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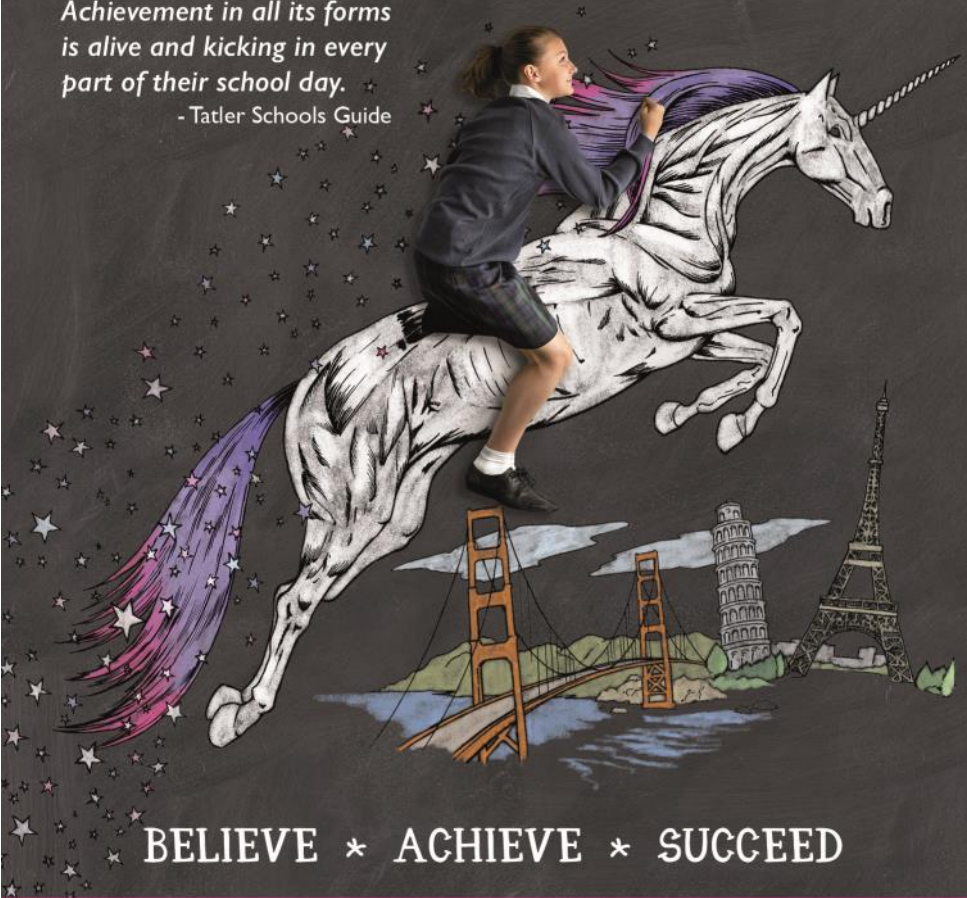
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from the team at The Bridge.*



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FRONT COVER : Townscape of Godalming from Holloway Hill Recreation Ground  
by kind courtesy of Chris Payne





# LOCAL NEWS

On Friday 15th October, St Hilary's Prep School were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Godalming and a number of other special guests for the grand opening of their Wellbeing Centre, 'The Nest.'

## Opening of 'THE NEST'

Pupils will use this space to relax and develop their own mental health awareness, increasing their resilience and confidence to discuss their thoughts with dedicated staff trained in mental health and Emotional Literacy Support Assistants. Situated above the Art room, The Nest has been designed by parent, Mrs Wilson (of Anna Wilson Interiors) and has been created to look very different from the school's classroom spaces. The Nest is a large, calming space full of soft furnishings, comfortable relaxation areas, beanbags and star-effect lighting in the ceiling.

Headmistress, Mrs Whittingham, said; "The happiness and safety of the pupils in our care is of paramount importance to us as we strive to ensure that they develop their resilience as well as acquiring strategies to promote positive wellbeing. We are very proud of the exemplary pastoral care our boys and girls receive. Indeed, this was a crucial part of the offering to our families during the lockdown periods, sitting alongside the remote learning and then in the transition back to school. We are very grateful to the Friends of St Hilary's for their support with this new initiative."



