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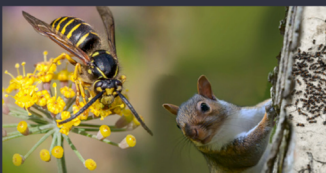
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September 2026

Vicar's letter . . .

Dear Friends,

I do hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer and kept cool in the unusually hot and dry weather. As I write, there is still a hosepipe ban and no significant rain has yet fallen, but September is usually a month of change.

It has been deeply moving over the summer watching fire-fighters tackling huge fires, looking at the grass and plants struggling to survive, and seeing the number of water bottles being carried around (or left behind in church!). If we ever wondered what it looks like to thirst, we need only look out of the window.

Being thirsty is in essence a longing or a desire, something that we feel that we need and wish that we had. We can be thirsty in all sorts of ways: obviously for water to assuage a thirst, but we also thirst for knowledge or adventure, for love or hope. Without water, plants are losing strength and their normal growth and development is hampered. They will not become the plant that was expected.

Jesus knew what it was to thirst physically, but he also had a longing for people to know the truth. He talked to a woman at a well and asked for a drink, then going on to discuss the merits of the water from the well against the water that he had to offer. How could this be when he didn't even have a pitcher to draw water?

The truth, Jesus explained, was in what we were longing for: a temporary quenching of our physical thirst or a deep understanding and experience of God. One water will be effective for only a few minutes or hours, the other can lead to a life of purpose, love and hope.

The plants beyond our window long to be the best representation of themselves that they can be - do we? In the gospel of John, Jesus says "*Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.*"

Let us enjoy the rains of the autumn!

With love,

David

September Diary

for St John's Church, Wonersh and St Martin's Church, Blackheath

Tues 1	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 2	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 3	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 6		14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	All-Age Service, with baptisms and shortened communion
Tues 8	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 9	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 10	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sun 13		15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 15	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 16	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 17	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sun 20		16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
	6pm	Choral Evensong
Tues 22	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 23	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 24	10.30am	Discovery Service
Sun 27		17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
	6pm	Taizé-style - 'Take a Cup of Kindness' [see p.10]
Tues 29	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 30	9am	Morning Prayer
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CW = Common Worship (2000) BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional 1662)		

October

Thurs 1 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sun 4 **18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

10am All-Age Harvest Service

10am *Harvest Service [see p.11]*



Church Office

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

Monday - Friday 9 am - 1 pm

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

Copy Deadline for October 2026

Please submit articles for the October issue by **Tuesday 8th September.**

E-mail address for copy is magazine@wonershchurch.org.uk.

For advertising, please contact John Gosden (johngosden@aol.com or tel.502076).

Children and Families Work at St John's

A reminder that **Kids Church** resumes on **Sunday 6th September** with our All-Age Service which, as last year, will be a 'Blessing of the Backpacks' as the children head back to school.

Mums, Bumps & Babies and **Chatterbox** will also continue as normal while we wait for our new Children and Families Leader to take up her post. Meanwhile, for any queries about our children's activities, email office@wonershchurch.org.uk.

And a date for your diary: **Light Party 2026** will be held in church on **Friday 30th October, 5-6.30pm**.

Join us for our
All Age service, celebrating
the start of the new year

*Blessing
of the
backpacks*



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Growing Faith, Serving Community

Creating space where faith grows and community is served

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. (Psalm 127:1)

‘**Growing Faith, Serving Community**’ is the new name for our building and reordering project at St John’s which is now well underway, with planning applications due to be submitted this month.

We’re building spaces that will help faith flourish, and strengthen the heart of our community. Our project will bring together in one place worship, welcome, and community life - creating room for everyone to belong, grow, and be supported.

This autumn we will be kicking off our fundraising campaign to cover the difference between the cost of the new buildings and reordering at St John’s and the sale of the Lawnsmead site. Please note that Lawnsmead will not be demolished until all the new facilities are fully operational - despite notices which have been posted around the village to the contrary. A Lawnsmead Residents Group has been formed, and we have had discussions with them about the design of the proposed houses and conditions they wish to be applied during the demolition and building period.

