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From the Vicarage

One of TV's unlikely hits in recent years is *The Repair Shop* on BBC 1. The concept behind the show, which now attracts audiences of 6.7m, is, on the face of it, a recipe for very dull TV: People bring their dilapidated old possessions and heirlooms to a barn, where a group of experts restore them. Then the owners come and get them. But there is, of course, much more to it than that.

The reason behind the show's success is that almost every item brought into the repair shop has its own very special, and often very moving, story to tell. In one recent episode that I watched, the team were putting the finishing touches to the restoration of a clock set into the side of a beautiful wooden ship with metal sails. The clock had been given as a gift by a grandfather to his grandson when he was boy. Now, grown up and with a son of his own, the grandson returned to the barn for the big reveal.

The clock's owner was deaf and communicated through sign language. His son interpreted as his father expressed his emotion at being reunited with the clock, now restored to its former glory. He said that he could suddenly see his grandfather more clearly in his mind, and that seeing the clock as it was when he had received it so many years ago, made him feel like he had been reunited with his grandfather who died when he was just 10 years old.

We all have to be careful about our relationships with material objects. The Bible teaches us not to place greater importance on material things than God, or one another, it warns us of the dangers of coveting what others have, which can lead to an insatiable desire for more and more. Indeed, those who are called to live a life of Christian devotion, such as nuns and monks are often required to take a vow of poverty in which they give up their personal possessions and any sense of ownership, sharing all they have with the community.

So how do we square this teaching with the very real and often very emotional relationship that many of us have with at least some of our possessions? Can I enjoy my valued possessions and still be a faithful Christian? The answer is clearly yes. The key to all of this is simple: it's all about our hearts. Do we live for our wealth and possessions, or do we live to use them to help others (and I would add, to thereby glorify God)? If Jesus came to you today and said, "I have great plans for you. Come, sell everything you have and follow Me" would you be able to part ways with your things? This is the test to see if you make possessions an idol or not.

Back to that barn and those expert crafts-men and women. What the world really needs, now more than ever, is an equivalent barn where broken *people* can turn up and share openly and honestly the stories behind how we came to be broken and to acknowledge our own part in that story; a place where, having shared the story, we can then ask to be carefully, lovingly, painstakingly restored to our former glory. Imagine if we had the opportunity to be repaired, restored, re-created by our master craftsman

creator, lovingly held in his hands as he removes all the dirt and stains, cracks and damage of our lives, restoring us to his original vision for us.

Well, the good news is that such a barn does exist. In fact, there is one in almost every village, town and city in the country. Ours is on the edge of the forest. Churches are the repair shops where we can go to be repaired, renewed and restored by God our Creator. If we are moved by the restoration of a clock, imagine the emotion and power of seeing human beings transformed, forgiven, and restored. Now that's a show I love to watch!

Blessings,

Rev. Russ Gant, Vicar

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Do join us live on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchRowledge>

We continue to keep the restrictions under review and will update the village as things in church change.



Two Services a Week

We are currently running two services each week - albeit both still recorded for the time being.

This will mean there is a traditional service of Holy Communion with choral music, as well as a more contemporary service each week.



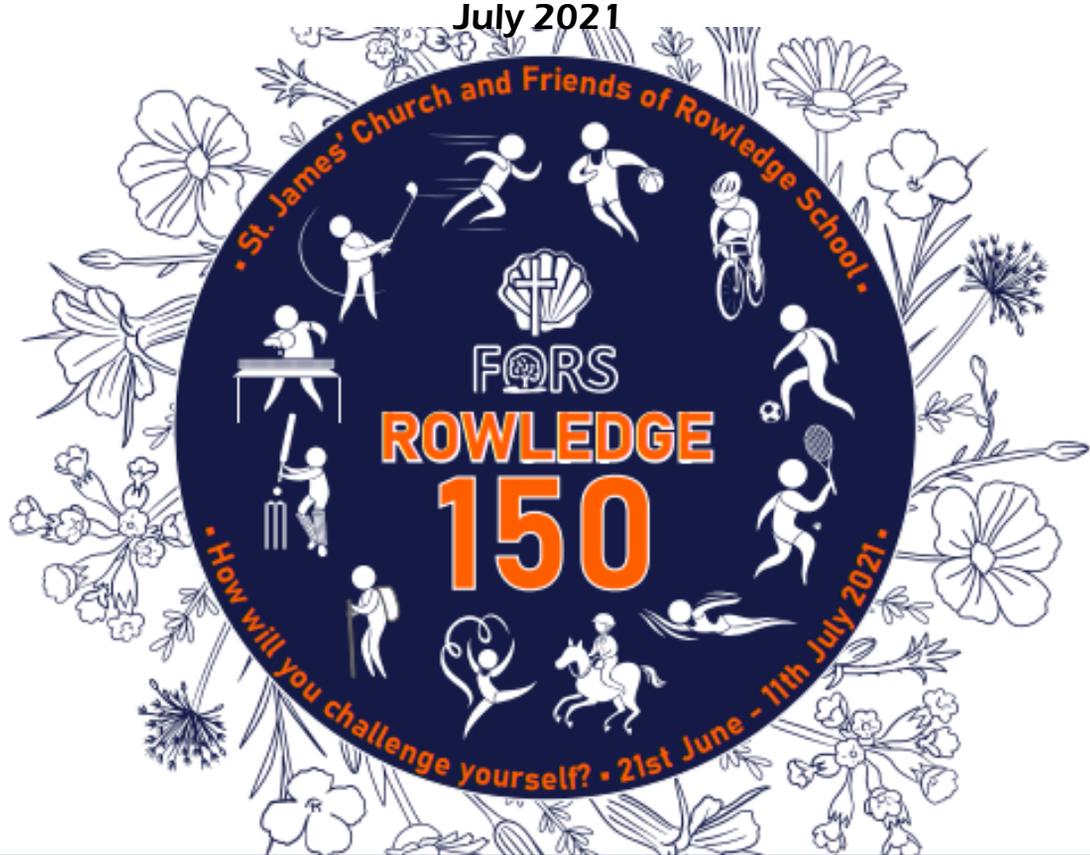
A mix of formal and contemporary services - if you don't see it live, all our videos can be found on our YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBO3bsCEfpu4Hd_IFbKX3CQ/videos



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

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COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 9th JULY

at Halifax Gardens

from 10.30am

Please do join us

All proceeds go towards the
Rowledge 150 fundraising event

Life Groups –Tuesday & Thursday

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

The Tuesday Life Group are looking at the Pastoral Letters and several are also following The Grace Course. They meet at 7.45pm on alternate Tuesdays via Zoom and are currently discussing 2 Timothy. In between, they meet socially at the same time on Zoom.

They hope to resume monthly walks once rules permit.

Men’s Group – First Thursday of the month

Starting with a Bible passage, discussion then moves on to ... well, anywhere and everywhere! During lockdown, the Men's Group meets by Zoom - first Thursday of every month. The group is currently discussing Christian Thinkers.

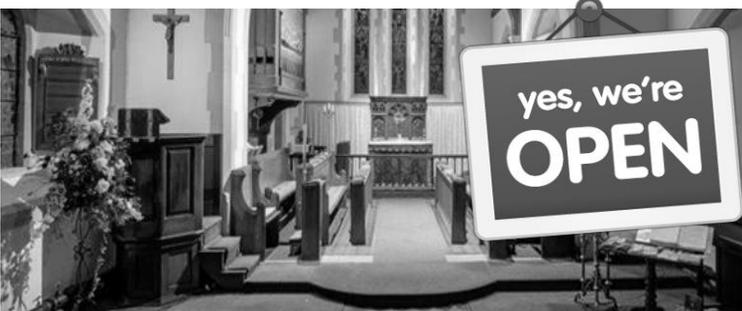
All welcome. **To join in, contact Rob: robriscs@aol.com**

Church is OPEN!

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

St James’ Church is now OPEN for **individual private prayers**. 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.

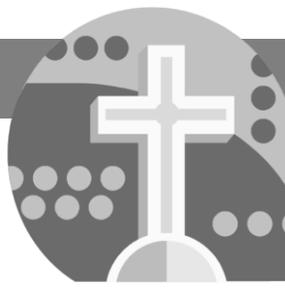
It is sacred space within the village, a refuge for quiet and reflection, and everyone is welcome to visit, or come and sit, to think, to pray, to find some space.



METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church is now open for worship on Sundays at 10am. Due to continued restriction on numbers please ring Aileen or David on 01252 795438 if you would like to join us for worship.

Our prayer chain, led by Mike & Joyce, can be accessed on: 01252 793363
If you would like to speak to Philip Simpkins, our Minister, his number is: 01420 83167



Farnham Foodbank

At this difficult time, please do support your local Foodbank.

Donations can be made at St. James' Church, Rowledge Co-Op, Waitrose or at Anne Blackman, 12 Prospect Road or Mike Randall at Poplars, 7 The Avenue.

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.

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

EMAIL - info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk

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

<p>Foodbank urgently need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinned fruit • Jars of cooking sauces for pasta/chicken • Packets of mashed potato 	<p>At the moment they have plenty of:</p> <p>Cereals, biscuits, pasta, tinned vegetables, butter beans, chick peas, kidney beans, lentils</p>
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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.



'Talking to Strangers' by Malcolm Gladwell

Submitted by Clare Chardin

A recent journey by train - extremely fast, but longer than the usual interval I get to read - gave me the opportunity to read some of this challenging book. What do we really know about other people? How do we get to know others? How do strangers talk to each other and what are the pitfalls and the consequences of getting it wrong by making assumptions?

One of the cases studies caught my attention.

