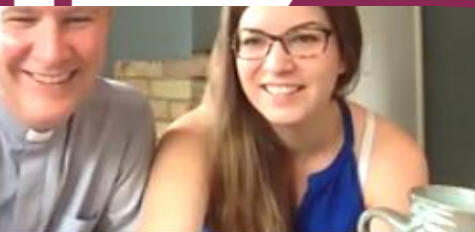




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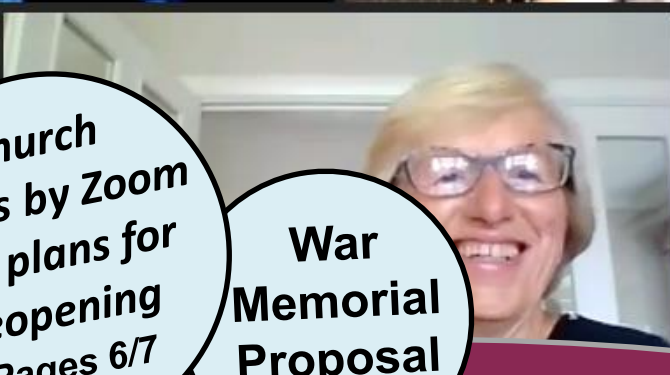
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From the Vicarage

A lament is a prayer searching for understanding and peace in the midst of suffering or painful circumstances. Many of the Old Testament writers in the Bible wove such prayers of lament into their writings. This month, I offer a prayer of lament over the coronavirus pandemic.

Hear our cry, Almighty God. Listen to our prayer.

How long will we have to hide from this invisible enemy?

Where will it strike next? And whom? And what if...?

Our screens relay a continuous escalation of suffering and death around the world.

Panic and anxiety abound.

Our souls are weary from the strain of the life-altering unknowns.

Heavenly Father, from the depths of our pain and confusion, may we cry out to You.

From fear-filled hearts and anxious minds, we plead with You.

Rescue us, Father of compassion and grace.

We lift up our eyes to You, Lord God, the One who sits enthroned in heaven.

On all who have contracted the virus,

Lord have mercy.

On all who have lost loved ones to this sickness and are in mourning and anguish,

Lord have mercy.

On all who are unable to earn an income because they have lost their jobs,

Lord have mercy.

We cry out for healing and for the resources we each need.

We cry out for comfort and peace.

On all medical professionals and support staff attending to those infected with the

virus and for undertakers serving families in grief,

Christ have mercy.

On all scientists and technologists striving to find a vaccine and to make it available,

Christ have mercy.

On all leaders of institutions and governments as they make decisions to try and

contain the virus,

Christ have mercy.

We pray for strength in the long and exhausting hours of labour

We pray for wisdom in the research and difficult decisions.

On all who have not yet contracted the virus,

Lord have mercy.

*On the most vulnerable of our society who are unable to buy extra food or get proper medical attention,
Lord have mercy.*

*We plead for protection of health,
We plead for all to remain calm and kind.*

*The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the expanse of the universe.
And yet this earth is no longer as You created it to be.*

Thank you that one day You will liberate creation from pain, decay and death.

*Life is sacred and precious in your sight. You are the God Who sees us and sustains us.
Nothing can separate us from the Father's unfailing love and kindness, not even sickness
or the fear of tomorrow.*

*You are our Light as we walk in this darkness. We will remember to celebrate the
beautiful gifts You have given us in this present moment.*

*Almighty God, You calm our frantic thoughts and fill our despairing hearts with joy and
strength. In Your Presence living water springs forth in the wilderness.*

You restore our souls.

Thank you Lord.

Amen.

May we each know God's presence with us and those whom we love.

Blessings,



Russ Gant, Vicar



IN OUR PRAYERS

If you have any specific prayer requests you are invited to email prayer@stjamesrowledge.org.uk (or contact Russ by phone) who will ensure the church prays for your situation.

Morning Prayers

Morning Prayer is every Wednesday at 9:15am. We will continue to meet virtually for approximately half an hour. Email vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk to receive a Zoom invitation.



ST JAMES' CHURCH – AUGUST SERVICES

Sunday services – we still “MEET”!

During lockdown, regrettably we are unable to meet weekly, physically, for worship – however, we have been continuing to worship together virtually every week. You can view our weekly service on YouTube.

You can read about our plans for reopening for worship on the next page.



Sunday Madness

A weekly “gathering” on YouTube, put together by Adele and Beth, suitable for children and young people

Daily Reflections/Thursday Thought

Russ sent out daily reflections for the first 3 months of lockdown, but is now sending out a weekly Thursday Thought



If you want to receive email invitations to any of our online resources, email vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk.

Preparing to reopen the church for services

You will probably be aware that the Government have announced that churches may reopen for services, subject to social distancing and infection control procedures.

The PCC have met “virtually” twice to discuss this and are pleased to report that they are keen to facilitate this as soon as is practicable and possible.

As with most things relating to Covid-19, there are quite a few issues to overcome before we can restart.

In particular, the issues we must have in place before we can reopen are:

- **Introducing and operating a fair and easily accessible booking system. We need to consider who would operate this whilst the Church Office is closed.**
- **We are able to mobilise sufficient teams of volunteers willing to act as welcomers and stewards - to direct people to available seating.**
- **A system in place for either properly cleaning the church after the service, or securing the building for 72 hours afterwards.**

These are not simple to overcome, as we cannot know what the demand for services will be, but we should be able to gather as the people of God at times of great need – and now is that time!

The PCC has therefore agreed that we need to return to gathered worship as soon as we can, but to do so with minimal risk.

We have undertaken a detailed risk assessment and our old Victorian building with narrow aisle and fixed pews, is not conducive to 2m social distancing.

It is also clear that the style of service will be very different and very simple: we will be unable to sing or play blown instruments; we cannot have multiple people participating in leading worship; any communion will be with bread only; seating will need to be done individually and people leaving the building one by one. We are unsure of the appeal of such a service and therefore how many will wish to attend, however we have an obligation to provide for the spiritual sustenance of all, but equally as importantly at the moment, the physical safety of all, especially our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in Christ.

We have therefore decided to try to reopen in a phased way and firstly trial meeting with a service outside.

Appropriately, July 26th is St James’ Day, so we have chosen this day as our first service at 10am. We will be seated outside, so hopefully the weather will be kind but, if not, umbrellas will be required!

If you would like to attend you will be warmly (but distantly!) welcomed, but do please respect the conditions of this gathering and be patient with the team trying to facilitate this service.

We shall be seated outside, but it would help planning if you would email admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk if you are intending to attend. Thank you.

First Virtual “Coffee Morning after the Service” -

On July 19th St James held its first “Virtual Coffee Morning after the Service” – it was lovely to gather together...but we’re looking forward to gathering physically next week:





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Life Groups –Tuesday & Thursday

Russ & Jenny Gant run a group on Thursday with about 8 people. They meet weekly via Zoom and are continuing their study on Romans.

The Tuesday group currently have 10 people accessing access the group meeting via Zoom. They meet fortnightly for bible study and prayer and are following the programme as detailed on the Church Website. Having completed our series looking at 'Who is the Christ?' ending with 'Christ the Commissioner' they are now returning to our studies of the Parables for the remainder of this term. In the weeks between the studies we meet socially on Zoom for a catch up and sometimes prayer if there are specific needs.

Men's Group – First Thursday of the month

We usually meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month in the Old Vicarage and the Hare & Hounds for a pensive pint (or two!) and discussion. Starting with a Bible passage discussion then moves on to ...well, anywhere and everywhere!

During lockdown, the Men's Group has met twice by Zoom - first Thursday of every month. We have had 8 - 11 people joining the meetings, which Roy has stage managed, and Brian has led with some very interesting perspectives on the 10 Commandments, Jesus' teaching on them, and some challenges with complying with them in our modern society. Subject to technology, we hope to continue to meet - **next meeting 2nd July 8 pm** All welcome. **To join in, contact Rob: robriacs@aol.com**

Church is OPEN!

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Closed on Fridays.

