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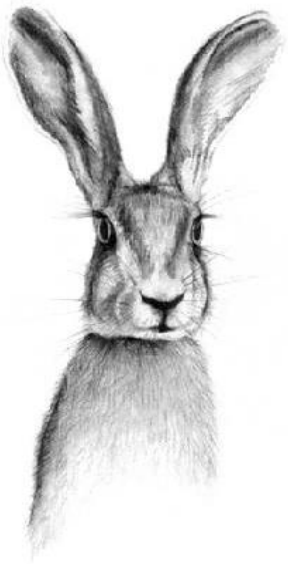


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## From the Vicarage

As I write this, it's almost impossible to comprehend that it's mid-May already. Certainly, the weather doesn't seem to realise that it's supposed to be late Spring. For all the challenges of 2020, at least we had some amazing sunshine. Not so for the first part of 2021!

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."*

These well-known words are taken from the start of the third chapter of the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes and are the first line of a poem which is thought to have been written by King Solomon during the last years of his life. In the book, Solomon muses as he recalls his life experiences and draws lessons from them, often quite self-critically.

We're creatures of time, aren't we? We measure time and how much we can squeeze into 24 hours; we marvel at how quickly each week passes and how they seem to fly by faster and faster the older we become; we count the months until our next holiday, or for small children maybe that's until the next birthday or Christmas; the months we measure into seasons of the year. And then we measure the years and mark the major milestones of our lives.

Perhaps time should be measured in more than hours, days, weeks, months, or years, or even the significant events in our lives. Perhaps our time is best measured by the relationships we have developed with others. St. Paul wrote:

*"Faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."*

(1 Corinthians 13: 13)

For me and other Christians, it is our faith in Christ that bring hope for this life and beyond. But as Paul stresses, above all, it is love that sustains relationships and it is those relationships that sustain life.

During three periods of lockdown, despite trying to sustain relationships via the telephone, Zoom and WhatsApp, these tools whilst helpful, have been a poor substitute for real community, real relationships. Loneliness has been a serious issue for many. For others, they would dearly love a little 'alone time.' For them it has been the constant sharing of the home or a small workspace that has caused stress. Relationships have suffered and some have broken-down completely.

I am left wondering how the Church might best provide pastoral support for the needs of our community as we seek to engage with the 'new normal.' It strikes me that there may be considerable need for divorce recovery friendship groups, bereavement support groups and the like.

The greatest gift that we can offer to one another is love. Love has the power to radically affect even the most painful moments of life. So how might we all make the choice to deepen relationships with others, so that love, a greater healer than time, brings real transformation?



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At St. James' Church our vision is "to be a community where relationships are transformed by the love of God." As we move towards a time when we can gather again in our building, why not join us and experience the love of God and the love of community?

*"...if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us - perfect love!" (1 John 4: 12)*

Blessings,



Rev. Russ Gant, Vicar

## PARISH REGISTER



### Funerals

Ian Baxter Moncur (75) – 13<sup>th</sup> May

Donald Victor Deadman (83) – 26<sup>th</sup> May

## IN OUR PRAYERS



If you have any specific prayer requests you are invited to email [prayer@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:prayer@stjamesrowledge.org.uk) (or contact Russ by phone) who will ensure the church prays for your situation.

# Morning Prayers



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# ST JAMES' CHURCH

During the pandemic, regrettably we are unable to meet as a **whole** congregation in church weekly, physically, for worship, however we are continuing with our live-streamed services each Sunday (or recorded - as restrictions dictate).

Do join us live on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchRowledge>

We continue to keep the restrictions under review and will update the village as things in church change.



## Two Services a Week

We are currently running two services each week - albeit both still recorded for the time being.

This will mean there is a traditional service of Holy Communion with choral music, as well as a more contemporary service each week.

A mix of formal and contemporary services - if you don't see it live, all our videos can be found on our YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBO3bsCEfpu4Hd\\_IFbKX3CQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBO3bsCEfpu4Hd_IFbKX3CQ/videos)



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



# Village Tidy-Up

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Meet at Hare & Hounds at 10am for coffee, help clean our village until 12 noon and then stay for a drink and lunch in the pub.

### Bring the family.

We will, as usual, concentrate on the areas around the centre of the village but, the more who join in, then the wider the area that we can influence will be.

We will be tidying Gardens; recovering pavements/roads beginning to be covered up by verge creep; plus picking up litter, cleaning gutters etc.



**Just bring gardening gloves and if possible a broom, gardening tools and waste sacks and join in the fun!**

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## June Sunday Services

Sermon themes were not available at time of going to print, so please see St James Church website for details.

## Church Website –Take a look! Updated regularly

[www.stjamesrowledge.org.uk](http://www.stjamesrowledge.org.uk)

**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.*

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



**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**

**The Spire Café, Farnham United Reformed Church,**

**South Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7QU**

If you would like more details please contact Mary on **07999 368128** or [info@friendstogetherbereavement.org](mailto:info@friendstogetherbereavement.org)

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?

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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 very welcome.



## Life Groups –Tuesday & Thursday

Russ & Jenny Gant run a group on Thursday with about 8 people. They meet weekly via Zoom.

The Tuesday Life Group are looking at the Pastoral Letters and several are also following The Grace Course. They meet at 7.45pm on alternate Tuesdays via Zoom and are currently discussing 2 Timothy. In between, they meet socially at the same time on Zoom.

They hope to resume monthly walks once rules permit.

## Men's Group – First Thursday of the month

Starting with a Bible passage, discussion then moves on to ... well, anywhere and everywhere! During lockdown, the Men's Group meets by Zoom - first Thursday of every month. The group is currently discussing Christian Thinkers.

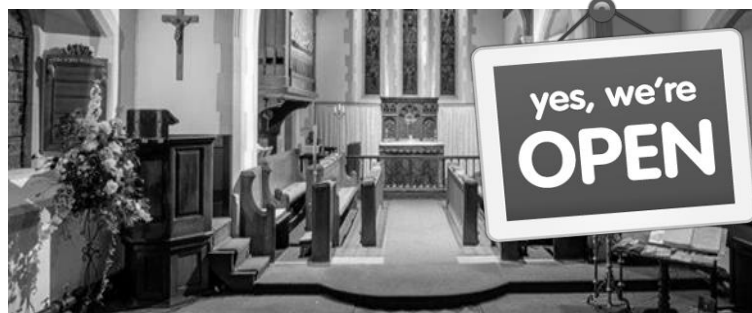
All welcome. **To join in, contact Rob: [robriscs@aol.com](mailto:robriscs@aol.com)**

# Church is OPEN!

**Open: Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm.  
Saturday - Sunday 8am-8pm.  
Closed on Fridays.**

St James' Church is now OPEN for **individual private prayers**. Individual private prayer is defined as a person or household entering the church to pray on their own, not as part of a group, and not participating in any form of led prayers or communal act. Those praying should 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.



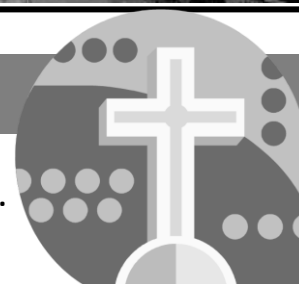
## METHODIST CHURCH

Regrettably, The Methodist Church is not currently running services. When it is decided to open the Church for services, there will be posters updating our decisions at the Church.

**If you have any questions about activities at the Methodist Church please ring Aileen or David on 01252 795438**

Our prayer chain, led by Mike & Joyce, can be accessed on: 01252 793363

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





## Farnham Foodbank

### At this difficult time, please do support your local Foodbank.

Donations can be made at St. James' Church, Rowledge Co-Op, Waitrose or at Anne Blackman, 12 Prospect Road or Mike Randall at Poplars, 7 The Avenue.

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.

**WEBSITE - <https://farnham.foodbank.org.uk>**

**EMAIL - [info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk)**

You can also contact St. James' Church Office to collect Foodbank vouchers.

The Church Office,  
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Rowledge,  
GU10 4EN.

PHONE - 01252 792402

EMAIL - [admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk)

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

If you have any queries, do contact:  
**Anne Blackman (01252 793344)**

**THANK YOU!**

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Foodbank urgently need:

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Ladies' and Men's deodorant

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At the moment they have plenty of:

Cereals, biscuits,

pasta, tinned vegetables,

butter beans, chick peas,

kidney beans, lentils

## 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.





## LOCKDOWN INTEREST

One of our interests during lockdown has been watching the birds in our garden in Jubilee Lane. We have bird feeders in the front and back gardens which we fill with sunflower mix, fat balls and nyger seed, scraps and water for drinking and bathing. Since 2016 we have taken part in the RSPB Guildford Group garden bird scheme, which requires records of bird sightings to be submitted each Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. This past winter has seen the most species since we started recording, with 34 different species being seen on at least one occasion. The list in the past few months during lockdown has been remarkable for birds that we don't often see and are rare visitors to our garden such as Tree Creeper, Lesser Redpoll, Siskins, Blackcaps, Stock Doves and Collared Doves. We also take part in The British Trust for Ornithology Garden Survey by submitting weekly counts of birds we have seen.

The regular species seen on most days are Blue, Great and Coal Tits, Robins, Dunnocks, Blackbirds and Wood Pigeons. Other birds seen at least once a week include Great Spotted Woodpecker, Long-tailed Tits, Jays, Crows and Magpies, while we would normally see at least once a month one or more Goldfinches, Song Thrushes, Nuthatch, Goldcrest and Bullfinches. Other species seen on only a few occasions are House Sparrows (only once or twice a year), Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Wrens and Starlings. Early in November every year, two to three Redwings arrive to feed firstly on the Holly berries and then the Laurel and are then not often seen again. However later this winter a flock of nine birds suddenly appeared and stayed for a couple of days. This winter we have spotted Buzzards, occasional Red Kites, Grey Heron and a single Mallard Flying overhead above the garden. Also Tawny Owls are heard calling nearby in the trees behind our garden and last week we found Tawny Owl feathers scattered on the back lawn, which presumably were from a kill by a Sparrowhawk.

