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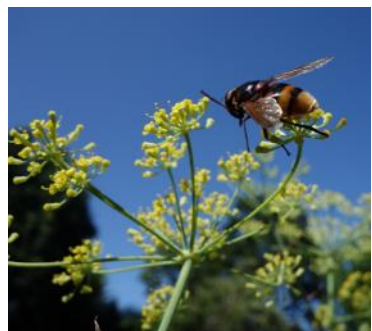
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# NEWS

## Sewing 4 GOOD



During the lockdown I have been heavily involved as an organiser of a Scrubs group, which all started from my posting a re-post on our local Godalming Community Facebook page. We now have our own Facebook page, Godalming, Bramley & Chiddingfold Scrubs, with 63 members. We are in the process of

helping set up a Rotary Community Group to keep some of these ladies united as they have gradually been making sewing buddies and really looking forward to when they can meet in person. Our new group will be called "Sewing 4 Good."

*We have produced over 1700 items including bags, hats and full scrubs, masks and also this last week, 50 dental gowns!*

Godalming Rotarian's Joy Poulter, our President Liz Wheatley, and the late Robert Park, have been not only supportive but involved in the setting up and organizing, along with members Colin Swait and Alan Hamilton helping with collections and delivery (especially welcomed by those ladies in isolation, some living alone). Our members range from young mothers through



to grandmothers missing their normal times caring for their grandchildren. The entire Godalming Rotary Club have been very supportive and appreciate what we have been doing serving our NHS and local care homes. I asked some of our Scrubs team members to pen what it has meant to them to be involved – below are some of their stories.....



Left: 3 of the 50 dental gowns - which was a new challenge for the group

*Jennifer Mason PHF,  
Godalming Rotary Club*

*"I was so happy to be able to do something worthwhile whilst also being able to do something I love - sewing!! I have met some lovely people whilst being part of this group and it has given me a real purpose and feeling of being valued during these difficult times."*

*"I wanted to do something to help and I had been a textiles teacher before retirement so I thought I could be of use. I discovered that one of my fellow choir members was getting a group together. I phoned her and was given Jenny's details and joined the group. I now feel that as well as "having done my bit", I have found some really lovely new friends who I hope to meet in reality as soon as is possible."*

# Brightening Up THE DAY

Local Leonard Cheshire Home, Hydon Hill, was delighted and grateful to receive valued offers of support during the pandemic.



Mid May: Mr Whippy provided ice creams to all residents and staff, brightening up everyone's day.

Far left & left: 26th May - Residents and staff enjoy a donation of Innocent Smoothies.

Harry Hall and Tuesley

Farm donated a very healthy amount of strawberries!

There have been donations to buy PPE, and all at Hydon Hill loved receiving messages of support from Busbridge Scouts, Cubs & Beavers and many others.

*Thank you very much from all at Hydon Hill!*



## *You may have missed .....*

Winkworth Arboretum may have been closed to visitors at the time, but the lupins in The Bowl put on an amazing display in mid May. Dr Fox initially planted the lupins there, and each summer the gardening team collect the seeds and re-sow them in autumn to renew the cycle and continue the display. *(Obviously they don't have the slug problem I do in my garden!)*





## Visitors welcome at WINKWORTH again *but please book first!*

Winkworth Arboretum re-opened its gates to visitors on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, but on a restricted booking-only basis. The staff have put in a great deal of work to make the site visitor-safe and to enable social distancing to be maintained at all times. It is essential to pre-book your visit using the Winkworth website, and at the time of writing (15/6) visits can be booked one week in advance. Tickets are released each Friday for the following week. It is important to note that you will **not** be admitted unless you have pre-booked.

The tea-room, shop, play area, viewing platform and boathouse were still closed at the time of writing, and there have been some revisions to walking routes to

help maintain social distancing. Toilets are available behind the kiosk, with a disabled toilet included. Staff will be operating a one in, one out policy to help with social distancing. Please check the website for the latest information before booking and visiting.

