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## From the Vicarage



Right at the start of Luke's account of the birth of Jesus, we read about three groups of people who might represent each of us. The first is Zechariah – a temple priest. Zechariah was visited by an Angel who told him that, despite thinking his wife was unable to conceive, she would in fact give birth to a child who would be the forerunner of Jesus (John the Baptist). Zechariah's response was to be "startled and overwhelmed with fear" (Luke 1: 12).

Later an angel appears to a teenage girl called Mary to tell her she will be the mother of God's anointed child whom she is to name Jesus. Mary's response was to be "deeply troubled" and "bewildered" (Luke 1: 29), but the angel reassured her saying "Do not yield to your fear..."

Later still, following the miraculous birth, an angel appears to a group of lowly shepherds fulfilling their menial work on the cold, dark hills outside Bethlehem. The angel, presumably seeing the terror on their faces, says "do not be afraid, for I bring you good news and it is for everyone" (Luke 2: 10).

It doesn't matter who we are, from church ministers, to teenagers, to farmers and everyone in between, we all experience times of great fear. We all have those "what if the worst happens?" thoughts that wake us in the wee small hours. They might be triggered by very real concerns about health, significance, wellbeing of family and friends, work and finances or any number of other worries. And let's face it, with so much negativity in the media, we might say we all have good reason to be fearful. But into our fears, a voice says "Do not yield... Do not be afraid" because something has happened. An event has taken place in human history, for which there is overwhelming evidence, and that event can bring us a hope that is so much stronger than our worst fears. Into the midst of the bleak midwinter of our souls, a bright light has come, and the darkness of our fears can never extinguish that light.

Advent and Christmastime is, for many, a yearly reminder of this message of hope. But I wonder if we miss the most vital part of the angel's message to the shepherds. This good news is for everyone – vicars, teenagers, young parents, office workers, manual labourers and retirees alike. No one is excluded. In a world which increasingly seems to be divided by the haves and have-nots, the polluters and the polluted, the settled and the migrating, the straight and the gay, the religious and the secular, the message of the angel is for you and me. We need not fear, because the God of love has come to us in Jesus Christ, and he will not let us be consumed by our fears.

So let me warmly invite you to encounter this God of love during Advent and Christmastime at one of our special services and events at St. James' Church during December (details elsewhere in this edition). Everyone is very welcome – no exclusions!

Blessings,

Rev. Russ Gant, Vicar



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# ST JAMES' CHURCH – December services



We are now able to meet as a whole congregation in church weekly, physically, for worship, however we are continuing with our live-streamed services each Sunday for those who prefer that style, or are not ready to return to the church building.

Do join us live on our Facebook page:

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A mix of formal and contemporary services - if you don't see it live, all our videos can be found on our YouTube Channel:

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If you want to receive email invitations to any of our online resources, email [vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk).

(Sunday services 9.15am and 10.45am unless noted differently)

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Creation Renewed"* Isaiah 65: 17-25, 2 Peter 3: 3-13, John 3: 1-17

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Creation Redeemed"* Romans 8: 16-25, John 10: 1-17

3:30pm - Christingle Service \*

## **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:30pm - Concert of Christmas Music by Rowledge Community Choir

## **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am till late, daily - Christmas Tree Festival

## **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am to 12noon - The Coffee Mug (Pop-up Café in the Church Centre)

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Creator Revealed"* Revelation 21: 1-5, Matthew 1: 18-25

6:30pm - Carols by Candlelight

## **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve**

3:30pm - Nativity Service \*

6:00pm - Family Carol Service

11:30pm - Midnight Holy Communion

## **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day**

10:00am - Christmas Morning Celebration \*

(Service includes Holy Communion)

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - Boxing Day - 1<sup>st</sup> of Christmas**

9:15am only - Traditional Holy Communion

*"Jesus at the Temple"* Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52



\* indicates service is particularly suitable for younger children

## Life Groups –Tuesday & Thursday

Russ & Jenny Gant run a group on Thursday with about 8 people. They meet weekly via Zoom.

They meet at 7.45pm on alternate Tuesdays via Zoom. In between, they meet socially at the same time on Zoom.

## Men’s Group – First Thursday of the month

Starting with a Bible passage, discussion then moves on to ... well, anywhere and everywhere! The Men's Group meets (physically or by Zoom) on the first Thursday of every month.

All welcome. To join in, contact Rob: [robriscs@aol.com](mailto:robriscs@aol.com)

# Church is OPEN!

Open: Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm.  
Saturday - Sunday 8am-8pm.  
Closed on Fridays.

St James’ Church is OPEN for **individual private prayers and Sunday worship**. If visiting, please try to 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.



## Car Parking in Church Lane

As St. James’ Church reopens, motorists are politely reminded that the Church car park and the Forestry Commission car park in Church Lane are reserved for visitors to church services on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## PARISH REGISTER



### Baptisms

Freddie Bruno – 21<sup>st</sup> November

Georgie Bruno – 21<sup>st</sup> November

### Weddings

Alexandra Frost & Michael Moston - 17<sup>th</sup> December

### Funerals

Eric "Dixie" Dean – 16<sup>th</sup> November (aged 93)

Valerie Flower – 29<sup>th</sup> November (aged 84)

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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



# Morning Prayers



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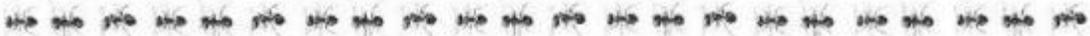
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There is a huge increase in need at the moment, especially from those families who would usually be reliant on school dinners.

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

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

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

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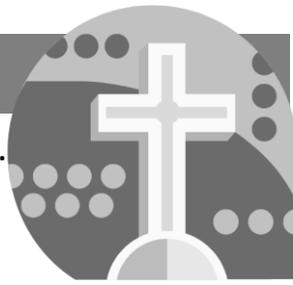
If you have any queries, do contact: **Anne Blackman (01252 793344)**

## 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.





# METHODIST CHURCH – Now OPEN

The Methodist Church - now open for worship on Sundays at 10.00am.

Preachers for December:

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**                      Rev'd Philip Simpkins
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**                      Rev'd David Ashby
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**                      Carol Service at 4.00pm (no morning service)
- Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec,**                      Service at 9.30 am
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December at The Spire Church at 10.30am**

## Cameo meets on Wednesdays at 2.00pm

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

## Healing Service

3.00pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

## House Group

- House Group meets on Tuesdays at David & Aileen's home at 10.30am.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December                      **All are welcome**

**Our prayer chain**, led by Mike & Joyce, can be accessed on: 01252 793363

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# Christmas in Rowledge

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## Have you bought your Christmas cards yet?



Would you consider supporting St. James' Church by purchasing this year's Christmas card?

The beautiful image was taken by local photographer Perry Mitchell who has generously allowed us to reproduce the image depicting the church in a winter scene.

The cards are available with envelopes in packs of 10 for £5 per pack.

To purchase please send a cheque made payable to "The Parochial Church Council of Rowledge" for multiples of £5 to: The Church Office, Church Lane, Rowledge, GU104EN.

