshing our vision as a church.**

**Then as we move into Lent, we will be considering "Praying When God Seems Silent".**

## ***A Vision for Growth:***

**5<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> of Epiphany**

Col. 2: 6-12 & John 17: 1-5

"Knowing Him"

9.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45 Morning Worship + Holy Communion

**12<sup>th</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> of Epiphany**

Eph. 4: 1-7 & John 13: 1-7, 34-35

"Loving one another"

9.15 Holy Communion (CW)

10.45 Morning Worship

**19<sup>th</sup> February – Last of Epiphany**

1 Peter 3: 8-15 & Matt. 28: 16-20

"Sharing the faith"

9.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45 Morning Worship

## ***Praying When God Seems Silent:***

**26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> of Lent**

Exodus 14: 10-14 & Luke 18: 9-14

"Engaging the Silence"

9.15 Holy Communion (CW)

10.45 Morning Worship

***A date for your diary: 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Ash Wednesday – a Holy Communion with Ashing service at 7.30pm.***

FIRST SUNDAY  
LENT

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

If you have any specific prayer requests you are invited to email

[prayer@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:prayer@stjamesrowledge.org.uk)

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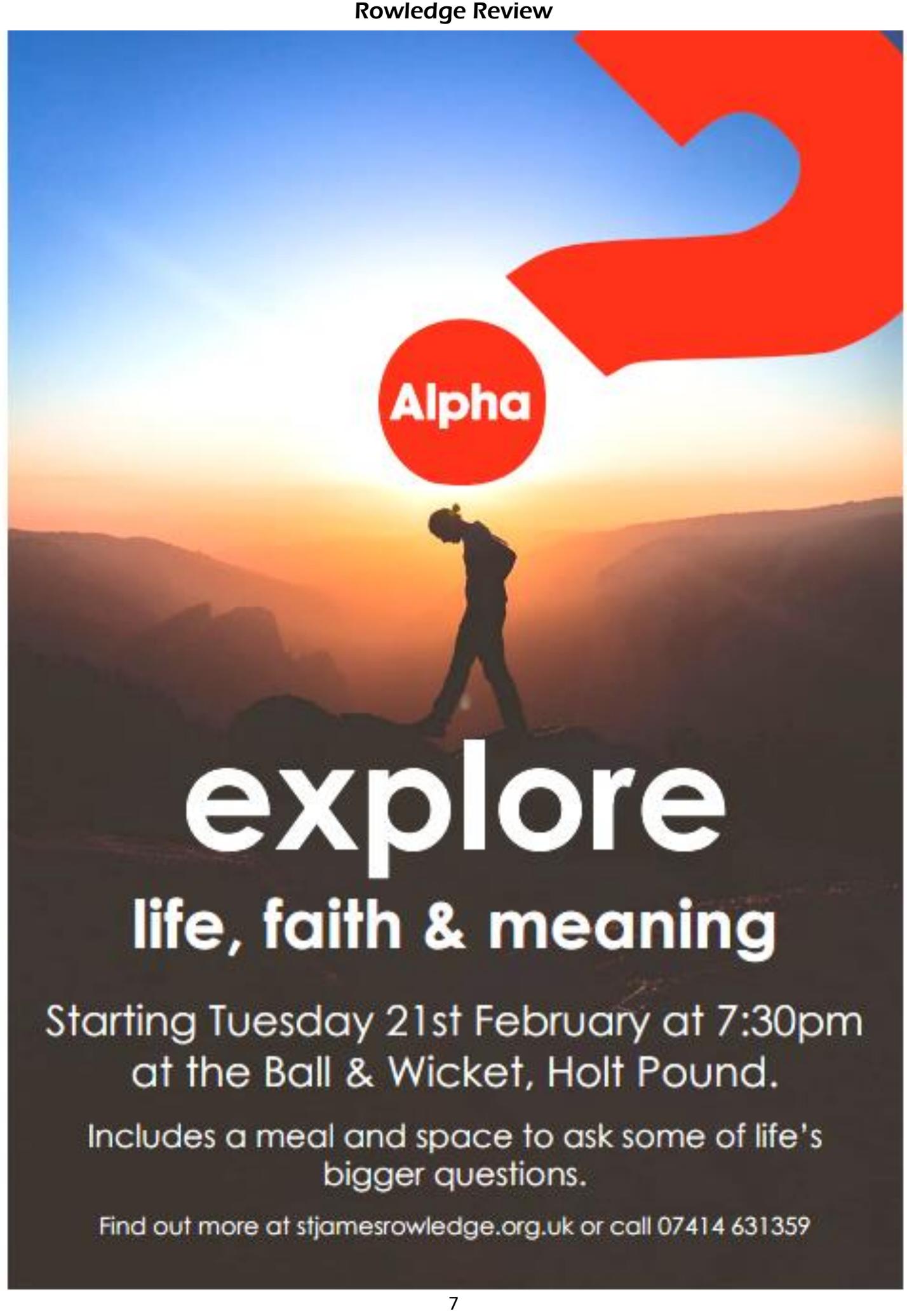


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Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Beatrice Elizabeth Florence Spence

## Funerals

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Ralph Nickerson (80 years)

## Church is OPEN!

Open Daily 9am - 5pm.

St James' Church is OPEN for **individual private prayers and Sunday worship**.  
If visiting, please try to be socially distanced from other individuals or households.

It is sacred space within the village,  
a refuge for quiet and reflection,  
and everyone is welcome  
to visit, or come and sit,  
to think, to pray, to find  
some space.



# Morning Prayers



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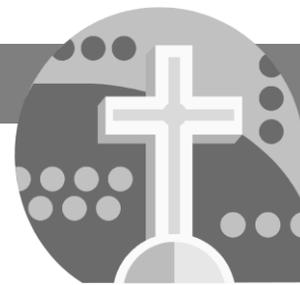
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# METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church - open for worship on Sundays at 10.00am.

## Preachers for February:

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Yvonne Farrakhan's
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Rev'd Philip Simpkins
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - Rev'd Dr Michael Hopkins
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - Rev'd Anne Day

## Cameo meets on Wednesdays at 2.00pm

Cameo meets at 2.00pm in the Methodist Hall for board games and tea.

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

## Healing Service

The healing Service this month is at 3.00pm in the Church on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

## House Group

Meetings at David & Aileen's home at 10.30am  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
 01252 795438

## Sunday Lunch

You are invited to Lunch at The Methodist Hall at **12.30pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

Please book via Aileen Ashby 01252 795438 (Following lunch: 26<sup>th</sup> March)

### Our Prayer Chain

Led by Mike & Joyce, our Prayer Chain can be accessed on: **01252 793363**

If you would like to speak to our Minister, Philip Simpkins, his number is: 01420 83167



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## Voluntary one-way system and parking



### Parents and Residents

There is a voluntary one-way system for drop off and pick up times. Please would residents also try to follow these guidelines, as it prevents congestion and accidents!

**Please do use our voluntary one way system** - drive down Recreation Rd and around, driving out of School Rd onto Fullers Rd, rather than driving down School Rd.

Also, PLEASE don't park anywhere near junctions and try to park courteously. Some of our neighbours are feeling anxious about pulling out of their drives onto the wrong side of the road when cars are parked both sides of their driveways. Whilst, this is legal parking, it is tricky to get out. PLEASE PARK AND STRIDE if you can. Use the pub, club and forest car parks as much as possible. Thank you.

## Rowledge Village Fayre

**URGENT  
APPEAL!**

**Rowledge Village Fayre Committee is looking for new volunteers to ensure it can continue.**

For over 40 years, the Village Fayre has been an extremely popular and well attended community event in Rowledge. In the last decade it has given back over £25,000 to various local beneficiaries including Rowledge School, Church, Village Hall, Playgroups, Scouts, Brownies, Cricket and Tennis Club, Food Bank, Citizens Advice, Surrey Search and Rescue. It has also provided funds for improving areas in the village e.g. the surfacing of Browns Walk and the maintenance of life-saving defibrillators in the village.

**There is an urgent need for new volunteers to keep this popular event going.** Some of the current committee are moving on and this provides a great opportunity for new members to partner up and learn the ropes as preparations get under way for the 2023 fayre.

No previous experience is needed – just enthusiasm and a willingness to contribute to your community.

Please come and talk to us about how you as an individual or as a group of friends can help support the 2023 Fayre and beyond. Many hands make light work.

Help is urgently needed - please don't assume that someone else is going to step forward!

Please contact Kelly on **07940 549102**

Or email [rowledgefayre@gmail.com](mailto:rowledgefayre@gmail.com)

## Have you spotted a “20 + C + M + B + 23” in the village?

Many people will be aware that the Christian church celebrates “Epiphany”, commemorating the visit of the three Magi’s to the infant Jesus. This day is celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>. However, you may not be familiar with the tradition of “chalking the doors” in celebration of this day.