Copies of the latest plans remain on display in the Selwyn Room at St John’s and in the main hall at Lawnsmead. Please contact office@wonershchurch.org.uk with any questions or comments.

To be a Priest



On a very warm day at the end of June, in a packed Guildford Cathedral, Lori Cook and Jan Durrant, both Curates and Deacons in the Parish, were ‘Priested’ during an emotional service. Having trained in post for a year, this marked a special point in their ministry as they were approved to take communion services and to officiate at weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Lori and Jan are of course just the same people but, at the same time, this step marks a change in direction and focus. Being a priest is not just a Sunday activity but a way of life. Whatever they do and wherever they are, they are marked out as people of God who wish to help and guide others to understand and find God for themselves. You will see much more of them at services and around the community and, as we read in 1 Peter, they will ‘*give the reason for the hope that they have.*’

Wonersh Week of Prayer

1st – 6th September

St John's Churchyard



Just as we did last year, we will be hosting a week of prayer in our **Prayer Tent** for the first week of September. The tent will effectively be open all the time, day and night, and there will be themes and items for prayer provided. Come and meet the Living God on your own, or with your friends.

We also have regular times of Morning Prayer: 20-30 minutes of readings, silence and prayer - every **Tuesday, 9am** at St John's Church / every **Wednesday, 9am** at St Martin's, Blackheath.

Guildford Food Bank



As summer draws to a close, we are grateful that we have been able to support families through the long summer holidays.

While the number of clients has stayed steady, sadly, but understandably given increased living costs, donations have dropped considerably in recent months. The Food Bank is looking creatively at fundraising options so that we can continue to help the most vulnerable in our town and surrounding areas.

Ian was one of our clients but, after a lot of hard work, he has rebuilt his life and now volunteers with us twice a week. He knows exactly how hard it is to walk in that first time: "I was that person. So I try to make them feel a bit easier - pick out some extras, have a chat . . . Whoever donates is doing a fantastic job – they should be proud of themselves. I'm so grateful for how the foodbank helped me."

We have several requests for prayer:

- For more volunteers to come forward (please get in touch if you are interested in volunteering yourself)
- For office space for our admin. team
- For more people to become regular donors.

During September and for our Harvest Service at St John's on 4th October, we are requesting:

Tinned Meat

Spray Cleaner

Tinned Pasta

Deodorant (M/F)

Coffee / Tea / Drinking Chocolate

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

Many thanks to all who continue to support us.

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

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

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Meet Michael Hersey (President of Wonersh Bowls Club)



I was born in New Malden, Surrey in 1939. In my youth I was a keen footballer and played for Thames Ditton. I was 'spotted' and offered a trial at Charlton Athletic Football Club, but did not become a professional footballer, so took up an apprenticeship with The Silver Company based in Soho as a silver spinner.

In August 1961 I married Joy and we bought our first home in New Malden, where we lived happily for many years with our children Stewart, Julia, Vanessa & Penny.

In 1968 I went into partnership as Mills and Hersey, Silversmiths. The business was a great success, creating and making silver wine coasters, candlesticks and pepper mills. I was also commissioned to assist with the making of the Ascot Gold Cup.

The business was flourishing and in 1974 I bought commercial premises in Twickenham. My wife, Joy, was blessed with the most impeccable taste and we decided to open an Antiques shop. We both enjoyed sourcing items from auctions and spent many hours at Sotheby's.

In 1979 we moved to Shamley Green, purchasing a beautiful 16th century cottage. Both Joy and I threw ourselves into village life and were made to feel very welcome. We became involved with the church, Joy helping with the flower arranging and belonging to the PCC. I was asked to make the Communion Cup, which I was happy to do as the vicar at the time always made us feel welcome. In later years we attended St John's Church in Wonersh, where two of our daughters were married.