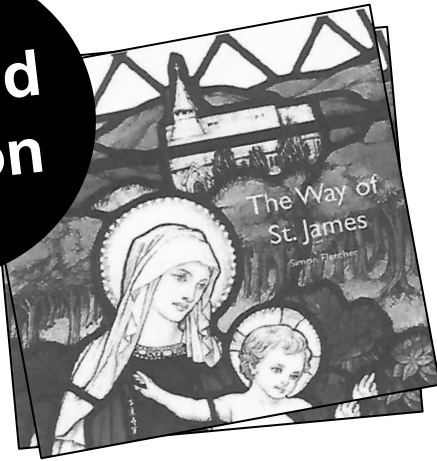
St James' Church is now OPEN for **individual private prayers** only. Individual private prayer is defined as a person or household entering the church to pray on their own, not as part of a group, and not participating in any form of led prayers or communal act. Those praying should be socially distanced from other individuals or households.

It is sacred space within the village, a refuge for quiet and reflection, and everyone is welcome to visit, or come and sit, to think, to pray, to find some space.



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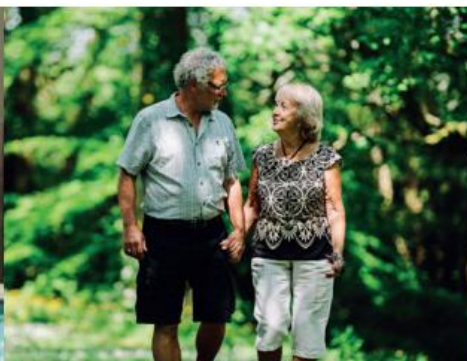
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METHODIST CHURCH



At the present time all activities at The Methodist Church are suspended. We hope that the church will be able to be open for private prayer as soon as we are permitted. In the meantime we have a prayer chain which can be accessed on 793363

If you would like to speak to Philip, our minister, his number is: 01420 83167.

Discussions are ongoing towards the reopening of The Methodist Church. So far we are looking at September as the earliest possible date. The Methodist Church requires us to make many changes to satisfy safety requirements and a group of Stewards are presently discussing how the standards can be met. We will keep you informed of our progress.

If you have any questions about activities at the Methodist Church, please contact Aileen or David on 795438



Do you know anyone who is grieving from bereavement and needs more support or time?

Meeting weekly in Farnham, the group is supported by pastoral assistants and bereavement visitors attached to various Farnham Christian churches, and allows an opportunity for those who are bereaved and lonely to meet others who understand.

**Bereavement Café meet every Monday afternoon 3 - 4:30pm for tea and chat at
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South Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7QU**

If you would like more details please contact Mary on **07999 368128**
or info@friendstogetherbereavement.org

There are also occasional evening groups for those who need to talk and share about a bereavement. Parents, Spouses, Children, Friends... Do you know anyone who is grieving and would like support?

**Contact Mary on
07999 368128 for
details during
Covid-19**

You are also welcome to bring someone you know who may benefit from the support group, but not want to attend on their own. Accompanying friends are also very welcome.

Reg' Gard'ner and the Miracle of Mount Olivet - Part Two

In part 1, we saw how Brother Joseph set up an institution for boys who were 'feeble-minded'. Unable to find something that really gripped their interest, he turned them into a circus. It is from that point that part 2 picks up the incredible story of Reg' Gard'ner and More House School.

Brother Joseph's decision to form a circus, however bizarre, was logical, since he possessed theatrical skills and had a web of contacts in the entertainment world. There was ample space to keep animals at Mt. Olivet and an urgent need to forge closer links with the locals. Furthermore, he sought an activity that would inspire the boys and be so diverse that everyone could play a role, whatever his talents.

The circus had the good fortune to gain the help of Arthur Hanlon, of the famous Handel and Carl Acrobats. He made for the boys a trapeze apparatus and, although he was 70 years of age, gave lessons on the trapeze which lay the foundations for the circus's successive trainers and trapeze artists. In addition to organising and directing this unique circus, Brother Joseph also performed and took the leading role in "a spectacular, colourful, mystifying, magical extravaganza – the Garden of Arabia" which transformed the circus ring into a gaudy flower bed. He was, in addition to the founder of a monastery, a religious order, and a school, a printer and a publisher, a conjuror or preternatural ability.

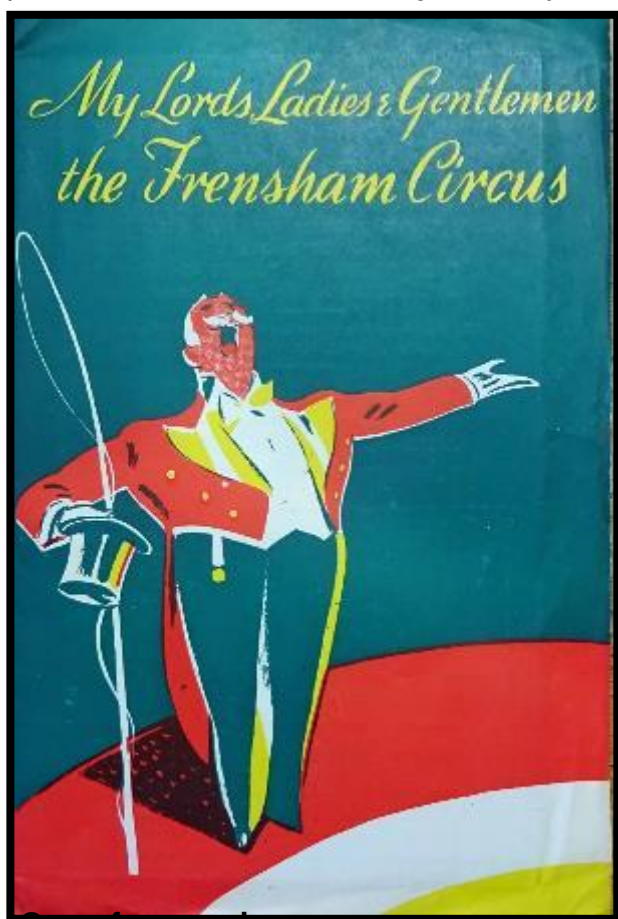
July 1st, 1936, saw the first performance. A marquee was erected on the lawn on the west side of the house. The show ran for one week of 2 ¼ hour performances, playing to 1,300 people in total. The early performances usually took place in the monastery grounds or on Frensham Common but, later, the circus was to tour the locality and beyond. As one might expect, the circus drew considerable press attention and helped ingratiate the institution with the local community, or at least its children. One occasionally meets Rowledge and Frensham residents, including Michael Blower, who remember the circus. More House School has one of the old posters on display in the reception room.

The circus proved successful, an ebullient affirmation of life in a world of problems. Through all the commentaries, no impression of other than unexpected success is given, no sour note of disappointment is struck. The disadvantaged, led by an odd genius, grasped fate by the throat and, for a while, fate succumbed. The More House Archive owns many evocative photographs of the circus. They are a positive tonic. 1,000 people saw the circus in 1937. On the 12th of August, 1937, an article on the Mount Olivet Circus appeared in the Surrey and Hampshire News.

"Three members of the Farnham urban district council, Mr. Figg, Mr. Winter, and Mr. Borelli, were present at the summer season opening performance of Mount Olivet Circus on Saturday afternoon. It is claimed to be the only amateur circus in the world. Brother Joseph, in welcoming the members of the council, said that they had already

disposed of 1,000 tickets for the coming season. Mr. Figg said, on behalf of his colleagues and himself, he had to thank Brother Joseph for his kind invitation, which had given them an opportunity of seeing the splendid work carried on at Mount Olivet. It must be gratifying, he thought, to see the result of so much patience and perseverance, and he congratulated them. He hoped their efforts would have continued success.

Mr. Winter said it was a real pleasure to the members of the council to come and see the circus. He hoped every success would attend them. Brother Joseph, in a brief vote of thanks, said he was very pleased indeed to welcome the chairman of the council because he thought it was some indication that the council appreciated the fact that one unique thing in the town, amongst many others, was that it had the only amateur circus in the world. One thing deserving of special note, he said, was that professional show-people did not take ponies in hand until they were two or three years of age, but the circus had some which were trained when they were only 18 months old. He also paid tribute to the work of the boys who spent so much time practising for the circus.



One of many circus programmes

The circus is similar to that presented at Whitsun and the artistes, all boys at Mount Olivet, give a very good show. The boys have spent hours training the horses and ponies, which show remarkable intelligence and understanding and never fail to delight the kiddies. Most of their harness has been made at the monastery. The acrobatics and balancing feats equal those of many professional performers, and the antics of the clowns keep the audience in roars of laughter. Each performance lasts for nearly 3 hours."