Volunteers have not yet been able to return, but hope to do so soon, once social distancing procedures have been fully developed. We will be featuring volunteering at Winkworth more fully in a later edition, and will be looking at how social distancing has changed the way volunteers work.

*Chris Sollars*



## Lockdown DRAMA?

Godalming Theatre Group, who were area winners for their Frankenstein programme and pantomime Cinderella, have been supporting each other via social media in recent months, with volunteers running quizzes and script readings. April's production of High Society has been postponed to 2021. Depending on

government guidelines, the October "slot" could be filled by a showcase of individual talent, with performances filmed and viewed at home. Auditions and rehearsals for the Christmas pantomime, Dick Whittington, could be started online, with the hope that full rehearsals may be feasible by October. GTG wishes to extend huge appreciation for everyone's support in the past and during the current crisis. "We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when..."



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# St Edmund's SCHOOL NEWS



Our new normal...

We have been back for the past two weeks and have managed to get our Year R, 1 and 6 children settled back into school. They have been amazing, everyone has come in and gone home smiling!

The groups, classrooms and staggered drop off, pick up, lunch and playtimes have all run smoothly. Well done everyone! Above you can see Year 1 doing some socially distanced dancing to Ghostbusters! Here are Year 6 busily working in their group. I think they are quite enjoying having their own desks!



*Elizabeth Higgins, headteacher  
17th June 2020*

## Kindness for KEYWORKERS

Busbridge and Hambledon Church sent small gift packages to staff at Busbridge Infant and Junior Schools, and La Verna (Ladywell Convent) and Hydon Hill care homes, to show their appreciation and offer encouragement.



Above: Anto Ficatier, Youth Minister, and Judith Hawkey, 4-11s Children & Families' Worker, drop off the gifts at Busbridge Infant School.

Left: Gifts for Hydon Hill and La Verna



# *What Strange Things are Happening Around us!*

*This special edition of The Bridge is strangely full of many important things.  
Strange times indeed.*

I haven't seen my mum since March; our family has made three 1,000 piece puzzles yet we usually struggle to complete just one at Christmas; my son has cut my hair (surprisingly well) and I find that I view hairdressers, keyworkers and shop keepers with enhanced reverence. Strange times and strange things.

I've been shocked to find out that several hundred people are interested enough to click in to the Busbridge Church YouTube online service each week; I've surprised myself by quoting Russell Brand as he points out that "We all need prayer!" I'm filled with hope daily by hearing stories of local people loving, caring and supporting people who were until recently passing acquaintances. Strangely good goings on.

I've heard of people who don't profess any faith asking when 'their' church building will be open again. When it did open again (all day, every day) on 15 June there weren't quite the Primark and Nike City shopping queues, but it was lovely to see a steady stream of people popping in to pause, maybe seek something spiritual and look at the art installations to help us take stock of these strange things and times.

I've seen the people of Busbridge Church rise into loving action alongside many, many others, of all faiths and none, and work with groups and organisations; I've witnessed people praying who have openly said they've never prayed before, and I've taken more phone calls and emails asking questions and seeking spiritual answers than I have strangely ever experienced before.

It is like there are strange awakenings deep in the soul for some people. Not all, and that is to be respected, but certainly for some. I am more convinced than ever that we are deeply spiritual, created with beauty and purpose and made for connection. It is the only answer I have to complete strangers emailing the church office to say they are watching the church service online and saying 'thank you'. Strange indeed.

There will be strange times ahead as we glimpse economic challenges to come and mental health pressures. Beyond the jigsaws and haircuts, the laughter and the loneliness, I am grateful to be living now in this time as we begin to consider what recovery looks like for the good of our whole community: how we continue to connect in different ways and consider the deepest things of life and the spiritual.

If your church can help you in any way, please get in touch via the website or call the church office: pastoral care, mental health signposting, counselling, support with shopping, youth care, toddler activities, relationship support... don't carry on alone. There are many people in Busbridge, of faith and none, who are committed to long term good as the strange times continue.

*Simon*, Rector, Busbridge & Hambledon Church  
16th June 2020

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## BUSBRIDGE EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Normal meetings will be resumed as soon as possible.