The Senior Prefects surprised Mrs Whittingham with a Gratitude Journal which included messages of gratitude from pupils and staff and ideas for maintaining positive wellbeing. The Mayor and other guests also took the chance to contribute their own messages to the journal.

The Nest has already been put to good use, with pupils enjoying the new space and the benefits it brings.

# Remembrance

A special service of Remembrance was held at St Edmund's School on the morning of Thursday 11th November. The children thought about all those who gave their lives in the service of their country and everyone joined in with the silence at 11am.

I was so impressed with all that the children learnt. There was a real buzz around the school during the week, from Year R to Year 6, and the children have been inspired to write and create some amazing pieces of work. You can see work from children in Year 5 and 6 above. And pictured right, here are some of the beautiful poppies made by Year 1.

*Elizabeth Higgins, head teacher*



## Make a Difference with RECORDS

November saw the launch of a new charity vinyl initiative, Make A Difference with Records (MADR), partnering with Catalyst, the Surrey-based mental welfare charity. A wide selection of second hand vinyl and books are now available in the 'A Novel Idea' shop in Queen Street, Godalming.

MADR was the creation of two local Surrey men, Mark and Anthony. Both have had a life long passion for music and for vinyl in particular. "We wanted to find a way to support local charities in a tangible way and increase their presence in the community. Music is such an important part of people's lives, and vinyl has proved to be increasingly popular as it is tangible and more personal than digital streaming. It just seemed a great opportunity to reconnect people with music and charities at the same time. Our vision is reflected in the name, and we want to make a difference by raising funds for Catalyst by selling vinyl records. If at the same time we can introduce people to new music or reconnect them with fond memories that would be the icing on the cake."

Current opening times are 10-1 Tuesday to Saturday  
A Novel Idea, 9 Queen Street, Godalming . See also: [www.catalystsupport.org.uk](http://www.catalystsupport.org.uk)

# NEWS from Winkworth Arboretum

Hot on the heels of COP26, we wanted to show you some of the steps we are trying to take here at Winkworth to be more environmentally mindful.

One of our Garden team built this shelter for our wood milling machine from reclaimed materials around the Arboretum (for a sum total of £85!). We're now able to process our wood on site, and build fences, panels and other structures ourselves. Because we aren't bringing in materials from elsewhere, we hope this will reduce our carbon footprint, improve our sustainability and reduce our costs. This is just one of the changes we're making to tackle climate change.



And we're already excited for spring because last autumn our Gardens Team planted 40,000 *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* bulbs! The daffodils will create a swathe of colour around Magnolia Wood and the two main pathways when they appear next year. It's all thanks to the generosity of our supporters who have left us a gift in their will for gardens projects. We are so grateful.



## Busbridge Parish Register

### BAPTISMS

24th October

Hannah Rose Lambert

### WEDDINGS

22nd October

Sarah Gartland and James Clarke

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# Christmas Traditions OLD & NEW

Uncertainty returned in the lead up to Christmas with the arrival of the Omicron variant in the country. At the time of writing in mid-December it is still too early to know the effect and outcome over the next few weeks and months. Nonetheless, here's some images from early December to give a flavour of what was able to be celebrated locally and those traditions that many look forward to, bringing comfort and joy over the Christmas season.



St Edmund's School held their Reindeer Run on Monday 6th December raising money for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.



These Year R children were the first to hang their decorations on the Christmas tree at St Hilary's School. They follow an annual tradition where boys & girls bring their own decoration in their first Christmas at the school which then reappears every year to be hung on the tree.

Buddy the Dog and Coolio Camel were out greeting passers by and celebrating the start of Advent on 1st December.



'Can we eat it yet?' Some of the Icthus Youth Group getting creative with gingerbread houses and enjoying their Christmas party.







Inside, Busbridge Church was lit and decorated with hanging hearts, painted and drawn by local schoolchildren.