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# THE COFFEE MUG

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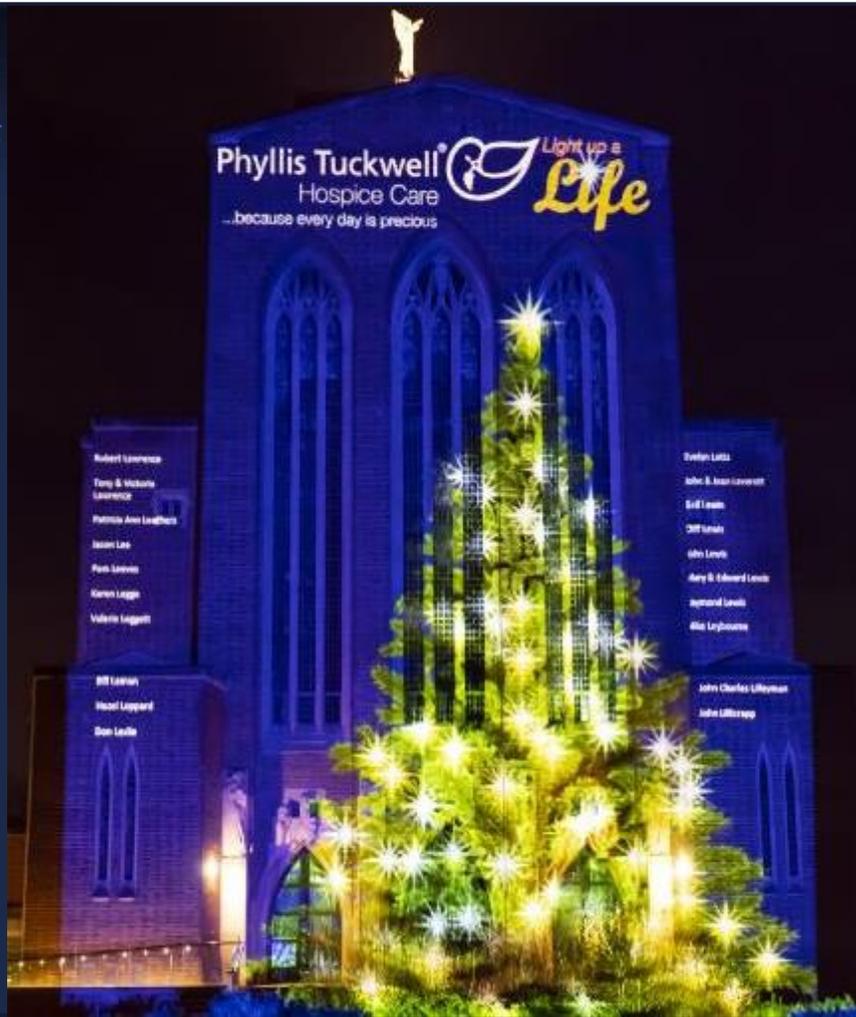
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## Alice Holt WI Report – 19 October 2021

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Rhoda emphasised that the products were natural and organic including the packaging. Samples of some of the products were handed out for the members to try. She went on to detail some of the products and the benefits to be gained from them.

Ann Ogle-Skan thanked Rhoda for her very interesting and informative talk.



President Jill Dickin announced that it was hoped that a Lift System could be developed so people who did not like driving at night could be sure of help getting to the meetings.

Members were encouraged to sign up for the Anniversary Lunch to take place in November.

Earlier in the month members were able to enjoy a coffee morning at the Chocolate Frog Café at Oakhanger. This was a good chance to meet up with friends and enjoy a good get together.





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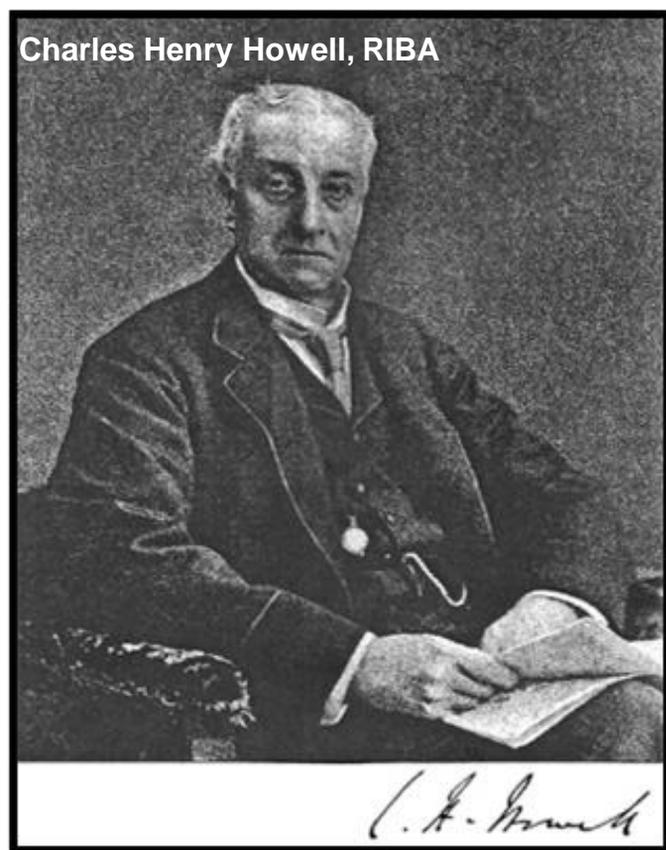
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## C H Howell FRIBA and F C Birch

When the Revd. Julius and the Church Commissioners were planning the building of St. James' Church and associated parsonage in Rowledge, they looked to the prominent architect Charles Henry Howell, who was the Surrey Surveyor of Public Buildings. They chose the prominent Farnham Builder, Mr F C Birch, to carry out the actual construction.

Birch built the church and the vicarage out of malmstone from a local Binsted quarry with a bath stone dressing. The architect, C H Howell, adopted for the church the popular 'thirteenth century Gothic style', incorporating a pointed chancel arch, thin lancet windows, a fine, pine hammer-beam roof and paving of Minton tiles and black and red Staffordshire tiles. With a nave 50 feet long and a chancel 24 feet long, it was a compact structure. The bell turret of oak covered with oak shingles contained one bell. The porch on the south side was also constructed of oak. The church was heated by a 'Rimington's heating apparatus'.



He also designed the commodious vicarage in harmony with the church.

Although neither Howell nor Birch lived in Rowledge, they were obviously associated with the place which is why I include them in this series of people of Rowledge.

Howell had built Christ Church at Shamley Green in 1864. In the church's website one reads:

*During the second half of the 19th Century there was a national resurgence of church building to meet the needs of a growing population. After the architect Pugin's influence mid-century there was a revival of Gothic style architecture and the designer appointed for this project was C Howell, who was county architect of Surrey; this was his first and only church building.*

This is not so. Howell had done other ecclesiastical work. The Church of St. Cynog at Boughrood in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon was rebuilt in a geometrical style by Howell in 1854, when the architect, who was born in 1824, was only 30. He also designed St. Lawrence's Church at Seal Chart, Kent (1867–68). When Wrecclesham's St. Peter's was renovated in 1877, it was to C.H. Howell that the diocese looked. And, of course, he designed our own St. James'.

The appearance of Christ Church at Shamley Green bears a striking resemblance to our own Church of St James. This is particularly the case with the oddly small, shingled spire. The porch is also similar, though centrally located. Presumably Howell was quite happy to employ a similar formula for the church at Rowledge he built six years later.

