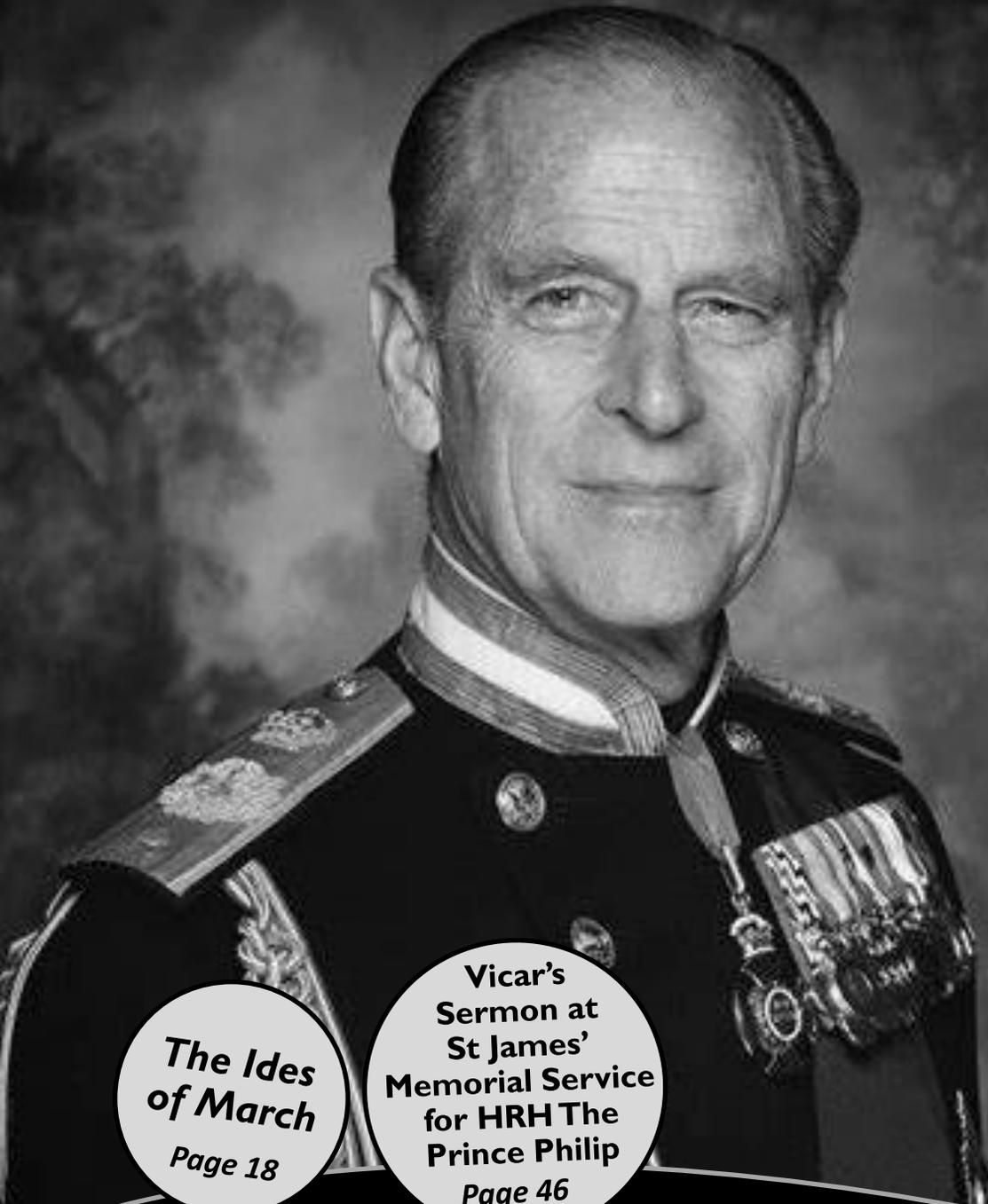




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## From the Vicarage

Following the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, it seems that everyone has a story to tell about this remarkable man. I met Prince Philip and Her Majesty in 2002 when they visited the town where I worked for the local authority. Part of the visit included the Royal couple splitting up and, whilst The Queen was introduced to various local dignitaries, it was agreed that the Duke would meet a group of school children and view two Suffolk Punch horses from the local museum. The children would be primed with a silver salver of carrots for the Duke to feed the horses.

A detail which is important to the story is that His Royal Highness was wearing a rather bland brown suit and a straw hat, whereas the person accompanying The Queen, the Lord Lieutenant of the County, was in full uniform, complete with ceremonial sword. The children naturally assumed that this uniformed man must be, in their words, the King!

When the brown-suited man tried to relieve the children of their carrots one of the girls said in a very loud voice, "Hang on, those carrots are for the Queen's husband, not you!" They didn't recognize him. As you might imagine, Prince Philip thought this was hilarious.

Following the crucifixion of Jesus, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb, but finds the stone that had sealed the entrance rolled away. There is no sign of the body of Jesus. Who has taken away her Lord? Then the risen Christ comes and stands in front of her, though she doesn't recognize him, and asks her why she is crying. John's gospel tells us that she thought this man was the gardener (John 20:15). In other words, he didn't look like the Lord and King she remembered. This is hardly surprising given that the last time she saw Jesus, he was a broken, battered and bloodied mess on the cross. Like Mary and like those school children, it is possible to miss the presence of someone very special in our midst, even when they are standing right in front of us. It is possible to miss the work of God in our lives, day by day, because he often shows up through the words and actions of unlikely people. It is possible to spend all of our time, heads down, focused on our own needs, struggles and successes, that we miss the bigger picture of God's presence with us and all the multitude of ways in which he blesses us.

Perhaps in this Easter season as we (hopefully) emerge from the shadow of Covid-19, we might each rediscover the King of kings who has been standing with us throughout our struggles and will stand with us in our celebrations as well.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rev. Russ Gant, Vicar

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Cynthia Margaret Samuel – 25th March aged 104

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Wow Rowledge!

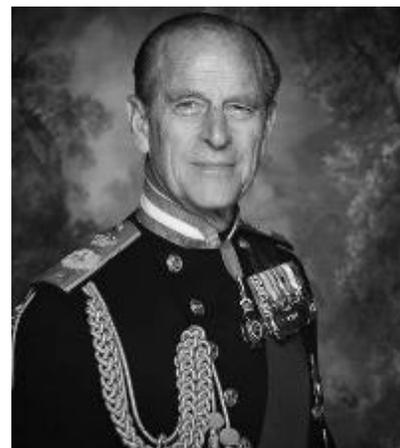
We have been asked by Farnham Foodbank to communicate a huge thank you to everyone who has donated food to the Rowledge collection points.

During just one week in April, as a community, we collected 92.75kg, which is double our weekly average!

Please continue to donate and share our video (which can be seen on our Facebook page), let's see if we can make it 100kg one week this month!

Remembering HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Following the announcement of the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, given the current restrictions in place, it is the express wish of Buckingham Palace and the Government that physical Books of Condolence are not opened at this time. Therefore, the Church of England has initiated an online Book of Condolence which can be accessed by visiting: [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)



(A link to the Book of Remembrance is on the home page.)

It is accompanied by various prayer resources.

St. James' Church remains open daily for private prayers, thanksgivings and quiet reflection as we remember the Prince's extraordinary life of service to Her Majesty The Queen, the country and the Commonwealth.



# 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:

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# Easter in Rowledge

What an honour and privilege it was to meet together for Easter morning to celebrate that the stone has been moved and Jesus is alive! It was the first time we could sing together and Russ gave an a unique interpretation of the resurrection story in the guise of Dynamo! Thank you to everyone who helped make the Easter Morning service a success!

If you have missed any of our Sunday services, you can find them through our social media channels.