In 1980, my son Stewart joined the business and we formed MC Hersey & Son. We employed 10 staff and the business thrived. I retired in 2007, allowing Stewart to take on the business, and he has taken it to new heights.

We then moved to a house on the cricket green in Shamley Green which we enjoyed renovating and establishing a beautiful walled garden. Joy and I filled our time by volunteering at the church, playing bridge, being members of the Gardening Club and spending time with our children and grandchildren. We have six beautiful grandchildren and I have enjoyed watching them flourish over the years.

Unfortunately in 2013 Joy was diagnosed with kidney failure. She was extremely ill and had to endure dialysis three times a week. We made the difficult decision to move to Cornwall as they had a dialysis unit close by and one of our daughters lived there. This enabled us to recover some of our life again, and our house had beautiful views of Mount Bay. I have many happy memories of our time in Cornwall. Our children and grandchildren would make regular visits to see us. Life for me changed as Joy's illness progressed and I became her carer. Sadly, Joy passed away in 2022.

This was a turning point for me, and although I enjoyed my time in Cornwall it was time to come back 'home' to Surrey. My daughters found me a beautiful bungalow in Wonersh which is ideal for the next phase of my life. It was a seamless move back here where I am surrounded by my family and good friends.

I have been honoured to be the President of Wonersh Bowls Club for the last two years. I would welcome anybody in the area to come down to see our new Clubhouse and to consider becoming a member.



Transformations - Art Exhibition

Tuesday 8th September - Monday 19th October

Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP

Arts programmes provide transformative opportunities for wellbeing, both physical and psychological, in the UK prison system. Unique challenges are also encountered when access to tools and materials is limited. This exhibition explores the profound impact that arts programmes have on the lives of the men at HMP Coldingley, as well as on their families, friends and the wider community.

Entry is free of charge, with the exhibition open daily from 8am to 6pm (7.30pm on Thursdays).

For more events at the Cathedral, visit guildford-cathedral.org/events.



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WonCares is run by local volunteers for all residents of Wonersh who need help for:

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Blackheath Focus

September 2026



*Coffee Morning,
Monday 14th September
10.30am-12.00pm
Blackheath Village Hall*



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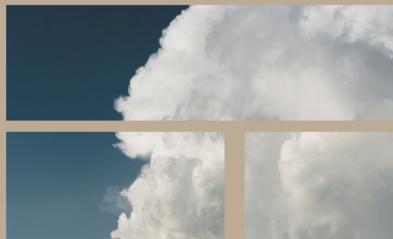
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If you need assistance, please contact Penny Kirkwood on **07973 836987** (phone or text), or otherwise Alex Jones on **07810 486521**.

We are happy to help!



St Martin's Harvest Service and Blackheath Harvest Giving Day Sunday 4th October

We will again be supporting **Guildford Action** and **Guildford Hygiene Bank**.
All donations very welcome:

tinned items, fresh fruit and vegetables for Guildford Action;
hygiene products, washing powder, toothpaste and toilet paper
for the Hygiene Bank.

Please bring your gifts any time and leave them in the church porch, or bring them to the **10am Harvest Service on Sunday 4th October**.

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

Thanksgiving for the Life of Billie Hockley 30 May 1925 – 8 June 2026

Wednesday 8th July was another scorching day which has characterised this hot summer, with the tarmac outside Billie's much-loved St Martin's Church melting in the sunshine. However, that didn't deter over 160 family members and friends coming together to celebrate Billie's long and amazing life. The oldest Blackheath resident, who had been born 101 years ago and lived her entire life in Blackheath, except for a short time at Mill Court, Shalford. A person of determination and great strength of character, beautifully summed up by Vicar David Peters with words of affectionate humour and amusing anecdote, and by Janet with her 'Memories of Auntie Billie'.