A beautifully crafted large heart of foraged wood lit up the dark nights at Busbridge Church.

And Christmas is traditionally a season for giving. Here's just some of the many Christmas hampers that were put together in Busbridge to bring festive warmth and cheer to those in need throughout Godalming.



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# Making More of your Garden Space

By Chad  
(Richard)  
Grayer



We live in Busbridge and have an average sized garden. When we bought the house 15 years ago we asked

Chelsea gold winner, Cleve West, to recreate our garden as an urban jungle, as the rear of our house is glass walls and we wanted to bring the outside inside. Cleve also told us how to create night time drama with stage set lighting so the outside was inside at night. This concept suited us when we both worked long hours in London, where the garden acted as a backdrop to living inside. When lockdown started we wanted to explore creating a series of outside rooms, which would make more use of our garden as a living space.

I am an architect so I felt could find solutions to the following questions. How do we maximise light and the sun throughout the day? How do you create shade at noon day sun? How do you avoid concreting all over your garden and having no sense of green space? How do the spaces create delight looking out from the house?



Our response to the questions was to create a series of outdoor rooms. For example, we created a bold water feature using a rusty steel beam, dropping water into a slot in the ground. Some sound in the garden enhances tranquillity.

Our garden shed located in a dark corner was very old, so we tried painting it black but

that failed, so this was an ideal opportunity to purchase a very modern shed that fitted our aesthetic. This was an ideal position to locate a sanctuary space which we framed with white steel columns and a fabulous rocking chair, reminiscent of a Hepworth sculpture. The rear of our garden has the setting sun, so we located a second outside dining space here, again punctuated with white steel columns.





Our previous garden had a simple hammock in the centre but we found this was never really ideal to chill out and relax with a glass of prosecco .. which we did do! So we looked at how spa hotels create lounge zones and selected large double day beds. This created the biggest need for an outside room as the furniture is very large, so along with framing this place with white columns we selected

massive black cube tubs and a feature rusty steel fire place. We painted banal garden fences black, a low-cost wow!

We ration the use of colour in gardens. Some of the garden furniture and planters are in bright orange. Flowers are red so we made ample use of geraniums that are now in a chic retro revival.



To complete the spa like atmosphere we wanted to create we installed several Bose speakers buried, and linked to Alexa, so we could call up jungle sounds or crickets as background sound.

A final tip for you if you fancy doing some of this: start thinking now as so much garden equipment is on long order and there is so much choice that you need to think carefully. Use your time over spring; I drew up about 150 ideas ... in the end you have to just "do it."

In order to maximise the garden space at night and to enhance the view from our glass house we upgraded our lighting to an Alexa linked programme, so we can say set the garden for sunset, set the garden to jungle colours etc. We also used the outdoor fire and installed radiant heat bars that do not have that unattractive orange glow.





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## Big Garden BIRDWATCH

Don't forget the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is back in January. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 28th and 30th January. See the [rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk) website for more details. This rather splendid blackbird was photographed in Minster Road by Chris Payne.

## A Blast FROM OUR Parish Past JUNE 1899

A very successful concert was given in the Schoolroom on Friday, April 21st. In the first part the performers were the children of the School, who had been most carefully prepared by Mr. Cook. The performance did great credit both to children and teacher. The second half of the programme was provided by the church Choir with the assistance of Miss Wyeth and Miss K. Wyeth. We were unlucky in the weather, but all who ventured out were well rewarded, and enjoyed themselves most thoroughly. The profits have been given to the Shoe Club which Mr. Cook has lately started for the benefit of the children.



### Do you have a few hours a month spare for a good cause?

Godalming Good Neighbours is a local voluntary group which provides practical assistance to the residents of Godalming, for example, lifts to appointments, shopping and visiting.

Come and join us for a coffee to find out more.