The full species list for the past winter, December 2020 to March 2021 is:-

Blackbird, Blackcap, BlueTit, Bullfinch, Buzzard(O), Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron(O), House Sparrow, Jay, Lesser Redpoll, Long-tailed Tit, Magpie, Mallard(O), Nuthatch, Red Kite(O), Redwing, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Starling, Stock Dove, Tawny Owl(H), Tree Creeper, Woodpigeon, Wren. (O) overhead, (H) heard.

We would expect to see more House Sparrows in the garden as these are quite numerous in other gardens in Boundstone and Rowledge. Likewise we know that Bullfinches are more frequent in other nearby gardens, but their scarcity maybe a blessing as they have a penchant for eating buds on fruit trees. We are also surprised that sightings of Sparrowhawks are so uncommon. Overhead, hirundines (martins, swallows and swifts) are hardly ever spotted and geese are only occasionally seen flying past, Kestrels are also rarely seen hovering in the sky overhead. The total garden




list numbers 52.

The late Alan Mitchell , the great tree expert and keen ornithologist who at the time lived in Gorse Cottage in Jubilee Lane, told me that Nightingales could always be seen on the site before the land was cleared to build our property in 1972!!

I am sure that there are many enthusiastic birdwatchers in Rowledge and it would be interesting to learn of more records of birds seen in other gardens in the village.


Brian Greig



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## The Revd. Winnett

The Revd. Arthur Robert Winnett was 39 years old when he became vicar of St. James's. It was he, who in 1951 installed a new bell in memory of the Revd. Albert Dance. On it were inscribed the words:

*A J D Vicar: 1936-49:  
Good People All,  
Come When I Call.*

It is the bell that we still hear today.

Winnett was vicar throughout the fifties. In Rowledge, he won a reputation as one of the Anglican Church's leading intellectuals. A gifted linguist, he spoke and taught Hebrew, Latin and Greek. He is extensively referred to on the Internet. In short, he was the most eminent of the figures to have lived in what is now the Old Vicarage. In appearance, he looked rather like G.K. Chesterton's Father Brown and shared with him



gentleness and intuition, a combination of humanity, wisdom and erudition. Others thought he looked rather like Father Tuck.

He was a delightful personality, a gifted preacher and teacher as well as a sensitive pastor. Always generous in sharing his learning with others, he was for many years a tutor in the Extra-Mural Department of London University and up to the time of his death, he trained readers in the Winchester Diocese. A true pastor, he was a welcome visitor and genuinely interested in his parishioners and their families, their joys and problems.

He was born in Fulham on 11 September 1910. He wrote a poem about his origins:

*I was born in London and it is London that I love,  
With a passion that exalts her, other cities far above.  
The Strand, and Piccadilly, Hyde Park, the Albert Hall,  
And the harbour of press and commerce, Fleet Street to Wapping Wall.*

He was an only child. His mother, 43 years old when he was born, was a High Church Anglican conservative, his father a strong Protestant with political sympathies to the left. Attendance at church was taken for granted. A lonely childhood was mitigated by long walks on London streets, trips on trains, visits to museums and churches, and he remembered in his unpublished autobiography a "book tea" at which each guest came dressed to represent a different book. One lady had pictures of men from various bits of history sewn on her dress. She called herself 'Hims ancient and modern'.

Robert Winnett was both humorous and reflective. He wrote in his autobiography: *"We sang in church a hymn which ended with the words: 'con-substantial, coeternal,*



*whilst unending ages run'. It may have been a fascination with the unusual words, but they made a great impression on me and they suggested to my child's mind (I was ten at the time) the thought of God as one who was infinitely great and mysterious and at the same time one who was not unresponsive to my feeble efforts to know him."*

He was educated at a grammar school, then awarded a scholarship to the London School of Divinity, a theological college at the University of London, where he took degrees in both arts and theology. For theology, he read early church history, the New Testament in Greek, philosophy in Hebrew and sat the examination in Hebrew after only a two-year study. He obtained his B.A. in 1930 and, in his Bachelor of Divinity a year later he achieved First Class Honours. Robert Winnett once wrote: *"education in the wider sense is a lifelong process and there is no epitaph which I should more wish to deserve than this: 'he died learning.'"*

He was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Richard Parsons) in 1933 and, a year later, priested at Morden where he served his first curacy. Extension of the Underground was transforming Morden from an ancient, one-time rural, parish into a London suburb. He was plunged into visiting which he enjoyed because, he said, one never knew what reception one would receive when the door opened. He wrote: *"...occasionally a child would open the door and a voice from the kitchen would say 'Tell 'im not in today, thank you.' Once a man opened the door a few inches on my knock and said 'When you're dead, you're done for, then promptly slammed the door'".*

In the 1930s, unemployment was widespread and, moved by Walter Greenwood's novel, *Love on the Dole*, Winnett preached a sermon inspired by the book:

*"This led to complaints that I had brought politics into the pulpit. My sermon was answered by the rector on the following Sunday."*

At this time Robert's stipend was £181 p.a. and he took his holidays on a bicycle. From Morden he joined the staff of St. John's College, Durham, to teach Greek, Latin and Hebrew. He was college librarian and part-time chaplain to St. Hilda's, the women's college. In 1938, he returned south as assistant curate of Caterham Parish Church and, in the following year, entered the Diocese of Guildford as curate in charge of Send.

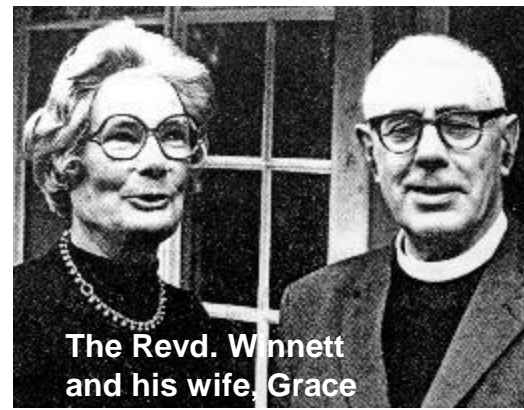
From 1942 to 1950 he was vicar of Cuddington, near Epsom. In 1947, he was appointed examining chaplain to the Bishop of Guildford (Dr. J.V. Macmillan), an office he retained under Dr. MacMillan's successor, the wise and witty Dr. Montgomery Campbell. In May 1953, the University of London awarded him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for his thesis on *The Indissolubility of Marriage in Anglican Teaching and Practice*. He was eventually made a canon emeritus of Guildford Cathedral and served the Archbishop of Canterbury in various theological posts.

Winnett was seen by this stage as something of a 'high-flyer'. In a letter from Dr. Nye, a diocesan official, Winnett is described as *"a scholarly type"* leaving a parish *"where he has done wonders"*. *"We look to him to buck up Rowledge a bit too, as he probably will..."* he added, suggesting that Winnett's predecessor, the Revd. Dance, had left the parish on the slide as infirmity overcame him.



Winnett's first six months at Cuddington had been unhappy. A bachelor, he took on a housekeeper, obtained through the Church Times, who came with very good clerical references.

*"... I was brought to the verge of a breakdown. Let it suffice to say that the ingredients in the situation were two difficult churchwardens, a disloyal curate inherited from my predecessor and the housekeeper who (notwithstanding clerical references) turned out to be a nymphomaniac."*



The Revd. Winnett and his wife, Grace

He was saved by meeting a young widow called Grace whom he promptly married. She was the light of his life. A larger-than-life Irish woman, taller than her husband, she is remembered with affection in the village to this day. She was always making cups of tea and was quite happy to invite those suffering temporary indigence to hold up in the vicarage for a while. They had two daughters, Geraldine and Bridget, and became, in time, grandparents to Alison, Catherine, Judith and Sarah. Winnett learned to drive at the age of 57, although he wrote *"I do not like driving ... I was too aware of my limitations to venture nearer to London than Esher"*. Since apparently 95 percent of drivers believe they are better than average, the Revd. Winnett scores highly here for realism.

Winnett moved from Cuddington to Rowledge. He was instituted on 16 March 1950 by the Bishop of Guildford (Dr. Montgomery Campbell) and the induction was by the Ven. G.B. Ritchie, Archdeacon of Surrey and patron of the living. Winnett described Rowledge as:

*"... a perfect village. Its population was such as to make all the usual village activities possible – Women's Institute, dramatic society, sports clubs etc., but not so large that everyone could not know everybody else, leading to the formation of cliques ... it was, in a word, a family, a community and newcomers at once felt themselves to be part of its life."*

At the time he moved in, he described the vicarage as *"a solid stone house with two lawns, orchard and vegetable garden."*

Winnett soon became engaged in the wider fields of diocesan life, especially education. He was involved with the Moor Park College of adult education, joined the West Surrey Clerical Association and, with Dr. Clifford Chapman, organised post-ordination training for younger clergy in practical and academic subjects. In 1956, he gave a course of 24 lectures on comparative religion under the auspices of the University of London at the Farnham W.E.A. Grace Winnett said their years at Rowledge were the happiest of their lives and Winnett did not demur.