It is true, though, that Howell was not primarily an architect of churches. Towards the end of his career, in 1893, he designed the Surrey County

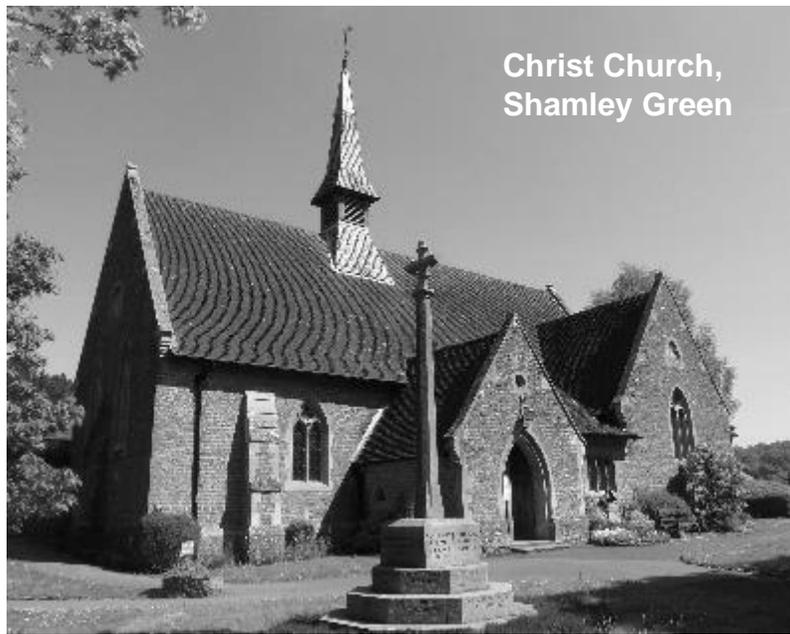
Hall, a fine building in Portland stone featuring a fanciful and famous clock tower, and irregular gables. He also designed, in 1883, the rustic, hexagonal game larder that graces the grounds of Eynsham Hall, and built St Leonard's Hill, Windsor, (1875), and Ribsden, near Bagshot, Surrey (1876).

Howell was most celebrated as the principal architect of lunatic asylums in England during much of the Victorian era. Based in Lancaster Place, London, he was a partner in the architects' firm Howell & Brooks. Howell designed asylums at Broadgate, near Beverley (1868–1871), Fairmile Asylum at Moulsham, near Wallingford (1868–1870 and 1877), Brookwood, near Woking (1862–1867), Cane Hill near Coulsdon (1883) and Middlesbrough (1893–1898). He was Consultant Architect to the Lunacy Commission and was Surveyor of Public Buildings for the County of Surrey from 1860–1893. Howell died on 22 June 1905 at Lynwood, Leatherhead, in Surrey.

Many of Howell's buildings are listed, though not St. James'. It is, nevertheless, well-constructed with a pleasing symmetry and the interior is both light and imposing. Whoever planned the parsonage drains was less accomplished; the vicarage cesspit was located close to one of its wells. C H Howell, incidentally, gets three mentions in Pevsner's Buildings of Surrey, none very flattering.

Most famous of his asylums was Cane Hill. Now only its chapel and water tower remain visible from the A23 as you drive towards the M25. Designed at the height of the Victorian Gothic Revival the buildings are the archetype of a lunatic asylum, with massive three storey radiating pavilion wards, majestic administration block and a chapel, turrets, water tower and tunnel system.

For over a hundred years, Cane Hill cared for the mentally ill. Amongst its famous inhabitants were Charlie Chaplin's mother (admitted three times, on the first occasion given hydrotherapy with ice cold water), David Bowie's half-brother (a schizophrenic who tried to commit suicide by throwing himself out of a hospital window) and Michael Caine's half-brother.



Christ Church,  
Shamley Green

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The builder, Mr F C Birch came from a Farnham family famous for building work. His father, William Birch, had established himself earlier in the nineteenth century. In 1840, he built two new houses on Castle Street at numbers 32 and 33, both now listed buildings, and one was let to the newly married Henry Julius, then a curate at St. Andrews, and his wife, Mary Ann. Living with them were three of Mary Ann's sisters and three servants. By the end of 1841, Henry and his wife had moved from Birch's Lodgings to Castle Cottage (later Cedar Court) on the other side of Castle Street. So when, thirty years later, Julius was looking for a builder of the church of St. James in Rowledge, he knew the Birch builders well.

By then the firm had been taken over by the son, F C Birch. His accomplishments were remarkable. By 1862 he had acquired the large plot in Farnham known as Number 1 Downing Street, which covered the land now occupied by Hawthorn Lodge, previously occupied by the police station. He used the plot as his builder's yard with a workshop and other building. He obtained the contracts for building the town hall and market house in 1866, the new tower of St. Andrews church in 1865, and Norman Shaw's enormous Knight's Bank at no. 75 Castle Street in 1868. These were the most prestigious building projects in Farnham. By 1871, when he built St James, he was employing 60 men and five boys. At this time, he was riding high in Farnham, and was probably its most accomplished builder. He was an obvious choice for St. James.



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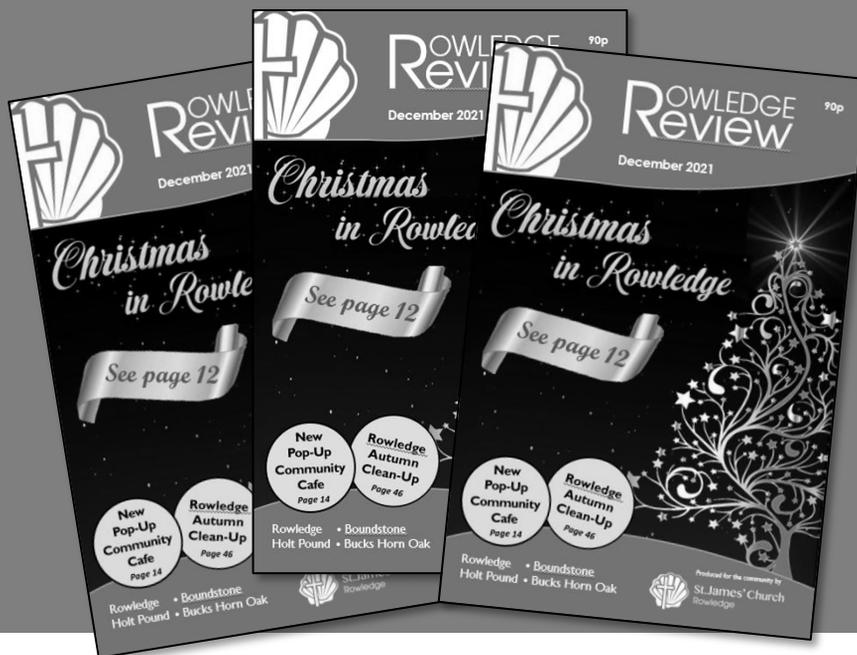
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ROWLEDGE VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR 2021

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## ALL ROWLEDGE Event Organisers!!!