For centuries, many Christians have marked the entrance to their homes with a symbol of faith, asking that Jesus Christ bless all who enter. The message is constructed as follows: “[the first two digits of the year] + C + M + B + [the last two digits of the year]”. The “C”, “M”, and “B” stand for the names of the three Magi – Caspar, Malchior & Balthazar, but perhaps more importantly, the message also abbreviates the Latin phrase, ***Christus Mansionem Benedicat***, meaning “May Christ bless this dwelling”, and the “+” represents the cross.

So, this year, at St James’ Church, we had a service for Epiphany where chalk was blessed and given to the congregation inviting them to mark “20 + C + M + B + 23” above their doors, and then pray:

“May all who come to our home this year, rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people, forever and ever. Amen.”

The incessant rain probably washed many away, but did you see any? There are still some to be seen in the village.

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There is a huge increase in need at the moment, especially from those families who would usually be reliant on school dinners.

To access the Foodbank should you be in need, please see contact details below.

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The Church Office, Church Lane,  
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EMAIL - [admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk)

***“The Foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline.”***

The Foodbank would also be very grateful for any financial contributions you feel moved to make.

## **Foodbank Vouchers**

St James' Church is now able to issue Foodbank vouchers for those in need. To be eligible for an emergency food parcel as an individual or a family, you will need to be referred with a voucher from the church office.

Your referral will be completely confidential. If you or someone you know is in need then please contact the church office on 01252 792 402.

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# The Great Fire of Rowledge



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In January, it was **The Great Fire of Rowledge** at Rowledge Primary School.

Year 2 made their own version of Pudding Lane, using cardboard for houses. The houses were packed close together, like they would have been on that fateful night in September 1666.

The fire started in our own bakery, and with the help of the gentle wind, we think it may have been the best Fire of Rowledge yet!



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## Gardening Gossip – John Negus

### Action Stations

Cover hosta leaf buds with grit to deter slugs and snails.

Prune Clematis viticella and Large-flowered Hybrid varieties to just above a pair of plump buds 6-9in/15-23cm from the base,

Continue planting trees and shrubs when the soil is workable. Set them at their previous depth, where light and dark bark meet.

Sprout seed potatoes in egg boxes or trays in good light in a temperature of around 11°C/52°F.

Sow antirrhinums, busy lizzies, lobelias, petunias and other slow-germinating summer-bedding plants in 10cm/4in pots and germinate them in a heated propagator or on a warm, sunny windowsill.

Refrain from feeding fish if the water temperature is below 5°/41°F.

### Plant of the Month: Clematis 'Advent Bells'

Bred by award-winning Thorncroft Clematis, a fabled Norfolk specialist whose on-line catalogue is the best I've encountered, 'Advent Bells' has immense charm. Flowering from November to late winter, its profusion of heavily freckled pendent cream flowers, striped red on the inside, enchants us. I thought 'Freckles', a similar patterned



variety raised in 1980 by famed clematis breeder, Raymond Evison, was special, but this little beauty outshines it.

Growing to around 3.6m/12ft, it's happiest nestled into a warm sunny corner that doesn't dry out in summer. Encourage robust growth by feeding in spring and autumn with root-promoting bone meal.

As for pruning, none is required apart from shortening weak shoots by half when blooms fade.

### **Avian Duvet**

Ever thought about it? How do birds stay warm on freezing cold nights? Renowned CJ Wildlife, a company that's been around for decades advising on bird food and the feathered brigade tells us how. When temperatures drop, birds add light, downy heat-retaining feathers during their autumn moult which stay beneath the main body of feathers to provide insulation and warmth when nights turn frosty.

### **Sage Thoughts**

Born in December, 1878, Clara L. Balfour was a power to be reckoned with. A temperance campaigner, lecturer, author, poet and philanthropic mover, she was also a great observer. Immortalising what we all think, she penned "What a desolate place a world would be without flowers, a face without a smile, a feast without a welcome."

### **Top Tips**

Ever forgotten to open your greenhouse windows on a hot day, resulting in a build-up of heat that killed your precious and vulnerable seedlings? That won't happen, says our gardening guru, Mike Guy, if you fit automatic window openers. Indeed, he would not be without them.

### **Perilous Pursuits**

Born in 1812, Robert Fortune embarked upon his horticultural career at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh. Not content with the flowers around him he pursued his longing to know more by accepting an offer to improve the RHS gardens at Chiswick. He also collected plants for this esteemed body in China. Here he relates his frustrating search for the golden larch, called by the natives kin-le-sung or golden pine from the rich yellow of its autumn-ripened leaves and cones.

*"I have been acquainted with this tree for several years in China, but only in gardens and as a pot plant in a dwarfed state. Then... I happened to visit a part of the country where I had not been before, where they were growing in the vicinity of a Buddhist monastery in the western part of Chekiang at an elevation of 1,000 ft, I procured a large supply of its curious cones and sent them to England. Sadly, few seeds germinated."*

Undeterred, Fortune tried again to secure ripe seeds. But when he arrived at another likely site, Quan-ting, and found more trees, they were coneless. 'Ah', said the village elders, 'next year there will be plenty.'



## **Our ten-point plan to hit carbon zero**

### **Our 'Green Team' has set out our climate change priorities**

Our new environmentally-focused Green Team has announced its top ten targets to boost our battle against climate change.

As a council, we are determined to reduce our carbon emissions and limit our impact on the environment.

To help us achieve these goals we have set up a 'Green Team', a group of officers embedded across the council, and they will be working on a check list of ten top priorities.

The Action Plan, to be discussed at EHDC's Cabinet meeting on Thursday, ranges from reducing the council's carbon footprint to zero, to helping residents and businesses with their own environmental standards.

Cllr Robert Mocatta, EHDC Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, said: "There is so much that can be done to improve environmental performance it can feel like a daunting task. That's why it is important to focus on the issues closest to home that we have control over and that can make the biggest difference in the shortest time.

"As a council we must concentrate on our own situation, we must provide an example for others, and we must support our residents and businesses in their efforts to cut carbon and tackle climate change.

"This ten-point action plan doesn't cover everything that could be done but clearly sets out our priorities and how we intend to achieve them."

Here is the list in full:

#### **1) Support local action**

Launch our Community Climate Action Fund and run a Let's Talk community event focusing on green issues

#### **2) Increase East Hampshire sustainability and recycling**

Target waste contamination and promote recycling

#### **3) Help East Hampshire households increase energy efficiency**

Help residents find grants and provide interest-free loans for energy-saving home improvements

#### **4) Help East Hampshire businesses increase energy efficiency**

Help businesses achieve net zero and become more sustainable

### 5) Our Greenest Local Plan

Work on zero carbon homes and encourage sustainable travel through our planning system.

### 6) Enhance our natural environment and improve biodiversity

Develop biodiversity projects through our proposed community farm project, called Grow Up! and continue our plan to see 120,000 trees planted in East Hampshire

### 7) Encourage sustainable and active transport

Develop walking and cycling routes and promote electric vehicles and charging networks

### 8) New, environmentally-friendly head office – New Barn

Include solar panels, electric vehicles and a workplace travel plan for staff

### 9) Reduce our own carbon footprint to achieve net zero by 2050

Measure our carbon footprint, set realistic targets on carbon emissions and ensure our leisure facilities are net zero by 2030

### 10) Ensure that Climate Change is embedded within the council

Embed the Green Team across the council.

## What and when is Lent (& Easter) in 2023?

**When is Lent in 2023?** Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023.

**Why is Lent 40 days long?** Lent lasts for 40 days because Christ suffered in the desert for 40 days.

**How is the date of Ash Wednesday determined?** Ash Wednesday always falls six and half weeks before Easter.

**When is Shrove Tuesday?** The final day before Lent. In 2023, 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**How is the date of Easter determined?** Easter is celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon of spring (21<sup>st</sup> March or later). This dates back to the Council of Nicea in 325.

**How long is Lent?** Lent lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, excluding Sundays. Sundays are an important part of Lent, but we do not include them in the “40 days” because on every Sunday we remember and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in Communion.

**When is Palm Sunday?** Palm Sunday, the last Sunday during Lent, takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April in 2023. It signifies Jesus’s triumphant return to Jerusalem after spending 40 days and nights in the desert.

**When does Lent end?** Lent ends on Maundy Thursday. This year, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**When is Good Friday?** Good Friday takes place between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It will occur on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023, one day after Maundy Thursday.