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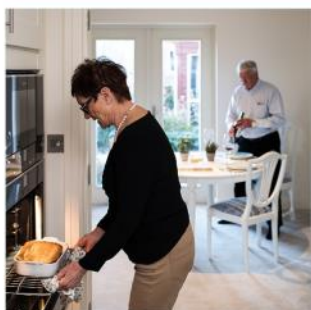
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Animal lovers Graham and Lyn Cornick from Hydestile have been recognised with the special accolade from the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) at the House of Lords, honouring their work in rescuing and rehabilitating sick, injured or orphaned wildlife.



Graham and Lyn have helped thousands of wild birds and animals in need of care since they took in their first animal, a deer injured in a road accident in 1978. After this, more animals were brought to their door and eventually wildlife rescue became their full-time



Photographer : Glenn Harvey

occupation, with Graham giving up his previous job as a heating engineer to help run their wildlife hospital for several decades. Lyn said: "The work can be very hard, especially when you lose an animal you tried to save, and this is harder to take as you get older. But the best moments are when we can release back to the wild, or when you see an animal is going to make it against the odds."

Despite trying to retire 10 years ago, Graham says the animals just kept coming so they continued to run smaller rescue facilities, now known as Hydestile Resident Animals, as well as operating a free wildlife rescue advice line.

Over the years Graham has developed a number of his own inventions to improve care and comfort for the animals. These include a small, mirrored examination box to check over hedgehogs, which often curl up; and stretchers made from sleeping bags for deer and large animals to reduce the effects of shock after road accidents. He has assisted in largescale wildlife rescue events after major oil spills off the coasts of Shetland and Wales in the 1990s, and given wildlife talks to schools and local groups. Lots of school children have visited the centre over the years as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and the couple have also supported young people studying small animal care, many of whom have gone on to become vets or veterinary nurses. They faced particular challenges during the global pandemic with volunteers not being allowed to work and Graham suffering ill health; but they still managed to care for their animal residents and deal with continuing emergency admissions.

Looking ahead to when they do properly retire, the Cornicks have secured the long-term future of the rescue with a legacy donation and have found a young couple who will continue their work as a new charity when suitable premises are found. Graham and Lyn will continue as trustees until the new rescue gets off the ground. The couple received their award at IFAW's Animal Action Awards event on 12 October.

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# Fingers in the Sparkle Jar

BY  
CHRIS  
PACKHAM



## Book Review World Book Day 3RD MARCH 2022

What might you expect to find in a “Sparkle Jar”?  
Maybe gemstones? Maybe Granny’s old button

collection? Maybe coloured  
sweeties? I wonder what it was  
that Chris Packham meant.  
You’ll have to read the book to  
find out!

Ed and I visited a nature  
reserve in Scotland recently  
and I spotted this volume on  
the sales shelf in the visitor  
centre. I was so intrigued by  
the title that I had to buy a

copy. We are admirers of Chris Packham and his accessible science on TV’s Spring Watch (etc.) and saw his videoed account of his walk from Southampton to Winchester along the River Itchen. That inspired us with another rambling idea. His presentation skills are remarkable, but his book was even more dazzling. Sparkles indeed!

“Fingers” is more a memoir than an autobiography as it is not written in chronological order, but does convey Chris’s intimate knowledge of the natural world in extraordinarily poetic prose and reveals with great candidness his struggles with mental health. As a boy he was misunderstood, ridiculed, bullied even, by his contemporaries. Perhaps because he was rather different from his fellow human beings he turned for excitement and solace to wildlife – foxes, badgers, snakes, birds, including a kestrel which he kept as a pet, fish and insects. He read all he could lay his hand on about the creatures with which he became obsessed until he became a walking encyclopaedia.

Some of his exploits do make uncomfortable reading. He was never afraid to get wet and cold and filthy and scratched in pursuit of some creature or other and yes, (like me as a child ...) some of the caterpillars he collected when a boy died in hot jam jars on his windowsill long before they had a chance to metamorphose into butterflies or moths! And as for his jumping into literally freezing water to try and release a fox from a snare and, when unable to rescue it, having to club it to death to save the animal from further misery .... a heart-breaking episode.

However, the whole book resounds with his passion for nature, developed during his early years in the 1970s and his eloquence does twinkle like sunlight dancing on shimmering water. All that glitters is not gold: it may be something far more interesting!