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### FUNERALS

(GUILDFORD CREMATORIUM)

15th May 2020 Alfred Howick

21st May 2020 Pat Hilton



## Royal Visit

Left: Tuesday 16th June - HRH Prince Edward dropped by the Community Store at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre! Apparently it was also a bumper week for groceries and cash donations. With kind thanks to for Godalming & Farncombe Community Coronavirus Assistance Group for the photo.



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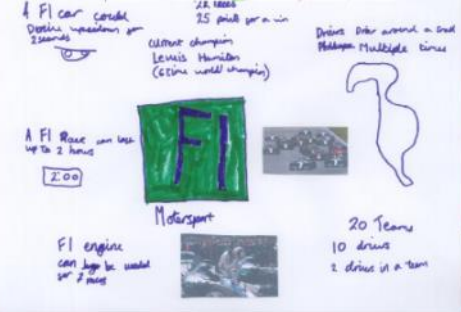
# #CREATIVE KINDNESS

## KIDS, PLEASE HELP!

Children have been sending creative messages to those who are shielding or self isolating and have limited access to online events and activities. Here's a few examples which have surely cheered up their recipients! #CreativeKindness is a Busbridge Church inspired and led care initiative to enable local children to safely spread some 'viralkindness'. If you or anyone you know would like to receive a message like this in the post, or you'd like to take part in creating, please contact penny.naylor@bhcgodalming.org (01483 421267) and see [www.bhcgodalming.org/creative-kindness](http://www.bhcgodalming.org/creative-kindness) for instructions.



While we have been in Lockdown I have been reading lots of books. My favourite book is called Goodnight Mister Tom. I like it because it is really exciting and adventurous. If you haven't already read it it's about a boy who gets evacuated and the friendship he builds with Mister Tom. I made this bookmark for you. I hope you like it.



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Busbridge resident, Chris Payne, shares some of her photos from her daily exercise walks during lockdown. The glorious spring weather and beautiful local flora and fauna provided solace and comfort during the difficult times.

In the UK, May 2020 was the sunniest calendar month on record, & spring the sunniest spring. The Met Office reported 626 hours of bright spring sunshine for the UK (exceeding the previous high (555 hours, set in 1948) by over 70 hours.



This blue tit was obviously very thirsty on a hot afternoon ....!!



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*When we look back on this pandemic, what shall we remember - apart from how weird it has all been?*

Firstly, I think, loss. Deep losses of all kinds – loss of freedom; loss of close contact with our families; physical bereavement, through the death of family members or friends.

For schoolchildren and students, their courses have ended, but without a chance to say 'goodbye'. Exams cancelled, no prom, no graduation ceremony.

Weddings postponed, with no clear idea as to when new plans might be possible. Funerals held behind closed doors, instead of open to welcome all who would have wanted to be present for someone much loved.

For others, job losses and uncertainty about the future are the legacy of the last few months. All these things give rise to grief and lament, and it is right to mourn what we have lost.

But I hope that we shall also remember tremendous kindness – heart-warming stories of people in our community helping those in isolation or quarantine; the formation of WhatsApp groups with previously unknown neighbours; the surprise and joy of new friendships.

*To all our volunteers, we say a huge and heartfelt 'thank you'.* If you have not been called upon as much as you had hoped, we apologise ... but please be encouraged by the possible explanation that this time of crisis has brought out the best in human nature, making good neighbours - and good Samaritans – of us all.

Taken together, all these things are part of the eternal cycle of life which we see around us, as spring gives way to summer, and as the sky - at the time of writing - remains determinedly blue and cloudless. Like life itself, how truly dreadful this would all have been had it been unremittingly grey!

*Rev. Margot Spencer,  
Corona Response Team,  
Busbridge & Hambledon  
Church*



## Trolley TUESDAYS

There are collection points in Busbridge for donations for the Foodbank and Community Store at Busbridge Church Porch and Tuesley Lane (at the entrance to Godalming College) on **Tuesdays**. The trolleys are in place from 8.30 until 11.30am.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of support at this time please contact St Mark's Foodbank on 01483 418741.



