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LOCAL NEWS

St Hilary's School SUCCESS



St Hilary's Prep School and Nursery was delighted to hear that they were selected as The Independent Prep School of the Year 2020. The Award was judged on St Hilary's successes of the previous academic year; including the opening of their own Lego Innovation Studio, securing the British Council's International Schools Award, winning national art competitions, a strong buddy system, community outreach and the development of higher order thinking skills through teaching philosophy and chess.



The Headmistress, Mrs Whittingham (pictured left) said 'This prestigious award is an excellent reflection of our school and everything we do to ensure the boys and girls not only achieve their academic personal best but also equipping them with skills and values for life.'

Earlier in the month, on Friday 2nd October, the school celebrated Miss Hiorn's Day, to mark the School's founder. The focus of the day was on mental health and wellbeing, with links



to Young Minds, the wonderful mental health charity. Boys and girls wore their yellow PE Kit complemented with a range of yellow accessories. The usual timetable was adapted to incorporate activities linked to mental health and wellbeing. Their #HelloYellow day was as big and bright as possible and showed the boys and girls strategies they can use to support their mental health and that when things are not easy there are always people they can turn to for help. Donations of £240 were collected in support of the Young Minds Charity and pupils' awareness was successfully raised.



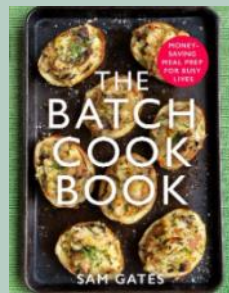
Please see Page 8 for details of St Hilary's Open Mornings & Tours.

Launch of Youth LISTENING SERVICE

The Cellar Community is offering an **early response listening service** for troubled **young people in our locality** in association with the newly formed 14-18 group, the Dan Eley Foundation & the well-established Trinity Trust Team.

Confidential appointments are being offered at no charge to any young person, either alone or with a friend or parent, who is struggling with the challenges of the current uncertainties and the emotional problems that they may be facing. The appointment would be held at a designated address with two of our team in attendance offering a sympathetic ear, words of comfort and encouragement with assistance in finding the right pathway for a purposeful future. The group has a network of professional psychologists to access should this be considered necessary. All the team members are DBS checked and have experience or expertise in the field.

To book an appointment please phone: Chris 07818675528 or phone or text or Jill on 01483 414646



Our very talented cookery writer, Sam Gates, published her new book, The Batch Cook Book on 15th October; the focus being on delicious, healthy, make-ahead recipes which save both time and money.

Cut out and keep



HELLO! COVID-19 UPDATE

If you are finding life difficult due to COVID-19 we can help with:

- A friendly phone call
- Shopping
- Urgent supplies

We are aware and delighted that a lot of individuals and roads already have support in place under various initiatives. For those that don't or if we can help further please telephone us and we'll do our best to help (for free)

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Busbridge Parish Register

Lovely during September to see weddings permitted to return to Busbridge Church.

WEDDINGS

12th September 2020

Alice Cassels-Barker and
Nicholas Maskell

26th September 2020

Jemima Rail and Ben Boughton
(pictured left)

HELLO! COVID-19 UPDATE

With the onset of winter and increasing cases of Covid-19 we recognise people are experiencing new challenges

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of help, feeling lonely or needing reassurance, please telephone 01483 421267 or

e-mail: (preferred) pastoral@bhcgodalming.org

and we will help in any way we can.

Busbridge and Hambledon Churches are now open for limited services and online services also continue

Alternatively you can email prayer requests to: **prayer@bhcgodalming.org**

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Busbridge Infant School NEWS

Well what a start to new school year! It has been a start like no other, but everyone is so happy to be back. The children and the staff are adjusting to our new routines and have all settled into their new year groups. The staggered starts and pick-ups and new

routines have taken some fine tuning but the whole school community have really pulled together. Our wonderful team of staff have continued to think creatively about how to maximise the learning opportunities and logistics within our bubbles; thoughtfully planning all the when, where's and how's! And our wonderful children have continued to be enthusiastic, resilient and kind.