**When is Easter in 2023?** Easter falls on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



**Until 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

## **Gordon Rushmer: A World in Watercolour**



*Gordon Rushmer is a well-known and highly regarded landscape painter. Opening this exhibition in early December is apt as Rushmer notes 'I've always been most at home in barren windswept places and winter has always been my most fruitful season.' The paintings selected for this exhibition celebrate Rushmer's keen sensitivity to the places and the landscapes within which he works, and his command of working in watercolour.*

Exhibition held in The Flora Twort Gallery.

**7<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

## **Catherine Knight: Long Shadows**

The first solo exhibition of paintings by Catherine Knight based on her trip to Oslo and Åsgårdstrand, Norway, to visit the landscape that inspired Norwegian artist Edvard Munch.

We would welcome reviews of the exhibition. If you would be interested in reviewing Catherine's artwork and seeing the show alongside our Head of Exhibitions and Collections, Louise Weller, please don't hesitate to contact:



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## Moving “Love Letters” Play in Petersfield

An outstanding play, inspired by the love letters of Russian playwright Anton Chekhov, comes to Petersfield in February. Surrey professional theatre company LynchPin stages ***I Take Your Hand in Mine*** by Carol Rocamora at Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery on **15 February 2023**.

Anton Chekhov first met Olga Knipper at a rehearsal of his controversial play *The Seagull* in 1898. He was an established writer; she was a charismatic actress and a founding member of the new Moscow Art Theatre. As their love developed, most of their time was spent apart by necessity: due to his ill health, Chekhov moved to Yalta where he wrote the masterpieces in which Olga would perform in Moscow. So began a unique correspondence which chronicled their growing artistic and personal relationship.

Anton wrote 412 love letters to Olga, and she as many to him, during their six-year relationship before Anton, aged 44, died of tuberculosis. With great sensitivity, Chekhovian scholar and playwright Carol Rocamora weaves from their hundreds of letters a rich and passionate tale, told by two actors, of love and longing, of rapture and despair – while also giving us a glimpse into the creative brilliance of the great Moscow Art Theatre which produced Anton’s revolutionary plays.

Eloquent and moving, *I Take Your Hand in Mine* is a brilliant dramatisation of this creative couple’s careers and their passionate, evolving relationship – and the perfect play to see in the week of Valentine’s Day. Anton is played by Ray Murphy and Olga by Claire Parker. The production is directed by Edie Campbell. The drama marks the start of LynchPin’s year of productions at Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery, with more plays to be staged in May, June and September.

***I Take Your Hand in Mine*** is performed as a reading at Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery, St Peter’s Road, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3HX on 15 February 2023 at 7:30pm (Doors open 7:00pm)

Tickets: £15. To book, phone 01730 262601 or visit [www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk](http://www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk)

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*LynchPin is a professional theatre company mounting small-medium scale productions. Founded in 1999 by director Jack Lynch and actor Edie Campbell it creates compelling theatre through biography, rehearsed readings and productions. Following *I Take Your Hand in Mine*, LynchPin will bring the compelling *Apples in Winter* to Petersfield Museum on 24 May, *You Give Me Fever* on 24 June and *Old Abe* on 13 September.*

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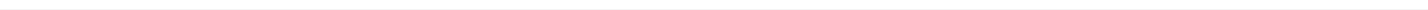


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...and who to contact?" section

**ROWLEDGE VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR 2023**



**Dates for  
your diary**

**Rowledge Village Fayre 2023 - Monday 1st May 2023 - NEW DATE!!!**

## **All ROWLEDGE Event Organisers!!!!**

**Please email the Editor with event dates for 2023, so we can include it in all future issues of the Rowledge Review. Email: [rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk)**



Contact details are in the Village Directory - in the centre pages of the Rowledge Review.

# Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar

Time	Group	Age	Venue
<b>Children's Events</b>			
<b>Mon-Fri</b>			
09.00-15.30	Rowledge Preschool	2-4	Village Hall
09.00-15.00	Little Fishes Nursery School	2-4	St James Church
<b>Tuesday</b>			
17.00-18.15	Beavers	5-8	Village Hall
18.15-19.30	Cubs	8-10	Village Hall
19.30-21.15	Scouts	10-14	Village Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>			
09.15-11.00	Baby & Toddler Group (term time)	0-4	Village Hall
15.00-19.30	Ballet	3-13	Village Hall
16.45-18.00	Octave children's choir	7+	St James Church
17.00-18.00	Rainbows	5-7	Methodist Hall
18.30-20.00	Guides	10-14	Methodist Hall
19.00-20.30	#hungry (youth group)	11-16	St James Church Hall
<b>Thursday</b>			
18.15-19.45	Brownies	5.30-7	School Hall

Many group times changing - check, organisers (overleaf)

## Adults' Events

<b>Monday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
19.30-21.30	Pilates		Village Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>			
09.30-10.30	Zumba Gold (term time only)		Village Club
09.00-11.15	Pilates		Rowledge Club
14.00-17.00	Quilters (fortnightly)		Methodist Hall
19.00-20.00	Pilates		St James Church Hall
19.30-21.15	Community Choir		Frensham Heights School
19.45- 22.00	Women's Institute (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)		The Rowledge Club
20.00-22.30	After 8 ladies group (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)		Homes
<b>Wednesday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
10.30- 12.00	Mother's Union		St James Church
14.00-15.00	Nordic Walking		Forest (St James gate)
14.00-16.00	Cameo social group (2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)		Methodist Hall
15.00-16.00	Healing Service (1st Wed)		Methodist Church
19.00-22.00	Bridge		Village Club
18.30-19.30	Handbell ringers		St James Church
19.45-22.30	Badminton Club		Village Hall
<b>Thursday</b>			
09.00-16.00	Patchers		Methodist Hall
10.00-12.00	Art Club		Village Hall
12.30-14.00	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)		Methodist Hall
19.30-22.00	Gardening Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)		Village Hall
20.30-23.00	Men's Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)		Hare and Hounds
<b>Friday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
09.00-12.00	Coffee Spot		Village Hall
19.00-20.00	Choir practice		St James' Church
<b>Saturday (second Saturday of month)</b>			
10.00 - 12.00	The Coffee Mug		St James' Church

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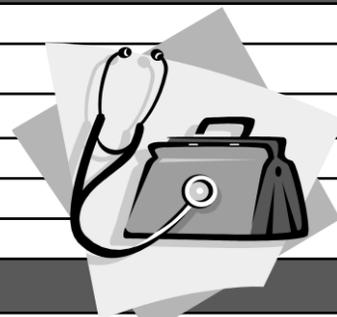
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## The history of the proposed New Village Hall – Part 4 (1991-

*The story from 1914 to 1984 was covered in the 3 previous issues of the Rowledge Review... the story continues...*

**1991...** Mike O'Dell took over as Chairman and the new hall fund stood at £21,000. After covering all expenses the village hall continued to grow the new hall fund slowly. During the early 1990s the Cricket Club approached the hall trustees with the suggestion that a new village hall should be built in combination with a new cricket pavilion, however, the Village Hall trustees declined any involvement with a cricket pavilion.

**1997...** Much time was spent preparing an application for a lottery grant to cover 50% of the cost of a new hall to be built on the recreation ground. The application was unsuccessful; however, it did stimulate a bequest of £2,000 from Mr Wilkinson of Fullers Road.

**1998...** During the 1990s the chairmanship rotated regularly; Robin Radley to Mike O'Dell (1991) to Margaret Cothay (1995) to Chris Sanders (1998) and to Ken Wickenden (2003), however during a long period the Officers Alan Thomas and Jean McCleod and Committee were unchanged.

Throughout the 1990s a number of small upgrades were made to upgrade the hall: disabled toilet; kitchen; storage in small hall; new roof for small hall; etc. Also the hall was regularly painted, maintained and rewired.

Throughout this period the hall was well used and the children's pre-school nursery operated at full capacity. The 100 Club was started to raise funds for a new hall.

**1999...** As parking outside of the hall was becoming a bigger problem, the possibility of gaining access to the rear of the hall via 'Apple Trees' garden next to the hall was discussed. However, the plan was not accepted and the problem continued to get worse.

**2005...** A further £5,000 was bequested by Mrs Wilkinson (see 1997).

**2009....** When Ken stood down, so did all of the trustees who at that time had an average age of 82 years.

A new team was created with Phil Thomas as Chairman making an average age of 58 and they chose to adopt Robin's challenge of making a new hall practical in terms of site location and financing within 25 years. In fact they shortened the target period to 15 years.

To ensure that this idea was bought to life the trustees got much more involved in organising events, which provided entertainment for villagers, whilst growing the new hall fund and raising the profile of the hall as the social hub of Rowledge.