Above: 22nd April Donations in Busbridge Church porch. Thank you to local residents for their generous support.

### Abuse Support

We've been supporting a few people experiencing trauma due to a situation in the home. If you have been getting by in silence, we'd invite you to call Surrey Against Domestic Abuse 01483 776822 – safety number; if you would prefer to make a call to the church (01483 421267), then we'd be willing to take some discrete information for you and act with you.

*Busbridge & Hambledon Church*

### Busbridge & Hambledon Financial Relief

through our church charity CFSF (Church Family Support Fund) has been quietly giving financial gifts to people in need and are always grateful to know of anyone in the wider community needing this support. The CFSF has existed for more than 30 years and was formed to offer love and care financially to individuals and families during times of hardship. See [www.bhcgodalming.org/c19-givingandsupport](http://www.bhcgodalming.org/c19-givingandsupport) or Tel 01483 421267 to let us know of someone in total confidence.

Below and bottom opposite page: We've loved seeing all the cheerful rainbow artwork, teddies and symbols of encouragement and support during the crisis.



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Weds 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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# Green-fingered

## CHARITY

During the pandemic, there's been some fabulous local initiatives and driveway charity stalls springing up, selling everything from cards and plants to sweets and toys. They've been really appreciated. Here's an example of one local resident's story.



It all started when I offered to try selling some plants, lovingly nurtured by the Loseley Park team right through the winter. They'd normally have been snapped up by keen local gardeners, within hours of the doors opening for the Loseley Spring Garden Show.

*Just the thought of our green-fingered efforts rotting away on a compost heap was heartbreaking.*

I set up a trestle table on our Busbridge driveway, stocked it with plants, printed off some descriptive labels and suggested donations....and was immediately overwhelmed by demand. The sun was shining, garden centres were closed and everyone was clamouring for plants with which to brighten up their gardens and locked down lives.

Word spread, and once the Loseley plants had all been sold, I decided to buy more supplies from a local nursery, to raise some money for **Christopher's Shooting Star Children's Hospice**. With the help of donated tomato plants, additional produce and plants from kind local people and similar efforts from a friend in Guildford, we ended up raising a total of £2,000 for Christopher's.

*Bloomin' marvellous, you may well say!*

So a big THANK YOU to everyone in Busbridge and Godalming who stopped by – and remained socially distant – to buy something green for such a good cause. I do hope your plants and produce are all thriving, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Loseley Spring Garden Show - rather than our driveway - in 2021.



Gill Morris, June 9, 2020

# Butterflies

Being able to enjoy a garden or outdoor space has taken on extra resonance for many during the pandemic. And there's a lot of pleasure to be gained from sitting and waiting to see what nature is offering today.

One of the joys of late summer is the crescendo of butterflies merrily dancing their way through the garden. So this year, why not sit down with a cup of tea, grab a pen and paper and join in the Big Butterfly Count?

This nationwide survey was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Over 113,500 people took part in 2019. This year's count will run from Friday 17th July to Sunday 9th August and details of how to join in can be found online at: [www.bigbutterflycount.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org)



Comma in Busbridge Lane.



Red admiral in Appletree Close.

The butterflies and moths on these pages were all photographed in Busbridge and environs.



Peacock spotted in Blewfield mid March.



Gatekeeper in Appletree Close.



Orange tip in Appletree Close.

# Moths

So far though, I have to admit my favourite this summer has been moth spotting. They have such an interesting diversity of shape and form. When I've uncovered a new one, I tend to take a photo and then enjoy searching online for its name and details .... Well, I've had a lot of time to spend at home this year! Here's just a few of the gems I've found in my Busbridge garden.

Right: I felt this moth could have come out of the pages of a J K Rowling novel. It's actually called a white plume moth.



Left: Excitement reached fever pitch when this vibrant cinnabar moth was spotted.



Below: The aptly named scalloped oak moth.