In our wider school community, Judith and Dave at Busbridge church have also been very supportive with fortnightly recorded zoom assemblies. The children enjoyed their Harvest zoom assembly with Judith and Dave, and thanks to our community, we had a very fruitful Harvest collection.



The whole school enjoyed being outside for our woodland activities day with the Surrey Outdoor Learning Team. Our youngest learners in Reception learnt about fire safety, how to safely build a fire and then enjoyed the fruits of their labour by cooking some popcorn on their fire. The Year Ones were busy building dens, learning different knots and getting creative with sticks whilst the Year Twos were learning how to use tools safely to make a 'knitting' disc out of wood. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and it gave the adults lots to think about for future activities in our super outdoor areas.

Katherine Smith,
head teacher

Busbridge Infant School Gardens Part Time Gardener Required

After many years tending the plants in our wonderful school gardens, Mrs Rooke is handing over the reins (secateurs?) We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to her for all her valuable work ensuring that we have such fantastic gardens that really enhance our environment and inspire us all, children and adults alike.

This leaves us with a position for 3 hours per week (38 weeks per year) at SCC Grade PS4.1 which is £19072 PA, £1319.78 Pro-rata. The hours are flexible & open to discussion.

Interested parties please contact the school office for an application form.
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OPEN EVENTS

PREP

Friday 13th November 2020

Friday 5th February 2021

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SENIOR

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A Bridge reader has contacted us with the following ...

Do you know this little furry friend?

He has been visiting us for B&B for some time. We suspected another cat and put our wildlife camera on the job. He is (we assume a "he" – nicknamed Mr Fluffy, as we have never been close enough to tell) a cute little cat, obviously accepted by our two female cats – we never hear any hissing or confrontation that another ginger and white tom cat (he is definitely a "he", nicknamed Mr Chunky) gets.

A friend, then.



Certainly a clever opportunist, always waiting until after lights-out - we imagine his little furry ears in the shrubbery calculating the right moment - before trotting up the pathway for supper and a snooze.

Helpful too, he took a mouse out of the house that one of ours had brought in!

But Mr Fluffy's cosy night visits are alas about to be curtailed by a microchip cat flap.

We wondered if any other Bridge readers had received a nocturnal visit from this cheeky chap? We'd love to know his/her proper name.

Get in touch via the editor.atthebridge@gmail.com



The New Normal

There now appears to be few areas of daily life that aren't affected by Covid-19. Here are two valiant members of The Bridge team in new surroundings at our bi-monthly meeting in August! Pictured moments before proceedings were unceremoniously cut short due to a passing thunderstorm! Thankfully, technology and emails later saved the day and here we are in publication again.



BUSBRIDGE EVENING WI

Our monthly meetings are now being held online on Zoom on the

2nd Tuesday of each month.

Contact: d.albery@btinternet.com

**Tuesday 10th November
AGM**

The Mayor of Godalming

**Tuesday 8th December
Christmas Theme**

St Mark's GODALMING FOODBANK

A helping hand in hard times



If you would like to donate to the St Mark's Foodbank, please check the website first to see what we are most in need of and then kindly deliver your donations to:

**St. Mark's Community
Centre/Church,
Franklyn Rd,
Godalming, GU7 2LD**

At any of the following
times:

Mon/Tue/Wed 9.30am-2pm
Thursday 10am-1.30pm

The continuing coronavirus pandemic has caused varying degrees of economic hardship and dislocation for many local families, for reasons including redundancy, health issues and benefit problems. In this difficult time lots of people have found themselves in a position they never dreamt of and have used foodbanks for occasional help as a stop gap measure while issues are sorted out.

St. Mark's Godalming Foodbank is a local example and opened in a very small way with one cupboard in December 2010. We have grown over the years and now have 2 cupboards, a small storage room and part use of a shed, with another shed for our sole use arriving soon.