**2010...** The new trustees agreed to avoid taking money from the new hall fund to be used on upgrades and maintenance, as had happened so many times in the past. However, before they could start their project, even they were forced to raid the fund one last time to improve the image of the hall. Once again the new hall fund, which by then stood at nearly £60,000 after 20 years of steady growth, was 'raided' to renovate

the hall with a major upgrade of internal and external structure and decorations. In particular in the small hall was greatly improved and the 'charming' frontage was made more visible by replacing the tall hedge with, railings and benches. A Lottery grant of £10,000 helped with the costs.

The small hall became the home of the weekly Coffee Spot, which over the next ten years raised just under £50,000 for the fund. Often with 'standing room only', Coffee Spot's reputation still goes well beyond the village boundary.

**2011...** A brand new Village Competition Night was introduced annually and is still running after 12 years. In addition to traditional evenings of quizzes, discos, barn dances etc a number of new activities started. Happy's Circus, The Rude Mechanical Theatre, Blues and Jazz evenings were all introduced and, additionally, the playgroup grew and used the halls for longer each year and the number of exercise groups grew (Yoga, Zumba, Pilates). As a consequence, the new hall fund was rebuilt within two years and kept growing consistently for the next decade.

**2012...** The Cricket Club's 1991 idea of building a shared pavilion/village hall was raised again, this time with both parties thinking this could be the winning solution. Designs were produced to discuss with Waverley planners, who were happy in principle to see small houses replace the old hall.

During the previous 21 years the value of land had increased much more than other associated costs, greatly increasing the contribution that the site of the existing hall would make to the project. The land value plus the new hall fund together added up to about £1.25m, with the potential of the Nest to double this figure if it had approval for just two residential properties to be built there within the 2.3 acres.

**2013...** The solution was to build a 2-storey building between the car park and the boundary. However, as has happened on more than one occasion previously, the thought of more traffic congestion and a reduction in green space did not gain popular support. Once again, just as the financial position was looking much more positive, it had not been possible to find a new location for the hall that was close to the village centre with ample space for parking.

Aerial photographs of the village confirmed that, as many people thought, the only suitable location in the village was the field at Cherryfields on Fullers Road opposite the end of School Road. However, the Carter family who owned the field had recently applied for planning permission for two houses. The trustees could not afford the price that a developer would be prepared to pay for the field and so it appeared that with neither the recreation ground nor the site of the existing hall being suitable and Cherryfields being unaffordable, there was no location within the village for a new hall. The trustees informed the Carter family that should their position change the village hall would be interested in buying the land at an affordable price.

In fact, planning permission was granted for just one new house, considerably reducing the value of the land.

**2014...** Following the end of the project to build a new village hall in combination with a

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pavilion, a number of trustees retired and Richard Banes-Walker took over Chairmanship from Phil Thomas. A local architect, Jim Duffy became a trustee with a specific objective of using his experience to try to get approval for a new hall to be built on Cherryfields and/or two residential properties to be built on the village's land on the Long Road at The Nest. The additional value of the land at The Nest with planning permission would in fact make the field at Cherryfields affordable to the hall.

**2016...** The status of the hall was changed to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and this increased the likelihood of the hall trustees being able to take out a mortgage on the new hall, which had previously been much more difficult.

**2018...** With more effort being put into the new hall project less money was spent on upgrades and with only essential maintenance being carried out the new hall fund continued to grow to over £400,000.

**2019...** After 5 years it became necessary for planning permission at Cherryfields to be renewed. To everyone's surprise the permission for one house was not renewed and so with no permission, the value of the site reduced again to a point where became affordable to the trustees even without the sale of The Nest. The Trustees agreed a price for them to pay to purchase the field, subject to planning permission being approved.

**2022...** The trustees submitted an application to Waverley planners for construction of a new village hall on Cherryfields. Approval was a two step process and at the first presentation to the various experts the building was rejected as not complying with all of the technical requirements. However, the second presentation was to the Waverley councillors who recognised the importance of the hall to the village and also noted the unique opportunity concerning Cherryfields as the only possible site in the village. Taking everything into account they over-ruled the expert opinions and supported the project, giving final approval to the construction of a new village hall at Cherryfields. Unfortunately since the Covid19 pandemic the projects finances have been seriously impacted. Building material availability has been seriously interrupted and prices have increased by 50-100%. Also the demand for use of the village hall, particularly by the play group has been hit badly by the general financial position in the country and the hall had virtually no usage at all for two years during the pandemic. The sum of these negatives is currently being professionally investigated, but it is clear that there will need to be a major fundraising exercise and gaining planning permission for The Nest will after all be critical.

**2023...** As the hall gets older and the leaks get worse, the situation has a familiar feeling in that any major repairs to the hall would once again start to eat into the new hall fund, just as on numerous occasions over the past century.

We cannot allow this to happen now that the major obstacle of an approved site has been cleared and so it is thus crucial that the project moves forward swiftly and more team members are still needed to make this happen. There are numerous ways in which local residents can join in, as a first step please talk to:

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## #hungry trip to see the ultimate Christmas lights in London

We all know that Christmas lights can make the festive season special, at #hungry (church youth group) we decided to take a trip to see the ultimate Christmas lights in Central London. Some people thought we were mad taking a group of teenagers into Central London on the first Saturday in December, but the #hungry team are not afraid of a challenge!



Our first stop was to St Paul's Cathedral, who had very generously provided the group with complimentary tickets to go inside. This proved to be the highlight of our trip, the young people engaged with prayers led by a priest on the hour and some spent some time sitting quietly connecting with God.



The whole group braved the climb up the dome past the Whispering Gallery and outside to the Stone and Golden Galleries. The climb was 111 metres (365 feet) and easily boasts the best view in London! It's safe to say we were all incredibly proud of ourselves for completing the climb, for some young people it was a huge confidence boost.

After St Paul's we continued our journey to Trafalgar Square to visit the Norwegian Christmas Tree (and of course the lions) and onto Regents Street, Carnaby Street and finished our expedition with a trip to Hamley's!



A huge thanks to the whole team who made this trip happen.

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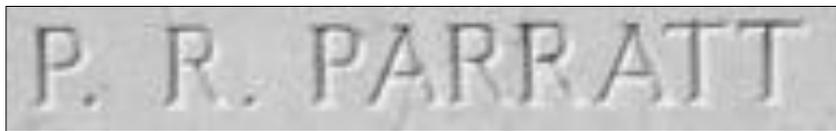
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*Thank You!*

One more name 'Missing from our Memorial' by Neil Pittaway

Back in September, I led you to believe that I had written my last 'Missing from our Memorial'. Well, I guess I knew then that one day I would spot another name. This was prompted when in September Perry Mitchell decided to find as many members of the local Parratt family as he could. By chance I looked at his list for the Parratt names already on our Memorial, Albert James and Richard Harold. These were missing from the version he sent me but their brother, Philip was there as was his son, Philip Richard Parratt who was listed as having died in 1944. As I suspected, he died in service during WW2 and without doubt should be with his uncles on our Memorial.



**Able Seaman Philip Richard Parratt. R.N. P/JX262618**

In December 2018 I brought you the story of brothers, Albert (James) Parratt and (Richard) Harold Parratt who died within six weeks of each other at the close of WW1. Harold fell in France in September 1918 and Albert died at home in Bucks Horn Oak the day after Armistice Day.

Albert and Harold enlisted on the same day seen here together in their Bedfordshire Regiment uniforms.



Albert was buried at St. James and his fine memorial shows the name of (Richard) Harold as well as their parents, Thomas Phillip and Elizabeth (née Elkins) Parratt. Harold was buried at Gouzeaucourt, south of Arras.

Thomas and Elizabeth were married at St. James' in 1886 and had ten children, eight boys and two girls. Their first child was Philip Parratt who was born in 1887 near the Forest Inn (now The Ball and Wicket) a decade before Richard and Albert. His father was a railway plate layer although by the time of the 1911

census he was a farm labourer with the entire family living in Bucks Horn Oak.

A year later on May 25<sup>th</sup> 1912, Philip Parratt married Ethel Elizabeth Bonner at St. James'. Elizabeth was born in 1890 at Keepers Cottage, Batts Corner where her father, Richard Bonner was a Game Keeper. By 1912 he kept poultry at Bucks Horn Oak.