Blackheath violinist, Ralph Broadbent, played the Processional and Recessional Music and, whilst we reflected on our own memories of Billie, we listened to the music from Billie's beloved Archers. How she would have enjoyed that – as much as we did!

The *traditional* wording of The Lord's Prayer was used. Nothing less would have been acceptable! Billie's hand was plain to see throughout this service.

Further stories and memories were shared over tea in Blackheath Village Hall – just across the road from her home.

Her memory will continue to live on through the Billie Memorial Matches during Cricket Week at Blackheath Cricket Club. And no doubt she will be in people's minds when Blackheath plays in the National Village Cup Final at Lord's on Sunday 6th September!

Patricia Allen

Village News

Wonersh & District Garden Club

On **Wednesday 2nd September**, our guest's talk is entitled "**Flower Arranging**" and will be given by Kate Osborne who owns and manages **The Gorgeous Flower Company**, a wedding and events floral business based in a 17th-century farmhouse in West Sussex. She specialises in soft, romantic and bespoke arrangements, drawing on a lifetime of growing, picking and designing flowers.



Our October meeting, on **Wednesday 7th**, starts with our AGM and will be followed by a talk by Jackie Curry: "How to Grow Alliums". Jackie has held the National Collection of Alliums for the past 4 years.

Both meetings start from **7pm** at the **Wonersh Memorial Hall**. Visitors are welcome at £3 for each meeting,

If you would like any further information about the club, please contact Hilary Goodridge: tel. **01483 535108** or email hilarygoodridge@ymail.com.

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What's on in September 2026 – join us for these activities

Tues 1 (No Tai Chi)
Wed 2 **Table Tennis**: Bramley Village Hall
Thurs 3 **Mah Jong**: Bramley Library Room
Latin: Godalming
Fri 4 **French**: Godalming
Mon 7 **Pilates**: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Tues 8 **Tai Chi** (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall
Exploring Churches: venue TBA
Wed 9 **Table Tennis**: Bramley Village Hall
Thurs 10 **Line Dancing**: Shalford Upper Hall
Latin: Godalming
Pottery: Farley Green
Mon 14 **Pilates**: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Book Club: Selwyn Room, Parish Church
Tues 15 **Tai Chi** (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall
Big Band Music: Shalford Club Room
Wed 16 **Table Tennis**: Bramley Village Hall
Pub Lunch: The Refectory, Milford
Thurs 17 **Country Walk**: meet CP, Elstead
Latin: Godalming
Fri 18 **French**: Godalming

Mon 21 **Pilates**: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Play Reading: Selwyn Rm, Parish Church
Tues 22 **Tai Chi** (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall
Wed 23 **Coach Trip**: Audley Edge House (EH),
Saffron Walden
Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall
Thurs 24 **Line Dancing**: Shalford Upper Hall
Latin: Godalming
Pottery: Farley Green
Fri 25 **Art**: Shalford Upper Hall
Mon 28 **Pilates**: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Coffee Morning: Percy Arms, Chilworth
Mon 28 Sept - Fri 2 Oct: **Holiday** - Guernsey + Sark
Tues 29 **Tai Chi** (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall
Wed 30 **Table Tennis**: Bramley Village Hall

*Join us for some very interesting talks, visits
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*For further details, please phone Jacqui
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Wonersh History Society

Thursday 17th September, 8pm

Wonersh Memorial Hall



What's in a name? Well, quite a lot it would seem. Take Wonersh for instance, which is believed to be derived from the Old English *wogen* (crooked) and *ersc* (field) – hence “the hamlet at the crooked field” – possibly referring to the fields that wind around the base of Chinthurst Hill adjacent to the village. Not obvious at first sight, is it? The fascinating story of the derivation of place names will be brought to us by Tony Painter at our September meeting.

Guests are welcome to join the meeting for a fee of £3.

To find out more about the Society, including how to become a member, please go to www.wonershhistory.co.uk.