In the Summer of 1938, the circus enjoyed a resident season in Camberley and also visited Kingston. Brother Joseph, irascible at times, had, yet, that ineffable quality of 'magnetism'. Soon many residents of Frensham were helping with the costumes and the celebrated film maker, Pathé, filmed the season.

The roles played by the boys in the circus gave them a moment of fame. Memory of their feats in the ring have for many survived other achievements. From 1939, we find the names of various students: Charlie Luffrum, Percy Bryant, Jack Mossop, Willie Wickens, Connie Fanning, Desmond Pocock and Eric Heath. In the same year, Capt. F S Smith, who was in charge of PE, and Jim Webb are mentioned. Captain F S Smith, who had had a long career as an Army instructor, taught the boys fencing. He taught

fencing and gymnastics at the Cavalry School, was chief instructor of the School of Physical Training for the Army of the Rhine and was assistant superintendent of the Aldershot Army PT school. Jim Webb, who was possibly a former pupil, was skilled in handling and training horses.

The Spring of 1939 saw one of those vertiginous dips of fortune which punctuate the helter-skelter of life. A heavy gale wrecked the circus tent shortly before the season was due to start. This did nothing to improve the institution's finances. Undaunted, in the Summer of 1939 the school purchased their own big top (previously it had hired a marquee) and this beast had seats for 600. The circus went ahead, its ambition enhanced rather than otherwise by the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

The circus visited Haslemere, Elstead, Alresford, Worpleson, Grayshott, Petworth, Petersfield, Godalming, Guildford, Billingshurst, Long Ditton, Tolworth, Winchester, Bognor Regis, Hayling Island and Ealing. The boys who participated in these astonishing circuses gained experience of more than circus artistry; they became acquainted with the organisational difficulties involved in transporting a complex operation and of handling both triumph and despair, Kipling's two impostors.

In one location, they played to only 220 people and, in another, to as many as 2,000. In Bordon, where the troops were away on manoeuvres, hardly anyone attended while in Chichester hundreds had to be turned away from an overcrowded tent. An official opening had been arranged for Staines when news of imminent war meant suspension of the circus and a long trek home. The trips to Camberley, Aldershot, Bagshot and Staines had to be cancelled. War broke out and the circus finished its tour a month early.

Despite the circus's success, or in part because of it, the religious community was suffering. There was a limit to Brother Joseph's resources. His output was always prodigious and his workload, for a frail man, preternatural. But he was suffering. At some point in 1938, ill, he locked himself away in his room and refused to delegate running the institution to anyone else, and the upshot was the dissolution of the Servants of Christ the King. With the winding up of the order, The Home Office Board of Control decided not to renew the licence of the institution. And so, the circus season ended abruptly and, with a sad cadence, the community dispersed in Autumn 1939 and the institution closed.

That might have been it, but in another one of those miraculous ebullitions of energy that characterised Brother Joseph, he took second wind. There were, after all, still 13 years' lease on the building to run. And the circus was, in all honesty, good fun. No longer having to worry about the monastery, Brother Joseph turned what had been Mt. Olivet Institution into The St. Thomas More School, creating the establishment that, despite periodic vicissitudes, survives and thrives to this day.

Brother Joseph chose this name for the school in part because that famous saint and he shared the same birthday, July 9th. Instead of taking in boys who were "mental defectives", he now concentrated on boys of normal intelligence who experienced

learning difficulties. Thus was the modern More House School born. From its earliest prospectus, the new school offered *“an ordinary school life with that extra consideration and individual attention which makes so much difference.”* The policy remains unchanged to this day.

In September 1939, the Frensham Gazette, number 157, reaffirmed the status of the circus by including headlines from global newspapers, revealing the astonishing reach of the circus’s reputation. Various quotes attested to the quality of the performances.

“A fine program was presented... A clever trapeze act... And an unusual and skilful balancing act... A polished performance on the bars. Sordello gave a clever exhibition of sword and club swinging while he stood upon a bareback pony which trotted round the ring.” (World’s Fair)

“Their circus is the slickest thing you have ever seen... Doing tricks which have been recognised as reaching a professional standard.” (Answers)

“As big an attraction as ever... Although the show went on for two hours and 20 minutes, there were no hitches or stops in an elaborate and complicated show.” (Farnham Herald)

“There are clowns, performing animals, comedy turns, acrobatics – and fun, such as Bertram Mills himself would applaud.” (The Star).

In short, it was not Brother Joseph’s intention to let the circus lapse. With his new cadre limbering up, from October 8th, 1939, locals were invited to watch entertainments put on by the boys every week – conjuring, concerts and variety shows. Soon the new circus bloomed. The related zoo situated at the school became a popular local attraction and it hired out animals to other circuses. The deep ‘bear pit’ where some of the animals were kept remained, a physical memento of these days for years thereafter and well into the seventies. By summer of 1942, many more of the boys were taking an active part in the revived circus. During the war years, the circus was a Mecca for those who sought to treat their children, who were missing so many childhood joys, and “house full” became the order of the day at all performances. At least 50,000 people saw the circus during this war time period.

Brother Joseph was helped in his endeavours by many people in the entertainment business. For local performances, Mr. Eric Foskett, a bandleader who was still living locally in the eighties, accompanied the performances. On several occasions the Rowledge Brass Band performed at the circus. In 1943, George Davenport, the famous magician, made an appearance to inspect the escape-proof box. Just after the war, Brother Joseph used his web of contacts to secure a visit from Dennis Rosaire who, among several other circus nom-de-plumes, was the world-famous high wire artist, Don Collearno.

Brother Joseph also succeeded in gathering an impressive group of patrons of the circus. In the 1947 programme they included the Earl and Countess of Iddlesleigh, Sir Garrad Tyrwhitt-Drake (who at the time owned the largest private zoo in England), Sheila Kaye-Smith, Beatrice Lillie, Donald Wolfitt (the actor), M Willson Disher and Dame Laura Knight, R.A

There is a lovely poster, dated April 14th to 19th, advertising the Frensham Circus's performance at Barham Park, Wembley, year unspecified. The charge for the performance (from 2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) is 3s/6d, 2s/6d and 1s/6d (no half prices). The acts featured are redolent of the lost spirit of the old circus: The Garden of Arabia is in boldest print, the climax of the circus when Brother Joseph filled the ring with rose petals conjured out of thin air, then Locus (the famous high school horse), The Windsors (acrobats on chairs), John and Peter (the youngest tight-wire walkers in the world), Sandino and Lopez (whips and ropes, the South American way), The Salvados Troupe (juggling and balancing extraordinaire), The Regail Troupe (vaulting and acrobatic clowns), Walter's Liberty Ponies, Trapino and Experto (on the trapeze and Roman rings), Chester's famous dogs (canine aristocrats of the ring), supported by clowns and novelties, comedy and high-speed riding.

The following year, 1944, the circus had to be cancelled after a few performances



Brother Joseph performs “The Garden of Arabia”.

owing to Brother Joseph's ill-health. Brother Joseph underwent radical surgery. There is little reference to his illness in the various school publications, except in the “More and More” of Michaelmas term 1944, where Brother Joseph himself refers to it with mordant humour:

“The position at the time of writing is that I am not ailing myself, but I have to rest a good deal and I still suffer from a local trouble which my medical advisers tell me takes a long time to clear up. I am a little weary of hearing about “nature, taking her own course”. This prevents me from being very mobile, although I am able to get about in the house and I am able to see parents, interview boys and staff, receive reports and generally direct affairs. Although, thank heaven I do not suffer from his serious complaint, the amount of sitting I have to do makes me feel like President Roosevelt as he manages to direct the affairs of the USA. I feel that I'm in good company.”

In reality, the headmaster was far sicker than his comment implies.

In 1945, the circus had to be cancelled again due to Brother Joseph's ill-health. Since the circus had also been cancelled in mid-season in 1944, the prognosis for the circus looked poor when Brother Joseph, writing at the end of the year, drew attention to the fact that all the 1943 performers had left the school. It would, he averred, be a matter of training from scratch again, and yet a revival in his health brought back the old spirit, and the 1946 season proved highly successful. It boasted a 7,000 attendance. Brother Joseph's recovery in 1946 proved short lived. In the summer of 1947 he was

ailing and again spent much time in bed. In the last week of term he got up only to perform his circus act, as one of "Conti and Company", and execute his Garden of Arabia conjuring trick, but he was unable to sustain the effort and he missed the last two performances. Nonetheless, the 1947 season played to large audiences. From July 5th to August 3rd, the circus ran every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, and between August 4th and 10th, it ran daily.