I have been involved from the start, and for the past year my colleague Ricky has been helping out, and we also have some very loyal volunteers. It gives me huge pleasure to know I am helping people. Some years ago when my children were small, I was in a position similar to that which many of our recipients find themselves in, and I wish there had been somewhere like St. Mark's to help me. I think I understand better than most how hard these situations can be.

In terms of the numbers of people we help, we went from about 25 a month previous to lock down, then rocketed to approximately 250 during April and May.

The numbers have slowly reduced since then until we have levelled out at approximately 55 since the end of August.

We have outreach sites which take parcels to dispatch to needy people, such the site at the Baptist Church which is operating from the home of one of our volunteers. We post needs monthly on our website (www.parishofgodalming.org.uk/our-church-of-st-marks/food-bank/) and have always been supported by local churches and our regular donors. Harvest festivals also bring a great many donations from schools and churches. Waitrose in Godalming have also been supporting us by collecting in the shop for many years now. With Christmas on the horizon, we are planning some hampers with the help of Churches Together in Godalming, but have always popped some Christmas "goodies" into the December parcels.

We work in close liaison with the Community Store at the Wilfred Noyce centre, where our contact is Patrick Andre. He keeps in regular touch and we will help with anything they need and vice versa. Patrick has raised funds for our new shed, which we hope to get up and running very soon.

Karen Milton, St Mark's Community Centre Coordinator

Trolley TUESDAYS

There continue to be collection points at Busbridge Church and Tuesley Lane (at the entrance to Godalming College) for donations for the St Mark's Foodbank and the Wilfrid Noyce Community Store on **Tuesdays**.

Look out for the trolleys which are in place from 8.30 until 11.30am.

Alternatively, the Wilfrid Noyce Community Store has collection hubs in Busbridge at:



Above : Car boot— a typical week of donations from the generous folk of Maryvale and environs.

Right : Donations from the members of the Farncombe and District Allotment Association - Maplehatch Allotments.

Beautiful photos Moira, thank you. Ed

- 31 Windy Wood Godalming GU7 1XX
- 12 Maryvale, Godalming GU7 1SW
- 16 The Paddock, Godalming GU7 1XD

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The Cellar community is delighted that well-known local hairdresser Alex has taken over the old Cellar premises in Crown Court and we are already enjoying a relationship of shared promotion and service to the local community. He has done a marvellous job in converting the café into a state-of-the-art barber's parlour with a freshness and vitality that is buzzing with new life.



Alex has chosen a very interesting brand name—'The Cut Thru', which does justice to the prime location and cut through from Crown Court car park to the High Street. The name has triggered my memory bank regarding the link between the surgical profession and barbers which is quite fascinating and you may be interested to know that surgeons being called Mr is a historic link to barber surgeons! Not only were the original barber surgeons excellent cutters of hair but also being so dexterous and useful with a knife (I remember the leather strop and cut throat razor from my childhood!) were able to perform surgical procedures!

No doubt he will have had to deal with many pudding basins and shaggy dogs as after-effects of lock down, and one of our Cellar trustees has had his hair attacked by his wife with dog clippers but with rather good effect! The Cellar community strongly endorses Alex's work and service in Crown Court and he is kindly letting us store our modest street ministry kit in the old place in the outside cupboard.

The Cellar, which closed its café premises in Crown Court in mid-March of this year, is delighted to shortly be moving to our new home in close proximity and will continue to serve the needy folk of our local community including those with special needs or mental illness. Alex may hear the strains of Rock Gospel music in the background from Crown Court on occasions. We prayerfully offer him our heartfelt blessing.

Dr Chris Jagger MBE, Chair of Warehouse Christian Trust - Cellar and Skillway projects

LATEST NEWS The Cellar Café re-opened on Monday 26th October in its new home in the old staff café within the Waverley Borough Council complex.

The entrance is opposite Waitrose in Bridge Street. It is located in the walkway opposite, between there and the rear entrance of the Council offices – it is between the CAB and the Town Council offices. We are rebranding our identity after 41 years and we will be called '**Cellar Camino Cafe**' – we will also be housing the 'Community Fridge'. Come and visit us and have a cup of coffee (observing social distancing of course)!