Winnett wrote a pamphlet, *Jonathan Swift, Churchman*, for Moor Park College in 1968 and, in 1975, one about All Saint's Church, Ockham. He was something of an expert on William of Ockham, the famous philosopher and son of the eponymous village in which



he held his last appointment as priest (1970-1975). He even wrote a hymn about the philosopher on the occasion of the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth set to Beethoven's famous *Ode to Joy* theme:

*"In the time of first King Edward  
One was born who bore the name  
Ockham's William, from his birthplace,  
Source of Ockham's lasting fame.  
When his youth gave place to manhood  
Oxford claimed him for her own;  
Scholar in the robe of Francis  
Vowed his mind to truth alone....  
Fearlessly he plied his Razor*

*On all specious, devious thought....  
.... He stood unshaken  
For the freedom of the mind;  
Man's authority might threaten,  
Only that of God could bind....  
Dying in Bavarian Munich  
He belongs to Ockham still...  
Though un-canonised, we claim him,  
William, saint of Ockham's*

On his days off, he would travel into London and study in the British Library Reading Room. One of his finest works was published in 1974 on the life of Peter Browne, the eighteenth-century Irish philosopher and Berkeley's philosophical sparring partner. For this work, *Peter Browne: Provost, Bishop and Metaphysician*, Winnett was awarded a Doctorate of Divinity. He was, by this time, 66 years of age and a significant Anglican scholar of wide interests. His wife came from Dublin and Winnett came to regard Ireland as a second home, mightily enjoying his visits there researching his various books (he later wrote a paper for the erudite Waterford Society on the Bishops of Waterford in the eighteenth century). He also produced for the Diocese of Guildford an excellent account of the first 50 years of its history, *Attempt Great Things*, published by the Diocese. After a holiday in Lynmouth in 1956, he was moved to poetry in iambic pentameters:

### ***Watersmeet***

*By tortuous track we climbed; by turns ascending  
And descending, while in our ears, the torrent  
Now loud now muffled by the intervening trees  
Sounded like a symphony. Roar and murmur,  
As of an organ in nature's vast cathedral  
Filled all the valley and the arching vaults of green.  
At length we gained the place where Lyn and Farley Water  
Unite their rushing streams and onward leap o'er rock  
And boulder, bearing the upland rains and confluent brooks,  
Through Lynmouth's walled and house-girt canyon to the sea.  
Here at the waters' meeting there is felt a Presence,  
Spirit of hill and crag, of waterfall and woodland,  
The Pan of Grecian myth, The Latin praesens numen:  
Yea, rather say that God is in this place, who made  
All things to manifest his glory, which no mortal eye  
Can see, save in the mirror of creation's sacrament.*



After retirement, he continued serving on the governing body of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge and became chairman of the Johnson Society of London, which exists to honour the memory of Dr. Samuel Johnson. He belonged to the Hymn Society of Great Britain. His published works included his two critical books on divorce and remarriage and a *History of St. Dionis*. He also wrote three slim volumes of poetry. Two of his poems are included in the book, *A Hundred Contemporary Christian Poems*. He continued with letters to *The Times* on many diverse subjects such as the quality of sermons, clerical collars, Mike Yarwood, Harold Wilson, Doctor Johnson's 'negro servant' and the Falklands thanksgiving service.

Most relevant to Rowledge was his first book, *Divorce and Remarriage in Anglicanism*, published in 1958 by Macmillan & Co Ltd and dedicated 'to my wife'. The preface is dated 'Rowledge vicarage, December 1957'. The book is a well-written and scholarly discussion and places the topic in a wide Christian context. He concludes with a clear argument against remarriage in church. His scholarly style is illustrated by his conclusion concerning the admission of the divorced to the sacraments.

*"Whatever be the origin of the maxim fieri non debuit sed factum valet, [roughly translated, meaning "it should not have been done but, having been done, is valid"] there are cases in which it may rightly be held to have force."*

Winnett's time in the Parish - he lived here until 1959 - may have mellowed him because, by the 1960s, when he was minister in Grayshott, he had modified his position on remarriage in church somewhat, adopting a more liberal line in his second book, *Church and Divorce: A Factual Survey*. He was now in favour of remarriage in church. Winnett's change of view also reflected the influence of John Robinson's *Honest to God*, published in 1963. Robinson, who achieved notoriety by defending *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, was a populist proponent of 'secular theology', the belief that revelation can be achieved through the mediation of culture at large and not just through the church. He was highly influential.

So much for the scholarly achievements of this quite remarkable man.

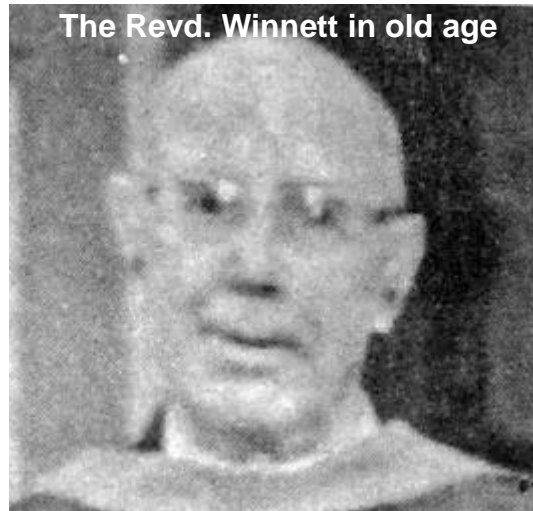
Winnett opened up the vicarage. He allowed villagers to use the garden, then much larger than it is today. With a young family, he invited other children to play in the vicarage garden. Each year, the traditional rummage sales and garden fetes were also held there. Perhaps he was best known for 'the parish communion breakfast' which he instituted as soon as he arrived. He would invite people back to the vicarage after communion for bacon and eggs and the practice became a popular institution.

The Revd. Winnett was quite poor – the stipend was by now meagre. So, in 1955, he let a self-contained two-room flat within the vicarage for £50 p.a. I have met a lady who remembers visiting the flat. It was draped with nappies which wouldn't dry because the place was so cold. It did not appeal to her! The diocese was displeased and a debate followed about whether his stipend should be docked by this income. Winnett clearly felt not and the argument rumbled on. A year later, he advised selling the vicarage for development. It was too big and badly maintained. Later, he changed



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The Revd. Winnett in old age



his mind on a technicality. He discovered that the Crown had a right of reversion should the property no longer be a vicarage, so it was futile to sell it. Instead, he simply went on complaining; in 1956 that the downstairs study was so cold and damp that his envelopes kept gumming up.

In April 1958, Winnett accepted, then rejected, a move out of Rowledge to Tevesham, near Cambridge; the university authorities thought an ecclesiastical benefice incompatible with doing research. However, when in November 1958, he was offered Grayshott, where a good friend and mentor had just died and expressed the hope Winnett would succeed him, he accepted. He was instituted there on 30 January 1959. On his departure, his great friend Dr. Frank Caldecott said:

*"The combination of church and home, and the people in that home, brought to the village a wonderful feeling of fellowship and love. The introduction of the parish communion service with the breakfast afterwards – sometimes on the vicarage lawn – brought to parishioners a spirit of fellowship and unity."*

Winnett was all a rector should be: short, rotund, slightly balding with outstretched hands and a huge smile. Cycling on his bike around the village, visiting parishioners, he was a common sight. At his funeral a friend said of him:

*"He was a holy man. When he held your hands to say goodbye at the end of a service he would give you such a smile and ask you how you were and you knew he meant it."*

He was priest, preacher and teacher. Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon remembered him and his wife:

*"They were an outgoing couple, they opened up their vicarage and garden and they had a young family – a total change for the village after several elderly vicars. People took them to their hearts."*

The late Mary Parratt remembered Winnett with warmth and gratitude. He it was who counselled her to go to college and qualify. Perhaps the decades of support she subsequently dedicated to the parish testifies to the enduring contribution made by him. Winnett's short, unpublished autobiography is called *Mosaic of a Life* and subtitled *An Obscure Cleric Looks Back*. Its preface, written in September 1982, concludes:

*"My life has found no place in any public books of reference save in that register of the Anglican clergy known as Crockford's Clerical Directory. Nevertheless, I trust it may have a place in that most precious of all records, which is the affectionate remembrance of one's friends."*

One trusts that Winnett would be pleased to hear how much that hope has been manifest. He eventually died in 1989, looking older than his years.



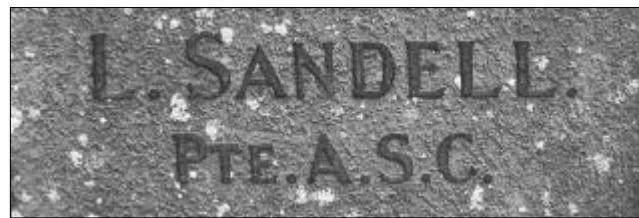
## Men on The Rowledge War Memorial

by Neil Pittaway

Although I hope to continue this series with several names not yet placed on our Memorial, this entry for Louis Sandell from Bucks Horn Oak is the last of the names in this series who are actually shown on the Memorial. At the age of thirty, Louis enlisted at the outbreak of WW1 and fought for nearly four years in many horrendous campaigns, sadly falling just five months short of Armistice day.

This series began over three years ago with Prospect Road's William Collyer. I finish here by repeating a part of William's tragic story as it is the only time in all the names that I have given you that we see in written form the feelings between a son and his parents as he leaves for the front. His letter is for me and maybe for you, one of the most poignant records in all the 53 names I have brought to you.

**Louis Sandell. 1884-1918.**  
**Driver. 46<sup>th</sup> Reserve Park,**  
**Royal Army Service Corps. TS/67**  
**Private. 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Worcester**  
**Regiment. 42108.**



Louis Sandell was born at Blacknest, Hampshire in 1884 to Harry and Annie (née Taylor) Sandell.



Louis's father, Harry, a master butcher and general dealer, was born at Westbourne near Chichester in Sussex in 1846. His mother Annie Taylor was born at Woodhay, Hampshire in 1844. Harry Sandell and Annie Taylor were married on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1868 at Broadwater near Horsham, Sussex.

The Sandell family children's births, shown on the 1891 census for Blacknest, give a resume of their moves since Louis's parent's marriage.

Blacknest	1	4	Harry Sandell	Head	M.	45	General Dealer	X	Worcester; Westbourne
			Annie Do	Wife	M.	40			Hants; East Woodhay
			Larrah Do	Serv.	F.	18			Worcester; Westbourne
			Harry Alfred Do	Son	F.	15			Do. Funtington
			Carrie Do	Serv.	F.	14			Do. Do.
			Robert Do	Serv.	M.	11	Schooler		Hants; Portsmouth
			Louis Do	Son	M.	7	Do.		Do. Binsted
			Caroline Do	Serv.	F.	3			Do. Do.