1912. Marriage solemnized at *St. James' Church* in the Parish of *Rowledge* in the County of *Southampton*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
240	May 25 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Philip Parratt	25	Bachelor	Labourer	Bucks Horn Oak Rowledge	Thomas Philip Parratt	Labourer
		Ethel Elizabeth Bonner	22	Spinster	—	Bucks Horn Oak, Rowledge.	Richard Bonner	Labourer

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *Arthur W. Parker* or after Banns by me, *Arthur W. Parker, Vicar.*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Philip Parratt* and *Ethel Elizabeth Bonner* in the Presence of us, *Spardol Parratt* and *Muriel Bonner*

Philip and Ethel had five children, three boys and two girls. (Their second son, born in 1920 was named Albert Harold Parratt, possibly in memory of his two uncles who died in 1918.)

I can find no record for Philip Parratt serving in WW1 and he is not shown on the St. James' porch memorial to those who served. However, the spacing of his children indicates that he likely enlisted around 1915, the same year as his brothers Albert and Harold.

Philip and Ethel's first son, Philip Richard Parratt was born on January 24th 1915 and baptised seven weeks later at St. James'.

Bona Janu- ary 24 <sup>th</sup> 1915	1915	Phillip Ethel	Richard Elizabeth	Parratt	Rowledge	Labourer	S. E. Ward Carrate
	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	No. 104					

A possible reason that Philip Parratt is not shown on the St. James' memorial to those who served is that by the time of the 1921 census and maybe at the time of his enlistment, the family were living in Hartley Maudit.

By at least 1927 the family had moved to Stoke Hills, just below Farnham Park. The electoral registers show that the family remained in Stoke Hills albeit at several addresses. The 1939 register shows them living at number 44 Stoke Hills with father Philp Parratt as a charcoal burner and general labourer with his eldest son, Philip Richard Parratt as a newsagent's assistant.

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Parratt, Philip	-	M	3 Nov 87	M	Charcoal burner & General Labourer.
Parratt Ethel S.	-	F	8 Jan 90	M	Unpaid household duties.
Parratt, Philip R.	-	M	24 Jan 15	S	Newspaper Assistant.
Parratt, Clifford Ernest	-	M	28 July 31	S	at school
Parratt Albert H.	-	M	8 May 20	S	Builder & Machinery Clerk.

At the outbreak of WW2, soon after this 1939 register, it seems that Philip Richard Parratt enlisted to serve with the Royal Navy.

Sadly, I have found no WW2 records for Able Seaman Philip Richard Parratt P/JX 262618 other than the record of his death off Naples on March 30<sup>th</sup> 1944 whilst serving on HMS Laforey.

1 NAME (Surname first)	2 PORT DIVISION AND OFFICIAL NO.	3 BRANCH OF SERVICE.	4 RATING	5 SHIP OR UNIT.	6 DATE OF BIRTH.	7 PLACE OF BIRTH.	8 DATE OF DEATH.
PARRATT, Philip Richard	P/JX 262618	R.N.	A.B.	H.M.S. LAFOREY	24.1.1915.	Binstead, Hants.	30.3.1944.

HMS Laforey was a Royal Navy destroyer commissioned in 1939 at the outbreak of war.



Whilst it is known that Philip Richard Parratt was serving on this ship at the time it was sunk, it is possible that he served on it from its first mission in 1941.

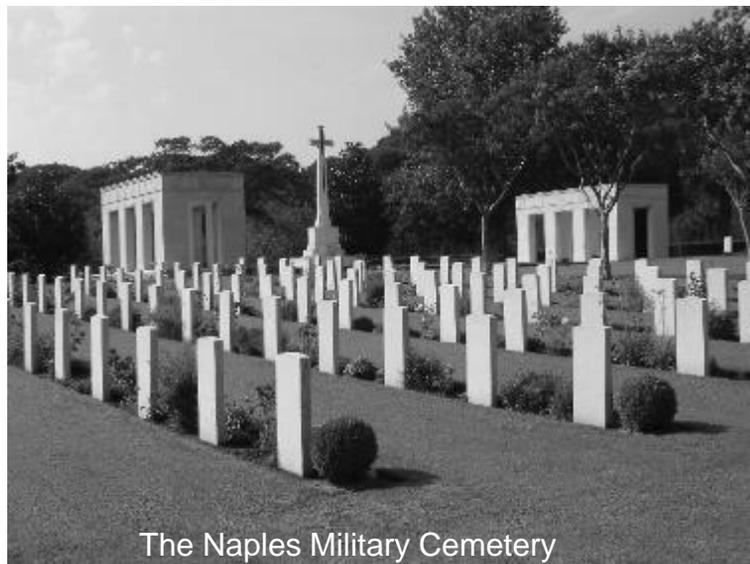
If so, he will have been on the destroyer when it was twice severely damaged and been involved in many hazardous missions in the Mediterranean, the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Sea.

In March 1944 HMS Laforey was deployed in the Mediterranean off Anzio, north west of Naples when she became involved in the hunt for a German submarine, U-223. The search lasted several days until March 30<sup>th</sup> when depth charges caused U-223 to surface. The submarine was attacked by gun fire but was able to fire three torpedoes at HMS Laforey which quickly sank. Most of her company were lost, including her captain. There were only 65 survivors out of a crew of 247.

Whether A.B. Philip Richard Parratt survived the initial sinking is not clear but two things are certain.

Firstly, he did not sink with the ship but sadly he died on the day it sank, March 30<sup>th</sup> 1944.

Philip was initially buried at the Scudello Military Cemetery before finally being laid to rest in the Naples Military Cemetery where his grave has a fine Commonwealth Graves Commission memorial headstone.



The Naples Military Cemetery



*Memorial headstone for Able Seaman Philip Richard Parratt aged 29.*

*The inscription below the cross will have been added at the request of Philip's parents.*

*It reads:*

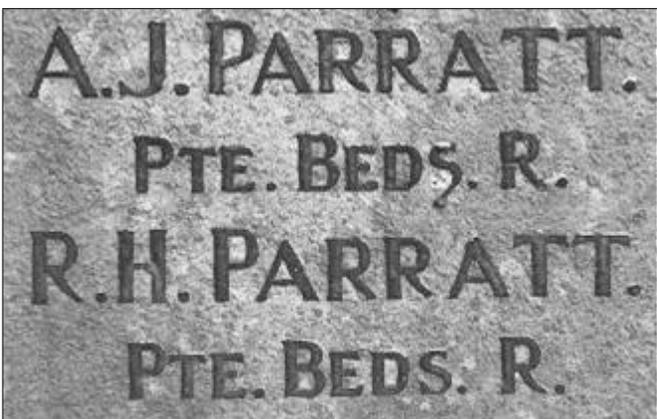
*DEEP IN OUR HEARTS  
A MEMORY IS KEPT  
OF ONE WE LOVED  
AND SHALL NEVER FORGET.*

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Philip was born in Rowledge, baptised at St. James' where his parents and grandparents were married and are buried, his mother, Ethel buried in 1971 and his father, Philip in 1973.

Ethel Elizabeth Parratt No. 478	<del>Ethel</del> 4 Cherry Tree Close, Farnham	8 <sup>th</sup> March 1971	81	Laurie Parr
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Philip PARRATT No. 525	4 Cherry Tree Close Farnham	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	86	Laurie Parr
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Two of his uncles' names are on our Memorial with one, Albert buried at St. James'.



As Philip lived in Farnham at the time of his death, his name appears on the WW2 names of the Gostrey Meadow Memorial as P.R. PARRATT.

For me it would be fitting if at some stage Philip's name could to be added to our Memorial with those of his uncles.

As you see there is another Parratt, A.H.PARRATT listed on the Gostrey Memorial. This was Albert Henry Parratt from Wrecclesham, son of William and Lucy Parratt. I imagine that if we went back far enough there would be a family link but if so, it is obscure. Albert Henry Parratt was a Stoker (1<sup>st</sup>. Class) on HMS Hood when she was sunk by the Bismarck on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1941. Albert, aged 39 along with all but three of the crew was not recovered and his name is listed on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. As far as I can tell Albert and his parents have no direct links to Rowledge but if you know otherwise, please let me know.



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## Pollinator Patch with Juliet from Hive Helpers

Welcome to a new regular column from Hive Helpers, about attracting pollinators to our gardens.



Hive Helpers is a small Community Interest Company (CIC) based at Farnham Community Farm. We offer services to the local community based on beekeeping and nature conservation activities. We seek to improve people's physical and mental wellbeing through spending time outdoors and positively impacting the local environment. To find out more, please visit [www.hivehelpers.co.uk](http://www.hivehelpers.co.uk) email us on [office@hivehelpers.co.uk](mailto:office@hivehelpers.co.uk) or phone us on **07895 547637**



Today, I'm talking about wild pollinators: bumblebees, solitary bees, hoverflies, butterflies, moths, beetles – and more! Honeybees are, of course, the most well-known of our pollinators, but the majority of honeybees are looked after by beekeepers, whereas the wild pollinators need all of us to help them, as they are in serious decline. This is due to a number of factors, habitat loss being one of them. There are many nature recovery projects in our area, and I shall be talking about them in future columns, but we can all help recover some of the habitat which has been lost, in our own gardens.