Simon Crowther

Virtual Open Mornings
Friday 13th November 2020
Friday 5th February 2021

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Saturday 14th November 2020

Year 1 - 6 Assessment Day
Tuesday 5th January 2021



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Busbridge Junior School NEWS



A Big Hello from all at Busbridge CE Junior School. After the lockdown it has been simply wonderful to have a school full of children since September. The school is once again bursting with the sights, sounds and smells of our youngsters. All the hand-washing and distancing has helped us attain a higher attendance rate than normal for this time of year!

In October we held our Mental Health and Well-Being DoubleDay. Through a range of activities children reflected on their own feelings, and we reinforced the message that we all experience a range of feelings, from happiness to anxiety, etc. We also looked at strategies to manage them and how to look after our own mental well-being.

For a bit of fun 'Ketsy the Magician' shared his magic show. As part of the fun the children dressed up on the theme of Magic for one of the days. Here are some of our Year Fives in their magical costumes.

Richard Catchpole, head teacher

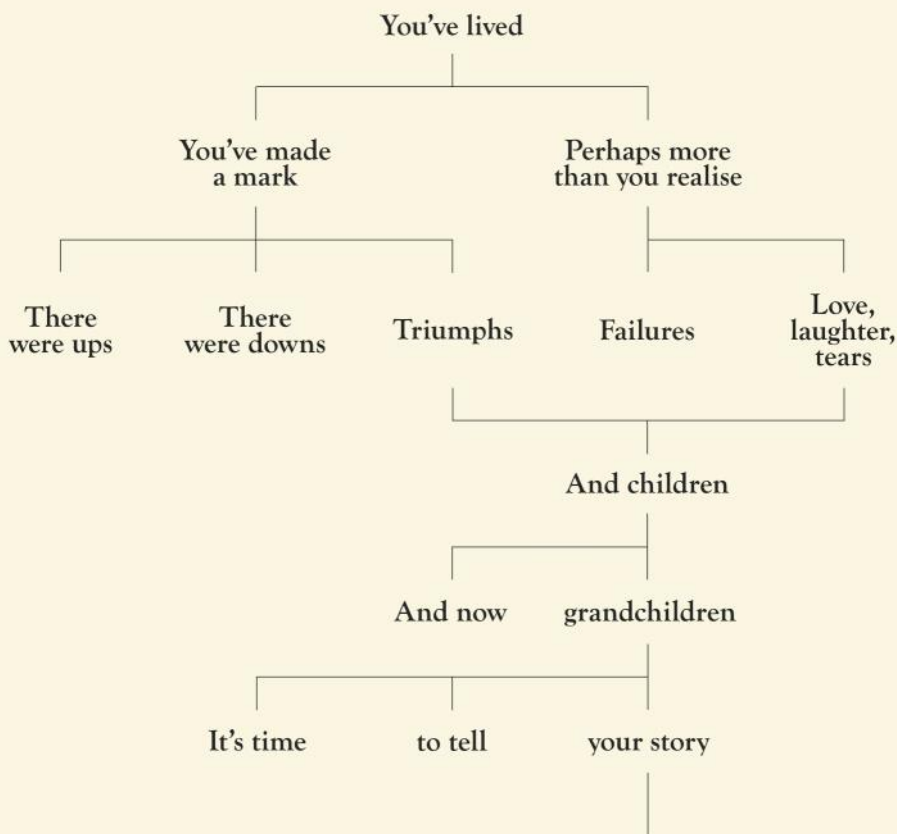
Totally TREES

Did you know that Waverley Borough is one of the top 20 areas for tree cover in England and Wales? This was reported in a recent survey

undertaken by Bluesky International, mapping tree cover across the countries. It also highlighted the important role that our gardens and streets play in increasing that canopy (Source: BBC News).