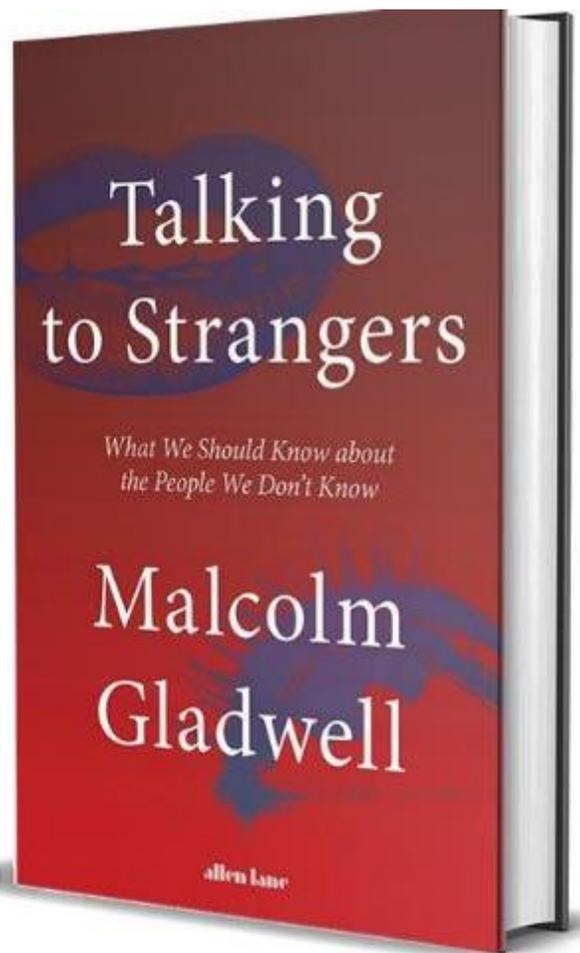
In 2015 a young woman was stopped by a traffic policeman for a minor offence, crossing lanes at a junction without signaling. The incident escalated from what 'might have' happened next – a warning - to the young woman being forcibly removed from her car by a squad of police and committing suicide three days later while on remand in prison.

Today this would have been taken up by the Black Lives Matter movement: she was African American, he white but possibly of Hispanic origin.

An investigation brought to light many contributing factors: she probably was driving carelessly, albeit in a strange town, euphoric in having secured her dream job at the university there. Her impatience to get going and her refusal to put out a cigarette she lit to calm her down or get out of her car perhaps betrayed the struggles of her past life which she was at last putting behind her.

He let things escalate. He could have waved her on her way with a polite warning. He need not have ordered her to put out her cigarette, get out of her car and then try to drag her out. His 'back story' was that he was targeted to 'ticket' as many minor offences as possible, and also to search vehicles from outside the county (Kansas) for evidence of drugs, stolen goods, and since 9/11, legal or illegal weapons or evidence of terrorism.

How much do we know of each other's 'back story'? Should not knowing it influence the way we treat each other?



During the recent months we have all been conscious of the restrictions on our lives. Some of us may have believed that others were 'breaking the rules.' Older people may have thought that their peers, once vaccinated, were off visiting relatives and holding parties. We may have seen young people in slightly larger groups than allowed, but I overheard one teenage girl telling her friend to be patient, 'the rule of six is coming in soon'.

Jesus met many strangers and in some cases his disciples tried to protect him from them. But as he explained, His Father's glory was to be expressed through these encounters and in particular in his ministry of healing.

In some cases his actions caused him to confront the religious authorities, who, for example, wanted to uphold the Law against work on the Sabbath.

His work on earth took Him among the sick, the disabled and despised, for to suffer these conditions it was assumed that the family had sinned; widows and a woman caught in adultery; racial minorities. He offered salvation to the Samaritan woman and predicted that His word would be heard way beyond the Promised Land of Israel.

If we can just remember the actions of the Good Samaritan, without prejudice, with generosity and concern for the wellbeing of a stranger, we won't go far wrong in our dealings with others.

Who shook the jar? - from Aileen Ashby

I received this thought provoking message from a cousin:

"If you collect 100 black ants and 100 fire ants and put them in a glass jar, nothing will happen. But if you take the jar, shake it violently and leave it on the table, the ants will start killing each other.

Red believes that black is the enemy, while black believes that red is the enemy, when the real enemy is the person who shook the jar.

The same is true in society.

Men vs Women

Black vs White

Faith vs Science

Young vs Old

etc

Before we fight each other, we must ask ourselves:

Who shook the jar?"

Attributed to: David Attenborough

July Sunday Services

SEE WEBSITE for whether services are recorded, or in the church.

4th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity

John 9: 1-12

Recovery Shop

11th July - 6th Sunday after Trinity

Heb. 12: 1-2

Running with Endurance

18th July - 7th Sunday after Trinity

John 9: 1-12

Do Not Worry

25th July - James the Apostle

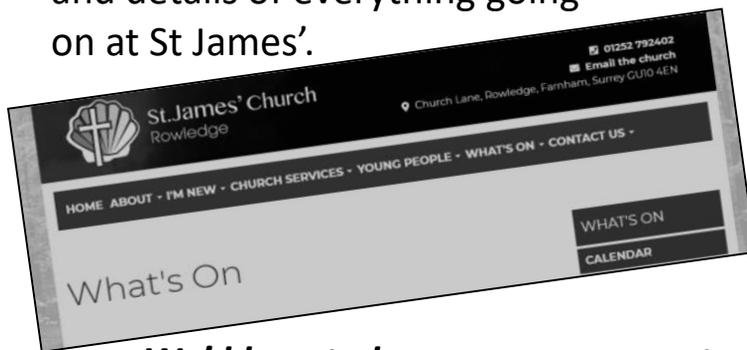
Matt. 20: 20-28

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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

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?

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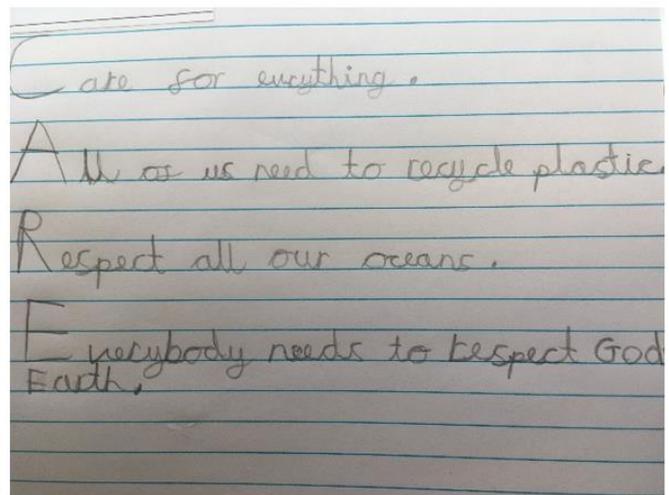
This term KS1 joined the rest of the school in a spiritually themed art event. The first day back after half term we spent the day reflecting on important questions raised by faith. The children in Year 1 spent the day pondering the question...“Where is God?” They expressed their answers in watercolour paintings. Some of the discussions as the children were exploring this concept were especially imaginative and heart-warming. As you can see they thoroughly enjoyed their day of creativity and reflection.

Year 1 – Where is God?



Year 2 tackled a different question... “Are we spoiling God’s good earth?” and linked this to de-forestation and their current jungle topic. They created acrostic poems to express their hopes and prayers for a cleaner and greener world that cherishes God’s creation. They also expressed their vision of what a cleaner world would look like, challenging themselves to mix alternative colours using a primary palette.

Year 2 – Our vision of a brighter future



We are all excited and hopeful as we submit our entries into the 2021 Natre (The National Association of Teachers of RE) Spirited Arts competition. Wish us luck!

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Alice Holt – Perry Mitchell

Rowledge is on the boundary of Alice Holt so I was of a mind to find out a bit more about it. First the name – Holt is an old English word for forest or more accurately a managed collection of trees. Alice has a connection to many possible derivations. Some think it refers to Ælfsige, Bishop of Winchester in AD 984, some to the many piles of ash that adorned the forest from Roman potteries, and some to the Alder trees that were prevalent and good for making charcoal. The Romans utilised the ready supply of thick Gault clay and fuel in Alice Holt to make the bulk of the practical pottery for London and the South East. You can still find remnants of the kilns and discarded broken pots. Originally Alice Holt was joined with Woolmer Forest to form a far greater area than now. Woolmer Forest is essentially low lying scrub and marshland, whereas most of Alice Holt sits on a plateau split by a stream that goes on to join the River Wey South at Millbridge. Around 1830 the Farnham to Petersfield Turnpike Road (now A325) was opened to split Alice Holt the other way.

In earliest Anglo-Saxon times land was managed by a complex feudal system with no owner in a modern sense, but a ‘Lord of the Manor’ who was designated to manage the manor in return for rents (in monies or in kind) from the peasants that would live and work on it. There was also ‘Common-land’, usually of little farming value where ‘Commoners’ would graze their animals and collect firewood. All that changed with the Norman Conquest. From 1066 all land belonged to William (ie The Crown) as technically it still does to this day. The Normans were fanatical about hunting and so vast tracks of (particularly) Southern England were put aside as ‘Royal Forests’ to provide a managed resource for deer and other hunting prey. Each Forest would be allocated to a Royal Warden who would employ officers such as Rangers to keep ‘The Forest Law’. It is perhaps pertinent to quote a description from 1176:

“The whole organisation of the forests, the punishment, pecuniary or corporal, of forest offences, is outside the jurisdiction of the other courts, and solely dependent on the decision of the King, or of some officer specially appointed by him. The forest has its own laws, based; not on the Common Law of the realm, but on the arbitrary legislation of the King.” In later times ‘Ranger’ became a symbolic post with the holder allowed to build a residence and manage the resources to their advantage. The first mention of Alice Holt Lodge is in 1530 when a Sir William Sandys was in charge. It was first built as a hunting lodge but escalated into a manor house with all manner of attractions. At some point the stream was dammed to create Lodge Pond as a fish resource. In the early nineteenth century the original lodge was demolished and the current building erected. In WW2 it was used as a hospital for casualties and then later it became the Forestry Commission Research Centre (FCRC) with suitable additions for laboratories and staff housing. The Forestry Commission had been set up in 1919 to manage restocking after severe depletion during WW1.