Please email the Editor with event dates for 2021, so we can include it in all future issues of the Rowledge Review. Email: [rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk)



# Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar

## Children's Events

Time	Group	Age	Venue
<b>Mon-Fri</b>			
09.00-15.30	Rowledge Playgroup	2-4	Village Hall
09.00-15.00	Little Fishes Nursery School	2-4	St James Church
<b>Tuesday</b>			
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
<b>Wednesday</b>			
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
<b>Thursday</b>			
18.15-19.45	Brownies	5.30-7	School Hall
<b>Friday</b>			
16.00-18.30	Ballet	13-adult	Village H



## Adults' Events

<b>Monday</b>			
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
<b>Tuesday</b>			
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 <sup>rd</sup> T <sup>h</sup> )		The Rowledge Club
20.00-22.30	After 8 ladies group (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)		Homes
<b>Wednesday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
10.30- 12.00	Mother's Union		St James Church
14.00-15.00	Nordic Walk		Forest (St James gate)
14.00-16.00	Cameo Show (2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)		Methodist Hall
15.00-16.00	Healing (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)		Methodist Church
19.00-22.15	Bridal		Village Club
19.00-20.00	Fingers		St James Church
19.45-22.30	Knitting Club		Village Hall
<b>Thursday</b>			
09.00-16.00	Teachers		Methodist Hall
10.00-12.00	Art Club		Village Hall
12.30-1.00	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)		Methodist Hall
14.30-15.00	Steady Steps		Village Hall
18.00-19.00	Boot Camp		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Gardening Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Bootcamp		Village Hall
20.30-23.00	Men's Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)		Hare and Hounds
<b>Friday</b>			
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
<b>Sunday</b>			
19.45-20.45	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall



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

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

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**Missing from our Memorial.** by Neil Pittaway

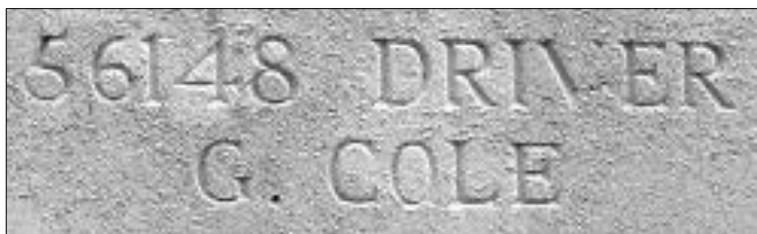
Whilst we cannot know the criteria used after WW1 for the inclusion of names on our Memorial, it would no doubt have depended on someone in the parish putting names forward.

Driver George Cole was born and baptised in Rowledge and before WW1 the family had returned here from Wrecclesham. George served with the Royal Field Artillery for eight years but his name has slipped through the net and does not appear on the Rowledge Memorial.

**George Cole. 1891-1917**

**Driver. 86<sup>th</sup> Bty. Brigade.  
Royal Field Artillery.**

**Driver. 134<sup>th</sup> Bty. 32<sup>nd</sup> Brigade.  
Royal Field Artillery. 56148.**



George Cole was born in 1891 in Rowledge to George and Alma Charlotte (née Paviour).

He was baptised at St. James on May 31<sup>st</sup> 1891



1891.	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	George	George and Alma Charlotte	Cole	Rowledge	Labourer	A. W. Parker Incumbent.
No. 357							

**Baptism of  
George Cole.  
St. James,  
Rowledge  
May 31<sup>st</sup> 1891**

George's father, also George who was an agricultural labourer was born in 1865, close to Manley Bridge. Prior to the parish of St. James', Manley Bridge was listed as Wrecclesham and then Rowledge from 1871. George's mother, Alma Charlotte Paviour was born in Cheriton, Thorncliffe, Kent in October 1871. This is her baptism record and shows her father as a farrier sergeant in the 19<sup>th</sup> Hussars.

1871	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Alma	William Paviour	Shorncliffe Camps	Farrier Sergeant	Charles Green	
No. 1055.							

**Baptism  
of Alma  
Charlotte  
Paviour**

George and Alma were married in the autumn of 1890, Alma was nineteen. Their marriage was registered in Farnham. George was their first son and he eventually had two sisters, Florence and Eileen and two brothers, William and Stephen. George was the only child of George and Alma to be born in Rowledge, the others were born in the parish of St. Peters, Wrecclesham after the family moved there sometime between 1891 and 1894.

## Deductive Review

The 1891 census (taken April 1<sup>st</sup>) for Rowledge showed George, two months before his Baptism, still un-named as 'infant son 1 mth'. The family were then living on the Boundstone Road.

**1891 Census for Rowledge showing George as 'infant son 1 month'.**

Administrative County of <u>Surrey</u>		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Parishes of the										Page 96	
Civil Parish of <u>Farnham</u>		Municipal Borough of <u>Farnham</u>		Municipal Ward of <u>Farnham</u>		Urban Sanitary District of <u>Rowledge</u>		Rural Sanitary District of <u>Farnham</u>		Parliamentary Borough or Town of <u>Guildford</u>		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of <u>S. James</u>	
Date 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
No. of House	NO. of HOUSE, OR, No. of NAME of HOUSE	EDUCES	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday	SEX	COLOUR of Hair	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	WHEREN BORN	12	13	14	15
			Alice Percott	Wife	27	F	Blk	School	Surrey Farnham				
			Louisa Co	Wife	27	F	Blk	do	do do				
			Milly Co	Wife	27	F	Blk	do	do do				
			William Co	Wife	27	F	Blk	do	do do				
			Alfred Co	Son	2	M	Blk	do	do do				
			Herbert Co	Son	2	M	Blk	do	do do				
			John Hards	Head	24	M	Blk	Bookbinder	Surrey Farnham				
			Emma Co	Wife	24	F	Blk	do	do do				
			Thomas John Co	Son	2	M	Blk	do	do do				
			Harriet H. Co	Son	2	M	Blk	do	do do				
			Edwin Hards	Son	2	M	Blk	do	do do				
			Benjamin Edmund	Head	24	M	Blk	do	do do				
			Edwin Co	Wife	24	F	Blk	do	do do				
			Luella Thompson	Wife	24	F	Blk	do	do do				
			Sarah Co	Wife	24	F	Blk	do	do do				
			George Cole	Head	24	M	Blk	do	do do				
			Alma Co	Wife	24	F	Blk	do	do do				
			Edmund	Son	2	M	Blk	do	do do				

By 1901, the census showed the Cole family were in the Upper Bourne, Wrecclesham having apparently moved from the parish of St. James' to the parish of St. Peters' around 1893. George was shown as ten years old and his father, George, named Rowledge as his place of birth,

Date 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
No. of House	NO. of HOUSE, OR, No. of NAME of HOUSE	EDUCES	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday	SEX	COLOUR of Hair	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	WHEREN BORN	12	13	14	15
	Upper Bourne Wrecclesham		George Cole	Head	24	M	Blk	General Labourer	Surrey Rowledge				
			Alma Co	Wife	24	F	Blk	do	do do				
			George Co	Son	10	M	Blk	do	do do				
			William Co	Son	7	M	Blk	do	do do				
			Thomas Co	Son	3	M	Blk	do	do do				
			Alma Co	Wife	1	F	Blk	do	do do				

**The 1901 Census for Wrecclesham showing parents and siblings**

In 1909 George enlisted with the Royal Field Artillery (R.F.A.) as a driver and he was shown in the 1911 census at Minden Barracks, Deep Cut with his battery, then the 86<sup>th</sup> Brigade.