So we thought we'd celebrate some of the fabulous trees and colour that we've been privileged to enjoy this autumn in our local area. Kind thanks to Chris Payne who's been out and about to capture these delightful images for us.





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Comfort and Joy..... Good news, really?

In a 2003 film of this name character Jane Berry has a car crash and ends up in a parallel world. She finds she has a new way of being who she is. In her former world Jane had everything; a great life and a significant job; she lived well. Then a change impacts her. She doesn't quite understand it; she's in shock at the difference; and although she tries, she cannot revert to the old way of being.

Perhaps you're in a parallel place right now? None of us expected it this time last year. I'd just come back from a fact-finding trip to Bosnia and I had so many great plans.... or so I thought. I'd never heard of COVID.

In our parallel place I have a hope for December 2020 in Busbridge and nearby; that it is a time where each of us spreads a small dose of comfort and joy and in such measure that it alters the framework of our area for good. I hope we'll see comfort and joy in conversations and in people passing one another on The Drive, hear it on the Rec and at the station. In my hope I see it making a difference as it releases us from fear, uncertainty & being sapped of energy.

In the film, Jane explores her new world and comes to appreciate that she needs to make the best of today. She discovers that old clothes can be better than always having the newest; volunteering at a homeless shelter brings greater meaning than things she used to do; and that the new friends and family she has discovered need to be treasured because they may not be with her for ever.

How does Christmas bring comfort and joy into this?

It's about living now, not waiting for the past to return or for an unknown future. What is the difference between joy and happiness? Happiness is fleeting. Joy is much deeper and comes from being rooted in something good. Christmas is about discovering (or rediscovering) the Comfort of Christ with us; and the joy of finding this brings meaning. Christmas for me is about God who walks through things with us; is within the mess we are in; and brings joy in the midst of shifting circumstances that seem so confusing. We can all find reasons for comfort and joy, some small and every day, while others are more significant. We can all bring comfort to others. Being a person of comfort and joy is a decision and it is one that isn't taken lightly, but when walked it lightens our lives.

This is the message we'll be exploring through Christmas at Busbridge Church. We're going to offer some fantastically creative things for the whole community as a way to bring us all together and offer one another comfort and joy in hard times, including a great art exhibition to help us think about bigger meaning. And you can catch our services on our YouTube channel and other Christmas events (all COVID secure) will be announced on our website. *But above all, in a time of difference and a parallel place, we're still here: willing, wanting to serve and praying for everyone and this area.*

Simon Taylor, Rector



Luke 2:10 "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy."

SEASON OF **COMFORT & JOY**



Comfort
and Joy   **COMMUNITY
EXHIBITION**
AT BUSBRIDGE CHURCH

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Join us at www.bhcgodalmng.org for a full list of Christmas events and to check for any changes. Everything is subject to latest government & CofE guidance. Sign up for Test & Trace, and face coverings required.



Rainbows is for all girls aged 5 - 7. Rainbows is exciting, messy, friendly and a lot of fun!

Busbridge Rainbows has been running since 1993.

Normally we meet in the village hall although due to Covid19 we haven't been meeting as normal but have been having virtual Rainbows over zoom instead.



This year, before lockdown, we were working on our Make Change Skills Builder Badge.

There are 12 Skills Builders we can work for based around our 6 themes of; Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action, and Skills For My Future.



As well as working towards Skills Builder Badges we do lots of other activities including playing games, celebrating events such as Chinese New Year, going on Rainbow Overnights, going on trips and joining in community events like Godalming Town Remembrance Parade.

As a Rainbow we make our Rainbow Promise which is:-

I promise that I will do my best to think about my beliefs and to be kind and helpful.



When you are 7 and it is time to leave Rainbows to go to Brownies you have a Pot of Gold party to celebrate your time at Rainbows where you get to choose what activities to do that week at Rainbows.



Activities with food always seem a popular choice. Our leaders, Snowflake and Storm, have lots of fun as well and would love to have some more helpers so we can have even more Rainbows in Busbridge.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2021, with love from Busbridge Rainbows.