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# May Sunday Services and Sermon Theme

**“Generosity”** - a new sermon series continuing the theme on “Generosity”.

**2<sup>nd</sup> May - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (inc. Holy Communion)**

*Luke 12: 12-21*

Generosity – Release. *Are we wedded to wealth? How can we be released?*

**9<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Isaiah 1: 10-20*

Generosity – Responsibility. *Injustice is an offence to a God of abundance.*

**16<sup>th</sup> May - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (inc. Holy Communion)**

*Malachi 3: 1-10*

Generosity – Rejoicing. *Bringing our gifts as an act of worship.*

**23<sup>rd</sup> May - Pentecost**

*Acts 2: 1-21*

*Go on being filled with the Spirit Pentecost.*

**30<sup>th</sup> May - Trinity Sunday**

*John 3: 1-17*

*Born again? Fad or fact?*



**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**

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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 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. This month the group will be discussing Mediaeval Theologians.

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

# Church is OPEN!

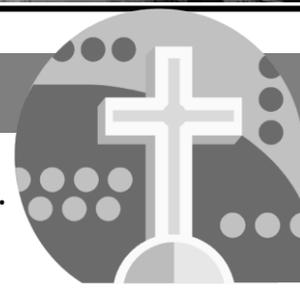
**Open: Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm.  
Saturday - Sunday 8am-8pm.  
Closed on Fridays.**

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

# 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!**

### **Please encourage your friends and neighbours to also join in.**

## 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.

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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)**

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## 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.

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## Sermon by The Rev'd Russ Gant at St. James' Church 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021, following the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

As I have reflected over the last few days, on the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, it strikes me that we might observe a number of similarities between Prince Philip and the Lord Jesus. Perhaps your initial thought might be to question such a statement, after all, who of us really knew the late Duke. He was actually a very private man who shared little of who he really was and much that we know about him has come to us through the often-unreliable lens of the media. But let me share some observations.

Like Christ, Philip was born into royal lineage. His Father was a Greek Prince and his mother a Danish Princess. Christ was descended from the great King David.

Like Christ the young Prince Philip and his family were exiled from their homeland at an early age. Christ, with Mary and Joseph to Egypt, Philip with his parents Andrew and Alice to France. Interestingly, we know Christ was born in an animal feed trough or manger, and Philip was exiled in a cot made from a fruit box!

As they grew up, both men could claim extremely privileged positions.

Both were men of great drive and determination. And both, in their different ways, caused the authorities problems. Neither of them was the man who certain establishment figures expected or wanted them to be.

And that might be where we think the similarities end. After all, Philip was a man who was trained for war in the Royal Navy and Jesus was the prophesied Prince of Peace.

Philip, whilst unquestionably having worked hard throughout his many years, enjoyed all the luxuries and comforts of a royal life, whereas we read in Luke's gospel that Christ *"the Son of Man, had nowhere to lay his head"* (Luke 9: 58).

Philip has been portrayed in the media as prone to making unwise or even derogatory comments. The reality would appear to be a man who, in always seeking to put others at ease, did occasionally, like most of us, wish he had chosen his words a little differently. Christ, although often speaking in parables which some found difficult to understand, always spoke with the wisdom and authority of God the Father.

Philip it seems, did not suffer fools gladly, whilst Jesus always had time for those that many of us might reject.

So perhaps these men were really quite different after all. But that conclusion would be to overlook the characteristic which came to define the lives of both Jesus Christ and Prince Philip. And that characteristic is surely sacrificial service.

As God the Son, Jesus was and is the highest authority on earth. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow. And yet Jesus chose to give up his place in the heavenly realms, come to earth and demonstrate to us God's love, by taking the form of a servant who would even stoop to wash his disciples' feet.

St. Paul reminds us that we too should model this kind of lifestyle. He says in

Philippians 2:

*You must have the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus. Who though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges: he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

In a very different way, but no less honouring to God, I believe that we have seen in the life of Prince Philip, a man who possibly reluctantly at first, set aside all that he hoped for and wanted out of life, in order that he too might sacrificially serve others.

First and foremost, that has meant a life devoted to and usually two steps behind his wife and Sovereign, seeking to be her strength and stay for 73 years. It also involved him dedicating himself to supporting literally hundreds of charities, championing their work and encouraging their members long after many of us would have retired. The Prince's work in setting up and remaining committed to the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme was, by all accounts, something of which he was most proud.

So it seems that Prince Philip did have many attributes in common with Christ. But my role as a Minister is not to encourage us to model ourselves after another human being, no matter how worthy or prominent they may be. I am sure Prince Philip would have been the first to highlight the flaws in his character.

My calling today and every day is to direct us to the inspirational figure of Christ, who is the only one we should seek to emulate. However, from all I have read, it was Christ who was the role model for Prince Philip's life of sacrificial service. Philip was committed in his Christian faith – raised first in the Greek Orthodox tradition but being received into the Church of England in 1947. His exploration of his own faith was certainly influenced by his long friendship with Robin Woods, the former Dean of Windsor.

So how might we rededicate ourselves in this time of national mourning, to lives of sacrificial service? Perhaps it is about having a renewed focus on where we are headed?

As Christians pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer, we look forward to the coming of God's kingdom here on earth - "Your kingdom come Lord... on earth as it is in heaven."

This is a kingdom we read of in the Book of Revelations, a kingdom where "Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more..." And "all things will be made new"

This may seem to be a place which is in our future, a destination currently beyond our grasp. But that is to misunderstand the kingdom of heaven.

In this Easter season, we are reminded that those who place their faith in Christ are already people of the kingdom of heaven. We are already resurrection people – new life people.

Because of Christ's defeat of death on the cross, we are already part of God's new

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kingdom. It is a kingdom that is here and now, as well as being there and not yet. And as Christ's resurrected people, his Church, we can do as the late Prince Philip sought to do in his life. We too can be people of extraordinary, or even ordinary sacrificial service.

We too can daily choose to lay aside our own wants and needs, which are so often our primary focus, and instead seek to serve the needs of others. Very few of us will have the kind of public platform which Prince Philip was afforded, but perhaps serving the needs of others should be done with no audience whatsoever?

So I wonder:

Whose needs are we called to put before our own today?

What simple choices might we make to serve the needs of others?

How can we live in such a way as to honour God in all we do?

In my experience, it is only with the power of God's Holy Spirit at work within us day by day.

Perhaps today, we might choose, as Prince Philip did, to rededicate our whole lives to family, to Queen and country and to the sacrificial service of others, but first and foremost, to God himself, who has already sacrificed everything for us.

Amen.

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## Wyatt Ramsdale letter



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I have enjoyed representing Rowledge as a Borough Councillor and then as a Surrey County Councillor since 2013 and had anticipated continuing to do so as a County Councillor. Many of you will be aware that I was diagnosed with aggressive Prostate Cancer over two years ago and had surgery. Since then, I have had chemotherapy and radiotherapy twice, the second time was MRI guided radiotherapy. Unfortunately, despite some good signs, the cancer has not been defeated and a cure is no longer possible. I am now on a combination of tablets to keep the cancer in check.

As a result, I get tired easily and I don't have the energy the role of County Councillor demands to the standard I set myself. Accordingly, I shall not be standing in the elections this May. I am fortunate to have played a key role in the selection of my successor as Conservative candidate Simon Foale.

Simon has previous experience as a Councillor elsewhere in Surrey and now lives on Burnt Hill Road. Simon and I have been working together for some time on issues and new ideas and I am absolutely confident he will make a great Councillor if elected by you.

When first elected a County Councillor I was presented with demands to improve road safety across the division. We now have the 20mph zone in Rowledge and the improved road markings on The Avenue and on Chapel Road. I believe that both of these have contributed to an improvement to driving and road safety in the village. But more recently and importantly we have the Farnham Infrastructure Plan to which Surrey County Council have committed £139million of capital over 5 years and are funding over £1million per year in running costs. This is not a plan that can be repeated every few years, so we need to get it right this time. Please actively participate with feedback and ideas and select a new County Councillor that will understand the issues, manage the conflicting demands and make sure the projects are followed through for the benefit of all of us.