Heritage Open Day

St John the Baptist Church, Wonersh

Saturday 19th September, 10am - 1pm

Once again, St John the Baptist Church in Wonersh may be visited as part of the annual [Heritage Open Days](#). Thought to be Saxon in origin, the church was rebuilt soon after the Norman Conquest and, despite two significant restorations in 1793 and 1901, it still retains many of its Norman characteristics.



Members of Wonersh History Society will be on hand to point out many items of interest and to answer visitors' questions.

Society members will also have available leaflets describing a 45-minute self-guided walk around our pretty and historic village. This walk was developed to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Short Mat Bowls is coming to Wonersh

The long-established Blackheath Short Mat Bowls Club is moving to Wonersh Memorial Hall from the end of September. We have a very sociable group of players who would welcome more members.

Our playing season starts on **Wednesday 23rd September** and runs through to Easter. Rollups are from 1 - 4.30pm on Monday afternoons.

For more information please contact Georgie Grant: dggrant@btinternet.com or **01483 898183**.

Wedding News from Romania

You may remember Ema and Viorel Tulpan from Romania - as a church we supported them for many years. Viorel runs the Baptist churches in Bumbesti Jiu and Balteni, as well as having a wider ministry within the Baptist Union and Oltenia community. Ema continues with her teaching at the Arts School in Targu Jiu.



In July this summer their elder son Caleb got married. He met Alessandra while they were at Dublin University. She is now doing her Masters there, while Caleb has graduated and is working in engineering.



Because Alessandra is Italian the wedding was in Italy and Patsy Kettle, who has known Ema since she was a teenager, was able to be there. It was set in the Tuscan Hills in Montaione and was a wonderfully happy occasion. The 100 or so guests came from countries near and far - Romania, Italy, Ireland, America, France, England, Zambia to name but half of them - and the number of hugs was countless! Levi, the younger son, took charge of the speeches at the evening dinner and the wedding service was conducted by their minister from Blackrock Church, Dublin. From start (around 5pm) to finish (sometime after midnight) joy abounded.

Lord's, We're Coming Home!



For those who have not yet heard, at the beginning of August Blackheath Cricket Club had what was undoubtedly the finest victory in its history, defeating two-time champions Goatacre CC by 127 runs in the National Village Cup semi-final. Next stop Lord's on Sunday 6th September!

This is an extraordinary achievement, especially with a team of whom nine came through our junior section and four are still teenagers. Graham Webb's full match report may be found on the club's website: blackheathcricket.com.

We hope that as many supporters as possible will make the journey to the 'home of cricket' to watch the team, and really put our little village club on the map - details about tickets, travel and timings may be found on the website.



This is Hospice Care

Local charity Phyllis Tuckwell is part of a TV and radio campaign launching on Monday 14th September. 'This is Hospice Care' highlights the importance of gifts in Wills in helping fund specialist hospice care.

To find out more, visit pth.org.uk/gifts-in-wills, call Phyllis Tuckwell's legacy officer Hannah Robins on 01252 221783 or email hannah.robins@pth.org.uk.

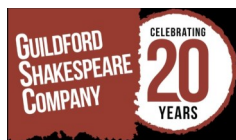
Professional Theatre comes to Wonersh! **Macbeth**

Saturday 31st October, 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)
Wonersh Memorial Hall

On the eve of victory, an heroic general is promised a glorious future by three mysterious apparitions . . . but real or not, Macbeth's ruthless ambition, fuelled by his wife's chilling thirst for power, begins a chain of events that will destroy everyone that stands in their way.

In this 70-minute touring production by Guildford Shakespeare Company, designed specifically for village halls, just four actors bring Shakespeare's supercharged thriller to life for one night only.

Tickets (£15 for adults and £12 for under-16s) are limited and available from ticketsource.com/wonershbard - book now!