Returning to the time of 1770, Royal Hunting had long past as a prime requirement and

the forest had been neglected and was sparse of trees. An urgent need of oak timber for shipbuilding initiated an extensive restocking plan. In the early 1800s a plan of 'Inclosures' was initiated by Sylvester Douglas, Lord Glenbervie to protect areas from animals and commoners foraging. It is reasonable to assume that Glenbervie Inclosure adjacent to Rowledge village is named after him. The timber had traditionally been taken by cart to Portsmouth along 'The Shipwrights' Way' which still exists as a walking trail. This was mostly replaced with a shorter trip to Godalming where the timber could be carried on the Wey Navigation and the Thames to the London Shipyards. The better managed woodland also supplied wood for charcoal burning to create carbon for gunpowder, and later to supply hop poles to the thriving hop fields in the local area. It also was a supplier of pit props for the Welsh Coal Fields.

The current tree content in Alice Holt is largely the direct result of the FCRC experiments to find suitable crop trees to grow in their large forests elsewhere. Much of this will be fast growing soft wood used for making paper and engineered wood like chipboard and plywood. There is probably some fairly recent intervention to increase the hardwood content (mostly oak) to meet EU requirements. Keen tree spotters will find all manner of specimens – near to my corner (Fullers Road) are some splendid Western Hemlock trees although the sadly missed Ron Gold told me they were Tsuga which is the Japanese name for the Genus. Incidentally – they have no direct connection to the poisonous shrub but apparently the crushed leaves smell the same and hence the name. The Bentley side of the Lodge houses the remains of an Arboretum. This was created in the early days of FCRC but fell into neglect. In recent years it has been subject to a refurbishment by volunteers and is certainly well worth a visit.

In modern times it is clear that timber as a farmed resource in England is no longer economic, with cheaper competition from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. Alice Holt is now primarily a leisure centre, being made a 'Country Park' and part of South Downs National Park in 2010. The resources have greatly evolved to the present very busy centre and extensive trails. It is still possible to find miles of quiet paths (with or without a dog) without meeting a soul. I find most visitors stick to the main tracks and yet still manage to get lost! One pastime I now find interesting is to find maps of the forest in Victorian times and then walk the current trails to see how they compare. There is a good deer population though they are largely nocturnal these days. Grey squirrels abound, despite earlier attempts to cull them because they feed on acorns and thus damage oak regeneration. All the other smaller forest animals you would expect are found including my favourites the reptiles. Adders are commonly found sun bathing on path verges and the English Grass Snake is now added by a Mid European version which I like to call 'The Swiss Snake' from its latin name. Slow worms are also common but I have never seen the rare 'Smooth Snake' even though they definitely live here. Lodge Pond is now a very busy angling centre with managed stocking of large Carp. The fishermen often camp overnight and have an amazing amount of kit if you watch them struggling to carry it all on a barrow from their car.

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All in all it is a tremendous resource to have on our door-step – I love it! I finish with a photo from around WW1 of the gate to Alice Holt by St James' Church.



Photograph]

THE FOREST GATE, ROWLEDGE.

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Village Clean June 2021

Finally we were able to clean up our village again and certainly not before time. Phil Thomas had retired from running the event but it was mainly thanks to him that the day was such a success.

The Rotary Club of Farnham sought some advice on Village litter picking and clean-ups only to find Phil had finished and so Rotary had little option but offer to take on the task. It fell onto my shoulders because I

am both a Rotarian and live in Rowledge. My thanks must go to Phil for leading me through the first clean up.

There was quite a lot of preparation to be undertaken as Farnham Town Council, Waverley and East Hants are involved in cleaning the roads and clearing the rubbish and of course folks needed to be told the date we were to carry out the work.

My thanks to all who came to help, both villagers and Rotary members. Coffee was kindly offered at the Hare and Hounds but I think many people started work immediately. The main areas tackled were:-

Hallifax gardens, which was very overgrown and took a lot of clearing work.

The hedge down the side which took over 4 man-hours to cut and clear the weeds. A sterling effort.

All the signs around the village were cleaned.

A space cleared for sitting on the seat on the triangle up by the Methodist Church.

School Rd and the war memorial were cleared and swept.

The recreation ground and the Long Rd were cleared of rubbish.

The junction of Bell Lane and the High St were cleared.

Most folks worked for the full 2 hrs and then either went home or had some lunch in the pub.

I sensed a strong feeling of 'pulling together' and now our village looks so much more cared for.

Thank you all. The next village clean will be Sat 13th November.

Ann Foster



Thanks Ann!

More Tea Vicar?!



Take a load off!

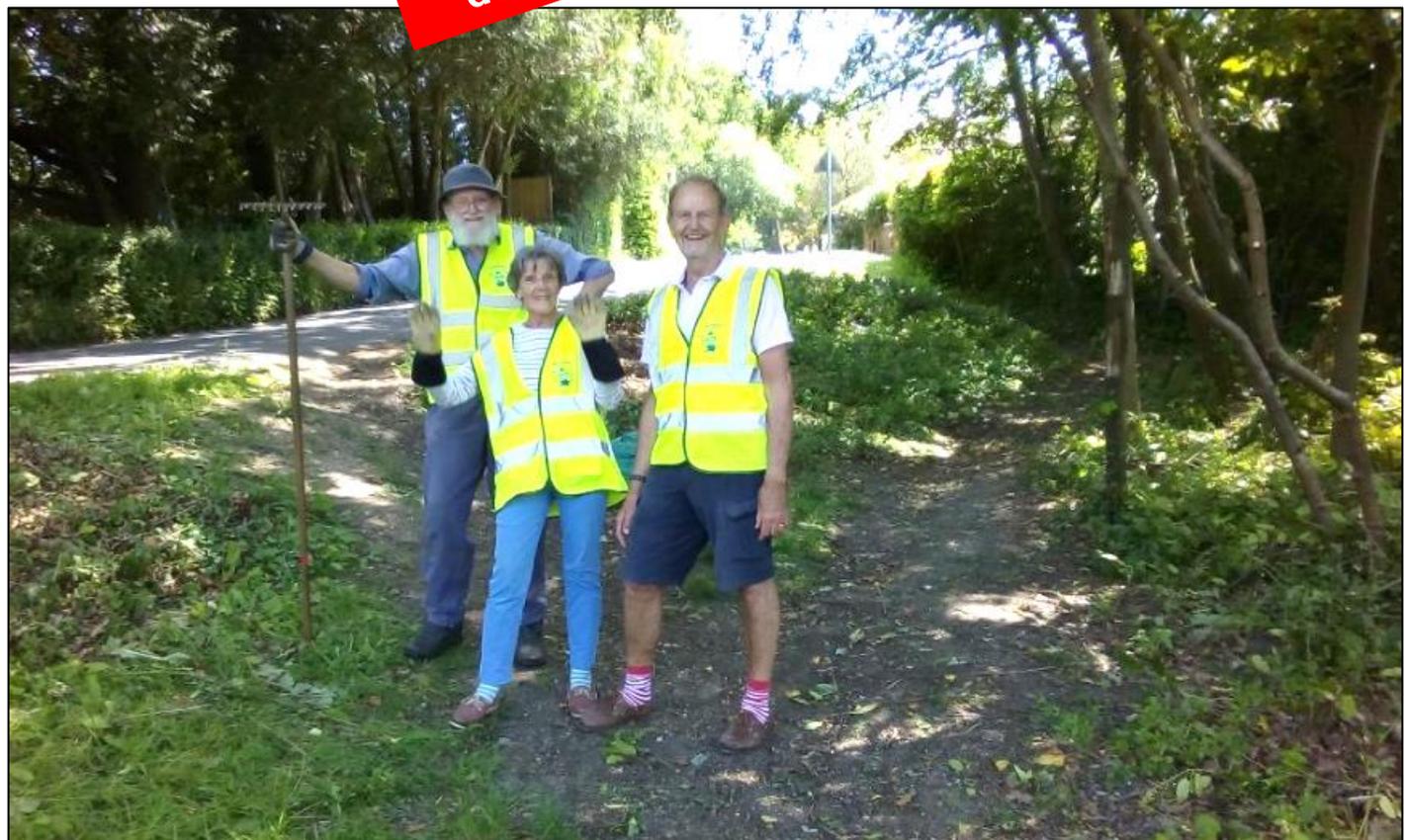




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Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar

Time Group Age Venue

Children's Events

Time	Group	Age	Venue
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



Adults' Events

Time	Group	Age	Venue
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)		The Rowledge Club
20.00-22.30	After 8 ladies group (1 st Friday)		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 Ensemble (2 nd &4 th Wed)		Methodist Hall
15.00-16.00	Healing (1 st 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
Thursday			
09.00-16.00	Teachers		Methodist Hall
10.00-12.00	Art Club		Village Hall
12.30-1.30	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)		Methodist Hall
14.30-15.30	Steady Steps		Village Hall
18.00-19.00	Boot Camp		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Gardening Club (2 nd Thursday)		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Bootcamp		Village Hall
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