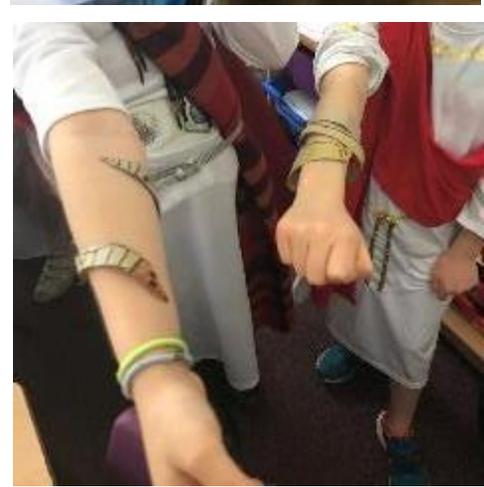
I am not moving away from the village so will myself continue to monitor the performance of the Farnham Infrastructure Plan and the achievements of our local Councillors, and hope to have more time for village events. If you haven't heard, we moved out of Rosemary Lane in December and are now living in a static caravan on Boundstone Road whilst our new home is finished.

Thanks for electing me, it has been a privilege to represent you.

**Wyatt Ramsdale, County Councillor for Farnham South**

# Beware the Ides of March!

Year 3 of Rowledge School have had an exciting term of learning about Ancient Rome. At the end of term, we had a WOW event, where we did an archaeological dig, made mosaics, cooked Roman Honey cookies, made serpent bracelets and had a Roman feast.



Men on The Rowledge War Memorial

by Neil Pittaway

My two names this month are Ernest Walter Hopkins and Robert Henry Munday.

It is almost certain that Ernest Hopkins never lived in the parish and his name was not added to our Memorial until about 1991 when it was placed on the auxiliary panels, along with four other names of those who died in WW1, including Robert Munday. Ernest's name was possibly placed there either on the instigation of his wife's local 'Bonner' family or the 'Bone' family of her second marriage.

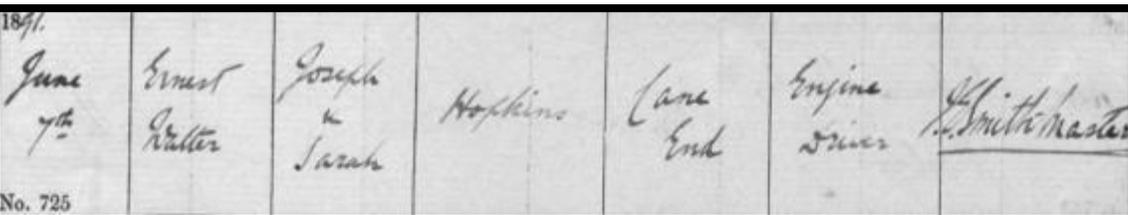
Robert Munday was not only born in Rowledge, he is one of the few local men who died in WW1 and are buried at St. James. Robert died in hospital in Cambridge and was returned to his native Rowledge and St. James where his Commonwealth War Graves memorial headstone is still very easy to spot.



**Ernest Walter Hopkins. 1891-1917.**  
**Private. 1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment. 21782.**



Ernest Walter Hopkins' name was added to an auxiliary panel on the Rowledge Memorial long after its dedication in 1920, possibly in 1991. He was born in Kidmore End, Caversham in Oxfordshire in 1891 and was baptised there on June 7th 1891.



**Ernest Walter Hopkins baptism near Caversham, Oxfordshire, June 7th 1891.**

Walter's parents were Joseph and Sarah (née Shearman) Hopkins. Joseph was an engine (steam wagon) driver and was born in Cookley, Oxfordshire in 1855. Sarah Shearman was born in Ipsden, Oxfordshire in 1858. They were married in Henley in 1875. Ernest had five sisters and three brothers.

Census records show the family, including Ernest, living in the Caversham area until at least 1915. Indications are they were still there during WW1. The 1911 census shows Ernest with his family in Caversham. He was a grocer's carman, a delivery driver either of a motorised vehicle or a horse and cart.

**The Hopkins family, Caversham, Oxfordshire 1911.**

Name	Sex	Age	Married	Occupation	Address
Joseph Hopkins	Head	55	Married	Steam Wagon Driver	Cookley, Oxon
Sarah Hopkins	Wife	50	Married		Ipsden, Oxon
Ernest Hopkins	Son	20	Single	Grocer's Carman	Caversham, Oxon
Walter Hopkins	Daughter	16	Single		Caversham, Oxon
Jane Hopkins	Daughter	14	Single		Caversham, Oxon



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Whether Annie Bonner met Ernest Hopkins whilst working in Alton, or by 1915 had moved to the Reading or Caversham area to work is not known. Her marriage to Ernest Hopkins was registered in Reading in 1915.

The couple had one child, May whose birth was registered in Reading early in 1916 so it is almost certain the couple were living in that area after they married.

The military record for Ernest Walter Hopkins appears to have been lost in the 1940 fire. His death record indicates that at an unknown date he enlisted into the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment at Reading. He was given the regimental number 21782.

The medal record card for Ernest Hopkins does not include a 1915 Star and as a married man with a child he was likely to have been conscripted in May 1916.

Name		Corps		Regt. No.	
HOPKINS Ernest-W.		R. Berks R Pte		21782	
Medal	№	Roll	Page	Remarks	
VICTORY	2	1051210	1664		
BARRAGE	"	"	"		
STAR					

**Effects and medal records for Ernest Walter Hopkins.**

All that is known is that Ernest was with his 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion attacking the Germans in 1917 as they withdrew to the Hindenburg Line. He will possibly have fought in the first and second Battles of the Scarpe and the Battle of Arleux during the Battle of Arras.

Ernest Walter Hopkins fell two weeks before the end of the Battle of Arras on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1917 and was not recovered. He was twenty six, married with one child, May who was just one year old. He has no known grave and is remembered on bay 7, course G, stone 9 at the Arras Memorial.



**The Arras Memorial.**

**Ernest's effects paid in March 1918 and November 1919 to Annie for 'Self and child'.**

Hopkins Ernest Walter	15.12	On name War	4	5	9	4	5	9	m.o. 3.18	6.3.18	wid. Annie M	4	5	9	Self & child
	R. Berks	3.5.17	1/18								5.11.19	3	10		
	26	8.5													
	21782														

Possibly whilst Ernest was serving, and certainly after he fell, his wife Annie returned from the Reading area to Bucks Horn Oak, presumably to live with or near her parents.



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Annie re-married to woodcutter, Arthur Bone at St. James on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1919.

1919. Marriage solemnized at <u>Parish Church</u> in the Parish of <u>Rowledge</u> in the County of <u>Surrey</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Residence.	Rank or Profession of Father.
294	Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1919	Arthur Bone Annie Maria Hopkins	33 31	Bachelor Widow	Woodcutter —	Frankham Bucks Horn Oak Rowledge	Thomas Bone Richard Bonners	Woodcutter Labourer
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, <u>or</u> after <u>Banns</u> by me, <u>Arthur Bone</u> <u>Richard Bonners's mark</u> <u>Stephane Edgar Wood</u> This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Annie Maria Hopkins</u> In the Presence of us, <u>Esther Elizabeth Barrett</u>								

Annie Hopkin's re-marriage to Arthur Bone, August 1919.

The 1939 register showed that Bonners and Bones lived next door to each other in 'Bonner's Cottages' at Bucks Horn Oak. Annie Bone was living next door to her two eldest unmarried brothers, George and Charles Bonner.

Arthur Bone died in 1955 and was buried at St James. Annie Bone died in 1973 aged 84 and was also buried at St. James, Rowledge. She was still living in Bucks Horn Oak.

Annie Maria BONE	Buck's Horn Oak	January 22nd 1973	84	<u>St James</u>
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Annie Bone's burial at St. James, 1973

**Robert Henry Munday. 1887-1916.**  
**Private. 3<sup>rd</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Queen's,**  
**Royal West Surrey Regiment. T/5173.**



Robert Henry Munday's name was added to the Memorial in about 1991. He was born in Rowledge in late 1887 where his family had moved to from Camberwell between 1883 and 1886. His parents were Thomas and Alice (née King) Munday.