**1911 census record showing George Cole as a Driver with the 86<sup>th</sup> Battery, R.F.A.**

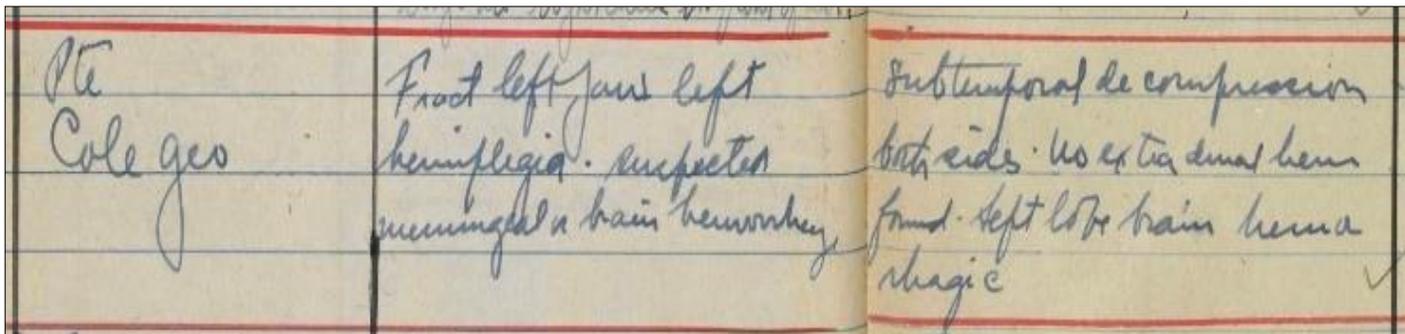
26	James Henry Coates	Driver	23	Single	Blk	Bank East
27	Edward Joseph Smith	Driver	23	Single	Blk	Torson East
28	Thomas Coates	Driver	20	Single	Blk	Bank East
29	George Cole	Driver	20	Single	Blk	Bank East
30	Harry Edwin Coates	Driver	21	Single	Blk	Bank East
Total number of persons			50			

Was it his maternal grandfather's military background that encouraged him to join up? Sometime after 1902, George's family had returned to Rowledge and, as shown in the 1911 census, were living in Vince Villas in what was known locally by some as Forest View Road, now Prospect Road. Both George and his brother William have been redacted as they had left home.



started on October 12<sup>th</sup> 1917. It is very likely that it was at the time of this battle that he was badly injured and eventually moved east to hospital. He was admitted to the very large No.18 (Chicago) General Hospital at Etaples on October 19<sup>th</sup> 1917 with extremely serious head injuries from which he died on the following day, October 20<sup>th</sup> 1917.

**Record of George Cole's admission to hospital on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1917 showing his extreme head injuries.**



George Cole was laid to rest in the Etaples Military Cemetery and has a Memorial Headstone.

**George Cole's headstone at Etaples.**



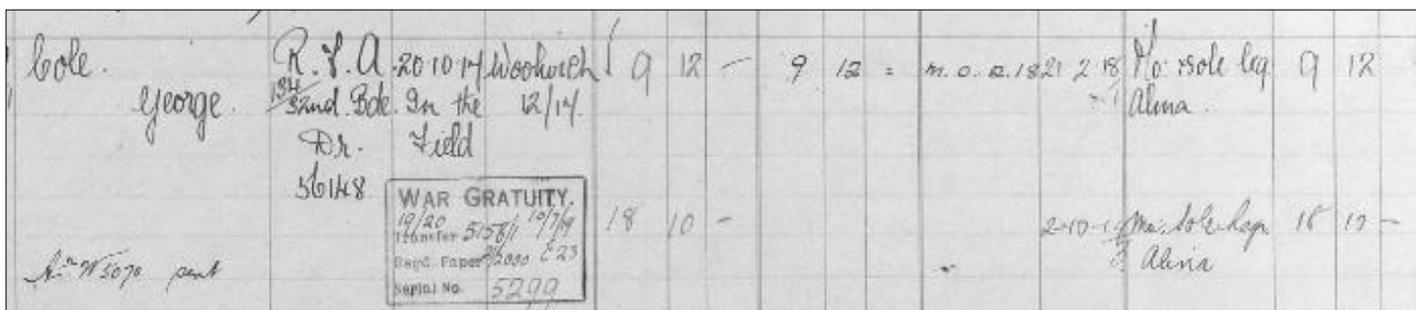
The lower inscription placed at the request of his family reads:

**FATHER  
IN THY GRACIOUS KEEPING  
LEAVE ME NOW  
THY SERVANT SLEEPING.**



**The Military Cemetery, Etaples**

Driver George Cole. R.F.A. 56148 had served for at least six years, the last three in WW1 where he had seen action alongside many of the major battles of France and Belgium. It is clear from the records that do exist that after his death that his mother, Alma was named as beneficiary for his effects and his pension as George was unmarried.



**Records for George Cole’s Effects paid to his mother, Alma.**

By the time the Commonwealth War Graves Commission record for George Cole was produced in the early 1920s, his parents, George and Alma Charlotte were living at 8, Beavers Yard in West Street, Farnham.

George possibly lived in Wrecclesham at the time he enlisted prior in 1909 for his name is on the Wrecclesham Memorial but it is just as likely he had already returned to Rowledge along with his family as indicated by the 1911 census for Rowledge where his name was listed by his father but redacted by the enumerator as he also appeared in the Deep Cut military census.

We know that driver George Cole was born and baptized in Rowledge where his father was also born and had lived since before St. James’ was consecrated and to where he and his family returned prior to 1911. His name is not shown our Memorial. Some might feel it should be there.

In 1922, George’s brother William, who had served for a while in the Royal Navy and then become an engine driver, enlisted for four years with the Royal West Surrey Regiment, ‘The Queen’s’.

George and William’s mother, Alma died in 1937 and their father, George died in 1944.

**Celebrate Christmas with Phyllis Tuckwell**

Christmas is coming and at Phyllis Tuckwell we’ve got lots of different festive occasions coming up, which we’d love to invite you to get involved with. There’s something for everyone, and any support you can give will make an enormous difference to our patients and their families, especially at this time of year when many of them could be spending their last Christmas together.

**Letters from Santa.** Do you have a little one in your life who would like to receive a personalised letter from Santa himself? We’re helping Santa to arrange this, and asking for a suggested minimum donation of £5 per letter.



### ***Light up a Life – Service of Remembrance***

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 6.30pm at the Hospice in Farnham. Join us as we gather around our Christmas tree to watch the lights being switched on in memory of those we are missing at this time of year. The service will also be live streamed via our website for those unable to come in person.

### ***Light up a Life - light projection at Guildford Cathedral***

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, 5pm – 10pm. Everyone is welcome to visit the Cathedral and view the names of all those being remembered through Light up a Life this year, as they are projected up onto the front of the Cathedral.

### ***Santa Fun Run***

Wavell School, Farnborough, **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December** 11am, or virtually over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December at a location and distance of your choice. Whether you can join us at the event or would prefer to organise your own run with family and friends, please register to take part. Entrance is FREE, but we do hope everyone will aim to raise at least £25 in sponsorship. Full Santa suit provided for every adult and reindeer antlers for every child. (U14)

### ***Tuckwell's Christmas Lights Tour***

**Throughout December**. Download the tour map from our website and visit some of the best local Christmas house light displays, in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell.