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Fröhliche Weihnachten!

What might you find under a
German Christmas tree?

Whatever age or gender the recipient, there will probably be a Weihnachtsteller, a 'Christmas plate' filled with a variety of biscuits special to the Christmas season.

In a 'good year', my mother might bake 15 different kinds of biscuits. Production would start at the beginning of December, and gradually we would see a collection of tins filling one of the shelves in the cellar which acted as a pantry.

We all had our favourites, and here are the recipes for two of mine. A Spitzbube is a scoundrel or scallywag – I've no idea how this rogue gave his name to an almondy-buttery shortbread type of confectionery, but he did.

SPITZBUBEN



Method

- Beat the butter with the sugar until smooth and creamy.
- Add egg yolk & vanilla, then the almonds, and finally the flour, kneading quickly into a smooth

pastry. If it is sticky, put in the fridge for 30 minutes, or add a little more flour.

- Roll out to a thickness of 3-4mm, cut round biscuits and bake at 170-180°C for about 10 minutes – you want them barely browned.
- Warm some redcurrant jelly and use this to sandwich the biscuits together in pairs. Dust with icing sugar. They will taste better on the second day, or the third, if they get the chance.

Ingredients

*150g unsalted butter
120g icing sugar
1 egg yolk
½ vanilla pod, or ½ tsp
vanilla bean paste
100g ground almonds
200-250g plain flour
Redcurrant jelly (or
another red jelly, or
seedless red jam. You
want it to have a bit of a
tang)
Icing sugar to dust*

And if you are wondering what to do with the leftover egg white, make.....

DATTELMAKRONEN

Ingredients

Per egg white
65g caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla sugar, or a few drops of vanilla flavouring
A few drops of rum (if you are so inclined)
50g almonds, blanched and chopped, or walnuts, or pecans, or you could try chopped pumpkin seeds
50g dates, chopped
10g cornflour.

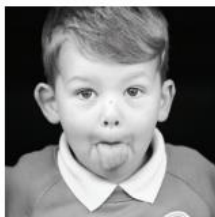


- Beat the egg white until peaky and fold in other ingredients gradually (quantities shown are per 1 egg white).
- Use two teaspoons to put small heaps of the mixture, well spaced, onto a greased and floured baking sheet.
- Bake at 100°C for 40-50 minutes or until done, very lightly brown, but not runny in the middle. They should end up crunchy on the outside & soft on the inside.
- They will be delicious straight from the oven but keep in a tin for a few weeks.

Guten Appetit! Gertrud Sollars



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GLÖGG



Glögg is a hot, sweet, delicious red wine drink to be had in the lead up to Christmas. It's best enjoyed with almonds, raisins & Swedish pepper cookies. You can buy Anna's pepper cookies or if you're into baking, buy the readymade cookie dough from the Scandi Kitchen from Ocado and make traditional goats, stars and hearts!

Ingredients

- 1 litre red wine
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 1 tsp whole cardamom pods
- 10 whole cloves
- 3 star anises
- 80g caster sugar

- Pour the wine into a pan and mix in all the spices. Add the sugar and stir until it has dissolved. Make sure the mix is simmering, it is not allowed to boil.
- Lower the heat and let the wine simmer for about 15 minutes. Pour the Glögg into a bottle or carafe and leave it to brew for at least 2 hours, but preferably over night. Remove the spices with a sieve, reheat carefully and serve warm, but not hot together with blanched almonds and raisins.

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We had a successful Zoom meeting in September, when Jon Taylor, an international specialist on conservation and climate change gave a fascinating and challenging presentation on 'Conservation in a time of crisis', covering climate change, Covid-19 and other current challenges.

At the time of writing, we're looking forward to another Church Zoom Room meeting at **8.00pm on Thursday 5th November**. Our Associate Vicar, **Simon Willetts**, will talk about his life leading up to him becoming ordained. His chosen title for his talk '**Never say never!**' sounds intriguing.