Established in 2006, [Guildford Shakespeare Company](http://GuildfordShakespeareCompany) is one of Surrey's best-loved and largest producing theatre companies. Its aim is to reinvigorate the act of theatregoing, break down barriers and prove that everyone can access and enjoy the works of William Shakespeare.



Memory Lane

Last month, Memory Lane was pleased to welcome back Dr Jill Rasmussen who is a national authority on Alzheimer's. She was a great help to the carer guests who are now up-to-date on the latest developments regarding the support they have and how to manage their partner who is experiencing dementia.



September starts off on **Monday 7th** with a meeting in the Cranleigh Arts Centre, when the carer guests meet together and share their concerns over a cup of tea, whilst their partners are entertained by a professional music team. After a welcome tea break, everyone is welcomed back into the auditorium for joyful physical and mental exercise.

This is followed a week later with an outdoor activity when Memory Lane meets in Knowle Park to enjoy a walk together finishing with a sing-a-long over coffee. Singing is usually led by Ann Beresford who accompanies the singers with her ukulele.



The final meeting in September will be back in the Arts Centre at 2pm the following Monday, **21st September**.

Meetings in the Arts Centre are on the 1st and 3rd Monday every month. "Walk Around the Park" is at 10.30am every 2nd Monday each month.

If you would like more information or wish to join the happy team of volunteers, please call Memory Lane: 01483 274398, or email mamwild@aol.com.

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Free Coffee Concert

Thursday 10th September, 11.15am - 12pm

Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP

We look forward to welcoming Neil Crossland to the next of our much-loved monthly Coffee Concerts at the Cathedral.

Neil Crossland is a distinguished British pianist, composer, recording artist and music educator from Yorkshire. His musical journey began at age six, leading him to the Royal College of Music in London, where he earned top prizes in piano and composition. Crossland has performed in prestigious venues such as the Barbican, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Wigmore Hall, and is particularly noted for his complete performances of Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas at St James' Piccadilly.

All are welcome to this free concert - no need to book, and free parking. Teas and coffees are served from 10.30am; concert begins at **11.15am** and finishes at 12 noon, just in time for lunch at Seasons Café!

Heritage Open Day at St Andrew's Grafham

Saturday 12th September, 10am - 4pm



Visit St Andrew's Church, Grafham (GU5 0LJ) and discover this glorious and tantalizing gem of our Victorian heritage, while also exploring the lives of past parish residents. Visitors will be welcomed with delicious refreshments to be enjoyed contemplating the view to the Surrey Hills. Our local 'Radio Hams' will also be there, communicating all round the world!

Parking is available at the Grafham Room, approximately 300m north of the church on the A281. For those with mobility issues, there is limited parking at Woodyer House next door to the church.

Enquiries to stuartwhite2023@gmail.com / 01483 892645. For more details, please see heritageopen.days.org.uk (search 'Grafham').



Bake & Brew



This October, you can support Phyllis Tuckwell by coming together with friends, family and colleagues to share a slice of cake and a brew. From coffee mornings to afternoon teas, hosting a Bake & Brew is a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with others and bring your community together.

Simply choose where you will host your Bake & Brew, invite your guests, stick the kettle on and enjoy, all while raising vital funds for the care that we provide for our patients and their families.

Pick a date that works for you – morning or afternoon, it's entirely your choice!

If you'd like to host your own Bake & Brew event, register for your pack or get in touch directly with our fundraising team on fundraising@pth.org.uk.

Shalford Repair Café

2nd Saturday each month, 10am - 12 noon

Shalford Village Upper Hall, GU4 8HB

The new Shalford Repair Café opens on **Saturday 12th September**. Do you have a broken toaster, lamp, computer, item of clothing or something else you cannot bear to throw away? Bring it to us and we'll try to fix it - **FREE!**

More volunteers are also needed - both repairers and behind-the-scenes helpers.