### Planting for pollinators

Planting with pollinators in mind is the single most important thing we can do for our wild pollinators. This is something which takes time and a shift in our gardening attitudes. Since being involved with Hive Helpers, I have certainly changed the way I garden – wherever possible, I let the wild things grow, even dandelions (an important source of early nectar).

It's also important to remember that it's not just wildflowers which attract pollinators – we all think of beautiful wildflower meadows, but for most of us, this is not feasible, and anyway, they require a great deal of management. In our gardens, there are many other plants to consider, including trees, climbers, shrubs and perennials. A tree can provide a huge amount of forage without the need for a meadow!



We also need to provide forage for our wild pollinators for most of the year. Whilst their most active time may be in the spring and summer, both early and late flowering plants are also needed - early food for those emerging after hibernation, such as queen bumblebees, and late food to ensure they get through the winter.

### February plants for pollinators

One of the earliest flowers we see in the year is the common snowdrop – forget the fancy, expensive cultivars, most pollinators prefer the simple, native forms of plants. These snowdrops spread easily, and if you haven't got them, get some 'in the green' from neighbours. Crocus, too, are very early-flowering, and again the lovely pale lilac species *crocus tommasinianus* is the best to plant and will also spread naturally. You may see the pretty yellow lesser celandine flowering on banks and woodland edges. This is one of the earliest wildflowers attracting first hoverflies and later bumblebees, flies and beetles.

Among the shrubs, *Sarcococca* (Christmas box) is still flowering, its tiny, white tubular flowers emitting a gorgeous scent which attracts the first pollinators. Mahonia and winter flowering honeysuckle are also good shrubs for the garden in winter.

A good climber is winter flowering jasmine, with its yellow star flowers blooming brightly in the dark winter light, and a winter flowering cherry is a good choice for a small tree.

**For a comprehensive list of plants for pollinators, visit the RHS website (use QR Code) and download the garden plants list.**



## Computers & Intelligence – by Perry Mitchell

Let us dismiss immediately a common misconception – computers per se are not 'intelligent' by any Human Being conception of the word. Indeed, they are not intelligent by ANY animate being comparison. Computers (\*) perform very basic arithmetic operations, their strength is that they perform these operations billions of times per second! To achieve any meaningful task, the problem must be translated into a set of mathematical models that the computer can process. These models are typically called 'algorithms' and it is the design and development of them that needs the intelligence, supplied by very clever humans. (\* *I am using the modern understanding of the word to mean a system of electronics. Originally, 'Computer' referred to a human that performed mathematical tasks. As recently as the 1960s, NASA had a team of 'Computers', a group of black women, working on the Moon Landing project. Their story was portrayed in a film called 'Hidden Figures'.*)

Let us take an example of photographic images. It became desirable to be able to store and manipulate the images digitally. It is relatively straightforward to turn an image into digital data, but to retain quality the data size is vast. A single photo from a modern digital camera can consume over 1,000,000,000,000 bits of data! It became essential to find a way to reduce or 'compress' the data with a minimal loss of image quality. The various teams of 'whizz-kids' looking at this around the world were represented by a body that attempted to bring some agreement to allow interchange. This was called the 'Joint Photographic Experts Group' or JPEG, and their achievements form the basis of digital photography to this day. At it's heart are some very clever

algorithms that change the way that the numbers represent the picture. Essentially, Movies or TV is a series of photographs (normally 24 or 25 per second) so the problems of storage are multiplied by nearly 100,000 times per hour of programme! Another body called the 'Motion Picture Experts Group' or MPEG developed the JPEG techniques further to reduce the storage and streaming data requirements. The digital data that you watch on your 'Freeview' TV is compressed (reduced) by about 1000 times compared to the raw data in the camera, yet with a minimal reduction in the image quality. The 'computers' involved in the complex processing of these images perform their simple calculations completely unaware of what the numbers represent. Similar scenarios are present in all uses of computers in our modern world, most of them will need a set of many many algorithms to translate the problems being addressed. One example which may defy belief, is an attempt to construct algorithms that can accurately predict the weather. In effect to create a virtual Earth in the computer with dynamic climate. Weather forecasting has traditionally relied upon history to find a past sequence of weather patterns that could allow intelligent guesses so as to predict the weather in the future. The changing climate is forcing a need to have a better predictive model based upon current data, and safe to say this is very much a work in progress! The European Union set up the 'European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts' or ECMWF at Reading in 1975. They provided my all-time favourite quote from a scientist! There was some media interest in the awarding of the contract to the UK, but then all went quiet for some years. Then one otherwise quiet day for news, there was an announcement by a white coated scientific spokesman. Essentially he said that:

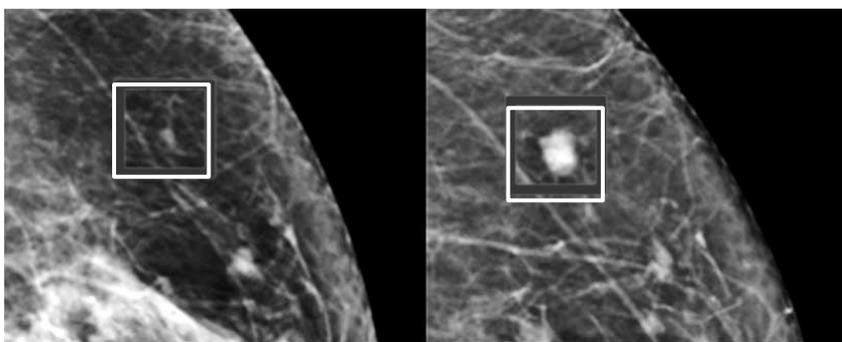
*"We are pleased to announce that after many years of sustained hard work, we can report that we now have a climate model that can predict a 24 hour weather pattern with 99% accuracy!"* (there was then a significant pregnant pause) *"Unfortunately with our present computer resources it takes 48 hours to run the software"!!*



The Centre started with the most powerful computer available in 1975, a 'Cray 1' (shown on the left with the designer). Today a mobile phone would have several times the processing power!

ECMWF's current Atos BullSequana XH2000 supercomputer facility is housed in ECMWF's data centre in Bologna, Italy (shown on the right). While an average desktop PC has 2 or 4 processors, ECMWF's Atos supercomputer has over one million

processors spread across 4 clusters and a performance of about 30 petaflops (10<sup>15</sup> or a million billion calculations per second). Suffice to say that even with their much more complex Earth models, the Centre can now run two passes each day with ease. So let us move to that ‘buzz-word’ of today – ‘Artificial Intelligence’. In essence this refers not to some real human style intelligence but to a simple extension of what we mean by ‘programming’. As implied above, all traditional computer programs are defined by a human writing a series of steps with the computer following various routes defined by programmed choices. Now suppose we give the computer the ability to make choices not by defined data, but by data that it can ‘learn’. Let me quote a simple example. We can program a computer to find cancerous tumours in mamograms by defining them in data, but this is very difficult. We either make the data too obvious and miss marginal tumours, or make it too obscure and create lots of false positives. We do however have millions of examples of past scans that have been examined by human experts, and also the benefit of knowing the prognosis of most of these examples. We can allow the computer to ‘learn’ the required data thresholds from the examples and thus (hopefully) produce far more accurate results.



The picture on the left is a potential breast tumour spotted by AI 4 years before the actual tumour shown on the right.

A couple of other examples that I have encountered.

I used to use a music streaming service called ‘Pandora’ that allowed entry of a starter track, and then would follow this with music of a similar style. It had a complex series of algorithms that would allow you to fine tune the choices to your taste.

Unfortunately Pandora stopped in the UK due to rights issues. I started using Apple iTunes which had a similar feature called ‘Genius’. I became suspicious that all the tracks were the ‘hit’ tracks of even artists predominately making albums, so I investigated. Turns out it is far from ‘Genius’! iTunes allows manual production of ‘Playlists’ by users which are usually therefore known to Apple HQ. There are clearly millions of Playlists produced, all of which are saved as data lists. When you ask your iTunes app to produce a ‘Genius’ list from a starter track, Apple simply looks up all the playlists stored that also have that track. They then produce a list of all the other tracks on these playlists, compute a table of popularity of these other tracks, and use that to compile a list of tracks to play in the ‘Genius’ list. It is only possible to do this with a vast computer resource, but it is not doing anything clever – just looking at lists.