Father, Thomas Munday was a bricklayer's assistant and was born in Alton, Hampshire in 1853. Robert's mother was Alice King whose birth was registered in Alton in 1851. Neither obviously appear in the 1871 census however they clearly moved north. Thomas Munday and Alice King and were married in the summer of 1873 at Guisborough, near Middlesbrough in the North Riding of Yorkshire. Thomas would have been twenty years old and Alice twenty two. Their first two daughters were born in Yorkshire.

Robert was Thomas and Alice's second youngest child and first son. He had six sisters, Sarah (b. 1875, Yorkshire), Mary (b. 1877, Yorkshire), Margaret (b. 1879, Croydon, Surrey), Maude (b. 1882, Dulwich, S.E London), Jessie (b. 1883, Norwood, S.E. London) and Martha (b. 1885, Rowledge). Robert briefly had one brother, George (born and died nine months later in 1894, Rowledge).

The census for 1891 shows Robert, aged three living with his family at Upper Bourne, Rowledge. Sister Mary aged 14 was by then a servant in Guildford.

**Robert Munday with his parents and sisters, Rowledge 1891.**

Civil Parish		Municipal Borough			Municipal Ward			Urban Sanitary District			Town or Village or Hamlet			Rural Sanitary District			Parliamentary Borough or Division			Ecclesiastical Parish or District		
of <i>Farnham</i>											<i>Rowledge</i>			<i>Farnham</i>			<i>Guildford</i>			<i>St. James</i>		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
No. of HOUSEHOLD	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriages	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	WAGES	BOLE	WAGES	BOLE	WAGES	BOLE	WAGES	BOLE	WAGES	BOLE	WAGES	BOLE	WAGES	BOLE	WAGES	BOLE
1	Upper Bourne	Thomas Munday	Head	M	37	Bookbinder																
		Alice Munday	Wife	M	35																	
		Sarah Munday	Daughter	F	14																	
		Margaret Munday	Daughter	F	12																	
		Maudie Munday	Daughter	F	10																	
		Maria Munday	Daughter	F	8																	
		Maria Munday	Daughter	F	5																	
		Robert Munday	Son	M	3																	

Just over four years after this census when Robert was seven, his father, Thomas died and was buried in St. James, Rowledge on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895 possibly close to his infant son, George who had died ten months earlier.

George Charles Munday	Upper Bourne Rowledge	September 26 <sup>th</sup> 1894	9 months	Charles H. Keable Off. Minister
No. 198				

**Burial of Robert's brother, George and his father, Thomas at St. James, 1894 and 1895**

Thomas Munday	Upper Bourne Rowledge	August 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1895	42	R. W. Parker, Vicar.
No. 208				

Charles Henry Keable, who in 1884 took the funeral at St. James for Roberts's baby brother, George. He was actually the vicar of St. Peter's church in Wrecclesham. Some seventeen years later the 1911 census shows Roberts's older sister Margaret, by then Margaret Elwick, working at the Wrecclesham vicarage for the same Revd. Charles Keable as a cook. Maybe there was a family link?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
1	Charles Henry Keable	Head	58	Married	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Constance Mary Keable	Wife	54	Married	24	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Margaret Elwick	Servant	32	Married	7	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Robert's sister, Margaret Elwick working at the Wrecclesham Vicarage as a cook in 1911.**

In 1901 Robert, aged thirteen, was living with his widowed mother in Rowledge where she was working as a laundress.

Rowledge	1	Alice Munday	Head	Wid	49	Laundress																
		Robert Munday	Son	M	13																	

**Robert living with his widowed mother in Rowledge (Near Lavender Cottage) in 1901.**

In 1911 Robert, by then twenty two and a general labourer, was still living with his mother in Upper Bourne, Rowledge. His oldest sister, Sarah was also living with them.

Robert's mother was still a laundress and his sister Sarah a domestic cook.

Alice Munday	Head	no	Widow 38 11 7 4	Laundress	0 30	Can. Home	Flour. B. 100
Sarah Munday	Daughter	37	Single	Cook, Domestic	0 10	Widow	Yorkshire North Rowledge 0 50
Robert Munday	Son	32	Single	General Labourer	3 3 0	Worker	Surrey Rowledge

(To be filled up by the Deceased)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of the dwelling)

I declare that this schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Alice Munday*  
 Robert Munday  
 Rowledge, Surrey

Print Address: *11 Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey*

Robert Munday with his mother and eldest sister, Upper Bourne, Rowledge 1911.

Robert Munday's name was added to the Rowledge Memorial on an auxiliary panel around 1991, possibly as a result of the limited information from his memorial headstone at St. James.

There is no full military record for Robert Munday. Possibly it was destroyed in the 1940 fire.

Three sets of information are available but there does not appear to be a medal record. The first is the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's death and burial record. This also shows that he enlisted in Farnham but does not show a date.

The second is Robert's memorial headstone coupled with the St. James burial record. The third which is the most informative is a post war effects record for Robert Monday.

1916 WW1 effects record for Robert Henry Munday.

273830	1899/93	Munday	3/5 Bn	26.4.16	Andrew	2	3	1	1 17	no 7/16	27.7.16	no Alice
		Robert	RW Surrey	Empyema	5.16				6 1	no 8/16	21.8.16	Margaret
		Henry	T/6	1st Gen Hpt								land
			5173	Rowledge								

3.6.16

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The effects record confirms Robert's regimental number (T/5173) and Battalion, the 3rd/5th of The Queen's, Royal West Surrey Regiment (RWSR).

Robert's regimental number, T/5173 indicates that he was in a territorial battalion.

The effects record shows that Robert died in the 1st General Hospital in Cambridge on April 26th 1916. This is confirmed on the St. James burial record.

Robert died from Empyema which is a lung infection possibly following pneumonia. He was twenty nine and single.

The history of the 3rd/5th Battalion of the RWSR shows that it was indeed a territorial

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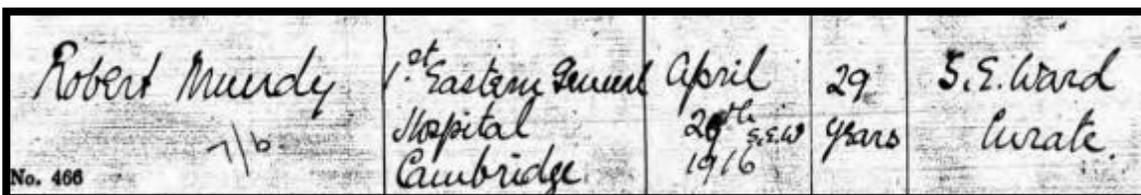
unit formed at Guildford on June 1<sup>st</sup> 1915 which then moved to Windsor, Purfleet and Cambridge before moving to Crowborough on April 8<sup>th</sup> 1916.

The effects record also shows that Robert had less than six months home service when he died on April 26<sup>th</sup> 1916 and as such it seems he did not qualify for the effects payments shown. It also implies that as a single man he may have enlisted at the start of enforced conscription in January 1916 following the passing of the Military Service Act.

If the 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion stayed for a while in Guildford after it was formed, Robert may well have joined it there, after his Farnham enlistment.

The non-qualifying effects record also indicates that he was definitely single as his effects would have been paid to his mother, Alice and a Margaret Elwick who was his sister, Margaret Munday. Margaret married George Elwick in Reading in 1903. There are no obvious marriage records for a Robert Henry Munday at this time.

After he died in Cambridge, Robert Henry Munday was brought back to Rowledge where he was buried at St. James on April 29<sup>th</sup> 1916 where his father and infant brother were already buried. His grave is still clearly marked by a Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorial headstone.



Burial record for Robert Munday, St. James, 29<sup>th</sup> April 1916.

Robert Henry Munday's C.W.G.C. memorial headstone at St. James, Rowledge



St. James, Rowledge.