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

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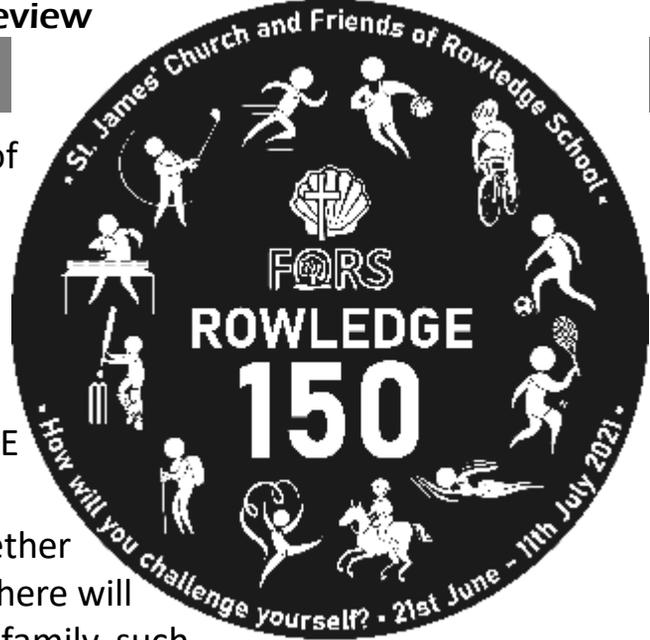


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It's an opportunity to bring the community together and have fun in a collective endeavour for all. There will be events planned to provide fun for the entire family, such as community scavenger hunt and a village amble. For the adventurous, we are asking you to challenge yourself. It can be anything, just please make it fun and sign up with our link to fundraise. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1020792>

The idea is simple. To get people doing something active whilst bringing the community together, fundraising and having fun. So join us this summer, do something positive and bring our community together!

We will be promulgating information on events and activities over the coming weeks, so please keep an eye on social media and village notice boards for more information. St James' Church and Rowledge Primary School will also host information on their websites. You can follow us on our Rowledge 150 Facebook page.

One of the main community events will be the Halifax Gardens Coffee Morning - 9th July at 10:30. We encourage everyone to pop down for refreshments and to try one of the delicious cakes! Whilst you're there, why not pop into Hand's Butchers to get your hands... on a specially commissioned Rowledge 150 sausage.

Available for a limited time only, so don't miss out! Another great community event will be run by the Bowls Club on Friday, 2nd July at 6.00pm. 'Come and give bowls a try' session at Rowledge Bowling Club on School Road. Please bring a pair of flat soled shoes, otherwise everything is provided. To help with Covid rules, whatever they may be at that time, please contact Robert Green on 01252 794860, 07981 230093 or email: greenrobertj@hotmail.com to book a place.



So whatever your age, please come and join us to celebrate the Rowledge 150. You can donate here: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1020792>



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Adele and Matt were delighted to welcome back the first **#hungry** youth group session on June 9th in the church car park!

It was great to reconnect and be reminded that God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid even if the earth shakes, or the mountains fall into the sea.

Psalm 46 verse 1.

Email Adele if you want to join them for future sessions!



Lodge Pond in 1787. Roy Waight

If you walk along the path from the Rowledge Forest Gate entrance to Alice Holt for a few hundred yards you come to a junction where five paths meet. Most people seem to turn right along the gravelled track which subsequently curves round to the left and then they proceed along it to the Visitor Centre. If they take the fork to the right after half a mile or so and cross the A325, they are taking the old carriageway that led from Rowledge to Bentley. Many, instead, turn right after the curve and make their way to Lodge Pond, the largest of the various ponds to still be found in Alice Holt. There are several. There is Lodge Pond itself, and a similarly shaped but smaller pond at the southern edge of Straits Enclosure, rarely visited and a sanctuary for dragonflies. There is a pretty pond beside the Research Station at the Lodge and another, now much silted up, at the entrance to the Lodge at the point where Gravel Hill Road makes a right angle. Then there is the so-called Kennel Pond, featured in a Midsomer Murder ('The Maid in Splendour') and located at the highest point on the tarmacked road that leads from the Lodge to Bentley Station. There is a small, often dry, pond beside an old Yew



tree behind Kennel Pond, currently full of water and very deep. There are some other transitory ponds that fill up after heavy rain.

Lodge Pond is the biggest and the most popular. At any time of the day the fishermen are there, waiting patiently for a bite. It is a tranquil place. The trees surrounding it cast their shadows on the still waters and, in the evening and early morning, with the shadows strong on the water, it is a magical place. It looks particularly attractive

after it has frozen in winter and snow lies around. Birdwatchers visit and watch out for the herons and the waterfowl. It is not always so tranquil. In hot summers, the fish tend to die for lack of oxygen, as happened last summer, and the fishermen try to aerate the water.

It has been the site of at least one suicide. On 15 March of 1939 there was, for example, the sad report of a man found drowned in the Pond. He had been missing for a month. The body was that of Mr Alfred Knight, 65 years old, living with his brother at Holt Side and a gardener for Mr. William Rennie. He had been suffering from depression. A 16-year-old from Holt Pound had been walking along by the Lodge Pond at 5 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon when he saw the body in the water about 20 feet from the edge. A certain PC Sibley made a raft out of oil drums and paddled out and recovered the body which was in about 5'6" of water with head and shoulders uppermost and the feet

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anchored in the mud. The body was partly decomposed. The coroner returned a verdict of suicide by drowning whilst temporarily insane.

The water in Lodge Pond is not deep, mostly around 18 inches at the west end, perhaps 5 feet or so at the deepest. It is fed by small streams leading off the Alice Holt plateau and by springs. It is one of the sources of the Bourne, the other being a tributary that rises behind the JCB plant hire on Gravel Hill Road. In summer, the stream dries up and the level of Lodge Pond falls several inches. The pond is man-made, and the east end is buttressed by a substantial dam. Below it the Bourne stream runs off at a right angle and then along the backs of the gardens of the big houses fronting the A325.

One might argue that the pond isn't actually *in* Alice Holt. The forest was 'enclosed' in 1812 when the current enclosures were created: Glenbervie enclosure (the one adjoining Rowledge), and Holt Pound, Lodge, Goose Green, Willows Green, Abbots Wood, and Straits Enclosures. Some 600 acres were left unenclosed as compensation for the locals who no longer exercised common rights over the forest. Lodge Pond was included in this unenclosed common land. As you approach the pond you will notice the deep ditch and bank that runs parallel with the long axis of the pond which demarcates the limit of the old Glenbervie enclosure and was probably dug by French prisoners of war taken captive during the Napoleonic Wars.

Looking at old OS maps, you can see that the pond has subtly changed, reducing in size as it has silted up. In 1869, when the first detailed OS map of the area was surveyed, the pond boasted at its western end a small boating house and a strange semi-circular channel where, one assumes, boats were moored. The surrounding land was not wooded, but open. 150 years ago, Lodge Pond was a small boating lake surrounded by meadow, far more open, far tidier and somewhat larger than it is today.

The origins of Lodge Pond are unclear. Some have claimed it was constructed as a fishpond, rather like the much larger ponds at Frensham, to provide fish for the Bishop of Winchester's supper, or even for the monks of Waverley. This seems unlikely. There is no record in the Winchester pipe rolls recording the construction of such a pond. After the Norman Conquest, Alice Holt became crown land and was not owned by the bishop. The monks, who had a large farm at Dockenfield (hence the name Abbott's Wood Enclosure) had no ownership of the forest itself. It seems more likely that the pond was constructed by the occupants of the old Lodge. This was built by Henry VIII for Lord Sandys in the sixteenth century and located more or less where the modern lodge is situated. The old lodge was knocked down after the forest was enclosed in 1812 and the new lodge, still there, was built as a hunting lodge by 1819. It became the residence for a succession of prominent men, including Charles Wentworth Dilke, the 'lost prime minister'. It would be marvellous if one could find a picture of the old lodge, but neither I, nor Mark Westcott (who has also sought for one), have ever come across such a picture. One must, surely, exist.

Looking further back beyond 1870, how Lodge Pond might have looked would have remained a mystery were it not for a remarkable map which I have discovered in the

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parliamentary archives. I have obtained a copy from the House of Lords library, at the very reasonable cost of £5, and it is an extraordinary document. It reveals much about Lodge Pond and, indeed, the whole area, because it covers the entirety of the old Alice Holt and Woolmer Forest, which took in much land no longer part of the Forest. The origin of the map is interesting.

Towards the end of the eighteenth century the government became progressively dissatisfied with the antics of the Rangers of the Forest who had been appointed to 'look after' the forest since mediaeval times. Baron Stawell, the then ranger, was particularly egregious. He milked the forest for all he could get. In short, he got most of the forest income and the government got little. Needing oak for the building of ships, the government set up a commission to inquire into the management of the Crown forest. The Middleton Report, which summarised the findings, was a *cause celebre*. The ranger was thoroughly corrupt and the need for modern management was pressing. Eventually the office of ranger was abolished (in 1811), Baron Stawell went off in a huff to his house, Marelands, near Bentley, the forest was enclosed and a modern management installed with a view to producing oak for battleships.

As part of the review, the commissioners paid a surveyor to produce a 'geometrical survey' of the whole of Alice Holt and Woolmer forests. The year was 1787 and the map that the surveyor, Mr Wyburd, produced is the best I have ever seen from that date, better, even, than John Roque's magnificent map of Surrey done a couple of decades before.

The preamble in the cartouche is written in splendid copperplate:

By the order of the Commissioners of the Land Revenue appointed by Act of Parliament XXVI GEO III, this geometrical survey of Alice Holt and Woolmer Forest in the county of Hants was made by James Wyburd, surveyor, 1787.

To the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, this plan of the forest of Alice Holt and Woolmer in the County of Southampton is humbly presented with the Sixth Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the state and condition of the woods, forests and land revenues of the Crown and to sell or alienate fee farm or other unimproveable (sic) rents.