Another example that DOES require a bit more cleverness on the computer, but

nothing like as much as may be implied. My ancestry account is with an Israeli company called MyHeritage (with global reach). One feature they offer is a service to improve the quality of old photographs. It processes the old fuzzy and dim picture of an ancestor and produces a pin sharp image of somebody who looks very similar but not quite the relative you remember. In practice, it has access to the pictures of everybody presented and the 'computer' can learn from them to produce a version of your photo as modified to look like the mass 'model'. This would require quite a complex algorithm but it is not true intelligence.

I have created an example using a photograph of the late Queen Mother (left). I have then defocussed it and added noise to simulate a similar photo that you may well have in your collection (centre).



If we run this version through the MyHeritage service then it gives us the result on the right. A very good attempt but clearly slightly different from the first image. It is important to realise that the result is computed by enhancing the fuzzy picture as guided by thousands of pictures of other people that it has available. In other words, the only parts of the real Queen Mother are supplied by the centre image, all the sharp detail is from other people.

A rather different example which I used every day until I retired from work. I used an app on my phone called 'Waze' on my London commute in the car. It would continually offer redirection to avoid traffic jams. Rather than use cameras, like some rival companies, it simply uses the connected users as a mass traffic survey by monitoring their positions. If users were detected as moving slowly in a particular area, then it is fair to assume there is some form of jam and can redirect other users to avoid it. The idea is very effective and clever enough for Google to buy the company!

I hope I have illustrated my point that computers can now be incredibly powerful, but are ultimately inherently stupid. All the cleverness is currently supplied by human intervention. So called AI is currently a very small step down the road to giving them true intelligence.

## February is a flippin' good month!



So it's just been Christmas and you might be trying to cut back on the treats...but it's also well known that January and February can be dismal months, so you need something to look forward to.

So, whether you're in team lemon and sugar, prefer maple syrup and bacon, or you're bananas for fruit, everyone is waiting in hungry anticipation for Pancake Day.

The day, also known as Shrove Tuesday, isn't always on a fixed date and changes every year depending on when Easter falls (see page 22).

Why do we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove is the past tense of the word shrive, which means to present oneself to a priest for confession, penance, and absolution.

The day, being the day before the Lent fast begins, is for people to gain penance from God before they begin fasting.

Shrove Tuesday is also a chance for people to enjoy rich and fatty foods as a last celebration before fasting begins. Pancakes are traditionally eaten because they were a way to use up the rich foods people have – such as eggs and milk – before they went bad during the long fast.

According to religious texts, the ingredients are also said to represent the four pillars of the Christian faith – eggs for creation, flour as the mainstay of the human diet, salt for wholesomeness, and milk for purity.

**So whether you like the puffy style or flat crepes, on 21<sup>st</sup> February....get flipping!**

*Why is it so rare to hear pancake jokes?... They usually fall flat*

*Thin French pancakes give me the crepes.*

*Why do jedi always burn their pancakes?... Because they won't turn over to the dark side.*

*How tasty are pancakes?... They're not just tasty, they're flipping delicious!*



*Did you know today is Pancake day... apparently it just creped up on us.*

*"I have the best pancake mix!"...  
"No, mine is batter"*

*Did you hear about the angry pancake?  
He just flipped.*

*What does the pope put on his pancakes?...  
Papal syrup.*

**Paul Roberts, the man who made Frensham Heights**

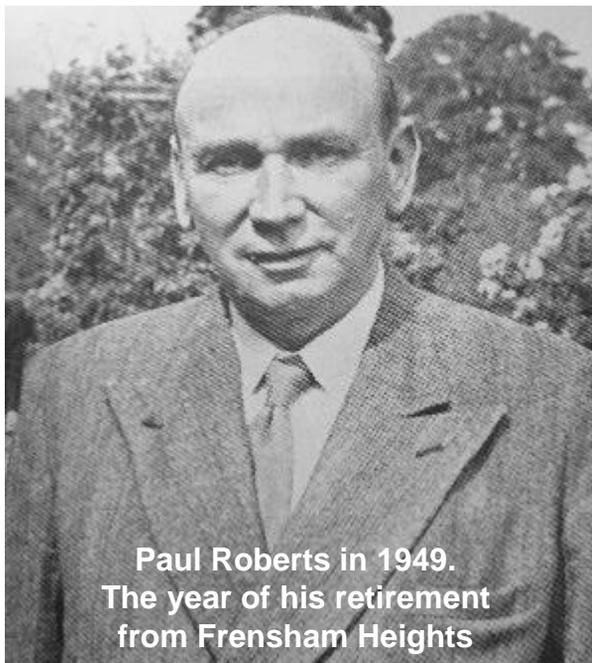
Paul Roberts, always called 'PR' by the children at Frensham Heights ('Frenshamians'), was the man who created the modern Frensham Heights School. A S Neill, famous educational progressive at Summer Hill School, described him as one of the great headmasters of England. For many years he lived with his wife, Enid, 'over the shop' at Frensham Heights and is, therefore, legitimately to be seen as one of the sons of Rowledge.

He was born in 1889 in Kensington. His father a master tailor. His younger sister, Muriel, was born a couple of years later by which time they had moved to Hammersmith. By 1901 the family was living at Willesden and the 1911 census shows them living at Aston Clinton.

He was educated at Berkhamsted School, a private school, and Graham Greene's father was his housemaster. Indeed the novelist was born there while Roberts was a pupil. He read history at Wadham College, Oxford, where he excelled at sports but took a poor degree. He was captain of both the college football and cricket teams. He was a good rugby player, compact and fast.

He decided to become a teacher. He was always left-leaning in his political opinions and badly wanted to teach working class children in the East End of London, but the London County Council Education Authority was adamant that this was out of the question for a public school educated-man. So his first teaching post was at Bideford Grammar School. He subsequently went on to teach at St George's at Harpenden.

He joined the army as an officer and served between 1914 and 1918 on the western front where he was an officer in charge of munition dumps. He proved a courageous and considerate officer. The French awarded him the *croix de guerre*, but he never spoke of this.



Paul Roberts in 1949.  
The year of his retirement  
from Frensham Heights

After the war he returned to Harpenden. One of his pupils there had been Helen Enid Woel Armstrong who had come from South Africa at the age of 12. After she left school, they met up again, fell in love, and were married in 1921. In 1927-8 the school granted him a sabbatical of six months and he and Enid (as she was known) spent the time abroad, four months in Italy and two in Switzerland. At a Swiss *pension* where they were staying they were told by a Swiss-French lady how her daughter, a Miss La Scala, was teaching at a wonderful new school in England, called Frensham Heights. Roberts was

interested, since he was already a believer in what might be loosely called 'progressive education'.



Paul and Enid Roberts in 1944 at Frensham Heights. Note the ubiquitous pipe.

On their arrival home, and by a remarkable coincidence, they heard of Frensham Heights for a second time. The principal of St George's School had been asked to recommend a candidate for the headship of Frensham Heights. The owner of Frensham Heights, Percy Seymour Douglas-Hamilton, had dismissed the two headmistresses since he didn't think women could run a school, and wanted a male headmaster. The Principal persuaded Paul to put his name forward.

He arrived early to be interviewed by Douglas-Hamilton. They were received by the great man's dapper and imposing major-domo, Gavin Hamilton, CMG MVO. Gavin Hamilton was the son of Sir Robert George Crookshank Hamilton, K.C.B., L.L.D. He was an intimidating presence and was to create endless difficulties for Roberts in later years. When Percy emigrated to South Africa, Gavin Hamilton was left in charge of the buildings. On one occasion he tried to close the school because he saw the girls, who were doing gymnastics, tucking their skirts into their knickers.

Gavin Hamilton made Paul Roberts and his wife, Enid, uncomfortable as the time for the interview came and went. He told them that Mr Douglas-Hamilton had been

unavoidably delayed on important business. They assumed it must be some great affair. Eventually, a small man appeared – it was Douglas-Hamilton - and apologised for being late. He had been to a dancing lesson.

It was immediately apparent that Mr Douglas Hamilton had no knowledge of education. The interview started in silence. Douglas-Hamilton looked stumped to know what to ask and then, in an inspiration, asked whether Paul Roberts had a degree. He said he had and Douglas-Hamilton breathed a sigh of relief and terminated the interview. Roberts got the job!

Over the next 21 years Paul Roberts created the modern Frensham Heights. He abandoned its theosophical mission, though he retained its progressive values. He overcame the obstructiveness of Gavin Hamilton, survived an attempt by the trustees to sack him, and eventually became a well-loved and greatly respected head master. While headmaster, he lived at Frensham Heights.

We know a lot about Paul Roberts if only because old boys have left their recollections of him. Politically he was left-wing, though he was careful not to promote his own opinions in the school. He was approachable, kindly, and a man of great humility. It appears that he was loved as well as respected.