And in support of the humble moth, new research has highlighted their vital role as overnight pollinators of a wide range of flowers and plants. Apparently moths' transport networks are larger and more complex than those of daytime pollinators like bees.

*Ed.*

Well camouflaged, a brimstone at Hydon Hill enjoys feed on buddleia.



Large white butterfly feeding on nectar rich verbena bonariensis at Hydon Hill.





## FROM GARDENING TO GAMES

After the First World War there was a change in the use of what had been, in the 19th century, "Whitehart Field", owned by Busbridge Hall. During the war the land had been made over to allotments (apart from the hallowed cricket square!) Godalming Council bought the land after the war as a recreation ground for the increasing population of the area, with provision for tennis, cricket, hockey, football, athletics and

bowling. Out of a total budget of £500, £125 was spent on creating the bowling green.

*The first formal meeting of the Holloway Hill Bowling Club was on  
Wednesday 19 November 1924.*

The first season, with 20 (male only) members, opened on 2nd May 1925. It closed with an overdraft, despite charging 6d an hour for use of the public rink. But a Mrs Cruck organised a whist drive which resulted in a credit of £2 in the bank!

The basic pattern of fixtures was set in 1926, with matches (men only) arranged for Wednesdays and Saturdays. A set of ladies' woods was bought and ladies' matches arranged for other days to avoid clashes. Annual membership was set at £7 for men and £3 10s for ladies. Once more, a £6 deficit was recorded but again the redoubtable Mrs Cruck, who later became Ladies Captain, came to the rescue, with her whist drive raising over £7! Two members gifted the Club a pavilion that year.

*A new pavilion, costing  
over £100 raised by  
private subscription,  
was formally opened on  
2 May 1931.*

*Improvements in the 21st  
century would see  
extensions to the  
pavilion to bring the  
facilities up to modern  
standards.*





It is clear from Club records that tea, organised by a sub-committee, had become an important part of each match and a number of social events began to be included in the programme, such as quiz nights (when whist drives became less popular) and the annual dinner.

In 1927 HHBC played against Godalming, Haslemere, Milford, Castle Green, Bramley, Cranleigh, Caxton Athletic and Hindhead, winning 2 matches, losing 13 and drawing 2. By the early 1930s the Club was winning more matches than it was losing and membership was nearly twice as many as at the start.



During the 2nd World War, fewer matches were played because the difficulty of travel and players' other commitments, such as national service work.

Sunday afternoon matches were introduced. After the war there was a running argument with the council who wanted to increase the rent by 50%, which would have been fatal to the Club, as its finances still hung in the balance. A compromise was eventually agreed.

In 1949, ladies were admitted to full membership – annual subscriptions were then 2 guineas. The wearing of whites became de rigueur in the early 1960s. Later that decade, membership had risen to nearly 80 and the number of fixtures increased. By the end of the century the fixture cards recorded over a dozen matches every month of the season and individual members were competing in County competitions.

*Chris Payne* (From Ron Musk's account of the First 75 Years of Holloway Hill Bowling Club)

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## The CELLAR CAFÉ *is on the Move*

This does mean though that we are not going to be commercially viable in our present accommodation this year, and I write to inform you that

the trustees have taken the difficult and very sad decision not to renew the lease on the premises in Crown Court which expires on 22 May. Nevertheless, we have been in Crown Court for over 40 years, and it is with heavy hearts that we are going to leave the café and find a new home.

Please be assured. We are going to continue to operate as a caring and pastoral team and to employ our staff, currently on furlough, after the lock down is over. We envisage finding temporary local accommodation to continue the supportive work for our vulnerable 'flock', particularly those struggling with special needs or mental health issues. We will continue to support our local food banks and to do all that we can through our network to meet the needs of those struggling with poverty. We are gearing up to assist the local community in the recovery phase after the pandemic and in one sense we will be able to give a more flexible response outside the Cellar and possibly home visiting to give practical help where necessary.

Please continue to support us in prayer and sponsorship in the usual way, and do stay in touch! Blessings and love in abundance,

*Dr Chris Jagger, Chair of the Warehouse Christian Trust (Cellar and Skillway)*

21 May 2020

We have really missed seeing our Nexus members and visitors since our last meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March! The speakers of our cancelled talks are keen to re-schedule, so we hope to include them in our 2021 programme.