**Louis with  
his family at  
Blacknest in  
1891.**

The birth places of Louis's three older sisters and his brother show moves from Westbourne to Funtington, both near Chichester, then along the coast to Portsmouth and finally north east to Binsted (Blacknest).

By the time of the 1891 census, Louis's father was a 'general dealer' and then, by 1901 and still a dealer, he had moved with his wife, sons Harry and Louis and youngest daughter Caroline to Bucks Horn Oak, close to the Half Way House. Caroline was seemingly staying with friends at Batts Corner on the night of the census. Louis was by this time seventeen and an agricultural labourer.



Harry Sandell	Head	m	54	1871	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne
Annie	Wife	m	56	1871	non	own account	Survey	East-Wharfeday
Harry Alfred	Son	d	25	1896	non	own account	Survey	West-Wharfeday
Louis	Son	d	17	1908	non	own account	Survey	West-Wharfeday

Louis at Bucks Horn Oak 1901

Harry, Louis's father, died in 1908 aged 62 and was buried at St. James, Rowledge.

Harry Sandell	Frith End, Kingolez	November 18 <sup>th</sup> 1908	62	A. W. Parker, Vicar.
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Burial of Louis's father at. St. James, November 18<sup>th</sup> 1908.

After his father died, Louis and his widowed mother Annie were living with his married sister, Annie Lee in Bucks Horn Oak where Louis worked as a general labourer.

Arthur Lee	Head	34	Married	13	4	4	1871	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne
Annie Lee	Wife	34	Married	13	4	4	1871	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne
Charles Henry Lee	Son	11	Single	390	—	—	1882	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne
Annie Lee	Daughter	10	Single	390	—	—	1882	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne
William Edward Lee	Son	8	Single	—	—	—	1884	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne
Arthur William Lee	Son	6	Single	—	—	—	1886	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne
Annie Sandell	Daughter	66	Widow	—	—	—	1871	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne
Louis Sandell	Daughter	27	Single	—	—	—	1908	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne
Louis Sandell	Daughter	27	Single	—	—	—	1908	non	own account	Survey	Westbourne

Louis and his mother Annie living with his married sister at Bucks Horn Oak 1911.

The military records for Louis Sandell were seemingly lost in the 1940 fire but his medal record is useful as it shows him initially as a driver in the Army Service Corps before joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Worcester Regiment.

42108	Pte	SANDELL Louis	46th Res. Park, R.A.S.C.
			67 Dvr
			4th Worcs. Rgt
			42108

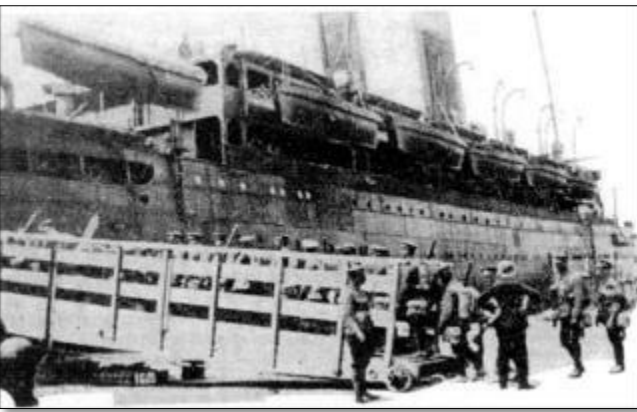
Medal record for Louis Sandell showing his two units

Louis Sandell's 1914 Star Medal Card.

As there are no service records available, it is not clear when Louis enlisted at Aldershot but his medal card gives a qualifying date of August 9<sup>th</sup> 1914 for the 1914 Star which means he was in service (presumably as a driver) in France from that date. He likely enlisted immediately war broke out and went straight into service.

Campaign: —				1914		(A) - Where decoration was earned.	
						(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Medal	Roll	Page	
(A) SANDELL	P.S.C.	DVR	64	VICTORY	102025	5371	
(B) Louis	Worcs. R.		42108	STAR	A. 1001	15	
Action taken				Trans - Killed			
QUALIFYING DATE.				9. 8. 14			





**4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Worcester Regiment leaving Suez for Marseilles, March 1916.**

The other date that is not known is when Louis transferred to service with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Worcester Regiment. He may well have been with the battalion during its service in the Gallipoli campaign of 1915 where the regimental losses were catastrophic.

It is possible that he was transferred following this campaign and went with the battalion briefly to Egypt at the start of 1916. From there they left for France (Marseilles) in March 1916.

During 1916, the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion fought at the Battle of Albert and the Battle of Transloy Ridge during the Somme Campaign. In 1917 they fought in the three Battles of the Scarpe in North-east France as well as the Battles of Langemark, Broodseinde and Cambrais. During 1918 the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion was involved in many battles against the renewed German Offensive back towards the Somme and in mid-June they were fighting at Vieux Berquin close to the Belgian border, south-west of Ypres. Throughout June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 1918 the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion faced very heavy German artillery. They prepared a large offensive gas attack to counter this bombardment but at one point on the day that Louis fell, a German shell struck the battalion's gas cylinders causing many casualties.



Louis Sandell, seen here, died on June 15<sup>th</sup> 1918 as a result of this bombardment. He was thirty four and had served for nearly four years. He was finally laid to rest in the Cinq Rues British Cemetery at Hazebrouck where his grave is marked with a memorial headstone.



**The Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Hazebrouck, between Arras and Dunkirk.**

**The memorial headstone for Louis Sandell at the Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Hazebrouck.**



The family added inscription reads:  
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The post war record for Louis's effects show they were sent to his mother, Ann, so it is almost certain that Louis was unmarried.

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## Effects record for Louis Sandell



Louis's mother, Annie Sandell, née Taylor (shown here), died in the Spring of 1922 aged seventy eight. Her death was recorded at Petersfield , Hampshire.

Louis's brother, Harry Alfred Sandell died at the age of 36 in Fareham in 1912 having married Mary Evelyn Feast a year earlier. Their only child, May, died before her first birthday.

**William James Collyer. 1894-1916.**  
**Private. 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 25<sup>th</sup>. Battalion,**  
**Australian Imperial Force. 4146.**



William James Collyer was born in Thursley in 1894 and baptised there on May 21<sup>st</sup> 1894.

His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (née Pink) Collyer. Father Joseph, who was a carpenter, was born in Elstead in 1867 and mother Elizabeth Pink was born in Churt in 1871. They were married in Thursley in 1893.

William was their first child and he had seven brothers and three sisters. Sadly, three of his siblings died young.

The 1901 census showed the family living in Headley but by 1911 they had moved to Frensham Vale.

William James Collyer left for a new life in Australia between the 1911 census and 1915 when he enlisted in Australia. This is the period when his parents moved from Frensham Vale to Vince Villas in Prospect Road.

According to Australian Military records, William was living north of Brisbane and his enlistment was close by at Townsville where he had become a plumber.

At his enlistment, the military wrongly named William James Collyer as James William Collyer and this is how he was known for his short service. *(See letter to parents)*

William even signed himself as James at his enlistment on December 20<sup>th</sup> 1915 in Townsville, Queensland to the 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Australian Imperial Force. (AIF).

Having enlisted, William decided to write to his parents (shown here). His poignant letter was transcribed to be kept on file as his will:





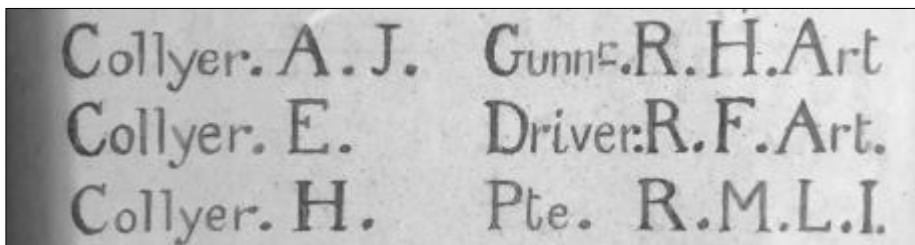
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*To my dearest Mother and Father*

*Just a few lines hoping to find you all in the best of health as it leaves me A1. Well Mum you will wonder why I have put J in front of W. Well, they made a mistake when I signed on so I have to go with that. So don't worry mother dear, I hope to see you all before long if we have luck. I have joined just to have a lick at the Germans. All my brothers are there so I might as well be there too. I will send a photo as soon as possible in my uniform. I am in a famous regiment so I hope to get on well. There is a troop ship going in February so I hope to be on it. Don't worry mother dear, I have made 4 shillings a day over to you after I leave for foreign service so I hope you will make the best of it. So don't worry over me mother, I have the same chance as the rest. I might be one of the lucky ones. I shall come to England if I get wounded as we have more privilege than the soldiers in the old country. We can do nearly as we like. But cheer up mother and still think of your Western boy who is in service for King and Country and my mother and sisters. Now remember me to all at home and tell them I have given up a good trade to fight for them. Now, good bye Mother and God bless you and Dad with health and happiness.*

*Now I remain yours with affections and a son's love, from Will xxxxxxxxx.*

As William says in this letter, his brothers, Albert, Harry and Edwin had indeed joined up. All three survived WW1 and their names are on the St. James porch Memorial to 'Those Who Served'.



William did have his photograph taken for his mother wearing his Australian Imperial Force uniform:



From this point on, William's short military record can only be described as tragic and his last few weeks would be mirrored in the records of so many who sailed with him. He eventually left Brisbane on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 1916 on the H.M.A.T. 'Commonwealth', via Suez, where William was hospitalised with mumps and appears to have sailed onwards to France just three weeks later.



The H.M.A.T. 'Commonwealth' is here seen leaving Brisbane with William in 1916. Relatives and friends are seen waving to the men, many of whom never returned. William would of course have had no such relatives to see him go.



Having left hospital in Suez, William left Alexandria on June 5<sup>th</sup> 1916 and sailed to Marseilles. He eventually joined his battalion on the Somme on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1916, two weeks after the Battle of the Somme commenced. His 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Australian Imperial Force took part in their first major battle at Pozieres starting on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2016. By the end of the battle on the 7<sup>th</sup> August, the battalion had suffered 785 casualties.