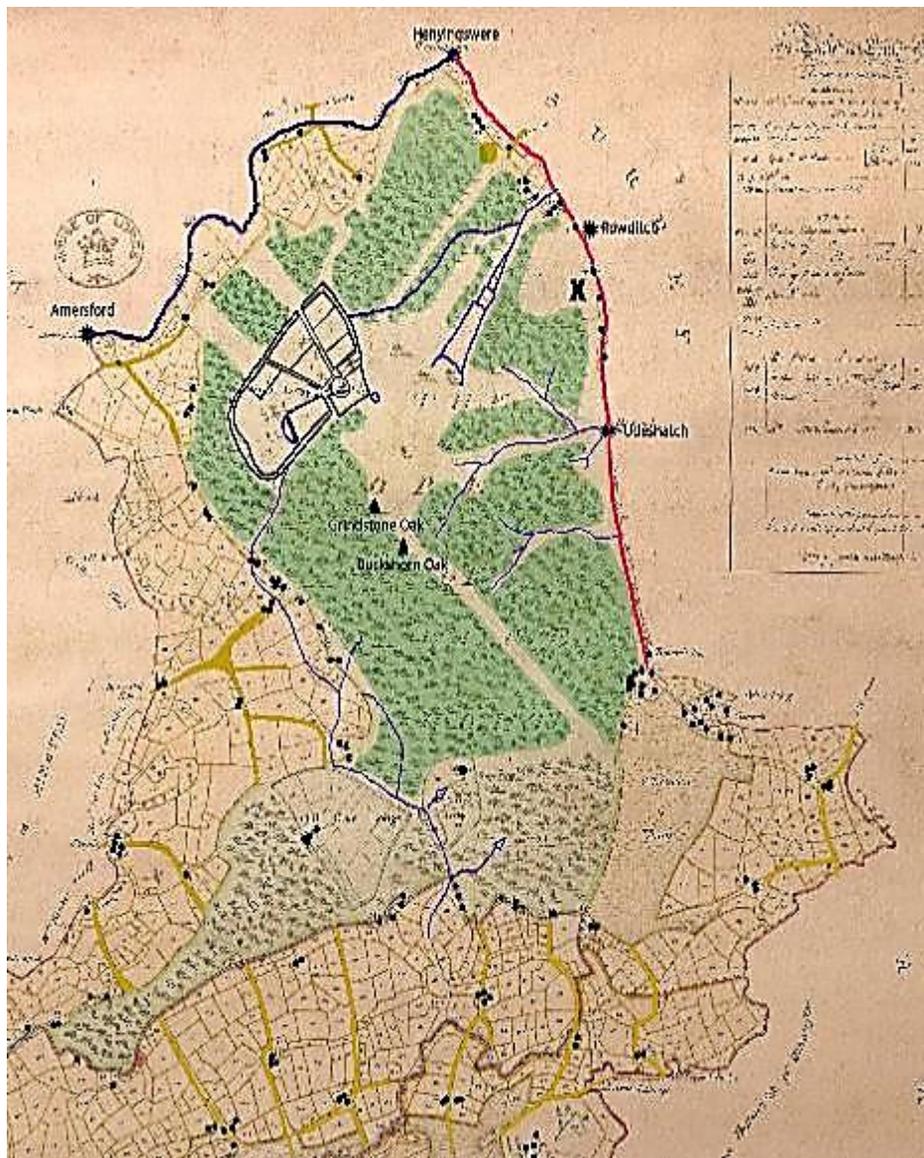
Land Revenue Office, eighth of February 1790.

The geometrical survey map of 1787



Here the Alice Holt Forest is shown as it was in 1787. I have highlighted certain old features: Amersford, Henyingswere, the Row Ditch, Udes Hatch and Kenards Bat. The oak wood is shown in green. The black dots are buildings. The outlines of the Great Lodge, its park, and Lodge Pond are emphasised in black and the various streams are shown in blue. The roads are hatched in yellow. The locations of the Grindstone and Bucks Horn Oaks are shown.

NB – this survey comprehends the whole of the forests of Alice Holt and Woolmer according to the metes and bounds of a perambulation thereof taken in the year 1638 within which perambulation is also traced the private property in fee which is subject to the forest laws.



The scale is 20 chains to an inch. A chain, as all cricket lovers know, is 22 yards. The map separately identifies by colour code various features: the forests are distinguished by a pale green ground, the lodges by a dark green shade, 'admitted freehold property' in pale yellow, the perambulation carried out in the reign of Charles I in red, the tithing of Dockenfield is indicated, as well as the parishes of Frensham, Binsted, Kingsley, Hedley, Great Worldham, Selborn, Gretham, Lysse, Trotton, Rogate, and Bramshot. Buildings are represented in red, rivers, brooks and ponds in blue, and wood grounds are represented by trees.

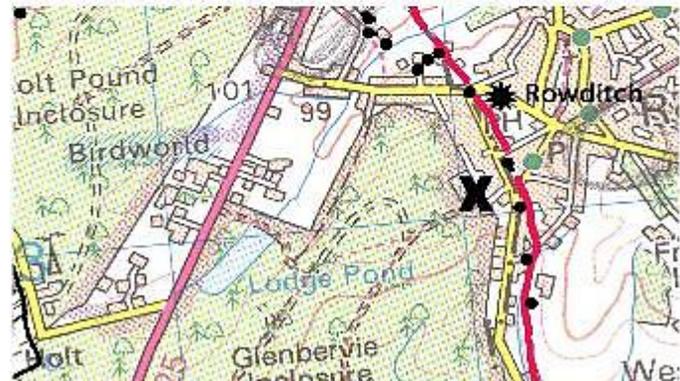
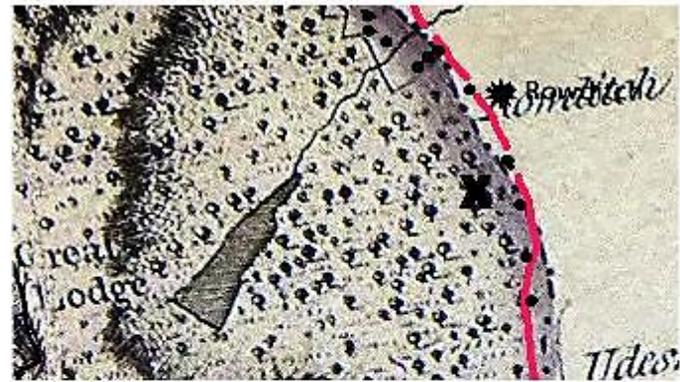
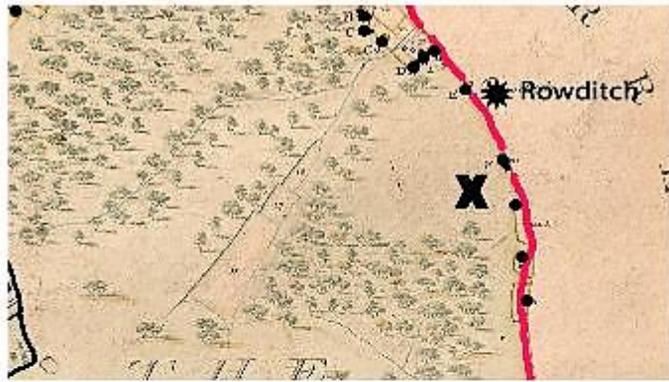
The map is accompanied by a table of contents showing the Crown lands and the areas are expressed in acres, roods and perches. The whole of Alice Holt is recorded as 2,744 acres, 3 roods and 23 perches (There are 40 perches in a rood and four roods in an acre). Lodge Pond, then known as Holt Pond, comprised three distinct plots, namely plots 16,17 and 18, with a total area of 21 acres 1 rood and 23 perches.

Of particular interest is that the exact route of the perambulation of the Forest done for Charles I in 1637 is shown on the map and makes clear the precise location of all the boundary markers mentioned in that document: Kennards Batt (Batts Corner), Udes Hatch (Reeds Hatch), the Row Ditch, Henyingswere (where the county boundary meets

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the River Wey) and Amersford (Anstey Bridge). Also of interest is that the acreages are absolutely precise.

What does the map show us about Lodge Pond?



The Lodge Pond as shown in the 1787 geometrical survey map, Milne's map of 1791, the OS map of 1913 and in a modern OS map. All to the same scale. The change in size and shape is clear. If your eyesight is good, you can see the semi-circular channel that used to be at the western end of the pond in the early years of the last century.

It is clear that, in 1787, the whole pond consisted of three distinct pools on three descending levels. If you place a grid over the three pools, you can ascertain that, together the whole pond had an area of 18.8 acres. The map states the area as 21 acres 1 rood and 23 perches. Presumably, the surveyor included in the area of the plots, numbered 16, 17 and 18, the area immediately around the pools, which is reasonable. Today's Lodge Pond, by contrast, is about 4.7 acres in extent. The 1787 map superimposes on the modern OS map closely. It is, undoubtedly, an accurate map. The description as 'a geometrical survey' indicates that the surveyor used triangulation to get the detail correct. Since it was also defining hundreds of freehold plots it had to be, like later tithe maps, accurate. Money was involved.