We'll keep in touch and let you know as soon as we are allowed to start meeting again as a group. Meanwhile, we hope you have a lovely relaxing summer and can maybe visit some gorgeous gardens which are slowly beginning to reopen.

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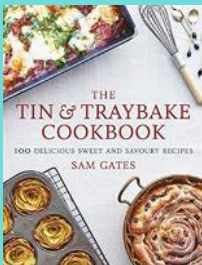


# Camembert & Courgette HEART TART



## INGREDIENTS

- 1 pre-rolled puff pastry sheet
- 2 tbs olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 250g small courgettes, cut into long, thin slices
- 4 big Italian plum tomatoes, sliced lengthways
- Handful of small basil leaves
- 200g Camembert, cut into long flat slices
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper



Sam's book *The Tin and Traybake Cookbook* is available now.

This is a summer showstopper that requires very little effort on your part, and it's perfect for using up a glut of courgettes. Serves 2-4.


**1** Preheat the oven to 200°C degrees, flour a large baking sheet and place the puff pastry sheet on top.


**2** Using a floured rolling pin, roll out the pastry so it's 4cm bigger, then gently cut out the biggest heart shape you can (within the confines of the sheet). Set aside any trimmings. Score a line lightly 3cm in from the edge of the pastry heart.

**3** Heat the oil and garlic in a frying pan and fry for a minute. Add the courgette slices, and fry for 3-4 minutes until golden on each side. Remove and place on kitchen roll.

**4** Starting in the top left hand corner of the pastry heart, and inside the scored border, place overlapping rows of courgettes, camembert and tomato slices, tucking each one under the row before. Re-roll the trimmings and use to decorate the heart. Rip the basil leaves and scatter over the tart, then season with generous amounts of salt and pepper.

**5** Drizzle a little olive oil over the tart and place in the oven for 25-30 minutes until the pastry is puffed and golden. Serve straight from the oven with a simple green salad.

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## Going Online



As I write this we have had 11 weeks of online services for Busbridge and Hambledon Church and I am gearing up to edit and produce this week's service. I and many others have had to quickly learn how to film, speak to camera, arrange backdrops, use professional editing software, upload to YouTube, and other technical wizardry. It has been a steep learning curve!

As well as learning the technical side of putting services together for online worship I have also learnt or, rather, been reminded of a few things about our church family and how we have the most incredible, kind-hearted, patient, creative people in Busbridge and Hambledon Church. To give an idea of what goes on behind the scenes let me give you a flavour of my involvement in a service.....

### Monday

A few of us gather (on Zoom) to review the last service, see how things are going for the coming Sunday service, and to discuss ideas for the next month or so.

### Tuesday

Various parts of the service are starting to come in. I start to put words to the music and the reading.

### Wednesday

Filming day - I try and find somewhere quiet to film with good light.



### Saturday

I head to YouTube to add in the video description, title and other details and check the service through. If the upload hasn't worked I start to enter panic mode and do a final attempt. We've had a few close calls!

### Thursday

Full editing mode now. If all has gone to plan I have all of the elements of the service and so I spend the day stitching them together before uploading them to YouTube in the evening.

Going on YouTube is about bringing our fantastic local community together and we've been amazed to find several hundred people tuning in to the different services each week.

Our services go live at 9:00am (The Book of Common Prayer Service) and 10:00am (a more informal act of worship) and can be found on our YouTube channel:

**[www.youtube.com/c/bhcgodalmingonline](https://www.youtube.com/c/bhcgodalmingonline)**

*Dave Preece, Curate,  
Busbridge & Hambledon Church*



After breakfast and a battle dressing the kids we gather round the TV to worship together & then relax with the children as they enjoy the CYF childrens' videos.

There are 3 great channels for children and youth to keep the kids engaged.