William James Collyer, age 22, was reported missing on July 29<sup>th</sup> 1916, four days into their part in the Battle of the Somme. Like so many of his comrades he was never recovered. He had re-joined his battalion just thirteen days earlier. The luck he hoped for was not to see him through. He is remembered at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial where, to this day, the Australian flag flies in memory of the soldiers of the Australian Imperial Force who fell nearby.



William had travelled well over 28,000 miles from his England departure to Australia, learned a new trade and then back to the Somme in France with a pause in Egypt to recover from Mumps. He fell just 170 miles from Rowledge. How many others had done similar journeys and likewise fallen? How many such letters were written home to Mum?

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*This brings to an end my series of short histories of the names shown on our Memorial and I very much hope it has brought a tangible connection with each of the named fallen.*

*This was the wish of the late Col. Robin Crawford. O.B.E. when he simply asked if someone could at least put a Christian name to each of the men.*

*I trust I have done a little more than that and given you a short history of each name in order to help us to remember them and their families.*

*I would like to thank Tony Carpenter who, month after month, has managed to make sense of my work and present it to you in a readable form. No mean task and **Thank You Tony.***

*I hope now, Tony willing, to bring you a few names who, at least in my mind, should also have their names remembered on our Memorial.*



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# Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar

Time	Group	Age	Venue
<b>Children's Events</b>			
<b>Mon-Fri</b>			
09.00-15.30	Rowledge Playgroup	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
<b>Friday</b>			
16.00-18.30	Ballet	13-adult	Village H



## Adults' Events

<b>Monday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers	St James Church	
14.00-16.00	Steady Steps	Village Hall	
19.30-21.00	Bruce Yoga	Village Hall	
19.30-21.30	Pilates	Village Hall	
<b>Tuesday</b>			
09.30-11.30	Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall	
09.30-10.30	Zumba Gold (term time only)	Village Club	
10.40-11.40	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	Fransham Heights School	
19.45- 22.00	Womens Institute (3 <sup>rd</sup> T	The Rowledge Club	
20.00-22.30	After 8 ladies group (1 <sup>st</sup> day)	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 Singers (2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)	Methodist Hall	
15.00-16.00	Healing (1st Wed)	Methodist Church	
19.00-22.15	Bridal Singers	Village Club	
19.00-20.00	Pilates	St James Church	
19.45-22.30	Rowledge Club	Village Hall	
<b>Thursday</b>			
09.00-16.00	Teachers	Methodist Hall	
10.00-12.00	Art Club	Village Hall	
12.30-1.30	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)	Methodist Hall	
14.30-15.30	Steady Steps	Village Hall	
18.00-19.00	Boot Camp	Village Hall	
18.00-19.00	Gardening Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	Village Hall	
18.00-19.15	Bootcamp	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	
16.00-18.30	Ballet	Village Hall	
19.00-20.00	Choir practice	St James' Church	
<b>Sunday</b>			
19.45-20.45	Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall	



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



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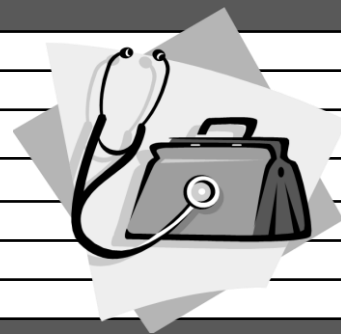
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## Boundstone In The 1960's (Part I) by Moira Davies

I first came to live in Boundstone in early September 1963, just after the 'Big Freeze' as the winter of 1962/1963 was called, when the whole country endured three months of a complete freeze-up. Even the sea froze and hundreds of birds just dropped dead out of the trees.

My arrival in Boundstone, (as the district was renamed, having previously been called Upper Bourne), in 1963 enabled me to come in at the end of an era. The following article, will document the life I found here, which has stayed in my memory to this day some fifty seven years later and which I would like to put into print, in order to preserve those memories for coming generations, as it was a time which will, regretfully, never come again.

My parents moved to 'Cambria' 3 Bower Road, Boundstone one year earlier in October 1962 from Chessington where my sister and myself were born and bred. When my parents moved out to Farnham, I went into lodgings for one year, travelling from there to Boundstone every other weekend, to visit them. The Big Freeze rendered the Hogs Back almost impassable (one carriageway only in those days), with the ice and snow having been cleared by the snow ploughs to either side of the road, up to tree height, making it look like a toboggan run. As I was riding my Lambretta scooter, it became necessary to keep my feet out on either side of the machine, in order to keep my balance. The road itself was like an ice rink and it is a wonder that I survived, but I did, albeit having completely numb hands and fingers at the end of my journey.

After settling in at 'Cambria' Bower Road (in September 1963), as it was then called, (the number '3' being given to the property by the Post Office due to the fact that more properties were rapidly being built and numbering became a necessity in order to identify them easily) I then set about trying to find a job. To do this, I purchased a Farnham Herald and looked up the 'Situations Vacant' column. To say this was difficult is putting it mildly, as the 'column' was about six inches long and the advertised jobs numbering about six and most of those were positions like cleaning and other service occupations. I cannot recall seeing any office jobs at all, although being such a long time ago, my memory of that time is more than a little rusty.

However, I finally managed to obtain employment in Guildford, where I stayed for a long while afterwards. At the point of obtaining this employment, I was about to apply to do some hop picking at Tices Farm in Runfold, although I did not really know what this entailed. I was saved getting dirty brown fingers by gaining the job in Guildford. It would have come as quite a shock I think since being told by my new friends in the Boundstone Post Office or Harmes Stores as it was properly known, that the work was hard and not for a young thing like myself, used to only office work. Still, I suppose it would have been a hard-learned experience, although I do not think that I would have lasted very long.

When I wrote earlier that I arrived here at the end of an era, it was to find that hops



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were still being grown and picked by hand in the area and that Tices Farm was one of the last hop gardens to do so.

I have recently found out that the hop pickers were called 'tellers' and they had to fill baskets with seven bushels of hops and the picking time was September. I also learned that cattle were still being driven to and sold at the cattle market, where the South Street Sainsburys car park now stands, but by the following year, as far as I am aware, this had ceased and passed into history, which is a shame.

As this article is about Boundstone, in the next chapter I will endeavour to paint a picture of this little sub-district of Farnham through my eyes, as it looked to me at the time.



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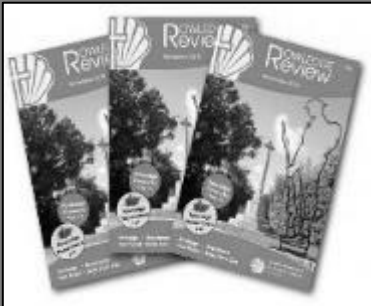
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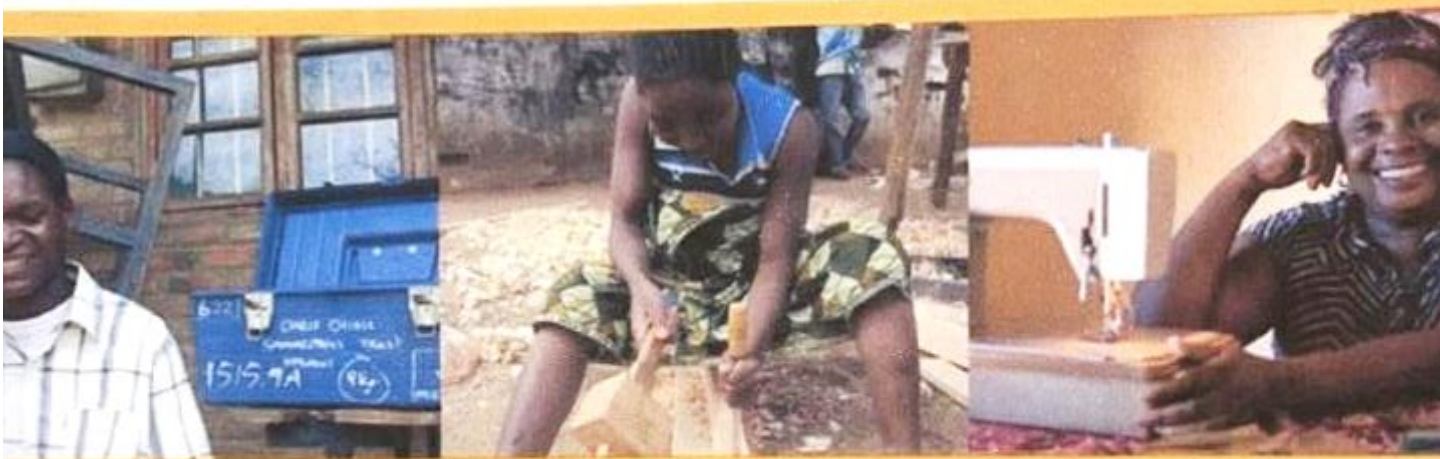
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## Where we've come from

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The mission and ministry of the church continues to be focused around being a community where people and relationships are transformed by the love of God.

## The impact of Covid-19

The church has been significantly impacted by Covid-19. Many are not aware that all income at St. James' comes from local people like you. It comes through regular contributions via our Parish Giving Scheme or through collections taken during services. Of course this second stream of income has completely dried up.





Despite the reduction in regular income, many of our commitments to ministry in the village and beyond, remain. These include:

- Provision of support for children and young people (particularly in the area of mental health and wellbeing) through the employment of a Youth and Children's Minister.
- Investing in the improvement of the church building and churchyard as resources for the whole community.
- Ongoing pastoral care for those in our village who are vulnerable and most in need.

St. James' Church receives no external funding whatsoever. So we are asking:

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The usual array of internal competitions is under way and a programme of League and Friendly matches against other clubs is scheduled though without the usual teas and refreshments being provided.