He had a *'shambling, stuttering and entirely endearing personality'*. He smoked a pipe all the time and enjoyed whisky. Perhaps he was a little over-tolerant? As I have said, A S Neill of Summer Hill fame described him as one of the great headmasters of our age. A small child, Morna Wales, gave this impression of him, "... *warm tweed and tobacco, infinitely reassuring, the sound of his deep dulcet tones giving us his sympathetic consideration, Paul Roberts, Father, mother, confessor, friend...*" Morna also left a recollection of Enid Roberts: "*Behind him, Enid Roberts, with her dachshund tucked neatly under her arm, always there, supporting, never intruding.*"

Roberts was not a great writer, but he did commit his opinions to paper in 1940 when he wrote his *Notes for the Guidance of Colleagues*.

His relationship with Rowledge, in which parish he lived, was sometimes troubled. The liberalism of the school did not appeal to an area in which the Tory MP Mr Samuel was returned unopposed. In the later 1930s there was an influx of German and Austrian escapees from Nazi tyranny. Some 10% of the schools roll between 1935 and 1939 were Jewish refugees. Claus Moser, later Baron Moser, the leading statistician, was one. He was at the school for four years.

Most of the village locals gave the children a welcome. But, according to Peter Daniel's history of the school, there was a considerable degree of resentment in Rowledge amongst a minority. They already viewed the school with suspicion, and the appearance of German boys only enhanced a degree of hysteria when war arrived. Soon after the war ended a deputation from Rowledge arrived at Paul Roberts's door to ask that he at least now get rid of the Germans. He refused. During the darkest days of the war, when England was suffering defeat after defeat, things became very unpleasant. On one occasion, the traditional cheers given to an opposing team on the

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soccer pitch were misunderstood as cries of acclamation for German victories in the war. On another occasion, a Rowledge resident reported that someone at the school was signalling to the enemy. It turned out to be one of the matrons who was in the habit of using her shielded torch under her black-out curtain after retiring to bed.

Some of the Germans were interned for a while, including Claus Moser. Fritz Lowenberg, who had come to England to escape Nazi persecution, arrived at the school to teach German in 1940. One June morning, Enid Roberts was awoken at six to be the unhappy witness as Lowenberg packed a suitcase in the presence of two detectives who waited in grim silence. He was interned as an enemy alien. Lowenberg returned to the school in 1941 and stayed until 1946. He then went up to Cambridge where he had a breakdown and took his own life. Some said he had never got over the shock of his internment.

Paul Roberts retired at the age of 60 in 1949. There were attempts to get him to stay on but he felt it was time to go. He was feeling the strain of headmastership and the occasional spats with Rowledge residents had proven stressful. He was succeeded by Kenneth Keast. He was succeeded in turn by Mr. Hogg in 1956. When he dropped dead on the tennis courts in 1970, the school took on Mr. Maurice Bridgeland. Under his leadership the school became notorious for general 'hanky-panky' which was only ended by the appointment of Alan Pattinson in 1973.

After his retirement, Paul Roberts was a governor at Bedales as well as at Frensham Heights, where he stayed until Pattinson's appointment in 1973. His activities went beyond Frensham Heights. He was a committee member of the Pestalozzi Children's Village at Sedlescombe. He was chairman of Farnham's School of Art in the 1930s and 40s. He died on 7 August 1974 aged 85 in Chichester. A memorial service was given for him at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Paul Roberts comes across as a truly remarkable man. One might compare him with Mr Barry Huggett who, rather later, transformed and 'saved' More House School. His general approach might be best summarised by quoting his favourite prayer, which he often used, written by the third century Church Father, Eusebius:

*May I be no man's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides. May I never quarrel with those nearest me: and if I do, may I be reconciled quickly. May I love, seek, and attain only that which is good. May I wish for all men's happiness and envy none. May I never rejoice in the ill-fortune of one who has wronged me. When I have done or said what is wrong, may I never wait for the rebuke of others, but always rebuke myself until I make amends. May I win no victory that harms either me or my opponent. May I reconcile friends who are angry with one another. May I never fail a friend who is in danger. When visiting those in grief may I be able by gentle and healing word to soften their pain. May I respect myself. May I always keep tame that which rages within me. May I accustom myself to be gentle, and never be angry with people because of circumstances. May I never discuss who is wicked and what wicked things he has done, but know good men and follow in their footsteps.*

## Phyllis Tuckwell's *Light up a Life* Provides Christmas Comfort

Around 500 people came along to Phyllis Tuckwell's annual Light up a Life service on Sunday 4th December, at its Hospice in Farnham. This year the Light up a Life celebrations once again took place over several days, with the service on Sunday being followed by a light projection onto Guildford Cathedral, a few days later. The names of those who had had a dedication made in their memory were shone onto the outside of the Cathedral, for any who wanted to, to visit and see.

On Sunday evening, the Hospice was brightly lit with six beautiful glowing stars and a dove, as well as with lights and stars that were projected onto the building specially for the service. Everyone present gathered around the Christmas tree outside the Hospice entrance, where the service was held. It was led by Phyllis Tuckwell's chaplains, Rev Dr Jill Thornton and Rev Debbie Smith, and began with an introduction from Phyllis Tuckwell's chief executive, Sarah Church. Readings read by Councillor Alan Earwaker, Farnham's town mayor, and Chris Tuckwell, president of Phyllis Tuckwell, and son of Phyllis and Hospice founder Edward Tuckwell, and were accompanied by carols, prayers and reflections. The Kindred Spirits Choir sang a beautiful rendition of *'Do You Hear What I Hear?'* and Farnham Brass Band led the carols.

During the service, the lights on the tree were switched on, with each shining light representing the life of someone who is much loved and missed. Christmas can be a challenging time when a loved one has died, and the celebrations aimed to provide support and comfort to those who were remembering someone special.

Many people made a dedication in memory of their loved ones, and these dedications were printed in the Order of Service, which was given out at the service and can be downloaded from Phyllis Tuckwell's website. The dedications were also projected onto the front of Guildford Cathedral on the evening of Thursday 8th December, where people could go along to see their loved one's name lit up.

"We hope that everyone who came along to our Light up Life service or went to see the Cathedral projection took comfort from them," said Ruth Masters, Fundraising Manager at Phyllis Tuckwell. "We would like to thank Chris Tuckwell and Councillor Alan Earwaker for reading at the service, and Farnham Brass Band and The Kindred Spirits Choir for providing such lovely music. We would also like to thank Right at Home for kindly sponsoring this year's Light up a Life celebrations, Guildford Cathedral for hosting the light projection, South Farnham School and The Abbey School for allowing us to use their car parks, Merlin Lighting for providing the Hospice Christmas tree and decorating it so beautifully, and Co-op Aldershot, Waitrose Farnham and Tesco Aldershot for kindly providing us with mince pies for everyone at the service to enjoy afterwards."

If you were unable to attend the Light up a Life service or would like to see it again, you can watch the recording online at [www.pth.org.uk/lual2022](http://www.pth.org.uk/lual2022). If you would like to make a dedication to a loved one who has died, you can still dedicate a virtual star in Phyllis Tuckwell's online night sky at [www.pth.org.uk/lual](http://www.pth.org.uk/lual) and view it whenever you wish.



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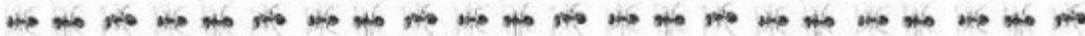
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# Fun time



Not to brag, but I already have a date for Valentine's Day. February 14th.



I booked a table for Valentine's night tonight and I just hope it goes better than last year. We were there for about 20 minutes before my wife even potted a red.

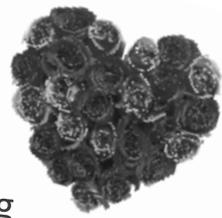
I asked my wife what she wanted for Valentine's Day and she told me she wanted a divorce. I told her I wasn't planning on spending that much.

For the past twenty years, I've received a Valentine's card from the same secret admirer. So I was pretty upset when I didn't get one this year. First my granny dies, now this?!



My local pizza place is selling heart-shaped pizzas for Valentine's Day. I find it to be a bit cheesy.

For Valentine's Day, I decided to get my wife some beads for an abacus. It's the little things that count.



Call me Barack... Because I'll be spending this Valentine's Obama self.

I ordered the wrong kind of flowers online for Valentine's Day. Oops e-daisies.



What do you give a baker on Valentine's Day? Flours.

For Valentine's Day I bought my wife a brand new fridge. I loved seeing her face light up when she opened it.

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**Sudoku** Each puzzle has a solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 9 space shape.



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