As usual, there was much interest shown. On the 25th of July, 1947, the Farnham Herald mentioned the circus; 16 coaches, carrying 600 children, came from London on the Tuesday to see it. There were 600 people in all in the audience on the Wednesday. It was a phenomenon. Sadly, the sands were running out for its creator. It became clear

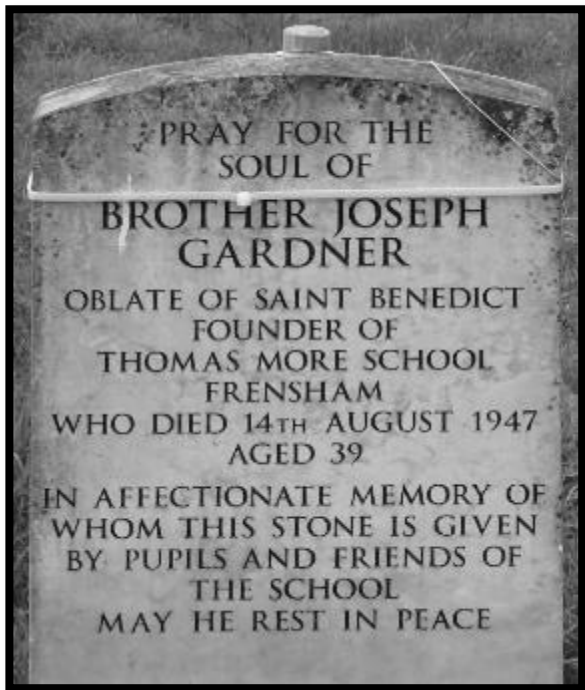


Fig. 40. Farnham Cemetery – the stone now buttressed by a pole on Health and Safety grounds.

that the end was near. Father Robo, the well-known Catholic priest (and author of "Mediaeval Farnham") came to see Brother Joseph and administered extreme unction and the viaticum. The dying man was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell-Murdoch, who were to be crucial to the subsequent survival of the school, and also by Dr. Falconer, an old friend. On the 14th of August 1947, Brother Joseph died at the age of 39.

Farnham Urban District Council formally approved the burial of Brother Joseph in grave space 1212 in section V of Farnham Cemetery, the section reserved for Catholics. An inventory was drawn up, probate completed and, on the 25th June, 1948, the Estate Duty Office confirmed that there were no outstanding claims for death duty in connection with the death of Reginald Joseph Gard'ner. Thus, with the dry

details of administrative procedure, a colourful life came to an end.

The gravestone in Farnham Cemetery reads:

"Pray for the soul of Brother Joseph Gard'ner, oblate of St. Benedict, founder of the Thomas More School, Frensham, who died 14th of August, 1947, aged 39, in affectionate memory of whom this stone is given by pupils and friends of the school. May he rest in peace."

The stone was, fittingly, prepared at Farnborough Abbey, the lettering being the work of Mr. J. Oakley.

Existing accounts of Brother Joseph's life say little about the cause of his death, only that he had been a sickly child (weakness of the chest being cited) and that he had been ill for several years before his untimely end. He spent considerable periods of time in hospital during the 1940s and underwent surgery. The death certificate gives

the cause of death, in a firm and horribly legible hand, as “a. Uraemia. b. Nephritis. c. Ascending infection in transplanted ureters.” This is remarkably informative.

The expression “transplanted ureters” suggests that Brother Joseph had undergone an operation in which the ureters, which normally conduct urine from the kidneys to the bladder, had been resected, probably into his large intestine or, possibly, to the surface of the skin. This is a perilous operation that is performed on individuals no longer able to pass urine through the bladder. The operation became possible in the 1930s and was used in some cases of bladder cancer, or wherever there was an otherwise inoperable blockage in the urethra.

With such an operation it is easy for infection to enter the kidneys through the ureters from the bacterial flora of the gut or the surface of the skin. An individual who has undergone such an operation also experiences understandable difficulties in controlling micturition. A common consequence is that the individual suffers repeat infections in the kidneys, what is known as nephritis. This leads inevitably to a diminution of the kidneys’ function, which in turn leads to uraemia, a build-up of urea in the bloodstream. Even in the age of antibiotics, such nephritis is difficult to control and, in the 1940s, although penicillin was available, I am not sure how widely it was used in non-military surgery.

The death certificate, with its mention of uraemia, nephritis and ascending infection of the ureters, suggests that Brother Joseph suffered from some blockage of the bladder, perhaps a result of cancer, underwent surgery of a radical kind, enjoyed a degree of remission from his symptoms, but then succumbed to infection and its consequences. This would explain both his being very ill for three years, his stay in hospital, his remission in 1946, and his relapse in 1947. If this interpretation is correct, and bearing in mind the symptomatic consequences of the surgery, his struggling on to within a week of his death goes beyond the merely impressive and achieves the status of the heroic.

The circus died with Joseph as he had wished. How had he done it? How had someone been able to take a group of boys, mentally disabled or otherwise, often from broken homes and without self-confidence or any apparent aptitude, and on a part-time basis weld from them a circus? It was, as A N Wilson observed, a miracle.

And the circus really did die, leaving no trace beyond the colourful programmes and the memories of the children who watched it, spellbound. In the magazine “The World’s Fair”, the circus was offered for sale. In Chancery Lane, a firm of chartered accountants was ordered to dispose of “Assets – One Circus.” The 1947 edition of “More and More”, alongside a heartfelt and lengthy obituary for Brother Joseph, confirmed that the circus animals were sold by the executors during the summer holidays, a deliberate act to forestall the very upsetting leave-taking the boys would otherwise have had to undergo. On that sympathetic note, a brilliant educational experiment came to an end.

I have discovered many extraordinary stories in researching local history but none more extraordinary than that of Brother Joseph and the Frensham Circus.



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Morning Coffee – “thank you”

Several of our coffee morning visitors have made regular use of meals from The Hare and Hounds and Hands butchers during Lockdown. Meat, lunches and evening meals have been delivered to the grateful recipients.

Thank you for cheering us at a difficult time.



Farewell to much-loved teacher

We have another farewell to say this year - and once again it will not be the send off that we had hoped for!

Our dear Mrs Hodkin is bidding us farewell at the end of this school year.

Mrs Hodkin has been a wonderful member of our school family for 24 year! Firstly as a mum, then as a teacher and also as our fantastic music specialist. Her contributions and kindness are immeasurable.

Mrs Hodkin and her family are relocating to Cornwall, when this becomes possible.

It is another difficult farewell for us and the celebrations will have to come later, but they will come!

Our music provision is in good hands, with Mr Smallwood taking the helm.

Thank you for everything Mrs Hodkin, we will miss you so much!



Before the lockdown I would have ticked the box 'very little, really'. Then somehow, I fell into reading one most evenings. I didn't start at the beginning but followed those suggested in the Church's *Lectionary* or guidebook to the readings for each day. That way I could feel that someone across the world would be reading it and would maybe have the same thoughts as I or be struggling with it, as I was every now and then.

The Book of Psalms is a collection of poetic prayers composed at various times and places in ancient Israel, mostly scholars agree, between 1000 and 500 BC.

Their authors are largely unknown; some are attributed to David, the king from whose descendants Jesus was born, in fulfilment of prophecy. They were intended to be sung and musical instruments are often named as accompanying songs of praise to God.

As time went on, I wanted to gather my experience of this into understanding what they meant.

To me they reflect the psalmists' and our communication and relationship with God, and express (in no particular order):

- Petition
- Knowledge
- Trust/confidence and hope
- Confession and repentance
- Praise
- Wonder at creation and its beauty
- Dependency
- Remembrance of and thanksgiving for deliverance
- Resolution to practise ritual thanksgiving/sacrifice/worship
- Need to proclaim God's mighty works to the world
- Fear/respect (God punishes wrongdoing)

As for what the psalmists thought about God: He is

- Almighty, Creator of all (beautiful) things
- My Creator, knows me in person
- Deliverer, Saviour
- Protector of the lowly, the poor and the needy
- To be feared (and trusted)
- Provider of the Law – a rule for life.
- Source of Justice, fair but punishes those who break their covenant
- Worthy of praise and acclaim
- Generous, forgives sin and accepts repentance
- Chooses leaders

- Is present in our lives
- Shows us our path, and helps us to fulfil his purpose for our lives
- Listens to us and encourages us to listen to Him
- Is long-suffering and loves us.