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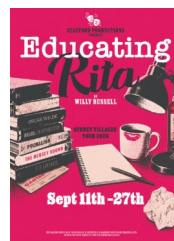
Friday 25th - Sunday 27th September

Bramley Village Hall, GU5 0AX

Don't miss an exciting opportunity to see Stafford Productions' debut performance of this bittersweet comedy, touring Surrey villages this September.

Educating Rita will take audiences back to the 1980s, an unforgettable decade defined by its changing politics, economy, fashion, and music. The play explores the poignant, funny and unlikely relationship between working-class Liverpool hairdresser Rita, and jaded university professor Frank. Both are looking for a way out from lives that, in different ways, inhibit them. Complete opposites, the pair clash frequently - at the same time fascinated by the fact that the other has something they don't. Through their relationship and the transformative power of education, they begin a process of self-discovery that may eventually set them free.

Tickets £14, available from ticketsource.com (search 'Educating Rita').



From Sacred Mystery to Poetry and the Silver Screen

St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, GU4 8QR

St Augustine's Abbey is presenting three fascinating public events this autumn:

The Laurel and the Lantern - a journey through Britain's Poets Laureate

Friday 18th September, 7.30 - 9pm. **£12**, or **£10 each for groups of three, only until 4th September - £15 thereafter.**

Understanding the Roman Catholic Mass

Saturdays, 10.30am - 12.20pm: 26th September, 31st October, 21st November and 19th December. **£12** per talk.

The Man who Lit the Movies - the story of cinema lighting inventor R.R. Beard

Saturday 17th October, 10.30am - 12 noon. **£10 until 30th September - £12 thereafter.**

Advance booking is essential at ticketsource.com (search 'Chilworth Abbey') - a small booking fee applies. All proceeds support the monastery.

Quoits in Wonersh



Wonersh village pond ran from the entrance road to Lawnsmead Cottages down to the corner opposite The Grantley Arms, where The Corner House stands today. It seems likely the pond had been there for centuries, and the date it disappeared is also uncertain. However, from old maps, photographs and recorded memories we can place its disappearance to around 1910 and was probably linked to mains

water and drainage coming to the village.

Some years later a part of the dried-up bed of the old pond, roughly opposite where the Village Club is today, was used as a Quoits pitch. Quoits descended from the discus throwing of the Greeks, and has been played in Britain for 500 years. It was not documented in any detail until the C19th, and the first set of rules was published in 'The Field' in 1881. The game consists of players tossing a ring made of metal, rope or rubber over a set distance (typically 18 yards) at a metal spike (called the hob or pin) set in a bed of soft clay - the aim being to land as close as possible to it.

The Parish Council Minutes for 30th June 1920 record that an application had been made for the establishment of a Quoits pitch at Wonersh old pond. The proposal was accepted on the basis that no expense attached to the Council and the ground was kept in a fit and tidy condition by the Club. At the Council meeting on 22nd March 1921, four letters of objection were read from Lawnsmead Cottages residents who were concerned about the proximity of the Quoits pitch to their homes and the possibility of people causing a nuisance. After discussion, the Council upheld their decision to permit the creation of the Quoits pitch.

The Wonersh and Bramley Quoits Club was duly formed sometime around 1922. Wonersh resident Jim Fullen recalled that as a boy he saw the Wonersh Quoits hanging on a row of hooks outside the Liberal Club (now Wonersh Village Club). The photo opposite was taken in 1930 and was donated to Wonersh History Society by Ellen Portess.



The game played in Wonersh used metal rings of just under 8 inches diameter and weighing between 5 and 6 pounds. One such Quoit, now in the archive of Wonersh History Society, was unearthed in the garden of Sparkes Place by the late George Miles who was gardener there for a while.

There is a wonderful video, produced by British Pathé, about Quoits in Wonersh which is available on YouTube under the title '[Sportshots No. 28 – Quoits \(1933\)](#)'. This short film shows the game in action and has good views of the village, including the Grantley Arms and the Pepper Pot.

Wonersh History Society

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