What we see is remarkable. The whole of Alice Holt was then organised as a hunting forest and pleasure garden. At its heart was the Great lodge, surrounded by its pale, containing 152 acres of landscaped garden. You can clearly see the ornamental pond, the open spaces, clumps of trees, what look like two formal gardens, one near the Lodge and one, semi-circular, at the west end. To this day, if you take the straight footpath on the Bentley side of the A325 – don't turn right for the Lodge - you can walk right round this old pleasure garden. It is now covered mostly by trees but was once open. The boundary of this magnificent 152-acre park is defined by the path as far as Kennel Pond,

and by Gravel Hill Road on the east side. The path which marks the limits of this park has been there since medieval times; it is the old pale that we know from earlier reports surrounded the grounds of the Great Lodge. Kennel Pond, which some think ancient, clearly wasn't there in 1787. Even more remarkable is the appearance of the forest itself. Prodigious avenues have been laid out between the great oak trees providing the occupants of the Lodge with magnificent vistas, one towards Wrecchesham and Farnham, another towards Bentley (both old settlements) and another southwards for over a mile towards Abbots Wood and Dockenfield (another old settlement). Three paths lead out of the pleasure garden. One follows the path now taken by the metalled road that leads from the Lodge to Bentley. A second, also still there, leads today to the arboretum but in 1787 conveniently led to Marelands. A third leads out southwards either to the Lodge Pond or the avenue south towards Dockenfield.

This was a true hunting forest. Lodge Pond itself was situated at one end of a large area of pastureland which boasted, at its south western edge, two famous trees, the Grindstone Oak, reputedly the largest tree in England, until boys burnt it down in 1851, and the Bucks Horn Oak, located, as one might expect, at Bucks Horn Oak. One of the little mysteries concerning the church of St James in Rowledge is the short space of time between the granting of permission to use two acres of forest to build a church in 1870 (the location of which is marked by X on the 1787 map) and the completion of the church. Cutting down a large number of trees takes time. If the situation in 1870 was as it was a century before, the plot may well have been free of trees altogether.

The size of Lodge Pond revealed by the 1787 map suggests it was a boating lake. Its three levels must have provided a splendid spectacle. It is noticeable that, while the Row Ditch marked an entrance to the forest, there is no magnificent avenue leading towards Rowledge. Rowledge did not then exist except as a small group of cottages. Who laid out this magnificent pleasure garden and forest? It seems more than likely that it was Emmanuel Scrope Howe and the Lady Ruperta. Lady Ruperta sought refuge from the amorous intentions of Charles II at the Lodge when her husband, Howe, was made ranger of the forest. We know they spent a fortune on their residence. The creation of pleasure gardens was all the rage amongst the aristocracy; and Lady Ruperta, the illegitimate daughter of Prince Rupert, cousin to Charles II, was prominent enough to have a pleasure garden. Had she been legitimate, she would have had a better claim to the throne than George I. Emmanuel Scrope Howe was a prominent nobleman.

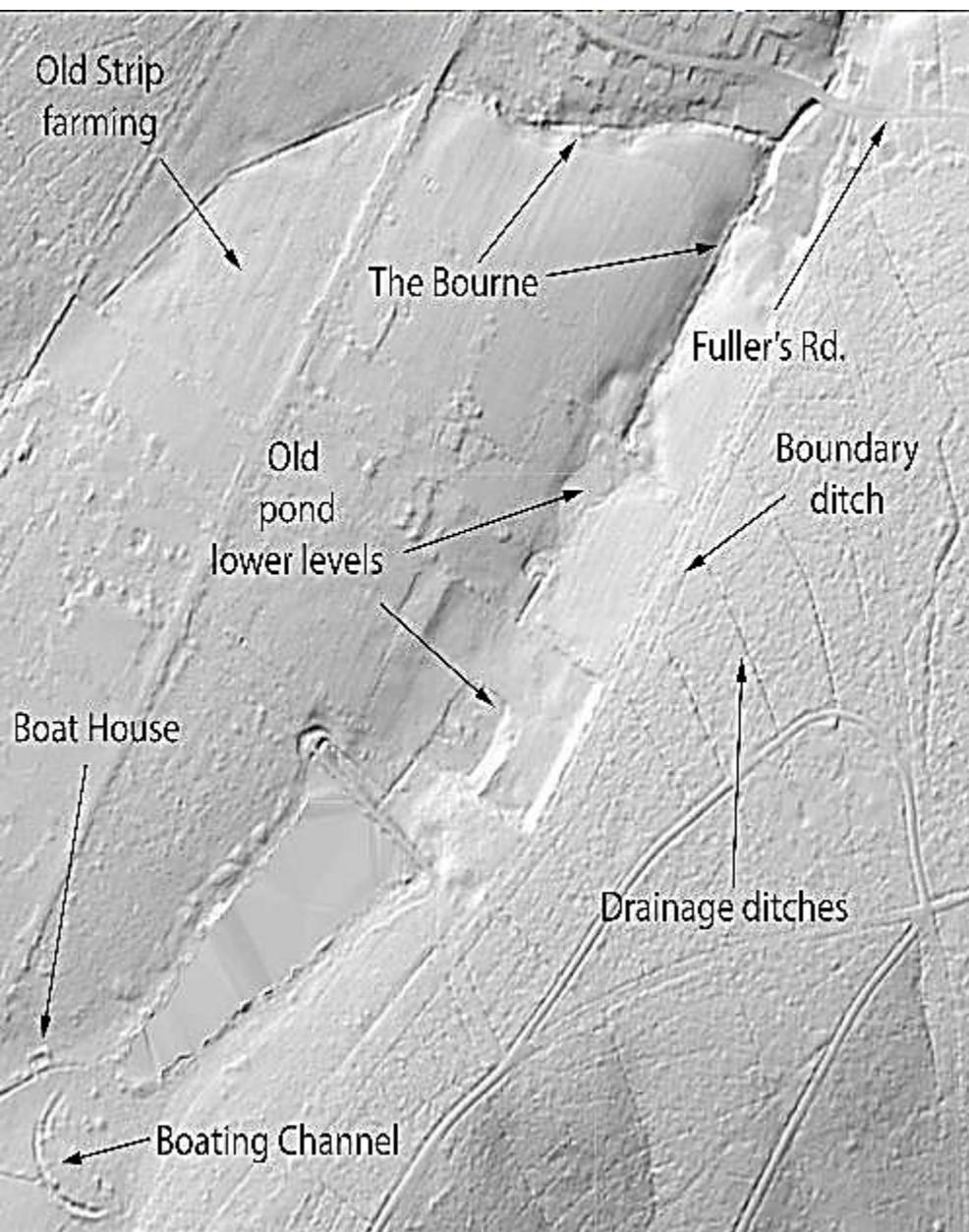
Lady Ruperta Howe was ranger after her husband died and when she at last expired, in 1741, she was succeeded by Henry Bilson Legge, the 4th son of the 1st earl of Dartmouth and Robert Walpole's Chancellor of the Exchequer for many years. He was succeeded by his wife, Mary Hill, who became Countess of Hillsborough on her marriage to the First Earl of Hillsborough. Her son, made Baron Stawell, took over as ranger in 1780. There is little doubt that Legge, the Countess and, finally Stawell, all further developed the pleasure garden. It is unlikely to be a coincidence that one of the avenues led towards Marelands, which Baron Stawell owned and to which he eventually retired.

The forest was then remote and hard to reach in 1787. It was surrounded by small

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clusters of cottages. From the map it seems that the buildings surrounding the forest and within the forest bounds were some 80 in number. Bearing in mind that the buildings are only those contained within the forest bounds (most of today's Rowledge was beyond the bounds) we find that the buildings were located at Holt Pound (10 buildings), Rowledge (5), Dockenfield (22), Frith End (13), Blacknest (19), Bentley (6) and Grovelands (3).

There are a couple of other maps showing the forest around this time. First Milne's superb map of 1791 (maps, like buses, never come singly). Here the extent of the pond is just as it is in the geometrical survey map, though the three distinct levels are not



A LIDAR map of Lodge Pond as it is today at a resolution of 1 metre. The indentations below the pond correspond to the two disappeared pools shown in the 1787 map. Are they the remnants of the old pond?

shown. Second, the beautiful map produced in 1812 defining the enclosures. This map concentrates on precise delineation of the enclosure boundaries, but the common land is only roughly sketched in. Although the area of the Lodge Pond is small, it is clearly of similar shape, only it looks as if, by 1812, the lowest of the three pools comprising Lodge Pond is, perhaps, ill-defined. Maybe by then, the pond was already deteriorating.

One can conclude that Lodge Pond originated as a feature of a pleasure garden developed by Lady Ruperta and Emmanuel Scrope Howe and that, as late as 1812, it remained very much a larger pond that it has become today, at least three times as large.

What happened to it?

By 1869 it had reduced in size. Only the top pond remained, although this was larger than today's pond, especially at the east end, which boasted a boating house and a curved channel for the mooring of boats. If you venture in Wellington boots to the far end of the pond these days, and use a little imagination, you can still see what look like the remnants of this channel, though the boat house is long gone.

Below the main pond, the two smaller pools have been replaced by a clay pit and a brickworks which operated for at least fifty years. This was the Alice Holt Brickworks which had been developed by 1867 when it was run by W Percy. Later, in 1878 and 1880, the brickmaker had the unfortunate name of Mr Robert Lillycrap. Mr Skelton was listed as brick and tile maker of Holt Pound, Binsted, in 1895 and 1903, and Mr Skelton junior was in charge in 1911. A close examination of the maps, when superimposed, suggests that the dikes holding back the water were breached so that the clay pit could be dug and brickworks built, the current dike being developed slightly to the west, cutting off part of the upper pond and providing a causeway across which people walk today. I show in the diagram depicting the evolution of the pond, the 1913 map, where the boating channel is still visible along with a clay pit and the brickworks.