Now that I have moved on to other reading, I do believe this has been valuable. God's people were in dire straits during most of the time that the Psalms were composed. They sustained the Jewish people right up to and beyond the time of Jesus. They sustain us also as our world has been overrun by the pandemic. They offer us hope in God's goodness and grace for now and our future.

HEARING AID BATTERIES Sue Kelly

With the cessation of the Hearing Aid Clinic at Coffee Spot each month, if anyone needs batteries for their hearing aids, they should contact Audiology at The Royal Surrey hospital by telephone or email.

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Extra Care Retirement Community

Land north of Fullers Rd, Holt Pound



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The proposal is for the development of:

- 9 no. x 1 bedroom apartments
- 85 no x 2 bedroom apartments
- 15 no. x 3 bedroom apartments
- 8 no. x 2 bedroom cottages
- 4 no. x 3 bedroom cottages

6000sq.ft/ 560sq m of communal facilities to include:

- a. Cafe/market hall
- b. Restaurant
- c. Private dining
- d. Lounge
- e. Hair salon
- f. Library
- g. Break out space
- h. Welcome desk
- i. Care and admin offices
- j. Mobility buggy store.

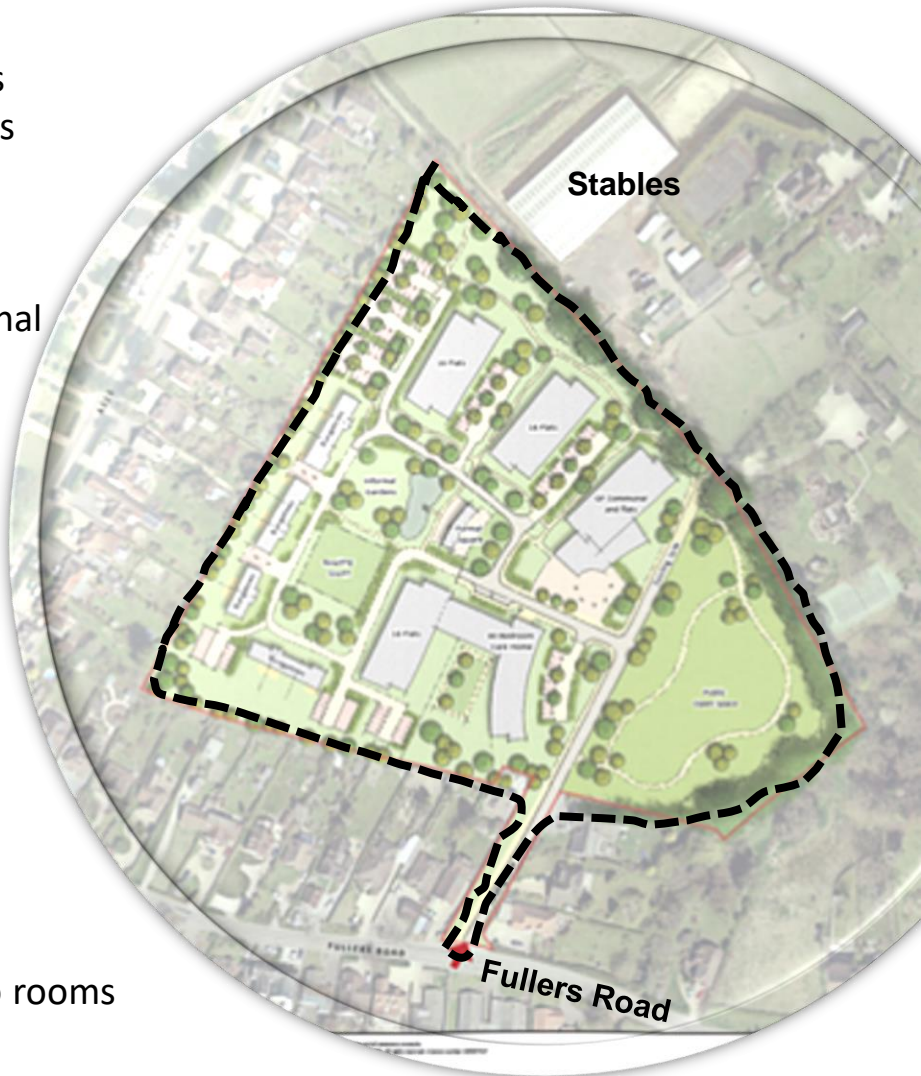
6000sq ft/560 sq m

- a. Spa plus treatment/physio rooms
- b. Gym
- c. Activity room
- d. Pool
- e. Cafe/juice bar & terrace

It would be most helpful to Binsted Parish Council if the residents of Rowledge could let us have their thoughts on the above proposal

Comments to:
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...and who to contact?" section*

ROWLEDGE VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR 2020



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ALL ROWLEDGE Event Organisers!!!!

Please email the Editor with event dates for 2020, so we can include it in all future issues of the Rowledge Review. Email: rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk

Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar



Time	Group	Age	Venue
Children's Events			
Mon-Fri			
09.00-15.30	Rowledge Playgroup	2-4	Village Hall
09.00-15.00	Little Fishes Nursery School	2-4	St James Church
Tuesday			
17.00-18.15	Beavers	5-8	Village Hall
18.15-19.30	Cubs	8-10	Village Hall
19.30-21.15	Scouts	10-14	Village Hall
Wednesday			
09.15-11.00	Baby & Toddler Group (term time)	0-4	Village Hall
15.00-19.30	Ballet	3-13	Village Hall
16.45-18.00	Octave children's choir	7+	St James Church
17.00-18.00	Rainbows	5-7	Methodist Hall
18.30-20.00	Guides	10-14	Methodist Hall
19.00-20.30	#hungry (youth group)	11-16	St James Church Hall
Thursday			
18.15-19.45	Brownies	5.30-7	School Hall
Friday			
16.00-18.30	Ballet	13-adult	Village H



Contact details
are in the Village
Directory - in the
centre pages of
the Rowledge
Review.

Adults' Events

Monday			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
14.00-16.00	Steady Steps		Village Hall
19.30-21.00	Bruce Yoga		Village Hall
19.30-21.30	Pilates		Village Hall
Tuesday			
09.30-11.30	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall
09.30-10.30	Zumba Gold (term time only)		Village Club
10.40-11.40	Pilates		Rowledge Club
14.00-17.00	Quilters (fortnightly)		Methodist Hall
19.00-20.00	Pilates		St James Church Hall
19.30-21.15	Community Choir		Frensham Heights School
19.45-22.00	Womens Institute (3 rd T ^h)		The Rowledge Club
20.00-22.30	After 8 ladies group (1 st T ^h)		Homes
Wednesday			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
10.30-12.00	Mother's Union		St James Church
14.00-15.00	Nordic Walking		Forest (St James gate)
14.00-16.00	Cameo Singers (2 nd &4 th Wed)		Methodist Hall
15.00-16.00	Healing (1 st Wed)		Methodist Church
19.00-22.15	Bridges		Village Club
19.00-20.00	Pilates		St James Church
19.45-22.30	Rowledge Club		Village Hall
Thursday			
09.00-16.00	Teachers		Methodist Hall
10.00-12.00	Art Club		Village Hall
12.30-14.00	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)		Methodist Hall
14.30-15.30	Steady Steps		Village Hall
18.15-19.30	Boot Camp		Village Hall
19.30-22.00	Gardening Club (2 nd Thursday)		Village Hall
18.30-19.15	Bootcamp		
20.30-23.00	Men's Group (3 rd Thursday)		Hare and Hounds
Friday			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
09.00-12.00	Coffee Spot		Village Hall
16.00-18.30	Ballet		Village Hall
19.00-20.00	Choir practice		St James' Church
Sunday			
19.45-20.45	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall

Groups not meeting - check organisers (overleaf) for any online alternatives

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Men on The Rowledge War Memorial

by Neil Pittaway

As we still remember the recent 75th anniversary of VE Day, for my contribution this month I feature three names from the Memorial of men who died in WW2. I believe that the first, Harold Randolph Cranham is the only Rowledge Memorial name from WW2 to fall whilst under enemy fire although the circumstances of George Nolan's loss are not totally clear.

Harold Randolph Cranham. 1911-1944.
Corporal. 578th Army Field Company,
Royal Engineers. 2117687.



Harold Randolph Cranham.