The Electoral Roll for 1918 shows that Robert's mother, Alice, was still living in Upper Bourne. She may possibly have died in the Guildford area in 1926.

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# Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar

**Time Group Age Venue**

## Children's Events

Time	Group	Age	Venue
<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

Time	Group	Age	Venue
<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		Frensham 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> Friday)		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 (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)		Methodist Church
19.00-22.15	Bridges		Village Club
19.00-20.00	Prayers		St James Church
19.45-22.30	Knitting 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
18.00-19.15	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



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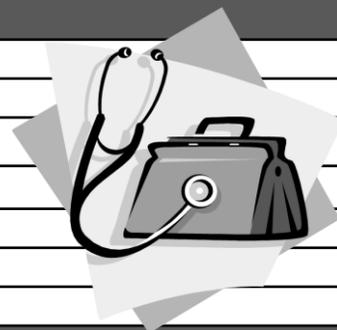
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**Update from Ann Foster** - Maybe some of you know (or have even bought from) Little Acre Studios, situated at the A325 end of Fullers Rd. Since I came here in 2012 the balance of artists has changed somewhat and I thought it would be a good idea to give folks an update on what is happening these days. I have 4 studios on the premises and there are 7 artists working here.

It is not possible to sustain a living for most artists, so work has to take place on a part time basis.

I thought it maybe of interest if I introduced each person and showed a couple of photographs and gave you their website address. Then, if interested, you can look them up or come and visit us during Open Studios which runs the 5<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Ed Brydon ([www.ed.Brydon.com](http://www.ed.Brydon.com))** shares a studio with Alli, his wife. He is a photographer whose work focuses on personal connections to place, the land and natural environment. In 2017 his project on people of North Welsh heritage in the northeast US was exhibited at Northern Eye Festival. He then received a commission from the Welsh Parliament in 2019 to make new work on this project for exhibition around Wales in 2019-20.

Ed Brydon



Ed Brydon



He is increasingly drawn towards complementing his documentary approach with traditional and alternative photographic methods, such as salt printing, cyanotype and other processes. This has also made him re-examine his practice with the aim of making it more sustainable.

### **Michelle Shields**

**([www.MichelleShields.co.uk](http://www.MichelleShields.co.uk))** is a potter and is at present on maternity leave from the UCA, where she is an 'Artist in Residence'.

Michele Shields



Michelle uses the studio to make her own work which could be household items, as shown in the photographs or special projects.

This is a piece based on a Peruvian stirrup vessel 'Felideo' from the Chimu-culture which was irreversibly damaged by fire. It is made from porcelain with a local ash glaze.



Kim Cody



Sarah Chatterton



Tom Little



Michelle Shields



Alli Brydon



The other picture shows a project responding to a 17<sup>th</sup> century collection of harvest jugs at Burton Art Gallery. Through digital crafts, Michelle will be delivering clay workshops to the community of Bideford in North Devon.

**Kim Cody ([www.kimcody.com](http://www.kimcody.com))** has been with me for the longest and paints in the front studio. She shows and sells her work widely. Her paintings are totally non-representational although many aspects are derived from the landscape. The compositions are completely abstract and consist of lines, shapes, tones, textures and colours gathered from her surroundings. They are about her own interpretation of the world. Kim uses both acrylic and oil paints, but the most recent works are also collaged so acrylics are more suited to this technique.

**Sarah Chatterton ([www.sarah-chatterton.co.uk](http://www.sarah-chatterton.co.uk))** graduated from the Winchester school of art in 2010 with a BA honours in textiles, fashion and fibre. Since then, she has specialised in free machine embroidery. Sarah combines her love for nature, the environment and textiles and now work solely on items that already exist. This could be machine embroidering, a visible mend or embellishing an existing piece of clothing, to give it a new lease of life. All the resources that Sarah needs to create her embroidery, she sources second hand. When not in her studio, Sarah follows a plant-based lifestyle and, with her husband, is bringing up 2 children and cycling about

**Alli Brydon ([www.allibrydon.com](http://www.allibrydon.com))** is a children's book author and lifelong New Yorker, who moved to the South of England, with her family in 2018. **Myths and Legends of the World.** Alli's first fiction book for children was published in October 2019 with Lonely Planet Kids. Her wicked ah-some Boston themed picture book **Lobstah Gahden** was published in April.

In 2021 with Sourcebooks eXplore, she has both fiction and non-fiction books forthcoming. Alli is also a freelance children's book editor with nearly 15 years of experience nurturing authors and illustrators to improve their craft and create outstanding children's book

**Melanie Lucas ([www.pearlandthemoon.co.uk](http://www.pearlandthemoon.co.uk))** makes jewellery using sterling and fine silver and semi-precious stones from her workshop on the leafy Surrey / Hampshire border. Her pieces are made and finished by hand, using traditional silver smithing techniques and textured using rocks, slate and odd tools purloined from various sheds and toolboxes when their owners are not looking!

Melanie's jewellery is only lightly polished to retain a natural, earthy and organic look left by her texturing techniques. The stones she chooses bring her jewellery closer to the elements through their natural colours and textures.

**Tommy Little** is our newest member to the team having picked up leather crafting during lockdown by learning to make small items and book covers. He's experimenting with tattooed leather and his ambition is to make luxury travel accessories.

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As with so many charities, TFSR have suffered a devastating drop in income and only now, can they look forward to the time when they are possibly able to re-open their supply lines of refurbished tools and sewing machines to Africa.

Meanwhile Rowledge volunteer, Bob Blackman, who has worked for the charity for over 20 years, is appealing to local people to get in touch with him if they have sewing machines or hand tools to donate. Currently needed are electric machines in good working order, treadle bases and Singer sewing machines. The charity, celebrating its 41st birthday, is also keen to receive good quality hand tools for use in trades such as carpentry, plumbing and vehicle mechanics.

**Bob can be contacted on 01252 793344 or [bandablackman@gmail.com](mailto:bandablackman@gmail.com)**

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Our planet is changing, but some people are feeling the effects of this more than others. Weather extremes are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis and one place that has experienced this is Kenya. In parts of Kenya in 2020, drought was followed by relentless rainfall and flooding, which damaged crops that had struggled to grow. Together, the climate chaos and coronavirus are a double threat to lives and livelihoods.



Photo: Adam Finch, Christian Aid

People are forced to walk further and further to collect water. They are struggling to cope. Lives are at risk. Families need every last drop to survive. Without water, staple crops like maize and beans wither up and die and the people go hungry.

Christian Aid and ADSE are working together with communities in Kitui county Kenya helping them to adapt to drought as well as flooding, as climate chaos robs people of control over their lives.

ADSE helps communities build earth and sand dams, and rock catchments, so they can harvest water nearer their homes. Dams are simple and cost-effective natural storage solutions. They catch the rain when it falls, increase the amount of stored water available to communities, defend against intense rain and flooding, and free women and girls from long and dangerous journeys to collect water.

### Meet Rose: a loving, hard-working grandmother

Rose is a proud grandmother and an experienced village leader. She has worked hard as a casual labourer to cover the costs of her grandchildren's education. Her husband died and she was diagnosed with HIV but she is a fighter.

She needs a balanced diet to stay healthy and needs water to grow her vegetables.

Rose sets out every morning and walks up to six hours to collect water. She struggles with the full jerry cans, they each weigh 20kg (20 litres) but if she gives up she and her grandchildren will be hungry and thirsty

The nearby earth dam just minutes away from Rose's home, should be a lifeline, but it's not wide or deep enough for everyone's needs. It runs out of water too quickly and so the long trek for water is a daily necessity.

Rose and her community need a bigger dam, as a more reliable source of water for their families.



Photo: Tom Pilston, Christian Aid

May 2021

## A song of hope

What happens when the search for water does not consume people's lives? What happens when people have the water they need to thrive?

Florence's story is very different. Like Rose she is a widow, but full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her.