It is always worthwhile looking at a LIDAR (Laser and Radar Imaging) map. I include a LIDAR image of Lodge Pond. These images are much appreciated by archaeologists. By using reflected laser light and clever processing, they reveal the underlying terrain, in effect stripping the ground of trees, foliage, houses and so forth. They are available on the web for most of England to a resolution of 1 metre. You can clearly see the current pond. You can easily see the remains of the boat house and the curved channel where boats were moored. You can see the admirably precise drainage ditches dug by prisoners of war. The courses of the two tributaries of the Bourne are clear. The old boundary ditch enclosing the Glenbervie enclosure is visible. Below the pond there are two areas, one square and below it, one somewhat triangular in appearance. Are these remnants of the two lower pools? I like to think so. They look like the ghostly vestiges of a quite different past.

It is worth considering what might happen to Lodge Pond in the future. It has clearly been slowly diminishing in size, first when it was truncated in the nineteenth century, and since then through silting up. I remember as a boy, when I lived at Eastham at the northern end of the Manchester Ship canal, watching the enormous dredgers working all day dredging up silt and depositing it in immense barges which, presumably, were taken away, the silt dumped in the sea. How do you dredge a pond like Lodge Pond? Can you dredge it?

Perhaps its fate will be to gradually disappear. This is the fate of many ponds. If you look at the old Tithe Map of 1840 and compare it with today's OS map, you see a halving in the number of ponds. Perhaps that will be the fate of Lodge Pond, to simply fade away.



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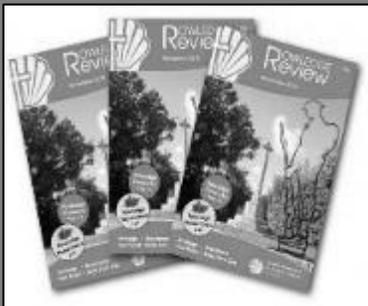
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HARMES STORES

I have had permission from two members of the Little family (David and Andy) to use the following information about the family shop and the very important part it played in the life of the community.



David Little



Andy Little



The Little family

This shop, at the bottom of Sandrock Hill Road, was known as Harmes Stores. It was run very efficiently by Mrs. Edith Little and her son David. It was also a sub-post office and combined with a twice hourly number ten bus to Farnham and Aldershot, made Bower Road, Boundstone a very convenient place in which to live. The area used to be called Upper Bourne, but my mother was told by Mrs. Little, that the Post Office had renamed it Boundstone because of the increased housing being built in the district. 'Cambria' (the medieval name for Wales) also became number three in addition to the name for this reason.

Mrs Little's parents previously owned and ran the shop, but when they were due to retire, Mrs. Edith Little and her husband Clifford were asked to take the business over which entailed moving the family from their house named the 'The Larches' in a road located at the top of Jubilee Lane, to Harmes Stores, which also had a house attached to it. From this moment on, life changed for the family numbering five children (Christine, John, David, Andrew and Martin) and Mr and Mrs. Little.

Mrs. Little was a very good business woman, giving efficient and courteous service to the surrounding community, something which is absent in the Supermarket-saturated shopping scene of today.

Tragically in 1960, Mr. Clifford Little passed away, leaving his wife and children to run the shop. Previously, Mr Little had run a bakery at the back of the shop, but this ceased upon his demise. David told me that he used to rise at 6.30 am and help his father for one hour before going to school. Those were the days!

By the time my parents (and myself in 1963) moved to Boundstone, Mrs Little (and sometimes the rest of the family) had extended the shop into the former bakery and the post office was at the back.

In 1963, David started helping in the shop full-time and was responsible for delivering the orders to the customers. He left the shop upon marriage in 1965 and other help was

employed to continue serving the community.

The shop was a gem as far as my mother was concerned, as she was out at work every weekday from seven am to seven pm so was reliant on these deliveries for household supplies and food. (No after-hours supermarket shopping in those days!). Mrs. Little used to take my mother's orders for the month, in a book. At the end of the month, my mother used to then pay her by cheque and the cycle would begin all over again. Such service was amazing, being as Mrs. Little was running the shop and post office single handed with help from David. A remarkable woman in every way.

However, one piece of social history which Mrs. Little mentioned to me at the time, was that when a member of one of the 'landed' families came into the shop in order to reach the post office section, if a queue of the 'hoi poloi' happened to be waiting, they would stand aside and let the lady/gentleman go ahead of the queue. Such was the class-distinction structure of the area, and indeed the country as a whole, at that time. I think this scenario has now moved on somewhat!!

1966

In 1966, Mrs. Little leased the shop to new owners and went to live at a property {Robin Hill, next to the Larches} at the top of Jubilee Lane. The new lessees did not give anything like the service previously enjoyed by people, but at least the shop and post office were still there! So ended the occupation of the 'Little Dynasty' but the memories linger on and will never be forgotten for the contribution it made to the community.

MRS M DAVIES

My mother worked as a cartographic draftsman for the Ordnance Survey whilst living in Chessington. When it was decided to move to Boundstone, she then spent the last two of those eighteen years, doing that journey of some thirty miles each way, twice daily, sometimes in those terrible winter conditions. After those two years, it was decided that enough was enough and retirement was on the cards.

This gave her more time to mingle with the 'locals' and Mrs. Little (as she was always called, in spite of our being asked to call her 'Edith') persuaded my mother to join the daytime WI in Rowledge. Upon joining, she was asked to go up to the platform to receive her membership. The reason I am putting this event in this article is because my mother was wearing a very smart trouser suit. I had ordered this from my mail-order catalogue

and it looked super on her, being a tall, elegant woman. It was an all wool fabric in navy blue, double breasted with six navy like brass buttons. The trousers were slightly flared and it looked ultra-smart on her. The next thing I knew was that I was constantly being told how super my mother looked in this trouser suit, as it had not yet filtered down to the ladies, that this was all the rage nearer and in London. Transport links were a thing of the future with motorways just in the process of being built and although it may seem



My mum Mabel Davies wearing a pink suit I made for her on my knitting machine

odd today, this side of the Hogs Back was a world away from London.

Thus, my mother made her mark on the district and became a celeb from then on. She was also noted as being seen on the pillion of my Lambretta scooter, going up Sandrock Hill Road and into Farnham, with me driving. Our neighbours could not believe what they were seeing!

ST TIMOTHY IN BOUNDSTONE (The Boundstone Mission Hall)

St Timothy in Boundstone or The Boundstone Mission as it was first called, was constructed on Sandrock Hill Road, at the behest of the Rev. Charles Keeble, who was the vicar of Wrecclesham Church. The bricks for the building were provided by John Henry Stonard (free of charge), a local brick maker and proprietor of the Boundstone Stores and it is said to have cost £1,010.00.

The Mission was formerly opened and dedicated on 31st October 1907, by the Archdeacon of Surrey, Rev. F. G. Utterton and it became a valuable community centre for Boundstone, being separated from Wrecclesham by Sandrock Hill itself.

In 1912, an altar was provided and Holy Communion was then celebrated along with evening services.

By the time I came to live in Boundstone, the little chapel on the hill was slowly losing its congregation. However, in 1979, the Rev. Harry Dickens became the vicar of Wrecclesham Church, and it was decided to ask the local people to donate money towards the building of an adjoining room which could be used as a community centre. Funds were raised by the local community to the tune of £6,000.

I can remember my mother giving money towards the fund. An appeal by Brigadier Gordon Dennison raised the rest of the funding totalling £25,000 and The Church and Dickens Room as it was named, was re-dedicated by the Right Rev. David Watkins, Bishop of Dorking in May 1989. Sadly the Rev. Harry Dickens retired in 1996 and passed away in August 1999. (This copy on St. Timothy in Boundstone, was provided to me, by John Birch who runs the Wrecclesham History Group).

I attended church services there regularly, enjoying coffee and cake afterwards in the said room. Those happy days were not to last, as eventually the building was sold off for housing and all services etc. ended. I was privileged to be asked to name the hymns to be sung at the last service and they were sung with gusto by the remaining congregation.

The building still has its identity outside, as the conversion was tastefully done and the cross can still be seen on the roof and also the little tower where the church bell used to hang can still be seen towards the rear of the roof. The altar from St Tim's is now in regular use in St. Peter's Church, Wrecclesham. 49



**Moira on her Lambi scooter
Isle of Wight 1965**

LOCAL CHARACTERS

PUNCH PARRATT

I was lucky enough to know some of the 'local characters' in the area such as 'Punch Parratt' and Mrs. Stonard who could be heard from miles away! They just do not make them like that any more. Punch used to live in Upper Bourne Lane (previously known as Sandy Lane), and was a regular at the Bat and Ball pub. A plaque in his memory still sits on the wall near where Punch used to perch on his bar stool. I hope it is still there anyway, as I have not been down to that pub for ages.

His rich Hampshire accent still rings in my ears and he and my father, used to tease the barman mercilessly all the time they were there.

When Punch's wife Kath sadly passed away, my father (who was a qualified nursery and landscape gardener) made a wreath for the funeral. Punch said afterwards, that the Farnham Funeral Service put it at the back of the hearse, propped up on the end of Kath's coffin, so that all the people following could see it. My father was well pleased.

VI DOPSON

Another local was lovely Mrs. Vi Dopson, who lived opposite me in Bower Road. She came originally from Churt and along with many girls of her class, was sent into 'service' where lots of them ended up. The only escape from this life, in many cases, was to get married and from what I have been able to glean from history books, this was the focal part of their young lives.

That was not the case for all of them, of course, but their destiny was mapped out in those early days as were the boys who either ended up as labourers of some sort, working on the land or in some trade. World War I changed all this, however, but it took another war to really release women from a life of servitude.

MRS STONARD

Mrs. Stonard, I remember, eventually moved down to Weymouth, where I believe she married an Italian Chef. She went to live near a Salvation Army building and I believe she joined in with them in a big way.

CHELSEA BARNARD by David Little .

The stories about Chelsea Barnard, the resident road sweeper in Boundstone, are legends in my family.