Harold Randolph Cranham was born on April 30th 1911 and baptised at St. James on July 30th 1911.

Harold's father was Sidney Albert Cranham who was born in Rowledge in 1886 and died in WW1 near Rouen in May 1918. His name is also on the Rowledge Memorial. Harold's mother was Edith Cranham (née Cole) who was born in Farnham in 1884 and remained in Rosemary Lane at Bendor Cottages after Sidney's death..

As was shown on his father's army record, Harold had six siblings, three brothers and three sisters.

Harold shown on his father's army record with his six siblings.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth
William Charles	15-9-1908
Clavin Sidney	4-4-1910
Harold Randolph	30-4-1911
Alfred Walter	16-10-1912
Clith Denis	19-11-1913
Cligbeth	5-1-1916
Agneseline May	14-6-1917
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Harold continued to live in Bendor Cottage with his widowed mother and two brothers, Alfred and William until at least 1939. William was an upholsterer and furniture repairer and advertised monthly in the Rowledge Parish Magazine until at least the end of 1942

Harold's brother, William, advertising monthly in the Rowledge Parish Magazine.

The 1939 register showing the Cranhams and the Remnants in numbers 1 and 2 Bendor Cottages

1 Bendor Cottages	7	1	Cranham, Elith	1	F.	30 Sept. 93	40	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		2.	Cranham, Harold R.	✓	M.	30 Nov. 11	5	Antislavery Labourers League
		3.	Cranham, Alfred W.	✓	M.	16 Nov. 12	5	Parish
		4.	Cranham, Agneseline M.	✓	F.	14 June 17	5	St. Scholt
2	8	1	Remnant, William H.	✓	M.	28 Oct. 03	14	House Painter & Decorator
		2	Remnant, Lillian H.	✓	F.	14 May 02	14	Unpaid Domestic Duties



During the summer of 1940, Harold Randolph Cranham married Margaret Gladys Wooderson in Farnham. Margaret was born on 5th February 1913 in The Bourne to gardener, George Wooderson and Alice Elisa Wooderson (née Baker). George fell in France on May 3rd 1917 whilst fighting with the Royal West Surrey Regiment. The 1939 register indicates that Margaret was a domestic servant and living in 6 Bourne Terrace, Lower Bourne with her widowed mother.

It is not clear when Harold Randolph Cranham enlisted into the 578th Army Field Company of the Royal Engineers. He was almost certainly sent to Egypt on June 14th 1942 and was likely involved at El Alamein. The unit was sent to Sicily

in 1943 and then Italy. They were involved in the fierce fighting that led to the capture of Rome in the summer of 1944, including the Battle of Monte Cassino.

After the surrender of Rome, the unit crossed to the eastern side of Italy and it was there, between the coastal town of Rimini and Bologna, that the 578th Army Field Company became involved in action near Faenza. Harold fell during action on October 13th 1944. He was thirty three and married.

Harold Randolph Cranham was laid to rest in the Faenza War Cemetery where his grave is marked with a memorial headstone.

Harold's
memorial
headstone.



The Faenza War
Cemetery
between
Bologna and
Rimini.



Before he left the UK Harold completed a standard army form 2089 which was a 'Form of Will' for the sole benefit of his wife, Margaret. His mother, Edith Cranham was named as executor.

In the spring of 1957 Harold's widow, Margaret Cranham re-married. She died in 2003.

(See overleaf for Form of Will leaving legacies to more than one person.)

(a) (Signature of soldier in full)	1 (a) <i>Harold Randolph Cranham.</i>
(b) (Rank and Army Number)	(b) <i>Buffd. No 2117637.</i>
(c) (Regiment)	(c) <i>578 Army Field Coy. R. E.</i>
hereby revoke all Wills heretofore made by me at any time and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.	
(d) (Name and address of Executor)	I appoint (d) <i>Edith Cranham</i>
<i>Edith Cranham.</i>	<i>as Trustee</i>
<i>Bonded Cottage</i>	to be the Executor of this my Will. After
<i>Rowledge & Son</i>	payment of my just debts and funeral expenses
<i>Surrey.</i>	I give all my estate and effects and everything
(e) (Insert "friend" or if a relative, in what degree)	that I can give or dispose of to my
(f) (Full name and address of person)	(e) <i>Wife</i>
(g) (Date)	(f) <i>Margaret Gladys Cranham</i>
(h) (Signature of soldier)	<i>6 Bourne Terrace.</i>
	Signed this (g) <i>5</i> day of <i>Dec.</i> 1941
	(h) <i>Harold R Cranham.</i>

**George Grant Kingsmill
Nolan. 1921-1940.
Pilot Officer. 50 Squadron,
Royal Air Force. 41727.**



George Grant Kingsmill Nolan's birth was registered in Alton, Hampshire in early 1921. His parents were James Grant Nolan and Hilda Maud Nolan, (née Kingsmill).

George's father, James, a gymnasium orderly, was born on February 14th 1882 and died in 1944, possibly at their house, Hillside, Holt Pound. During WW1 he became a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Artillery and one record cites that he was possibly captured by the Germans. His military record address after his marriage and WW1 was given as Hillside Farm, Bentley, Hampshire, likely his wife's family home.

George's mother, Hilda was born on August 5th 1890 at Headcorn near Ashford Kent. Her family had moved to Hill Farm, Bentley, Hampshire by 1897. James and Hilda were married in the summer of 1917, presumably whilst James was home on leave from the front.

George was educated at Farnham Grammar School and by 1939 his parents were registered at Hillside, Holt Pound which is the western end of Fullers Road. Was this house, 'Hillside', named after George's maternal grand-parents home, Hillside Farm, Bentley?

George's parents at Hillside, Fullers Road, Holt Pound in 1939.

Hillside	ditto	135	1	Nolan James	- M 14 Feb 82 M	Gymnasium Orderly Aldershot
Holt Pound	Franklin Lane		2	Nolan Hilda M.	- F 5 Aug 90 M	Unpaid domestic duties

George Grant Kingsmill Nolan was granted a short service commission in the Royal Air Force on March 4th 1939. He was an Acting Pilot Officer aged just eighteen.

On December 28th 1939, after World War two had commenced, George, not yet nineteen, was confirmed as a Pilot Officer. George was posted to 50 Squadron, RAF Waddington which was equipped with Hamden bombers and he may well be in this photograph of the Squadron taken at Waddington at that time.



**50 Squadron at RAF Waddington
with Hamden aircraft.**

50 Squadron moved to RAF Lindholme, South Yorkshire in July 1940.

On the evening of August 10th 1940 Pilot Officer George Nolan with the P4382 Hampden crew took off from Lindholme on a practice night flying exercise over the North Sea.

August 2020

Radio signals received from the aircraft indicated that they were flying towards the Dutch island of Vlieland, due north of Amsterdam. Nothing more was heard, and the plane was lost without trace as was George Nolan.

A section from a history record of 50 Squadron reads:

That same night (Aug. 10th), Hampden P4382 was lost on "Active Service", with the crew Sgt. J.M. Beattie, 41727 P/O George Grant Kingsmill Nolan RAFVR, Sgt. E.S. Quinn and Sgt. F.C. Shook missing. All were later confirmed as killed. The crew were in fact detailed to perform a 'Practice Flight' to Vlieland, Holland as they were all inexperienced (Hampden) crew members. The aircraft took off at 21.47hrs (with the main bomber stream) and after receiving the 'GO' signal nothing further was heard. The ASN lists this aircraft as crashing in the North Sea off VLIELAND, HOLLAND.

Like so many missing airmen, George's name is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial near Windsor.



George Grant Kingsmill Nolan is remembered on panel 9 of the Runnymede Memorial.

Harry Scotney Parrott 1920-1940.
Sergeant Observer. 53 Squadron,
Royal Air Force Volunteer
Reserve. 759225.



Harry Scotney Parrott was born on January 28th 1920 near Reigate, Surrey. His parents were Herbert Parrott, a Police Constable, and Edith Parrott, née Scotney.

Father Herbert was born in 1892 in Bentley, Hampshire and lived there until the family moved to 1, Woodview, Rowledge between 1901 and 1911.

Harry's mother, Edith Scotney was born in 1891 in Poplar near the Isle of Dogs in East London.

Herbert and Edith were married in Erith, Kent on May 12th 1917.



Marriage of
Harry's
parents in
Erith, Kent.
May 12th
1917.