The club has entered a team in each of the Farnham League (Started 5<sup>th</sup> May played on Wednesday evenings) and Three Counties Bowls Fellowship League (Starts 22<sup>nd</sup> June played on Tuesday evenings).

In the first Farnham League match versus Mytchett on 5<sup>th</sup> May, Rowledge lost narrowly in a close fought match.

The first Three Counties match will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Full details of matches are on the notice board at the gate to the bowling green in School Road together with the contact details of a club official should anyone wish to know more about the club.

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# JOSEPH CAPPER – PREACHER AND REFORMER

By Brian Capper

When our Vicar invited PCC members to write an article for the Rowledge Review suggesting 'My Family' as a possible topic I thought of my great great grandfather Joseph Capper (1788-1860) a Primitive Methodist preacher and Chartist. His story has implications for the interpretation and spreading of the Christian Gospel and understanding political and social changes in the Victorian era. With the benefit of almost two centuries of hindsight it is possible to see amusing aspects of it although undoubtably the issues were grave and the consequences serious at the time. His experiences were not dissimilar to those of William Cobbett (1763-1835), the radical politician and journalist of Farnham, who was imprisoned in Newgate jail for two years in 1810 for treasonous or seditious libel.

Joseph Capper was born and raised in Nantwich Cheshire but by 1807 he had moved to the Stoke-on-Trent region of Staffordshire where he became involved in a Primitive Methodist revival featuring outdoor preaching at Mow Cop. This is a hilltop folly now in the ownership of the National Trust. Capper is a Huguenot name appearing, for instance, in lists of naturalised Protestant immigrants to Ireland during the reign of William and Mary. Consequently it is not surprising that young Joseph was attracted to and comfortable with the more evangelical of Protestant traditions.

Despite limited education Joseph acquired a comprehensive knowledge of the Bible. He travelled widely throughout rural areas on Sundays bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to ordinary people with a fervour which eluded the Anglican clergy whom he enjoined to "preach for nothing like he did". His sermons could last for three hours or more and he became known as the 'screeching preacher of Mow Cop' by virtue of his enthusiastic delivery. He was a blacksmith by trade, at which he excelled, known both for his industry and the quality of his workmanship. His workshop was in a prominent position in the town of Tunstall. He would think nothing of giving an impromptu sermon in the Market Square before returning to his labours.

In 1841 a Parliamentary Commission to investigate working conditions in the 'mines and manufactories' in Staffordshire was set up. In the mines women and children were used to pull wagons of coal. There was the constant danger of explosions caused by methane gas, roof collapses and flooding. Employers in the potteries could see nothing wrong in children aged less than 10 years working 72 hours a week. The work had deleterious effects on child health through the carrying of heavy loads of clay, extreme oven temperatures and poisonous lead and arsenic contained in glazes. The only education these children had was at Sunday School. The population suffered air pollution from factory chimneys, poor housing conditions and inadequate sanitation. About 90% of potters died below the age of 45.

The Tunstall Building Society started in 1816 with the aim of improving housing. Joseph was an early member becoming the owner of two houses giving him an expectation of acquiring the vote. He took part in the Reform Act agitation of 1831-32 using his skills



as a preacher to support radical candidates. Appalled by the poverty and human misery he saw around him he attacked the exploitation of workers by mine and factory owners. It is said that his tongue was like the sledgehammer he used in his workshop. The Reform Act of 1832 did enlarge the voting franchise but did little for the working classes leading to the formation of the Chartist Movement.

Chartism had six aims, votes for men over 21 years of age, secret ballots, no property qualification, payment of members of Parliament widening participation, broadly equal populations in constituencies and annual elections to Parliament. The 'Peoples' Charter', as it was called, contained little which would not be taken for granted nowadays apart from gender equality and annual elections. However, Chartism was linked to labour and wage reform and Christian Chartists believed that Christianity was, above all, practical and something which should impact upon all aspects of life. They quoted Matthew 19:23 "A rich man will find it hard to enter the kingdom of heaven" and James 5:1-6 which details the miserable fate awaiting oppressors who have great possessions.

Chartists were divided into the 'physical force' faction and a more moderate, peaceful 'moral force' protest movement to which my ancestor belonged. However, in 1842 a general strike started amongst miners in Staffordshire which spread throughout Britain eventually involving about half a million workers. The Pottery Riots of 1842 were triggered by a reduction in wages enforced by a mine owner in early June. On 24th June Joseph addressed a Chartist meeting in the Market Square Tunstall. He urged adoption of the 'People's Charter' but also said that soldiers would be sent to suppress the protests and the workers should arm themselves. However, it was not certain whether he meant spiritual or physical armament. His Biblical text was 1 Kings 12:16 "To your tents, O Israel" which could be interpreted as a call to prepare for war or rebellion. On 15th August he addressed another meeting at Crown Bank Hanley when he urged the people to resolutely but peacefully seek their rights before returning to his workshop. Unfortunately the situation spun out of control. Groups of men and boys, chiefly miners, toured the Stoke-on-Trent area enforcing closure of other mines, iron works and pottery factories. Police stations and court buildings were attacked. The houses of the aristocracy and magistrates were damaged. Those of Anglican clergy were burnt down but not before their wine cellars had been emptied. In Burslem troops opened fire on protesters killing one young man and wounding several other people. On 17th August Queen Victoria wrote to her Prime Minister Sir Robert Peel demanding that order be restored and the instigators of the disturbances be severely dealt with. Chartists and rioters were rounded up and brought before the courts. Much of the evidence against them was from paid perjurers and some of it was merely hearsay. Joseph was arrested on Sunday 21st August and charged with seditious speaking. He was alleged to have said "those who cannot afford to get guns must get pikes and those who cannot afford to get either must get torches" although this was denied. Out of over 600 arrested 54 were transported to Australia and 146 given prison sentences ranging from 10 days to two years. Joseph was sentenced to two years imprisonment



for sedition.

Sedition, abolished in 2010, was a common law offence so it was pretty much what judges wanted to make it. It involved raising discontent or disaffection amongst the people or promoting feelings of ill-will or hostility between classes of Her Majesty's subjects. Campaigning for changes in the law by peaceful means was not sedition so essentially it was a question of the language used and the tone of delivery. Joseph's excitable delivery must have been a factor against him. In all probability, the authorities were simply tired of his preaching and campaigning and wanted to silence him. In this they failed as he continued to preach in Stafford Prison where he now had a captive audience. No doubt he had time during his incarceration to remember Saint Paul who said he was "shut up like a common criminal but the word of God is not shut up" (2 Timothy 2:9).

Upon his release Joseph was met by a group of supporters and progressed home triumphantly applauded by large crowds who believed in his innocence and the injustice of his sentence. He became a respected figure in the neighbourhood, consulted on all the infrastructural and social improvements characteristic of the mid-Victorian period. He was appointed to the local Board of Health. However, ecumenism was not his strongest point and his views would be regarded by most as unacceptable nowadays. In 1850 the Pope issued a Bull restoring a Catholic hierarchy in England. Anglican and Wesleyan Methodist clergy as well as Primitive Methodists joined in opposition. At one meeting 'Old Capper' rose to thunderous applause. Taking in one hand a copy of the Bull and in the other a candle from the table he set light to the paper and, to the cheers of the people, held it until the last shred of it fell in a feeble flicker from between his thumb and finger.

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## Rowledge High Street – Perry Mitchell

'Death of the High Street' is now a common mantra signifying the move to out-of-town supermarkets and on-line shopping, with associated loss of traditional stores. In terms of The High Street in Rowledge it was a rather short life! We came to Rowledge in the 1980s and it was already hanging on by its fingertips. There was just a hairdresser and a bespoke dressmaker in a small hut at the bottom of the road. By the millennium they were both gone and we are left now with a purely residential street. The name 'High Street' did not arise till about 1930, probably as a result of an Act of Parliament that demanded of Councils that they designated street names and numbers to every urban house. Surrey seems to have decided to do this to everywhere in the County, whereas (for instance) in the Hampshire part of Rowledge we still don't have house numbers. Before 'The High Street', it was called 'Pontypool Road', at least by some. In those days there were few 'official' names for roads, at least in such rural locations. Roads were often colloquially named by either where they went to or after a prominent house or person on the road. There was a dwelling called Pontypool House, now 13, High Street. I thought it would be interesting to chart the history of shops and commercial premises on The High Street. Since the exact time of it first having that name or Pontypool Road is doubtful, I will arbitrarily chart this from the Great War, say 1914. Fortunately we have access to Kelly's Directory of Surrey, 1913 and 1927 and here is the 1913 entry for Rowledge:

**ROWLEDGE** is an ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1871 from the civil parishes of Farnham and Frensham in Surrey, and Binsted in Hants, 3 miles south from Farnham station on the Guildford and Winchester section of the London and South Western railway, in the South Western division of the county, Farnham hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Farnham, archdeaconry of Surrey and diocese of Winchester. The church of St. James, situated in Hants, is an edifice in the Early English style, erected in 1871 at a cost of £1,530, and has a turret with spire containing one bell: there are 211 sittings. The register dates from the year 1871. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £303, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Winchester, and held since 1871 by the Rev. Arthur Wm. Parker M.A. of Lincoln College, Oxford. Here is a Wesleyan chapel. Frensham Hill mansion, a handsome building of stone, stands in a park and grounds of about 280 acres, and is the property and residence of Charles Hay Walker esq. J.P. The Crown, William Rennie esq. and Charles

Hay Walker esq. are the principal landowners. The soil is sandy, and the land is chiefly woodland and heath. The area is 2,240 acres, of which 1,500 acres are in Hants; the population in 1911 was 1,059.

Sexton, William Cranham.

Police Constable, James Charles House.

Post, M. O. & T. Office.—Daniel Porter, sub-postmaster. Letters through Farnham, arrive at 6.15 & 11.10 a.m. & 4.55 p.m.; sundays, 7.25 a.m.; dispatched at 11.40 a.m. & 6.10 & 6.25 p.m.; sundays, 10.55 a.m.