### ***Virtual Christmas Balloon Race***

Starting from Santa's Village, North Pole, on **Christmas Day**. Enter a balloon into the race for just £3. It's the perfect virtual stocking filler! The race lasts for seven days and there are prizes available for the virtual balloons that travel the furthest.

### ***Stuck for Christmas present ideas?***

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***For further information, to register or buy tickets for any of our festive events – please visit [www.pth.org.uk/events](http://www.pth.org.uk/events) or call 01252 729446.***

Thank you for all the support we have received from our local community during these recent challenging times. It is very much appreciated. On behalf of everyone at Phyllis Tuckwell, we wish you a very merry Christmas!

# St James' Church Website

Take a look at our website.

Full of interesting information and details of everything going on at St James'.



*We'd love to hear your comments.*

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

For all the latest information, visit us online at [stjamesrowledge.org.uk](http://stjamesrowledge.org.uk)



**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 The Spire Café, Farnham United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7QU**

If you would like more details please contact Mary on **07999 368128** or [info@friendstogetherbereavement.org](mailto: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.

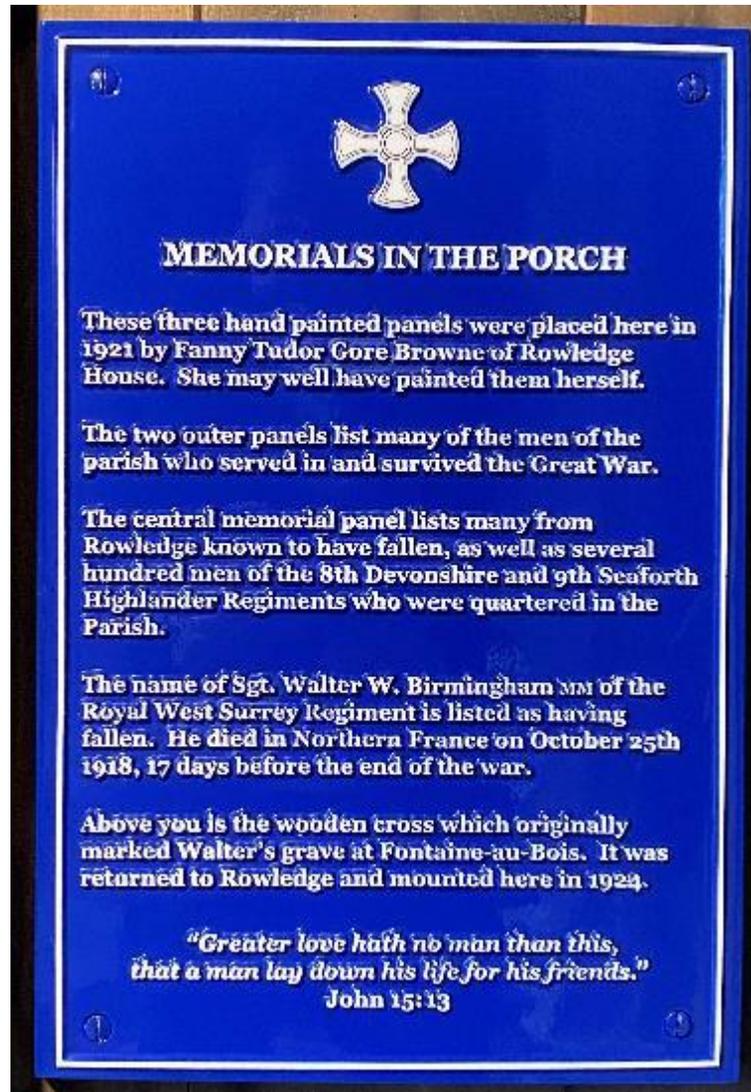
## New interpretive plaque explains importance of memorials

Those who have paused to reflect in the porch of St. James' Church will no doubt have seen the three hand-painted panels which form a First World War memorial. On closer inspection, it becomes obvious that these three panels are a little different to other war memorials.

The centre panel is indeed a list of names of most of the men of Rowledge who lost their lives during the 1914-1918 conflict. The centre panel also remembers the hundreds of fallen men of the 8<sup>th</sup> Devonshire and 9<sup>th</sup> Seaforth Highlander Regiments who were billeted in the parish during the war. But the outer panels list many of those from the community who went away to war, whether they died or not.

Recent research suggests that these panels formed a 'shrine' to which families and friends could come and pray, much like the shrines that can be found in many continental European countries. As such, this shrine and memorial is unusual and historically important.

The panels were originally provided by Fanny Tudor Gore-Browne of Rowledge House and were installed in 1921 and so it was appropriate that this year, 100 years on from their installation, the memorial and shrine should have their significance recognised.





The other memorial in the porch is often missed. It is a simple wooden cross mounted high up in the rafters. This cross, made from the wood of an old ammunition case, originally marked the grave in northern France, of Walter William Birmingham. Walter lived in Rowledge and died in conflict just 17 days before the end of the war. His cross was returned to the village and erected in the porch in 1924.

Thanks to the generosity of Neil Pittaway and Roy Waight, two of our local historians, an interpretive plaque has been provided explaining the purpose and importance of the panels and encouraging visitors to 'look upward' to the cross.



Revd Russ Gant rededicated the memorials and shrine and thanked Messrs Waight and Pittaway for their generous donations which had enabled the interpretive plaque to be purchased and installed.



It was appropriate that some local children were completing the 'Rowledge Remembers' information trail put together by St. James' Youth and Children's Minister, Adele Regan at the time of the rededication and were able to hear of the significance of the panels.



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## What's in a name! By Perry Mitchell

I recently had call to look up the site for the on-line edition of this magazine. I was thus rather surprised to find near the top of the Google search results a review for a lady's' backpack called 'The Rowledge'.

It prompted this article on just what our village name is used for. As a place name, Rowledge is unique; at least as far as I can find. There is not another Rowledge village or town anywhere on the planet. I guess this is partly because it is small but also because it came late to a Victorian Britain that was sending its sons and daughters to the Colonies to set up namesakes abroad.

Originally the area was called 'Roughditch' or 'Rowditch' and it is so marked on the 1841 Census. By the time of building the church and school, it had been renamed Rowledge. This name derives from old English and means 'deer ridge'. We can imagine this transformed the 'image' of the village from the original home of outcasts and homesteaders. 'Rowledge' or 'Rowridge' was a feature roughly where the rec now is, and 'The Road to Rowledge' or simply Rowledge Road (what is now High Street) actually predates the village name.

For the majority of the medieval world, family surnames were an unneeded luxury. The commonest ways to identify individuals were as 'son of' or from where he came, hence (say) Jack Jackson or Jack Farnham. Originally, this would have been Jack of Farnham (de Farnham in the vernacular French of early post Norman England). When universal personal taxation became Government policy (around 1800) it was essential to accurately identify individuals and surnames became an official requirement. The surname 'Rowledge' is not uncommon, and definitely predates our village name. It is thought to be a variation of Routledge, or Rutledge, which is thought to derive from a now lost village in Cumbria. It is really only into the Victorian era when name spelling becomes consistent, but to this day the variations are locked in.