He was the first person my grandparents met when they moved into the shop and they got on reasonably well as both men were ex WW1 veterans. Chelsea took it upon himself to also be drain cleaner, footpath maintainer and he policed dog fouling. He



Punch and his wife Kath on their wedding day. (photo courtesy of Paul Stacey)

lived in the second house from the bridge on the left-hand side going towards Boundstone. On the front of his house he had a veranda with a tin roof where he would sit out in the Summer evenings to talk to people walking by. Most people walked on the other side of the street after a while as they would be very late home following their discussions.

Around the 1950s the road was widened and his veranda then came out to the edge of the road about 4ft higher than the pavement which meant that us boys could run along with a stick to make it clatter on the roof. This fetched him out like a rocket. It did not matter who was the culprit, he used to go straight to the bakehouse and complain to my father that it was us boys that did it. Most times it wasn't.

As young teenagers we loved playing in the stream and there was nothing nicer than to build a big dam that would send the water over the footpath. He would have an apoplectic fit over this and sure enough would end up in the bakehouse. One day I remember him catching us in the act of just finishing a dam and the water was rising nicely. As we were on the far bank he could not reach us so shouted at us and his false teeth shot out of his mouth and landed in the middle of the stream. We took off and just had to take the punishment (it was worth it).

He was the bane of our life, our arch enemy, and we spent many hours trying to think of weasley things we could do to annoy the poor chap. It culminated in one evening just before bonfire night. I got hold of a string of bird scaring cartridges and my grandad had taught me how to make a slow fuse. He used to like teaching me things like that as it reminded him of his army days. He would always say 'Don't tell your Mother' who was as near a pacifist as you could be. Back to the plot. We realised that by delaying the bangs we would be tucked up on the bakehouse in the warm talking to our father when they went off.

That night there were three of us who sneaked down the road, lit the fuse and chucked it on the top of his tin roof, right above his front room. We then went back home and sat talking to our father. Sitting in the bakery we could just see his front gate.

Sitting talking to our father must have alerted him as it was most unusual. I remember his comment of 'haven't you boys anything better to do than sitting around'. With that there was a loud bang outside and he muttered 'It's those Kettle boys again!' Next thing we saw Chelsea marching up and down the road looking for some reason for the bang. He went back inside.

Bang, the second one went off. Chelsea was quicker this time, nobody in sight. After a few minutes he retired indoors and then Bang. This time he was carrying his walking stick and shouting about what he would do to the culprits. Next thing there was a loud rapping on the bakery door and in stormed Chelsea. "Clifford, your boys are playing games with me, if I catch them!". My father stopped the tirade and told him we had been with him all evening. With that the fourth and last Bang was heard. That was the last we saw of Chelsea that evening. Father told us that he knew that it was us and that it was probably time to finish with the pranks.



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- 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!

For the price of a pint a week, you can make a huge difference to the future viability of the church as an irreplaceable community asset linking us with our past, the present and our future hope. At St. James' we believe the ministry of the local church is for all people - those of all faiths and none.

Below is an example of how even small, regular contributions can make a difference.

WEEKLY PLEDGE	£5pw	£10pw	£20pw
WEEKS	x 52	x 52	x 52
DONATION	£260	£520	£1,040
GIFT AID	£65	£130	£260
AFTER 1 YEAR (Including Gift Aid)	£325	£650	£1,300
AFTER 5 YEARS (Including Gift Aid)	£1,625	£3,250	£6,500

Making a contribution that lasts

We would love to hear from you if you feel you can help in any way to secure the future of St. James' Church. The easiest way for you to set up a regular financial contribution to the work of your parish church is by using the Parish Giving Scheme.

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a Direct Debit donation management system that enables local donors to help fund the mission and ministry of their local church efficiently. It allows the church to budget properly, reduces the burden of work on parish volunteers and provides a professional service to donors. It enables you to:

- Donate monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit
- To enhance your gift to the parish by having Gift Aid at 25% added to your giving, at no cost to you
- To give anonymously if you prefer
- To sign up to inflation linked giving annually
- To do so securely.

There are number of ways in which you can sign up to make a regular contribution to St. James' Church:

Visit: www.parishgiving.org.uk and enter our unique parish code: **170617053**

Call PGS on: **0333 002 1271**

Or simply scan the QR code below with your mobile device:



If you would like to discuss how you can support the church in other ways, please do contact our Vicar, Russ Gant at: vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk

**Thank you for your willingness to help secure the future
of your parish church.**

Fun time

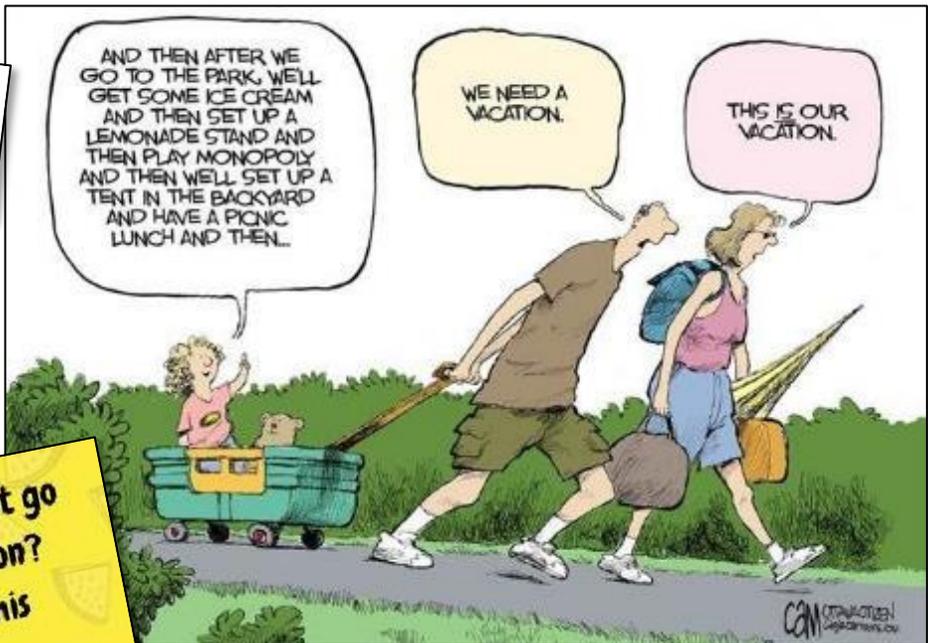


**Q: What does a mermaid use to call her friends?
A shell phone, of course.**



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

**Q: Why do banana's use sunscreen?
A. Because they peel!**



**Q: What did the beach say to the tide when it came in?
Long time, no sea.**

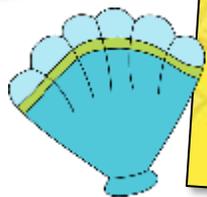
**Q: Why did the robot go on summer vacation?
A: To recharge his batteries!**



**WHAT DID THE OCEAN TIDE SAY TO SURFER?
NOTHING, IT JUST WAVED!**



**Q: Why don't oysters share their pearls?
A: Because they're shellfish!**



**WHY DO SEAGULLS FLY OVER THE SEA?
BECAUSE IF THEY FLEW OVER THE BAY THEY'D BE CALLED BAGELS.**



**Q: What do you call a Frenchman wearing summer beach sandals?
A: Phillippe Phloppe**

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	8			5		3
	2			1		5
1	8				9	5
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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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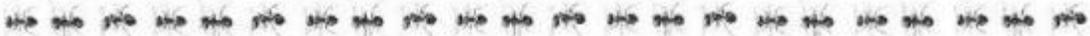
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This is the time of year when Women's Institutes country-wide meet to discuss the year's selected Resolution. The hundreds of proposals submitted by members on issues which concern them are considered by the National Federation and finally whittled down for a final voting process.

The first Resolution passed by members was in 1918. This was just the beginning. Over the last 100 years, WI members have campaigned on an incredible range of social policy, health, food and agriculture, education, environmental issues and international causes. By exerting their individual and collective influence, WI members have introduced controversial issues into the public domain, and brought about many changes in legislation and government policy.

At the meeting of **Alice Holt WI** on 18th May, via zoom, the Resolution - a call to increase awareness of the signs of ovarian cancer - was outlined by Janet Radley.

Every two hours in the UK a woman dies of ovarian cancer. Early diagnosis is vital, but the symptoms are similar to other conditions, for example IBS, so often go unrecognised. A survey of 1,300 women carried out by the charity Target Ovarian Cancer revealed that only 4% felt confident they could spot the symptoms. Consequently, according to Cancer Research UK, 55 – 58% of women are not diagnosed until a late stage – stage 3 or 4.

Alison Alexander then discussed what could be done, nationally, regionally and locally to increase awareness of the early signs of ovarian cancer, and how the WI could build on the campaigning by other organisations.

Acting President Jill Dickin expressed thanks to Christina Williams, who had organised the WI's ambles and rambles for the past 25 years, and announced that she would be 'hanging up her boots'.

Future plans – an Open Day in the President's garden later in the week, and a summer lunch at Blacknest Golf Club on 17th August.

A stall had been booked at The Rowledge Fayre (re-scheduled from May to Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August) and as usual members were encouraged to provide home-made cakes and preserves for sale.

Alice Holt WI currently meets via zoom on the third Tuesday of every month but hopes to resume face to face meetings at the Rowledge Club when government guidelines allow.

New members are always welcome.

Please contact the Secretary, aliceholtwi20@gmail.com



EDITORIAL

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Please either send articles through email: **rowledge**review**@**yahoo.co.uk**** or leave your masterpieces in the pigeonhole provided in St James' Church.

We always welcome your contributions and would love to hear from anyone who think they could contribute a series of articles on a theme – any subject considered.

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