Wall Letter Box, Bracken hill, cleared 6.35 p.m.; sundays, 11.5 a.m.

Public Elementary School (in Hants) (mixed & infants), erected in 1872, for 205 children; average attendance, 152; Thomas Stroud, master

Carriers to Farnham.—James Bicknell, tues. thurs. & sat. & Daniel Porter & Son, daily

Marked thus \* receive their letters through Wrecclesham, Farnham.  
Marked thus † are in the parish, but in Hampshire.

#### PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Aspinall Mrs. Rosemary cottage  
Bury Hy. M.A., F.L.S., F.G.S. Mayfield ho  
Collison Adam Howitt, The Laurels,

#### Boundstone

Crosfield Miss, Thatched cottage  
Daniell Mrs. Bayford house  
Frost John, Mount Pleasant  
Gore-Browne Spencer, Rowledge house  
Hamel Mrs. Lavender cottage  
†Harrold Commander Frederick Richard R.N. (retired), Glenbervie  
Hewett Miss, Croftans  
Hewett Mrs. The Villa  
Knight Alfred, Fernlea  
Lane Miss, Dovedale  
Lennard Miss, The Knapp  
Lennard William Rodwell, Clare lodge  
\*Matthews Wm. Holly cot. Boundstone  
Minchin Henry Christopher, Gorsedene

\*Moore Rev. Melville Russell B.A. Boundstone lodge

Nutting Henry Edward, Redland  
†Parker Rev. Arthur Wm. M.A. Vicarage  
Parratt Ernest, Wray cottage  
Pennington Mrs. Ellerslie  
Punter James Ernest, The Poplars  
Robinson Alfred, Pear Tree cottage  
Rose Mrs. Ashmore  
Tisdall Miss, The Cottage  
Vine Mrs. Lytelham  
Walker Charles Hay J.P. Frensham Hill  
Ward Rev. Stanhope E. M.A. (curate), Bracken hill

#### COMMERCIAL.

Avery Robert Charles, auctioneer & grocer  
Bicknell James, Hare & Hounds P.H. & carrier  
Brown Arthur, baker, Sunnyside  
Brown Daniel, monumental mason  
Brown William H. laundry, Woodbine cot  
Bullen Ernest, beer retailer  
Chandler John, carman, Oak dene  
Chiverton Henry, blacksmith

Coxe Annie (Mrs.), butcher  
Edwards Alfred, draper & boot dealer  
Grinstead Charles, butcher  
†Jefferies Edith Mary (Miss), midwife (district nurse), Westwood  
Parratt & Sons, builders  
Parratt Frederick William, fly proprietor, Boundstone  
Patterson John, boot & shoe repairer  
Porter Daniel & Son, grocers, bakers, confectioners, hardware & patent medicine dealers, news agents, motor cab & fly proprietors & carriers, Post office  
Porter Henry R. furnished apartments, White house  
Ralph Jesse, chimney sweeper  
Smith Agnes (Miss), draper & stationer  
Smith James, carpenter (postal address, Batt's Corner, Farnham)  
Swan Andrew T. insurance agent  
Thompson Henry, farmer  
Wakeford Daniel, boot & shoe maker  
Wilkinson Thomas Henry William, builder  
Winters Walter, dairyman



We can now study the businesses listed and hopefully find those located on The High Street. I have highlighted the names as listed; **name** for 1913 and **name** for 1927. First we can eliminate what was definitely not on The High Street.

**Daniel Porter** and his son **Henry** (known as Harry) had by far the biggest store, located on the village square opposite the current Co-op store. There was a main shop and then to the left a separate Post Office, both now converted into a dwelling terrace (having been previously an office). In the 1911 Census, Daniel (then 67) is living in the Post Office, and son Harry is living in 'The White House' where they also let apartments. As you can see from the Kelly's entry, Porter's Store had wide ranging products and services but that didn't stop many others entering the fray. Looking at the above potential shop entries alphabetically one by one:

**Robert Charles Avery** is found in the 1901 and 1911 Census data as being a Grocer and Auctioneer, first living with his wife Elizabeth and daughter but Elizabeth then died between these dates. He had a Grocers Store opposite Porters on the Square, where the Co-op now is, actually run by Elizabeth. I then looked in the 1927 Kelly's:

Marked thus † are in the parish, but in Hampshire.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

(For T N's see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

Allen William Hamilton M.D. Lynwood  
Augemer Miss E. Mayfield  
Avery Robert Charles, Homewood gate  
Ayre Mrs. Glenbervie  
† Bird Rev. George Shephard M.A.  
[vicar], The Vicarage  
Bridge Miss, Littlefield  
Budd Mrs. Newlyn  
Charles Jn. Alan, Carnegie, Rosebarton  
Collison Mrs. Rest-a-Wyle  
Crossfield Misses, Thatched cottage  
Faulkner Frederick, Bayford cottage  
Fremlin Mrs. Little Paddock  
Fulda Mrs. The Pines, Boundstone road  
Fulford George Langdon, Cherrygarth  
Garrett Col. J. R. O.B.E. Kilgaran,  
Boundstone road  
Gibbs Ernest, The Malverns  
Gregory Miss, Wayside  
Griffiths Harry, Presbury cottages, Bound-  
stone road  
Harker Mrs. Ashmore  
Hill Frederick George, The Laurels  
Lane Miss, Dovedale  
Lushington Brig.-Gen. Stephen C.B.,  
C.M.G., R.A., J.F. Woodlea  
Maclean P. Clare lodge  
Maslen William George, Rosemary  
Parratt E. J. Merridale, Boundstone road  
Patrickson Thomas George, Ward hill  
Pennington Mrs. Ellerslie

Radmore Mrs. The Avenue  
Reid Eng.-Capt. W. S. R.N. (ret.), Whitford  
Roberts Mrs. Hill brae, Boundstone road  
Robinson Alfred, Pear Tree cottage  
Scholefield Mrs. Rowledge house  
Smythe Harry Austin, Gorsdene  
Spearing William Charles, Fairhaven  
Stayton George Henry, Thurston house  
† Stroud Thomas A. Hazelbank  
Sydenham C. E. Normanhurst  
Usher Capt. C. M. O.B.E. Little Row-  
ledge house  
Wynyard Miss, The Cottage  
Yolland Arthur Ernest, Forest Dene

COMMERCIAL.

Allen Wm. Hamilton M.D. physcn. &  
surgn. (Allen & Graydon), Lynwood.  
T N Frensham 83  
Andrews William, farmer, Post Office frm  
Avery Rt. Chas. & Co. auctioners. Home-  
wood gate. T N Frensham 25  
† Berridge Frank Devereux, poultry  
farmer, Holtside  
Bicknell Jas. Hare & Hounds P.H. T N  
Frensham 161  
Brown Arth. insur. agt  
Brown Esther (Mrs.), laundry, Daisyfield  
Bryant Philip, carrier  
Bullen Ernest, beer retailer  
Butt James, chimney sweeper  
Church Annie Beatrice (Miss) C.M.B.  
midwife, Pencroft, Boundstone road  
Cranham Fredk. gardener to Miss E.  
Augemer, Mayfield cott  
Edwards Alfred, draper & boot dealer

Ellis Charles William, farmer, Bowler  
farm (letters through Batta Corner,  
Frensham)  
Frensham Heights School. T N Frensham 134  
Fryer Robert, shopkeeper  
Kenneth Roy Hubert, motor engin.  
T N Frensham 174  
Knight Henry, boot repairer Keepers cot  
Matthews John Scudder, high class  
grocery & provision stores, wine &  
spirit merchant & forage contractor,  
Post office. T N Frensham 57  
Morton Charles, cabinet maker  
Patterson John Thomas, boot & shoe repr  
Poplett Jn. boot & shoe dlr. Oakleigh  
Porter & Porter, bakers. T N Frensham 88  
Pritchard Arthur, insur. agt. 2 Surrey view  
Ransom & Sons, plumbers, Edensor cot  
Ricketts Harold, boot repr  
Rogers Percival, btchr. see Wood & Rogers  
Rowledge Conservative Club (Jesse  
Chandler, sec)  
Rowledge Institute (Thomas A. Stronl,  
sec)  
Smith James, carpenter (postal address,  
Dockenfield, Farnham)  
Staples Rosina (Miss), refreshment rms  
Stonard Frederick, builder  
Swan Andrew Thomas, news agent  
Swan Sidney, boot repr. Eastwood  
Wells Alfred Chas. & Sons, butchers.  
T N Frensham 109  
Women's Institute (Miss Radnor, hon. sec)  
Wood & Rogers, family butch, pork & lamb  
butchers; try our noted beef & pork  
sausage

(Forgive the scan quality, out of my hands!)

**Mr Avery** appears to have given up being a grocer, reverted to his auctioneering and moved to Frensham. Is it possible that **Robert Fryer** in the directory as 'shopkeeper' took over his shop? In 1915 he is living in Middle Bourne so fairly local. This is one of those questions that awaits the release of the 1921 Census data next year. What we do know\* is that a Mr Biles later took over the store and when Daniel Porter died in 1921, he brought over the Post Office to the side of his store.



If we next go to **Arthur Brown** the baker, we find him in the 1901 and 1911 Census living with his wife Mary at 'Sunnyside' which is near Manley Bridge. Apparently\* he made very nice cherry cakes and sold them from the house/bakery. He has appeared to change his job by 1939 from baker to insurance agent, which curiously is exactly what my grandfather did at about the same time!

**Henry Chiverton's** Forge was on The High Street in the 1911 Census. He lives with his wife and 12 children in 'The Mews' which fortunately had 9 rooms. He is gone by 1927. So how about **Annie Coxe**, the butcher? Well in the 1911 Census we have an Annie Coxe from Farnham living with her husband Earnest George, a butcher in Storrington, Sussex. They are both still together in 1939 living in Surbiton. There is apparently\* a Cox (sic) the Butchers in the High Street, but the premises are occupied in the 1911 Census by one Frederick George Hambley, listed as a butcher and perhaps running the shop as a manager for Annie Coxe. One Percy Rogers worked in the shop, and later partnered a Mr Wood and opened a rival shop further up the High Street. The two later split, with Rogers continuing alone (see the photo of his van).