So back to the backpack; why 'The Rowledge'? Well thanks to the wonders of the Internet we can easily ask the 'Yo & Sons' US manufacturers where they got the name. A company spokesperson soon got back to tell me that all their products were named after places that the Yo family had lived or visited.

Since they also had a product called 'The Waverley', I thought we had cracked it! However, a couple of days later a surprising truth emerged. It turned out that 'The Rowledge' was named after a road in Charlottesville, Virginia.

This is a very upmarket area of what is now the city that houses The University of Virginia, founded by Thomas Jefferson. He



The Rowledge bag



A house on Rowledge Road, Charlottesville.

had a family plantation estate and mansion home called 'Monticello' nearby. Why the city has a 'Rowledge Road' probably is a question too far but there is obviously a very active local history culture if anybody wanted to investigate further. The above picture of a house on the road gives some idea of it's status!

The 'Waverley' product (it transpires) was named after a street in California where one of the Yo sons once lived. Coincidence is often a wondrous thing!

As a codicil, various Internet sites give derivations of family names. It is common to give our village as one source of the Rowledge name, but I think this unlikely. The village was named after the time when surnames became an official requirement. These sites simply do not understand how recently the village was founded. My research into early inhabitants has never found a single 'Rowledge' person living in the village itself. Browsing through the 1881 Census results for the Rowledge name, shows families living across a broad swathe of the Midlands, The North and Wales but not one in our vicinity.

*As always, much of this information derives from Roy Waight's book on Rowledge: 'Remote From Civilisation'*

## Christmas with Farnham & Bourne Choral Society



One of the many disappointments of 2020 was the cancellation of our Christmas Concert and with it the opportunity to celebrate the season in the usual way.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021** sees a return of this ever-popular event, with traditional carols for audience and choir, choral extracts, organ accompaniment and Bourne Brass.

**What a splendid and uplifting way to mark the festivities this year.**

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## Village Clean Ann Foster

What an amazing response from our village of Rowledge! So many of you were willing to clear, cut, sweep, in order to keep our surroundings so well cared for. A big thank you to all who came.

I must also thank our Hare and Hounds Landlord, Adrian. He is so welcoming, and It is good to have a cup of coffee before starting work. I hope you took advantage of that. Also, great food by Spike after the work was finished.

I hope you all felt it was worth the effort. I am (with the help of Phil Thomas) gradually understanding what can be done by the Councils (Farnham, Waverley, East Hants) and what is left to us. FTC have rebuilt the wall in Hallifax Gdns, have cut some dead wood out of the trees, pressure washed the benches and shelter and plan to put Hallifax Gdns in for Farnham in Bloom next year. They are also responsible for cutting the grass and the small front flower beds. Waverley BC is responsible for sweeping the roads in the village centre. Their environmental officer is coming on Wednesday, hopefully to renew the Council's agreement to keep the roads well swept. The Rotary Clubs of Farnham have donated hundreds of crocuses which were planted in the grass in Hallifax gardens, ready for spring flowering, thanks to the hard work of Fiona.



I know that the village clean gives folks a chance to improve areas that need attention. It would be helpful if you could also let me know what you think needs attention. My email is: [annfoster222@gmail.com](mailto:annfoster222@gmail.com)







## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations at Little Fishes Nursery School

On 25<sup>th</sup> September, Little Fishes celebrated its 25th Anniversary.

The nursery school was established in 1996 by St. James' Church to serve the local community of Rowledge and Frensham, although we have children from all over the Farnham area.

To celebrate the anniversary a short service was held at St James Church, led by Revd Russ Gant and Amber Delves, the new manager at Little Fishes. Friend and families were then invited back to Little Fishes for a photograph exhibition, refreshments, including a very special cake and children's mini games and stalls in the garden. There was also a raffle with donations from local businesses.

A big thank you to everyone involved in the event and to those who came. It was lovely to see former and current pupils and their families.



## Space – by Perry Mitchell

I love an analogy! Sometimes the distances of space in our universe are very difficult to comprehend but an analogy can perhaps make it easier to visualise.

Let us start with the Solar System, and shrink the distance between our planet Earth and the Sun to a comprehensible one kilometre. That is almost exactly the distance from The Hare & Hounds to the end of Fullers Road at the A325. On such a scaling, the sun (a medium sized star) would be about 9.3m in diameter, about the height of St James spire or a small hot-air balloon. The Earth would be about 80mm diameter – a bit larger than a tennis ball. The moon would be about 23mm diameter, the size of a cherry, and about 2.5m (8.2ft) from the Earth. If we put the sun in Rowledge Square, the planet Mercury would be about 390m away, roughly at St James. Next up is Venus, a little smaller than the Earth but about 700m from the square, say the top of The Avenue. Outside us is Mars, about the size of a golf ball and roughly 1.5km away, say the end of Boundstone Road. Then we have the first of the giant planets, Jupiter at about 470mm diameter (a small bike wheel) and 5.2 km away, say at The Shepherd & Flock roundabout. Next is Saturn at about 390mm diameter and 9.5km away, say at Elstead village. Then we have Uranus at about 340mm diameter and 19km away, say Guildford centre. Neptune is a similar 330mm diameter but about 30km away, say Woking centre. Lastly we have the former planet Pluto at about 16mm diameter (a large pea) and way out at about 40km so say Kingston at the Northern end of Surrey. The generally accepted size of our Solar System is much larger. There are several definitions, but one is based upon the orbit of the furthest detected planetary object ('Sedna') which would give it a diameter on our scale of about 1000km! That is about the south of France away.

The furthest spacecraft is Voyager 1, launched from Earth in 1977 and now approaching a true 23 billion km away. On our analogous scale, this would be about 150km away and about here to Cambridge. In passing Voyager is about the size of a car but on our scale it would be an invisible speck!

On this same scale, where is the rest of our galaxy? Well our nearest star (Proxima Centauri) is about 4.25 light years away and on our analogous scale that represents about 270 million km! Clearly our analogy is now broken and we need to start a new one. How about we reset so that our one kilometre now represents that distance of 4.25 light years. Remember that to reduce the number size of the distances involved, we are talking about the distance that would take light waves 4.25 years to travel. By comparison, light travels to us from the sun in a little over 8 minutes! We inhabit a spiral galaxy (i.e. The Milky Way) and the centre of this is about 26,000 light years away, or an analogous distance of over 6000 km, about here to Pakistan. So to repeat, if our nearest star was at the end of Fullers Road, the centre of our galaxy is in Karachi! The next nearest large galaxy is Andromeda, a mere 2.5 million light years away! On our analogy this represents about half a million kilometres or well over the distance to the

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moon! The whole observable universe is about 93,000 million light years across, or about 37 million km on our scale. Once again our analogy is broken! It is worth mentioning here that the actual size of our universe is impossible to measure and is anyways a rapidly expanding 'object'.

Never the less it is tempting to finish our analogies with one last one. Supposing we make this size of the observable universe equivalent to the size of the Earth. Then very approximately our own Milky Way Galaxy would be about 100,000 times smaller, or equivalent to about 120 meters across (about the size of the Rec). Inside that, our solar system is again about 100,000 times smaller or equivalent to about a millimetre across. I don't think I need proceed further but the simply staggering relative sizes involved are now (I hope) clear.