When her husband died, a few years ago, there was no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. Like Rose does now, Florence had to walk for hours to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she said.

Photo: Tom Pilston, Christian Aid

Then with help from Christian Aid's local partner, Florence and her community were able to build a dam together, just 30 minutes from her house.

Using water from the dam, Florence now grows tomatoes, onions and other vegetables on her farm. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables, and she has enough left to sell. It's her source of life and joy.

Florence also keeps bees: the microclimate of plants around the dam supports a bee colony. She sells the rich, golden honey at the market.

She says: 'I have been sustained by the earth dam. My life has changed. I am very happy.'

Florence knows others are struggling to cope without a reliable water source, and wishes the same blessings she has received will be granted to them: 'There is a village nearby – they don't have an earth dam. They are suffering. I am thankful to people who have donated to build our earth dam. I am praying God will increase their giving.'

### **Will you stand with people like Rose and Florence?**

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, providing a regular and reliable source of water in affected areas of Kenya.

Every pound raised, every prayer said and every action taken, are expressions of our Christian love and compassion, of our belief that all life is equal and precious in the sight of God. Together, we stop this climate crisis, and give brave, hard-working women like Rose and Florence the chance to thrive.

Please pray with us for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for all people living in poverty.

We can all be part of the solution, all we need is determination.

Please donate on line this Christian Aid Week (10-16 May) at

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## A Tribute to Janet Wright - Aileen Ashby

Paying tribute to a village 'legend' is a formidable task. There are so many in Rowledge and Wrecclisham who have happy memories of Janet as a relative, friend, acquaintance or neighbour; we will all miss her infectious smile but treasure our memories.

I realise I have only lived in Farnham/Rowledge for roughly half the length of Janet's long, full life so I have talked to many local people who have been keen to remember Janet. So thank you one and all for your help in creating this tribute.



Janet was born in 1928 and although her mother was from Devon she made Boundstone, Wrecclisham and Rowledge her 'own'. She told me that 5 generations of her family attend, or have attended, St. Peter's School with a great grandchild currently at the school. Janet had connections with St. Peter's Church where she and her husband were married, and Rowledge Methodist Church where she attended Sunday School from the age of 11.

Janet was a mine of local knowledge as one can read in the Rowledge Review record of her Desert Island Disc choices. Janet, as a child remembers the war as visits to a friend's Anderson Shelter and seeing the occasional Spitfire fly over. Music was an important part of her life although she confessed that practicing the piano as a girl was not much fun! A former neighbour recalls hearing Janet singing as she played the piano with the window open. She loved dancing and said there were many places in Farnham where you could dance. Apparently there used to be weekly 'Old time' dancing at Rowledge Village Hall in the 1950's.

Janet was a typist at the RAE until her daughter Jenny was born. Then apparently Janet picked hops at the bottom of Thorn Road as a young Mum. When Jenny started school Janet worked as a part time bookkeeper at Tylers Wine Merchants in West Street until her son Howard was born.

Janet was in at the start of Luncheon Club. I was told that a group meeting at The Methodist Church were studying a booklet called One Step Forward and the final point for discussion was 'What step will you take for the community?' the result was Luncheon Club. A couple of years ago Luncheon Club at The

Methodist Hall celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. At first cooking facilities were minimal, 2 rings Janet told me, so menus were limited to start with. A lady across the road offered to boil the potatoes at her house. A friend told me that Janet kept a register of Luncheon Club members watching out for people who did not turn up finding out whether they were unwell or needed transport also suggesting new members. She



1955 Hop Picking with Jenny

planned meals carefully keeping a record of dishes served.

Janet became a widow in 1980 after losing her husband Charles. From that point on she seemed determined to get involved in many new things so as to meet new people. For those of you who remember the Redgrave Theatre, Janet volunteered there, selling programmes and refreshments. Janet was a Brownie Helper in 1980's/1990's, under the title of 'Barn Owl' with Shirley, Sue & Roberta. Also, through the 1980's Janet was part of the Village Fayre Committee. The Fayre helps raise enormous amounts of money for local charities and is a major social event as well as supporting good causes. My children considered attendance as essential each May Bank Holiday.

Music continued in Janet's life singing with The Wesleyan Singers comprising members of Hale, Farnham and Rowledge Methodist Churches and again in Sing for Joy choir who met at Binstead. She was a leading light in the Musicals at The Methodist Church involving adults and children in 1980's.

History of the area was an abiding interest of Janet's. She belonged to Border Forum and Wrecclesham History Group and was always pleased to share her local knowledge with all. Janet also was secretary of the Guildford Day Commercial School Old Girls' Association for 31 years.

The Methodist Church a place where Janet fulfilled many roles. She was a great flower arranger producing magnificent displays for flower festivals, Easter, Christmas. For my wedding some 30 years ago, I nervously requested 'garden' flowers at the Church. Janet and her fellow flower arrangers raided local gardens and produced a brilliant flower garden in the Church.

Christian Aid was another of Janet's interests and she was a valued Collector each year as well as organizing Christian Aid Soup & Cheese Lunches at The Church during CA Week.

Bells Piece claimed more of Janet's busy life. I remember the 'treasure tent' of donated items at the Summer and Christmas Fairs. Bells Piece Friendship Club continued until Lockdown as an evening social club with varied activities including fish & chips, Frensham picnics and Christmas celebration at The Methodist Church.

As well as belonging to groups Janet would always provide advice or a shoulder to cry on. When I was in a difficult place, she sought me out with helpful advice. Until very recently she was knitting squares to for me to be made into blankets for charity.

A friend remembered meeting Janet for the first time at a Women's World Day of Prayer, now World Day of Prayer, and as is the custom the service ended with hymn 'The day thou gavest Lord is ended'. She noticed tears running down Janet's face and Janet explained that she was always moved by that hymn.

When Janet's family are feeling brave there are daily diaries from 1967 to 2017 to be read.

A big thank you to all the people who spoke to me about Janet 'a lovely friend' to many, an expert on local matters and a treasured member of the community. All who knew her will carry memories with them.

...and from Mike & Lis Randall...

Janet Wright is also fondly remembered by the producers of the 'Christmas Cracker', Rowledge's home-spun festive entertainment that appeared every other year from 1997 to 2007. Janet was a stalwart, appearing twice in every production. She will be fondly remembered for her Joyce Grenfell monologues and humorous poems.



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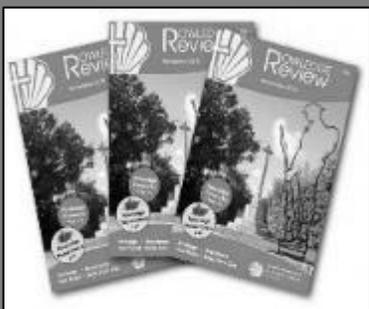
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## Henry Bury

The Mayfield 'estate' was developed in the grounds of a great house, Mayfield (sometimes referred to as Mayfields), which was demolished in 1971. It was built in the arts and crafts style by a certain Mr. May in the 1860s, one of the great houses built by the gentry who moved into Rowledge after the building of Farnham Station. During its century of existence it was home to a number of eminent residents. The prominent QC, Mr. Lascelles, lived there at the time the parish was founded. Between 1886 and 1896, the philanthropist Colonel Callwell lived there, when it was sold to Henry Bury. Henry Bury was one of the most talented of Rowledge's residents though his name is little known despite his having lived at Mayfield for a quarter of a century. One of the delights of local history is making connections, of seeing things fall into place. Henry Bury is a case in point.