1917. Marriage solemnized at <u>the Parish Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> of <u>Erith</u> in the County of <u>Kent</u>							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname	Age	Condition.	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Full Name and Signature
202	May 12 th	Herbert Parrott	25	Bachelor	Police Constable	Wisp's Row Limpfield	Herbert Parrott
	1917	Edith Emily Scotney	26	Spinster		13 Glendole Road	Arthur Harry Scotney
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Anglican</u> Church by <u>Licence</u> or <u>otherwise</u> by <u>us</u> , The Marriage was celebrated between <u>Herbert Parrott</u> in the presence of <u>William Moorhead</u> <u>Alfred W. Boulton</u> <u>Edith Emily Scotney</u> in the presence of <u>Thomas Day Scotney of Books</u> <u>Vicar of Christ Church, Erith</u>							

At the time of the marriage, Harry's father was a police constable in Limpfield. Herbert and Edith had two children, Harry in 1920 and Margaret in 1923. By 1939 both Harry and his sister Margaret were living with their parents in Ripley Surrey where their father was still a police constable. Harry is shown in the register as having joined the RAF.

2 POLICE COTT.	81	1	PARROTT HERBERT	M	18 AUG 91	M	POLICE CONSTABLE - S.C.
		2	PARROTT EDITH E	F	9 APR 91	M	UNPAID DOMESTIC DUTIES
		3	PARROTT HARRY S.	M	28 JAN 20	S	RAF
		4	PARROTT MARGARET E	F	2 JUL 23	S	SEEKING WORK - DOMESTIC EMPLOYMENT

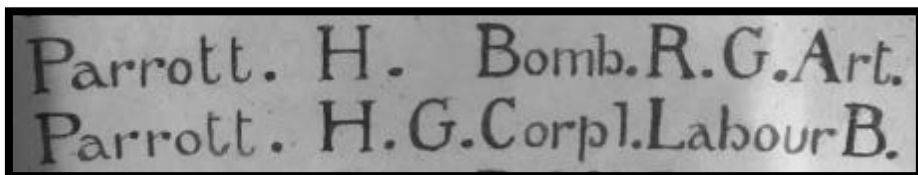
1939 Register for the Parrott family at 2 Police Cottages, Ripley, Surrey.

It is possible that Harry Scotney Parrott never lived in Rowledge although he likely visited his grandparents' home at 1, Woodview and maybe stayed with his uncles, Arthur and Harry and aunt Ethel who lived in the village.

In 1939 uncle Harry was listed as disabled from WW1 wounds and aunt Ethel as a supplementary teacher, presumably at Rowledge School.

Harry's uncle Harry and his brother uncle Horace are listed on the WW1 St. James porch Memorial to 'Those Who Served'.

Harry's uncles Harry and Horace on the St. James porch Memorial to 'Those Who Served' in WW1.



Harry Scotney Parrott had been allocated to the 53rd Squadron of the RAF who were briefly operating out of Thorney Island to the east of Hayling Island, Sussex. They were using Mk IV Blenheim Bombers and as an observer Harry would have been often situated in the glazed nose of the aircraft.



A Mk IV Blenheim Bomber similar to those flown by 53 Squadron late in 1940 showing the glazed nose and the lower observer window.

On December 6th 1940 Harry was the observer in aircraft V5420 which was returning to Thorney Island after an operation over Northern France. On landing, the aircraft overshot the runway and both Harry and his pilot lost their lives. Harry was twenty years old.

Memorial head stone for Harry Scotney Parrott at St. James.



Harry Scotney Parrott was buried at St. James, Rowledge where his grave is marked with a memorial headstone.

In 1942 Harry's mother, Edith, died and was also buried at St. James, Rowledge

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Rowledge War Memorial – A setting to respect the Memorial

It is 100 years since the Rowledge War Memorial was erected after the Great War to be proudly visible at the intersection of the Binsted, Farnham and Frensham parish boundaries.



In 1997, the Memorial was struck by a lorry and, with financial support from Binsted Parish Council, Hampshire County Council moved it to the side of the road, next to the hedge.



More than twenty years later, the Memorial site looks a little neglected, tired and often unkempt.

Apart from a salt silo and a bent 'Give Way' sign, the grass is in an extremely poor state. It was laid directly over the original tarmac and varies between a muddy track and being dried out and virtually grass-less.



The effects of dry weather on untended grass.



There is now an opportunity for a major element of the original Memorial site to be sensitively and thoughtfully restored. An appropriate base would enhance the Memorial and, at the same time, would help to give the impression of a free-standing monument, rather than one sitting on grassy waste land, pushed hard against the hedge. The site also needs to be as maintenance free as possible. This suggests that the grass should be replaced with a suitable surface that not only copes with the underlying tarmac, but also withstands both the elements and the increasing pedestrian traffic.

THE PROPOSAL

A carefully constructed York stone base would fulfil all the required criteria; enhancing the area both visually and practically but, most important of all, provide a setting that respects our War Memorial.

What do you think?

Over the next 4 weeks, we're carrying out a public consultation to establish what local residents think of the proposal outlined in this proposal.

Binsted Parish Council and Hampshire CC need to know that local residents support such a solution before commissioning any change.

We'd love to hear from you before we proceed any further with design development.



Please submit your comments and feedback by the end of July.

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Phyllis Tuckwell provides supportive and end of life care for adult patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness, such as cancer, and covers the whole of West Surrey and part of North East Hampshire. Its Nursing teams care for patients on its In-Patient Unit at the Hospice in Farnham, and through its Living Well services at both the Farnham Hospice and the Beacon Centre in Guildford – but they also care for patients in their own homes, making a very real difference to those who have chosen to spend their last days in their familiar environment.

To provide care in all settings, Phyllis Tuckwell needs many more Health Care Assistants and Registered Nurses, covering nights and daytime shifts, and both full and part time roles. Wherever possible, rotas are matched to each individual's preference. Phyllis Tuckwell is a well-loved, highly respected and long established local charity, and applicants must have a passion to provide high quality end of life care. The nursing roles are challenging, as patients' needs can be complex, but successful applicants will receive a comprehensive benefits package with generous salaries, enhancements, 6 weeks annual leave allowance, training and supervision. You can apply now, at www.pth.org.uk/job/nursing.

Be part of the team, and help provide expert, compassionate care for local patients and their families – when they need it most.



Epidemics now and then. Neil Pittaway

Here in 2020, our lives are dominated by Covid-19. Conversation, and life in general, cannot escape our new way of life and for many the misery, the misfortune and the tragic losses it has bought will, in so many forms, shape a generation.

Comparisons are being made between the Covid-19 epidemic and that of the so called 'Spanish Flu' of 1918 and 1919, just over one hundred years ago.

Each have had devastating world-wide results but so far, within our area, the effect of Covid-19 has mercifully apparently been limited. Hopefully care and common sense will keep it that way.

Back in 1918 and 1919, whilst the world reeled from the whirlwind spread of Spanish Flu and the 50 million deaths it caused, the burial records of St. James indicate that the effect on the village was very limited.

It is very likely that Private Albert Parratt, who was serving with the 1st Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment, died at home on the day after Armistice Day from 'Spanish Flu'. He is buried at St. James and the name of his brother Harold, who served in the same battalion but killed six weeks earlier in France, shares Albert's memorial in the church yard.

However overall the St. James' burial numbers during and beyond WW1 show no obvious sign of significant losses in Rowledge from the 'Spanish Flu' epidemic.

1914 to 1920 burial numbers were: 16, 17, 14, 12, 14, 14 and 13.

However, just 7 miles south of St. James, at St. Mary's in Bramshott the story was tragically very different.

Like many of you, I have often read of the Canadian troops stationed at Bramshott during WW1 but until recently, although aware of the memorial adjacent to the A3, I was unaware of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery at St. Mary's. This afternoon I included St. Mary's in a walk which took in Wagonners Wells, Ludshott Common and Bramshott.

I often write in the Rowledge Review of men named on our Memorial who are buried in C.W.G.C. cemeteries in Europe and further afield. I have visited some of these and always found them beautifully kept and very moving.

May I suggest that if you have never visited one of these sites you take the opportunity to visit the beautifully tended C.W.G.C. site at St. Marys, Bramshott. (GU30 7SQ for sat. nav.)