*Chris Payne*





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# Fragile X SYNDROME



Staff from local firm GBH Law recently tackled a Land's End to John O'Groats challenge, clocking up a total of 874 Miles in support of the Fragile X Society, a charity close to their hearts. The team completed the challenge virtually, running, walking, and cycling the

distance in 31 days in October in support of a small but amazing charity working tirelessly to improve the lives of those affected by the condition.

Fragile X Syndrome is an inherited condition affecting intellectual, behavioural, language and social development including learning disabilities, speech and language delay and difficulties, motor delay, overactivity, sensory overload and severe anxiety. Andrea Tishler, one of the owners and directors at GBH Law, has a 10-year-old son with Fragile X. She tells her story: "Jakie struggled with many difficulties from birth, but it was only when he was tested at three years of age that I found out that he has Fragile X Syndrome and that I am a carrier of the genetic permutation. He struggled with feeding and sleeping from day one and was diagnosed with silent reflux, glue ear and developmental delay. I sought help from many different experts – but nothing seemed to help or explain the problems he was having. What followed was a very traumatic time and steep learning curve finding out about Fragile X and how best to support Jakie now and for the rest of his life. This is where the Fragile X Society came into my life, providing invaluable information and guidance and a listening ear."

The team effort has so far raised £590, and GBH matches every donation to the many charity fundraisers they've supported, so the money raised will double.

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# One Pot RED SALMON CURRY

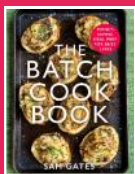
## *with Spinach & Noodles*

Who doesn't hate washing up? I certainly do, and after six months of recipe testing up to 10 dishes a day for my new cookbook, the lure of one pot dishes has never been stronger. This spicy curry is my current favourite because it can be thrown together in minutes, and the whole lot is cooked in one pot. So it's super fast and easy on the washing up, making it perfect for the exhausted cook.

And as Valentines Day approaches there's even more reason to cook a beautiful meal. You will need a large, deep sauté pan or a shallow hob-friendly casserole. Serves 4

## INGREDIENTS

200g large, flat rice noodles  
2 tbsp vegetable oil  
2 large shallots, halved  
lengthways and finely sliced  
4 tsp red curry paste  
1 tin of coconut milk  
Zest and juice of a lime  
1 tsp runny honey  
1 tbsp fish sauce  
4 kaffir lime leaves  
2 tsp soy sauce  
4 skinned salmon fillets  
1 red pepper de-seeded and  
finely sliced  
4 handfuls of washed and  
drained baby spinach leaves  
2 tbsp chopped fresh  
coriander



Sam's latest book  
***The Batch***  
***Cookbook*** is out  
now.

**1** Cook the rice noodles according to the instructions on the pack, then drain, rinse in cold water and rinse again. Set aside.

**2** Warm the oil in the pan and add sliced shallots. Cook without browning for 5 minutes, then add the curry paste. Stir well and cook for another 3 minutes. Add the coconut milk, lime zest and juice, honey, fish sauce, lime leaves and a teaspoon of soy sauce. Bring to the boil, then reduce until it is only just simmering. Simmer for 5 minutes then taste and add more soy sauce if needed.

**3** Using a spatula, gently place the fillets in the sauce and poach for four minutes until they are just cooked. Add the spinach and stir gently for another minute until it wilts. Finally, add the rice noodles, being careful not to break up the salmon and heat through. Serve in warm bowls sprinkled with chopped coriander.



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All warmly welcome, free entry & no need to book. Tea, biscuits and popcorn provided.

The February Movie Matinee is booked for Saturday February 19th - film TBA.

Prime Time is open to anyone (over 50s, retired and/or semi retired) and warmly welcomes new members. For further details please email :

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We hope you were able to come along on **6th January** to hear **Shirley and David Faraday** talk about '**The Environmental Balancing Act**' of this Godalming couple's '**Journey to a Sustainable Future**'. It was fascinating and encouraging for us to learn how we can all make a difference in starting to reverse the effects of Climate Change.