Researching the history of Rowledge, I had come across a Henry Bury. I developed a view of him as an irascible character, partly because of some correspondence with the Farnham Herald. A fire broke out at Mayfield in 1906 near Henry Bury's steward's Pear Tree Cottage:

*There is the report of a serious heath fire on Sunday night on the outskirts of the property of Mr. H Bury of Mayfield House, Rowledge, and in close proximity to Pear Tree Cottage and the house adjoining occupied by Mr. Dick Coombe. The fire which is supposed to be the work of an incendiary was first discovered at 10:30 p.m. and was not extinguished before 1 a.m. by which time several large valuable trees had been destroyed and a large area of heath devastated. The cottages happily escaped injury owing to the wind being from the north-east and thanks to the efforts of Mr. Bury and Mr. Coombe and a few other gentlemen who were well assisted by the police from Tilford, Rowledge, Bourne and Wrecclesham, all of whom worked splendidly.*

*In connection with the above, a correspondent complains of the indifference shown by a number of youths who when asked to assist in extinguishing the fire refused to do so and remarked "let it burn". Our correspondent also refers to the necessity for the school in Rowledge being in the charge of a headmaster.*

The vicar felt moved to respond with a letter defending the school's headmistress against the implied criticism that she couldn't manage 'the boys' and expressing disappointment that the complaint should have been anonymous. A letter from the landlord of the Cherry Tree, Mr. Hatcher, asserted that the reason people had been reluctant to help was that Mr. Bury was so rude. Whereupon anonymity was dropped and Mr. Bury responded with an acerbity which seemed to bear out Mr. Hatcher's reproach. He criticised the gentle vicar and launched a broadside at Mr. Hatcher.

*Sir: No one will be surprised at Mr. Hatcher's advertisement of himself as one of those who witnessed the destruction of my property without attempting to assist; but it is a pity that his well known modesty should have prevented him from taking upon himself*

*the full credit of this heroic conduct, and led him to try to foist responsibility on to my shoulders. He had been on the scene for some time before my arrival without attempting to assist. My first appeal for help was made in language which could not by any stretch of the imagination be called uncivil, and it was only after that appeal had been repeated three or four times without effect, that I applied the term loafers to those (some 30 or 40 number) who pursued the policy of "masterly inactivity". I am not seeking to justify the expression; but that it was the cause of any refusal to help is untrue and Mr. Hatcher knows it. In view of the immense amount of damage which such fires have caused all through the district in the past three weeks many of your readers must regard it as deplorable that the vicar of Rowledge should lend his public support to those who offered no assistance. I am happy to say that three at least of his parishioners, actuated by a more generous conception of their duty towards their neighbour, did not stop to consider their Sunday best or wait for an invitation which surely was not necessary but fought valiantly against the fire and did not rest until the last remnant of it had been extinguished. Yours faithfully, Henry Bury.*

The tone of the letter suggests that Henry Bury was irascible. I learned a few other things about him. He was apparently viewed by villagers in Rowledge with respect and unease. He was clearly wealthy. His was the first car in the village, a locomobile, and he had his own generator decades before the village was joined to the mains. Despite his acerbity, he was generous: he donated a maypole to the school in 1914 and often hosted the annual horticultural club show. He held garden fetes in support of the church and local charities at which there were fireworks, food, and live music. He was highly religious and before he attended church each Sunday, one of his servants swept the path to the church before he set off on his immaculate way.

I thought no more about him until, in the Farnham Museum Library, I set to reading *A Survey of the Prehistory of the Farnham District*, published by the Surrey Archaeological Society in 1939, and written by Messrs. Oakley, Rankine and Lowther.

This classic book concerns the geology of the Farnham area and describes something called 'River Capture', a thesis advanced by a certain Dr. Henry Bury. It did not occur to me at first that there might be a connection between the two Henry Burys then, suddenly, the thought occurred me. And they turned out to be, indeed, one and the same man. The rebarbative Rowledge resident was also the scholarly geologist. So I investigated Henry Bury more thoroughly.

He was born at Wykeham Abbey in Yorkshire in 1862. He moved to Bournemouth aged eight when his energetic father of the same name bought the Branksome Estate. This magnificent 800-acre estate was graced by Branksome Tower, built by the architect, William Burn, for one Charles Packe. The estate included such features as a bathing house on the seafront, and a fifty-yard "rustic bridge" across Branksome Dene Chine. It was from this bridge that the young Winston Churchill was to fall, in 1893, while playing a game of chase with his brothers. He attributed his survival "to the surgeon's art and to my own profound will-to-live": if the bridge had been a little higher, then the course

of global history might have been very different!

Henry Bury, the father, had the flair of a true town planner: modern Branksome Park is largely his creation. He laid down the important rule that each house was to have at least one acre of land: a measure that both preserved the rural atmosphere of Branksome Park and ensured that it would be an elite and prosperous neighbourhood. When he died in 1876, the park and its acre plots had already been laid out. An astute observer foresaw that Branksome Park would soon become “the most aristocratic part of Bournemouth” and the mansions that Bury had hoped for were not long in appearing. Henry Bury’s death left his son, aged 14, very rich.

Henry Bury (the son) proved a brilliant scholar. He won prizes at Eton for mathematics, biology and geology, and took a first-class degree in Natural Science Tripos at Trinity College, Cambridge. He became a fellow of Trinity College. Before becoming a fellow, he spent two winters in Naples, studying at the Aquarium to which the university could send two scholars each year. He worked on the embryology of the ‘Feather Star’ (*antedon rosaecia*) and wrote three papers, one published by the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society, and the other two in the Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science.

He suffered a nervous collapse through overwork in 1888 (aged 26) and was unable to exert himself for many years. It was fortunate that his father had been wealthy and he did not need to work. He eventually bought Mayfields in 1896 and lived there until 1921. The Rowledge air reinvigorated him and he became a celebrated geologist, secretary of the Linnaean Society, frequent lecturer at Cambridge, and developed, through his examination of gravel, the classic account of ‘river capture’ in the Farnham area which I encountered in the book I previously mentioned. His ‘Notes on the River Wey’ (Geological Society 1908) proved a classic.

Here is not the place to describe his theory of river capture and his explanation for the existence of the five discrete gravel terraces found around Farnham (Rowledge rests on one of them). Suffice to say, his work was a highly professional piece of work which he based to a large extent on his discovery of large numbers of flint tools in the area which he used as a basis for dating the different terraces.

Reginald Smith, the keeper of antiquities at the British Museum, prompted Bury to study the Palaeolithic implements found in the Farnham gravels and he published two papers in the Geological Association Proceedings and another one on ‘The Farnham Terraces and their Sequence’ (Prehistoric Society Proceedings 1935). He was indefatigable, for ever urging on the local gravel pit workers in the quest for artefacts for which he paid good money, and he left a large collection of flint tools to Farnham Museum. They are currently being catalogued. He had particular affection for a man called ‘Darkie’ who worked for him for 20 years. He found several flints at Mayfield House; also in Great Austins, Bell Lane, Hale, Averley Lane, Gold Hill, Gong Hill, Upper and Lower Bourne, south of the railway, Boundstone, Ridgeway, Headley, Snailslynch, Shortheath, Weydon, Firgrove Hill and Bourne Mill.

He moved ('retired' ... he was 59) to Bournemouth in 1921 and was soon after elected President of the Pre-Historic Society. He produced several papers on the geology of the Bournemouth area, notably on the River Purbeck, published in 1936. Later in life, an inspiration to all who take up a new career in old age, he turned his attention to taxonomic botany and became an authority on the flora of the Bournemouth area. He was industrious in field work and was regarded as instructive and interesting as a speaker. Bury died in his 96<sup>th</sup> year on 27 March 1958. If Rowledge erected blue plaques (and there is one on Mark Westcott's studio commemorating the Bachad Hostel for Jewish children) then surely Henry Bury would merit one, though deciding on which house to erect it would be a problem!