**Charles Grinstead**, the butcher again appears only in the 1913 Directory and he is gone by 1927. He appears in the 1911 Census as a boarder. He ran his shop on Lickfold Road corner but it then became a sweetshop called Freemans. It reverted to a butcher's shop when Mr Wood took over after his break up from Percy Rogers, but he then sold it to the Cumstey family who ran it for many years.

**Alfred Edwards**, the draper and shoe dealer? We find him in the 1911 Census living with his wife Lily Rose and working as a 'General Draper Shopkeeper'. Fortunately we can get the full story from a post in Facebook by a great grandson. The shop was founded by Mary Edwards around 1880. She lived in the shop at what is now 8, High Street with her young son Arthur. I can find no record of a husband and she later is classified a widow. In the early 1900s she falls ill and calls upon another son Alfred to help, and he moves from Reading with his wife Lily and two children. Mary becomes bedridden so they stay to run the shop and nurse her till she dies in 1910. Alfred himself also ran a shoe mending business, he dies in 1951 and Lily ran the store alone until it closed in the 1960s. Here is the shop and a rather surprising photo of Lily around 1932. She was renowned for a fantastic selection of haberdashery but not for motorcycling ambitions!





Lily Edwards



The only **Agnes Smith**, the draper & stationer I can find in 1911 lives in Guildford. She seems to sink without trace and is gone in the later Kelly's.

**Andrew Thomas Swan** apparently gave up insurance and took the newsagents shop at the corner of The High Street as shown in this postcard view:



**Daniel Wakeford**, boot and shoe maker in the 1913 Kelly's has an interesting reference in Flora Westlake's book 'The Way We Were'. Apparently he himself only had one leg! He lived with his family in 'Jubilee Villas', The High Street and had his shop next door in a detached wooden building at the junction with Rosemary Lane, the very same hut housing a dressmaker that I mention above. At the time of the 1913 Kelly's, Daniel was 84 years old! He was a 'Master Cordwainer' which was a boot/shoe manufacturer as opposed to a mere 'cobbler' who just mended them. He came from Headley but after a period at Batt's Corner he had been in The High Street since before 1881. **John Thomas Patterson**, the boot and shoe maker listed in both Kelly's is living on The Ridgeway in 1911 so probably doesn't have his own shop. However, by 1915 he has moved to 'Jubilee Villas' so I guess he took over Daniel's business? (Daniel died in 1916)

On the same page as Daniel in the 1891 Census (on the High Street?) is one Richard Ellis, listed as a 'butcher'. On the 1901 Census he has become a 'greengrocer'. He is then 60 years old so probably retired by the time of our 1913 Kelly's.

Sadly then despite my extensive research efforts we are left with only two confirmed



shops on the High Street until we now get to current living memory, say post WW2.

A recent poll on the Historic Farnham FB site elicited this list of remembered stores:

- Sweet Shop/newsagent on corner with Fullers Road
- Edward's Drapery
- Ransome's Fishmonger/Greengrocer
- Redman's Butcher (Became Plumbers Merchant)
- Cafe/Tea Shop
- Young Hair Fashions

Ransome Fishmonger & Greengrocer was run by a jolly Mr Ransome who liked to have a joke with his customers. Perhaps this was the same shop previously used by Richard Ellis. Sadly I can find no other information or a photo.

Redman's the Butcher was run by an E.J. 'Cyril' Redman, and he can be seen here in front of his shop with his wife 'Daisy' and son 'Mervyn'.

As stated above, it had been formerly owned by Annie Coxe and then by a Mr Wells.

Redman's shop was successful and even had a branch shop on Wrecclesham Hill, but The High Street shop later turned into a plumbers parts store for a few years before it was retired.



A lot of people remember the Cafe/Tea Shop but I can find no more information.

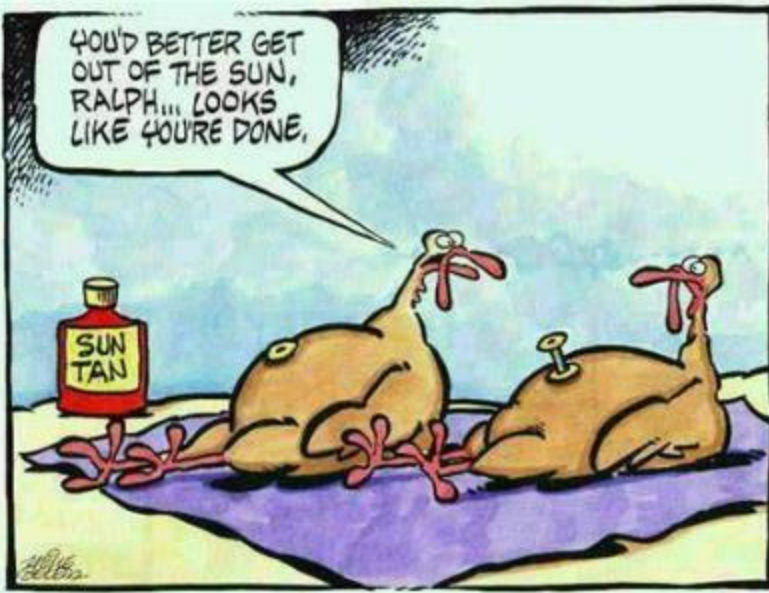
Youngs Hair Fashions was the last 'store' to trade on the High Street before it finally closed, just making it into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It was one of two hairdressers (the other in Wrecclesham) run by an Alan Brown, apparently an ace cutter.

All in all – far more questions asked than answered but hopefully an interesting journey.

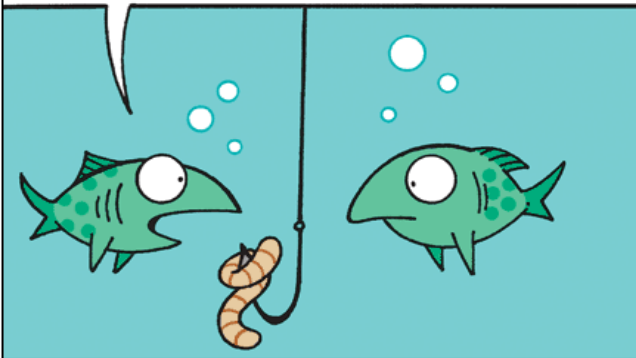
Note\* - the associated stories and much of the background come from Roy Waight's book on Rowledge called 'Remote From Civilisation'.



# Fun time



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BUT I HEARD IT CAN BE DANGEROUS!



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				1	4	6		2
2	3				8			
				5				7
			4		3		1	

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## Alice Holt WI Report - April 2021

The speaker for the April meeting of the Alice Holt WI was Roy Waight whose subject was the bishops of Farnham Castle. This meeting was again held as a Zoom meeting and Roy was able to 'share' his computer screen to illustrate his talk.

Roy began by explaining that the castle was one of the many properties of the Bishops of Winchester. Roy showed a map of the diocese as it was initially and explained the development and then reduction of the diocese.

Roy went on to talk about several bishops starting by using the quote 'Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them'.

Roy began with Henri of Blois who was bishop from 1129 to 1171 and built the castle and founded the town of Farnham. He continued to give details of four more bishops and talked about how each developed and changed the castle and the town of Farnham. Sheila Coldbeck thanked Roy for his very interesting and informative talk.

Secretary Christin Hawkins gave a rundown of recent correspondence and reminded members that they could access information on the WI website. Plans are being made for future events which it may be possible to hold when social distancing rules change. In particular there are plans for the annual Summer Lunch and members were able to vote for their preferred option. Details were also given for an Open Day at President Jill Dickin's house which it is hoped can be held in May.

The annual Rowledge Village Faye will be held in August rather than May and members were asked to plan their making and baking for the WI stall as this is the main fund raiser for the year

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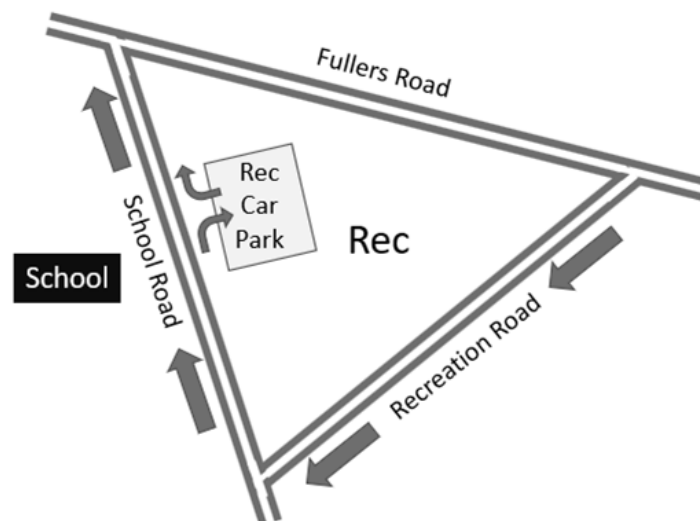
Please would all village residents and parents dropping off school children, use the voluntary one-way system during school drop-off and pick-up times: ie clockwise around the Rec – do not enter School Road from Fullers Road, or enter Recreation Road from School Road.

Also, please avoid parking on yellow/zig zag lines and park courteously. This includes not parking on School Road opposite the school drive (along the outside hedge of the Rec car park).

Please avoid blocking people in so that they can get off to work on time.

Please also remind children about being careful when they open the car doors.

**Thank you!**







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**Please also continue to notify us of any required changes to the Directory listing.**

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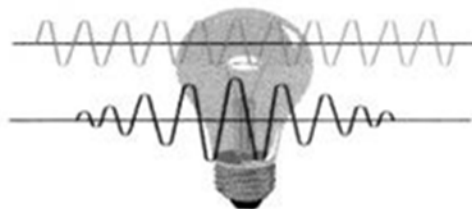
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