# Church Services & Events Online



**You Tube**   **BHCGodalming**



## 2 Sunday Services

### Heritage Service (BCP)

Available on the BHCGodalming YouTube channel from 9am. With traditional liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer and hymns recorded at Busbridge and Hambledon .

### BHC Main Sunday Service

Available on the BHCGodalming YouTube channel from 10am. With contemporary band-led worship music.

## For Children

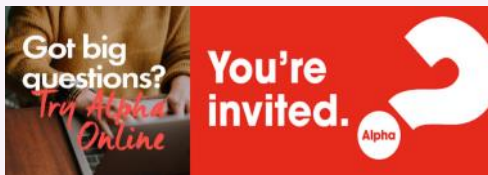
### Tiny Tigers & Ark for 0-7s

New videos every Sunday for young children.

Activities and sessions on Zoom for 11-18s.



See [www.bhcgodalming.org/what's-on](http://www.bhcgodalming.org/what's-on) for live events on Zoom. Prayer meetings, Thursday reflections, topical film discussions, Unplugged Youth services.



The most popular intro course to Christianity started 24 June, but catch up sessions are available! Wednesdays at 7.30pm. To find out about Alpha, see [alpha.org](http://alpha.org), then register on the church website below.

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## Online Courses starting soon

All links and info on [www.bhcgodalming.org/courses](http://www.bhcgodalming.org/courses)



# Virtual Visits to Godalming MUSEUM

We closed the museum following government advice on March 16th. At the time it felt like a difficult decision, although succeeding events have made it clear that it was inevitable. Since then the museum has been a very quiet place without its visitors and volunteers. The blinds and curtains are closed and watercolours and textiles on display covered to protect them from unnecessary exposure to light. Other objects are swathed in dust sheets. Everything which can be switched off has been, not just as a precaution against fire, but also to save electricity. With no income from our shop, exhibitions or donation boxes and our summer fundraising events cancelled, we are counting every penny (after quarantining it for 72 hours of course).



The normal life of the museum has been put on hold, but from early on we realised that these strange times also offered an opportunity to create something new - a virtual museum. **Posting a video every day on the museum's Facebook page and on our website, we have built up a library of 100 bite-sized films which tell the local story from the Paleolithic to the Millennium, using objects, photographs, ephemera and early film in the museum collection.**

Some of my favourite objects which have featured in the films are George Tanner's scrapbook of 19th century amateur theatrical productions (day 42), and Pelham Bird's vivid memories of growing up in Old Croft (now Café Nero) during the First World War (day 60). I have also taken some film while out walking our dog, Hamish, and we enjoyed finding historic features along the Wey (day 16) and the Ock (day 18) and stink pipe spotting (day 44).



We are getting a very positive response to the videos, particularly to ones featuring Roman finds from Binscombe (day 8) and Witley Camp in the First World War (day 63). People have enjoyed seeing films of local events, made in the early years of the 20th century by Mr Fudger of Godalming's Electric Empire cinema.



Videos featuring the museum's beautiful courtyard garden, in bloom this year unseen, have been popular.

I have learned a lot and have also been reminded that our community has faced difficult times before and come through. Following the First World War and the 1918 influenza pandemic, Godalming founded a museum; organised a week-long promotion of local businesses; held a carnival which raised a spectacular sum for the county hospital; raised funds for unemployed miners, ex-servicemen and the League of Nations and opened a grammar school. Let's hope that we can achieve as much in the next 10 years!

You can make your own virtual visit at on the [Godalming Museum Facebook page](#) or on the website

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

You can support your museum by joining the Friends through the "Can you Help" section of the website.

*Alison Pattison, Curator, Godalming Museum, 109a High St, by the Pepperpot.*



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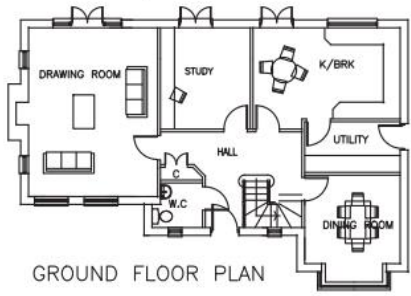
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