As I stood in the midst of the memorial headstones I thought of the several hundred men of the 8th Devonshires who were billeted, well away from home, in the care of Wrecclesham and Rowledge in 1914 and 1915 and who never went home. Rowledge gave many of these men a home before they left for France. Bramshott too gave the Canadian soldiers a very warm welcome but sadly, not only were many killed in France and Belgium, 413 died in Bramshott, not only from wounds received in battle and

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whilst training but for a large part from the 'Spanish Flu' epidemic.

318 Canadian soldiers are buried at St. Mary's and another 95 who were Roman Catholic are buried at St. Joseph's in Grayshott.

The Canadian barracks at Bramshott housed a very large military hospital. From the autumn of 1918 through to the late spring of 1919 the hospital was overwhelmed with 'Spanish Flu' victims.



Part of the C.W.G.C. Canadian cemetery at St. Mary's, Bramshott.

There were daily funeral processions from the hospital to St. Marys and on one day alone, 8th November 1918, just three days before the Armistice, there were no fewer than 12 burials such as this one for four soldiers undertaken at St. Mary's in 1916:



In 2020, with the aid of modern communications and technology, we have a reasonable understanding of our position in the midst of the Covid-19 epidemic. Can you imagine the situation at Bramshott where home was thousands of miles away and any information available very limited and highly censored but the losses relentless. The C.W.G.C. board at St. Mary's tells the Canadian story in full but the cemetery is shared by a few U.K. soldiers and by many sailors from the local King George's Sanatorium for sailors who died in WW2. It is well worth a visit and my pause there put so much into respectful perspective. One headstone in particular made me think. It gave an age of just 17.

Video Tech Helps Hospice Care Continue

With Coronavirus restrictions limiting our contact with others, local charity Phyllis Tuckwell is turning to technology to help it continue providing its care for local patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness, such as cancer.

ART, the charity's Advice & Referral Team, talk with new patients and the healthcare professionals who have referred them, and have started to use video consultations to find out more about these patients' needs. They assess each patient's symptoms, and direct them to the appropriate service within Phyllis Tuckwell. The charity offers three key services: Living Well, which supports those who need help managing everyday life; Care at Home, for those being cared for at home; and the In-Patient Unit (IPU) which offers symptom management and end of life care.



Closely linked to the ART are the charity's Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs), who are often the first to contact a new patient. They can refer patients on to other services within Phyllis Tuckwell, such as nursing, therapies or counselling, and can offer support to patients' families and carers, too. As an alternative to face-to-face contact, the CNS team are also using video to speak to patients, and are able to assess their needs efficiently and effectively via this technology.

With face to face group sessions at the Hospice and Beacon Centre temporarily suspended for the time being, patients cared for through the Living Well service are regularly contacted by phone or video to find out how they are coping and what help they need, providing much-appreciated support at a time when social contact is limited.

The charity's Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and Complementary Therapists are also using video calls to speak to patients about symptoms or problems they may be experiencing. They can deliver equipment such as walking aids and adapted cutlery, or aromatherapy oils and creams, leaving them on the doorstep and following up with a video call to explain to patients how to use them.

Counsellors, Social Workers and Benefits & Entitlements Officers at Phyllis Tuckwell are also supporting patients and families through video, and the In-Patient Unit is using a Facebook portal to enable patients to speak to their families. The portal is

particularly helpful as visiting hours are currently restricted, and is also used by patients whose families live abroad and so cannot visit.

“At a time when face-to-face contact is being limited, we are embracing other forms of communication, and are using video technology a great deal to stay connected with our patients and their families,” says Jayne Holland, Director of Patient Services at Phyllis Tuckwell. “They really appreciate not only speaking to someone, but seeing a familiar face too – and chatting via video helps us to assess their needs more comprehensively, as well.”

To find out more about Phyllis Tuckwell and the care it provides, please visit www.pth.org.uk.

Rowledge Village Hall News

RE-OPENING THE HALL

The Hall re-opened partially in June with Rowledge Preschool offering reduced hours for those children who wished to return.

The trustees agreed not to open the hall from July for any other activities or events because the safety of the children has to be a priority. Maintaining the necessary level of cleaning to comply with COVID -19 guidelines is a challenge with so many different users accessing the hall in normal circumstances.

This decision will be reviewed in August.

If you wish to provisionally book the hall for a future event please contact bookings@rowledgevillagehall.com

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The draws for April and June winners were conducted remotely as Coffee Spot had closed because of COVID-19.

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Mrs Jo Jackson

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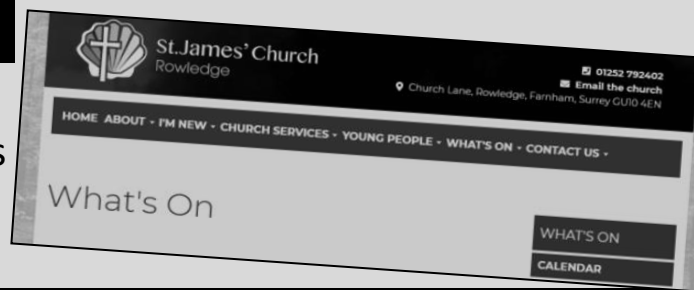
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Having coordinated the Village Tidy-Up twice a year, for many years on behalf of the Residents Association, Phil Thomas would like to hand over the reins to someone else.

If you want to help keep the village looking spic and span, please speak with Phil or Jeff Ward who will explain what is involved in this important and highly valued role.



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NEW SIGNAGE AT ST. JAMES'

During lockdown, St. James' received some new signage in and around the churchyard. The signs for the church and our church-run nursery school, Little Fishes were part-funded by a generous grant from the *Village Fayre Committee*.

From left to right: Mike Dean, Mike Randall (Churchwarden) and Bob Blackman who installed the signs whilst maintaining social distancing - not easy!



Refreshing Summer Drinks

Two refreshing summer drinks with tea



Summer Thriller

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 3 cups boiling water
- 3 tea bags
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup chilled cranberry juice
- 1 tbsp lemon juice

Directions

Boil water. Add all the tea bags. Cover for 5 minutes.
Remove bags and add sugar. Stir and cool.
In a large pitcher, add the prepared tea to remaining ingredients. Serve with ice.



Summer Slushies

Ingredients (Serves 6)

- 4 cups cut-up watermelon
- 1 cup cut-up strawberries
- ¼ cup green tea, chilled
- 2 tbsp agave nectar
- 1 lime, seeded and juiced
- 2 cups ice cubes
- Watermelon wedges to garnish

Directions

Place cut-up watermelon, strawberries, green tea, agave nectar and lime juice in a blender. Cover and blend until smooth. Add ice cubes. Cover and blend until smooth and slushy. Serve immediately. Garnish with watermelon wedges, if desired. *For the Adults-Only Version:*
Add 30ml of tequila per drink

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the tide when it came in?
Long time no sea!



Why don't oysters share their pearls?
Because they are shellfish.

How can you tell the sea is friendly.
It waves.



One for Rowledge School...why did the
teacher wear sunglasses in the lesson?
Because her class was so bright.



How do you prevent a
summer cold?
Catch it in the winter.



My friend went for a job at the sun cream
factory, but didn't get it. He's going to
reapply.



What does a mermaid
use to call her friends?
A shell phone!



What part of the fish weighs the most?
The scales.



			4			9		
			8				1	2
				1		6		
							8	
1		2	3				5	
	7	4		9		1		
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There is a huge increase in need at the moment, especially from those families who would usually be reliant on school dinners.

To access the foodbank should you be in need, please see contact details below.

PHONE - 079015 81539

WEBSITE - <https://farnham.foodbank.org.uk>

EMAIL - info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk

You can also contact St. James' Church Office to collect Foodbank vouchers.

The Church Office,
Church Lane,
Rowledge,
GU10 4EN.

PHONE - 01252 792402

EMAIL - admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk

The Foodbank would also be very grateful for any financial contributions you feel moved to make.

If you have any queries, do contact:

Anne Blackman (01252 793344)

THANK YOU!

"The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline."

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- Instant noodles
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- Tinned rice pudding

NEW Foodbank Vouchers

St James' Church is now able to issue foodbank vouchers for those in need. To be eligible for an emergency food parcel as an individual or a family, you will need to be referred with a voucher from the church office.

Your referral will be completely confidential. If you or someone you know is in need then please contact the church office on 01252 792 402.





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PLEASE NOTE: The official deadline for copy for the September issue of the Review is *FRIDAY 14th August 2020.... LATEST DATE!!*

Please either send articles through email: **rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk**

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