It is worth in passing noting two particular anomalies about the universe. Astronomers can study galaxies, and to some degree work out the relative movement of the stars based upon gravity. The numbers don't work! There is a great chunk of missing mass they have dubbed 'dark matter'. An obvious explanation would be a missing particle, but all current attempts at finding any sign of it have failed. Secondly the size of the universe is expanding at an accelerating rate that defies our current understanding of the forces involved. The scientists have simply put it down to a missing force they have dubbed 'Dark Energy'. Our current explanation of physics could represent only a few percent of reality!

Whilst we are considering analogies, let's us pop one in at the other end of our world with a hydrogen atom. It is far and away the commonest element in the universe, and a star (like our sun) is basically a fusion bomb converting hydrogen into helium. A single atom is infinitesimally small. If you laid them side by side you would get a line of about 10 million on a 1mm pin head! If you filled a pinhead sized grain of sand with atoms, there would be more atoms (by far) than there are grains of sand in our world! In fact the Hydrogen atom consists of a 'cloud' of an orbiting electron with a nucleus of a single proton at the centre. The cloud is about 25,000 times bigger than the proton! If the proton were the size of a football in the middle of Rowledge, the edge of the cloud would be in Farnham! Now the proton itself is made from three particles called quarks. If the proton were the size of our galaxy, the quarks would each be the size of a person! Exactly what constitutes a quark is another matter. Currently the fashion is something called 'String Theory' that may involve multi universes! Analogies struggle somewhat to represent whatever that may be!

We can thus see that to a ridiculous degree, matter on either the stellar or the microscopic scale consists of nothing at all! The exact nature of exactly what that tiny fraction of 'stuff' is, and indeed what is the 'space' between is at the cutting edge of modern physics. Scientists come up with theories and associated mathematical models, and we spend billions on machines like CERN that try to disprove the models or find predicted particles that have not been seen before. It is safe to say that the World is as mysterious as it ever was!

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The 150 Appeal



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## Where we've come from

St. James' Church was built for the people of Rowledge and its surrounding hamlets and opened in 1871. The church has played a central part of village life ever since. The beautiful Victorian building is a special place in the hearts of many hundreds of people, whether as a place of Christian worship, celebration of significant life events, nurture of young children through our Nursery School - Little Fishes, or the pastoral care of those in need.

The mission and ministry of the church continues to be focused around being a community where people and relationships are transformed by the love of God.

## The impact of Covid-19

The church has been significantly impacted by Covid-19. Many are not aware that all income at St. James' comes from local people like you. It comes through regular contributions via our Parish Giving Scheme or through collections taken during services. Of course this second stream of income has completely dried up.



Despite the reduction in regular income, many of our commitments to ministry in the village and beyond, remain. These include:

- Provision of support for children and young people (particularly in the area of mental health and wellbeing) through the employment of a Youth and Children’s Minister.
- Investing in the improvement of the church building and churchyard as resources for the whole community.
- Ongoing pastoral care for those in our village who are vulnerable and most in need.

St. James’ Church receives no external funding whatsoever. So we are asking:

## Will you partner with us?

### The 150 Appeal

To secure the future viability of the church as a resource for the whole community, we need your help. We need local people to commit to supporting the 150 Appeal for several years. We are seeking to attract as many new givers as possible who are willing to contribute from as little as £5 per week towards the future care of the building and churchyard as well as the development of our ministry to people of all ages in and beyond the village.

This additional funding will allow all those who consider St. James’ Church to be a valuable community asset, (whether regular church-goers or not) to make a positive and lasting impact both for the existing community of Rowledge and for future generations.

### Protect the Church for the price of a pint!

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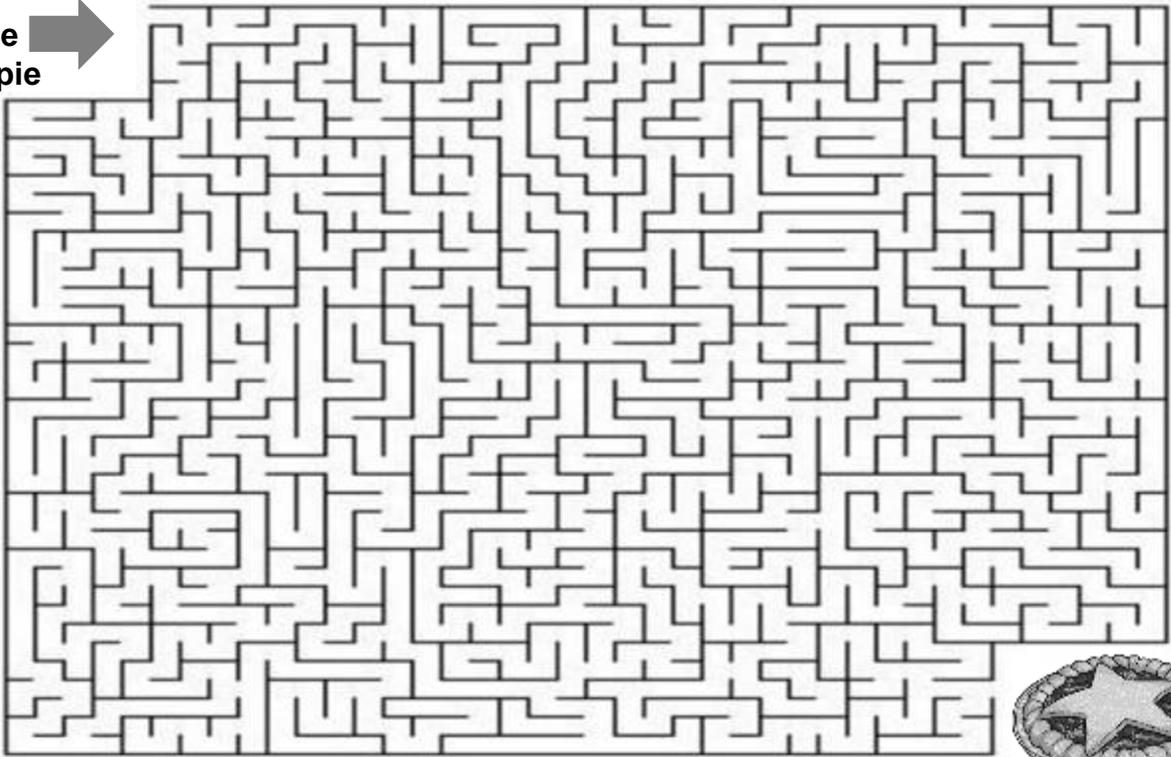
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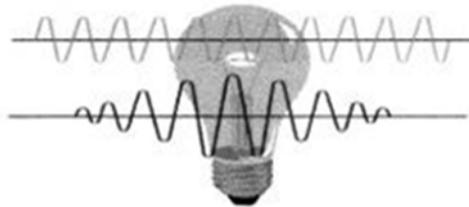


What is the best Christmas present in the world?  
A broken drum,  
...you just can't beat it!



5	1			6	4
	9	3	6	5	
		9			
4					9
7		1	9		6
			2		
	8	5	7	6	
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**Sudoku** Each puzzle has a solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 9 space shape.



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