On **Thursday 3rd February**, a speaker from **Oakleaf, our Charity for 2022**, will come and talk to us on '**Oakleaf and mental health in the Surrey community**'. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on mental health and wellbeing. Oakleaf provides vital support to help transform the lives of adults, by managing their mental ill-health, securing the skills and confidence they desperately need and by reducing their feelings of social isolation. In this way, Oakleaf empowers individuals to participate again as active members of society. The charity also works hard to promote awareness and reduce the stigma of mental health. Do join us to learn more about the work of this increasingly needed charity, which we are pleased to support this year. Mental ill-health could happen to anyone!

For our meeting on **Thursday 3rd March**, **Carol Brown**, a local historian, returns to talk to Nexus and this time will delve into the story of '**Spies in Petticoats**'. Please put this date in your diary and watch out for more information on the Busbridge and Hambledon Church website closer to the time!!

These presentations will both be held in the **Busbridge Old Rectory**. We meet at **8.00pm** and welcome our guests with a glass of wine or a soft drink. This will give everyone a chance to catch up with each other before the speakers start their talks. **All are welcome, including men!** These topics will be of interest to anyone!

Our programme for 2022 has now been finalised and you'll be able to pick up your copy at our meetings or from the Church Office.

*Our charity for 2022 is:*

**Oakleaf – Making Life Work with Mental Illness**

At our meetings, we will be collecting Membership fees for 2022, which remain at £18, and there will be a visitor fee of £5.00 for non-members. These fees cover refreshments, gifts or fees for speakers and charity donations.

For more information, please contact Janet Harvey at [janetmharvey@btinternet.com](mailto:janetmharvey@btinternet.com) or Kate Kaye at [katekaye2@btinternet.com](mailto:katekaye2@btinternet.com) or find us on [www.bhcgodalming.org/groups](http://www.bhcgodalming.org/groups)

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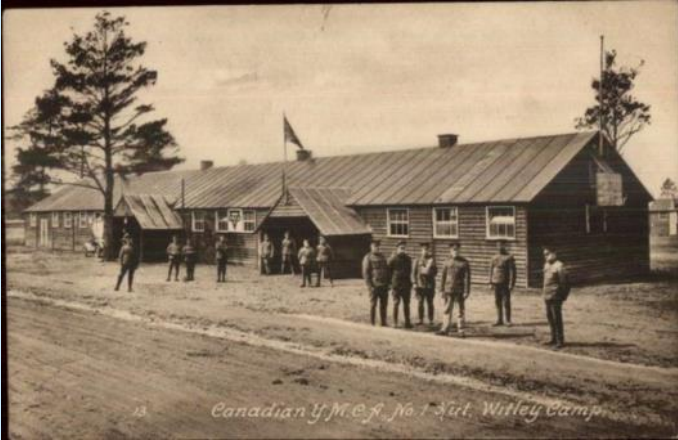
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# Godalming MUSEUM

## *Exhibitions*

The Museum re-opens on January 11th with an exhibition **Memento Mori**, the fascinating and long history of Godalming's graveyards starting with the Parish Church until the present day. It runs until February 12th.



## *Witley Camp in the Two World Wars* **From February 15th to March 26th**

An engrossing exhibition which reveals the extent of the Camp both in size and involvement with the local population, covering a huge area which is now just heathland and trees.

Godalming Museum has new entrance opposite the Pepperpot. Opening times are at present Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10am to 4pm. There are plans to open for a further day if possible. The Local Studies library is open on Tuesdays. Please check the website [www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk) for further details and updates.

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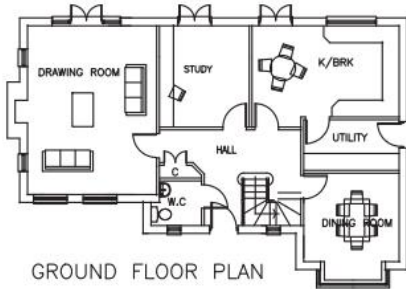
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