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# An arboreal monument to Rowledge's history – Roy Waight

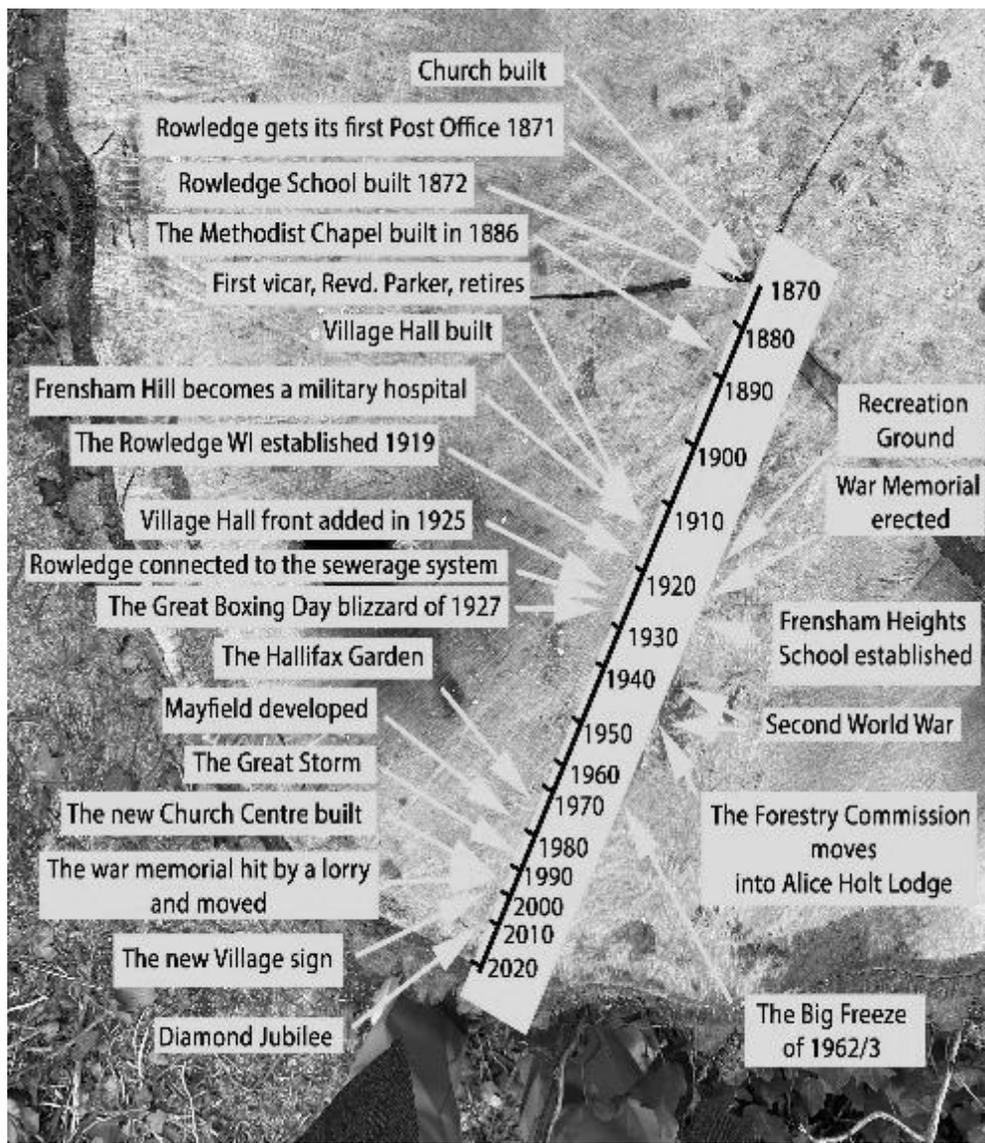
Wandering across the Recreation Ground recently, I noticed, for the first time, the stump of the great oak tree that is situated between the school car park and the recreation area. It struck me that it must have been very old and, remembering my botany lessons, started to count the rings. I'm no expert, but it looked to me as if there were 151 rings, suggesting the tree was planted, or fortuitously seeded, in 1870. It occurred to me that, if so, it was exactly as old as the Parish of Rowledge itself.

Mark Westcott kindly filled me in on the details.

The tree was an oak that had suffered from progressive fungal disease. He told me that it had almost become a friend, and he remembered it from his boyhood. It was cut down last year after best efforts to keep it going.

I thought of all the tree had 'seen' during its long life and reflected that every ring marked some event or other. Looking at the rings, still just about discernible, reminded me of passing time. Here is a kind of monument encompassing the whole of the Parish's history. In the early days horses and carts passed it by; later it would have witnessed the first motor cars. It would have heard (if I may be poetic) the children laughing or sobbing their way to the new school and witnessed the first cricket match on the green. It could have watched as the surrounding land was progressively adapted to housing and recreation. It would have been in middle age when it witnessed King George V visit Rowledge in 1914 to open the Rec'.

It has prompted me to produce an arboreal record of events in the life of Rowledge. I have shown how the tree grew decade by decade and what happened at each stage of its growth. I hope nobody counts the rings and comes up with a different number!



# Wear Something 'Funny for Money'

Pupils were invited to wear something 'Funny for Money' to raise funds for the RND appeal. After being greeted by their Headteacher, Sarah Oliver, dressed as a banana each pupil received a red nose to open and wear for the day. Extra funds were raised in a competition that encouraged children to say something funny for money - any jokes that made Ms Oliver laugh during the day were worth a five-pound donation!





St. James' Church  
Rowledge

The 150 Appeal



**Will you make a lasting contribution to help secure the future of your parish church?**

### Where we've come from

St. James' Church was built for the people of Rowledge and its surrounding hamlets and opened in 1871. The church has played a central part of village life ever since. The beautiful Victorian building is a special place in the hearts of many hundreds of people, whether as a place of Christian worship, celebration of significant life events, nurture of young children through our Nursery School - Little Fishes, or the pastoral care of those in need.

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:

## Will you partner with us?

### The 150 Appeal

To secure the future viability of the church as a resource for the whole community, we need your help. We need local people to commit to supporting the 150 Appeal for several years. We are seeking to attract as many new givers as possible who are willing to contribute from as little as £5 per week towards the future care of the building and churchyard as well as the development of our ministry to people of all ages in and beyond the village.

This additional funding will allow all those who consider St. James’ Church to be a valuable community asset, (whether regular church-goers or not) to make a positive and lasting impact both for the existing community of Rowledge and for future generations.

### Protect the Church for the price of a pint!

For the price of a pint a week, you can make a huge difference to the future viability of the church as an irreplaceable community asset linking us with our past, the present and our future hope. At St. James’ we believe the ministry of the local church is for all people - those of all faiths and none.

Below is an example of how even small, regular contributions can make a difference.

WEEKLY PLEDGE	£5pw	£10pw	£20pw
WEEKS	x 52	x 52	x 52
DONATION	£260	£520	£1,040
GIFT AID	£65	£130	£260
AFTER 1 YEAR (Including Gift Aid)	£325	£650	£1,300
AFTER 5 YEARS (Including Gift Aid)	£1,625	£3,250	£6,500

## Making a contribution that lasts

We would love to hear from you if you feel you can help in any way to secure the future of St. James' Church. The easiest way for you to set up a regular financial contribution to the work of your parish church is by using the Parish Giving Scheme.

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a Direct Debit donation management system that enables local donors to help fund the mission and ministry of their local church efficiently. It allows the church to budget properly, reduces the burden of work on parish volunteers and provides a professional service to donors. It enables you to:

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- To enhance your gift to the parish by having Gift Aid at 25% added to your giving, at no cost to you
- To give anonymously if you prefer
- To sign up to inflation linked giving annually
- To do so securely.

There are number of ways in which you can sign up to make a regular contribution to St. James' Church:

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## A husband suspects his wife may be going deaf.

To test this, he goes a few feet behind her, and softly whispers "Honey, can you hear me?" There is no response, so he takes a step forward, and softly says again "Honey, can you hear me?" Again, there is no response. The husband goes right behind his wife, and again says "Honey can you hear me?" The wife turns around and says "For the third time, yes!"

I feel like March really flew by.



Hedger Humor

**WHAT?!**



Has Covid19 forced you to wear glasses & a mask at the same time?  
You may be entitled to condensation!

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?  
A: Pilgrims.



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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.



## EDITORIAL

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Please either send articles through email: **rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk** or leave your masterpieces in the pigeonhole provided in St James' Church.

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