We have organised a couple of walks. On **Monday 9th November** we'll meet at the White Horse in Hascombe at 10.30am for a circular walk, followed by a pub lunch at the end. Then, on **Monday 7th December**, another walk starting at 10.30am, route yet to be decided. As usual, we'll finish at a pub or café for an optional light bite afterwards. We walk and eat in groups of six or less, of course! Please let Janet know, janetmharvey@btinternet.com, if you're interested in joining us.

We are also delighted that our brilliant Quizmaster duo, Alan Betts and Dudley Hilton, are up for running our **Nexus Charity Quiz Night** via Zoom this year! It will be held on **Saturday 5th December**, probably at 7.30pm, in the **BHC Zoom Meeting Room**. Our **Charity for 2020** is the **Guildford Samaritans**, whose services are in even greater demand due to the Covid pandemic. As the Christmas Quiz is our main fundraising event, we hope participants will be happy to make a donation to support the work of this vital charity. Details about that and how teams will work will be sent out shortly! This quiz is open to all and we are sure it will be a fun evening, even if virtual!



We are optimistically looking forward to starting our 2021 programme on Thursday 7th January, no doubt via Zoom!, when Ceri Apark will tell us of the challenges and highlights of her five weeks walking along the pilgrimage route, the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, in Spain, and share some of her photographs with us; a little bit of sunshine to start 2021!

It's great that we can, at least, see each other via Zoom for our meetings and the Quiz! We hope you're all keeping well and can get out and enjoy the fabulous autumn colours this year.

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(We went to Laos after I retired, hence my shock and interest.) Michael Stubbs

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Busbridge & Hambledon Church

Busbridge & Hambledon Financial Relief

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.

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www.bhcgodalming.org/c19-givingandsupport or Tel 01483 421267 to let us know of someone in total confidence.



EVENTS

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Tuesday November 10th

2.30pm on Zoom – Prime Time Quiz

Wednesday December 2nd

2.30pm on Zoom – Prime time Christmas Quiz

Thursday December 10th

2.30pm on Zoom – Sing-a-Long Christmas Carols with Lisa Olsworth-Peter

Friday December 18th

3pm – Online Afternoon Carol Service with contributions from local schools; live on the BHC YouTube Channel – followed by Prime Time social on Zoom at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

A message of hope



Churches Together in Godalming & District plan to place (Covid-safe) angels around the town, near the schools for individuals in our

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Sadly the charity Christmas card shop, Cards for Good Causes, can't come to the museum this year. They tell us that their nearest shop to Godalming this year is in Woking and they also sell online at www.cardsforcharity.co.uk.



This photo is of Jack Phillips, in a magnificent frame created by Mr Ellworthy, Jack's headmaster at the Godalming Grammar School (now part of the Red Lion pub). This memorial to Jack hung for many years in the Godalming Post Office and then in the original Wilfrid Noyce youth centre.

From **13th November to 18th December** we plan to open one day a week, on Fridays. We will offering pre-booked and drop-in visits to an exhibition about **Jack Phillips and the Titanic** and drop-in visits to the museum shop. On Tuesdays we will offer pre-booked visits for researchers to access the museum's library and archive collections.



You can book a visit to the exhibition or for research, from Monday 9th November. Ring 01483 426510 between 10am and 1pm (or email museum.curator@godalming-tc.gov.uk if it is not possible to phone).

On Thursdays **3rd and 17th November**, there will be a **museum shop Christmas stall** under the Pepperpot in the High Street, so do come along and say hello.

Our plans are, of course, all dependent on the national and local Covid situation. For more information can be found on the museum website.

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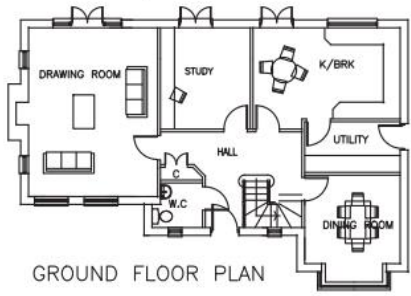
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