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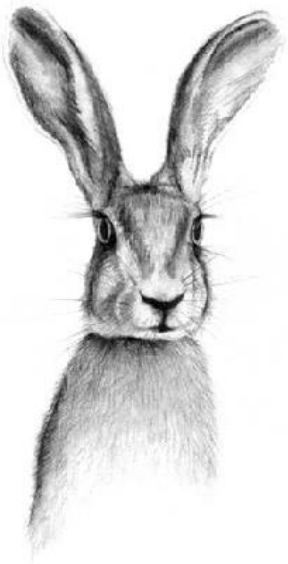
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From the Vicarage

I wonder what you would say is the most valuable thing that you own? Property, a car, jewellery, antiques? In case anyone with less than honest intentions is reading this, I want to say that I don't think there is much of material value at the Vicarage!

Although of course, most of us in Rowledge and the surrounding communities are far richer than we might think. There is a well-known statistic that states that if you have food in a refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are likely to be richer than 75% of the global population.

This month we will see an incredible public demonstration of material riches as the King is crowned at Westminster Abbey. He will be crowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury with St Edward's Crown which is made of solid gold, weighs nearly 5lbs and is decorated with rubies, amethysts and sapphires. He will be then be handed the Sovereign's Sceptre which includes the Cullinan I diamond, the largest colourless cut diamond in the world. The diamond is so large that the Sceptre had to be reinforced to take its weight. Next His Majesty receives the Sovereign's Orb, which symbolises the world with the cross of Christ set above the globe.



The gold orb is mounted with emeralds, rubies and sapphires surrounded by diamonds and pearls.

At the end of the Coronation, the King will leave the Abbey wearing the Imperial State Crown, which is set with 2,868 diamonds, including the Cullinan II diamond, the second largest cut diamond. The King and Queen will travel back to Buckingham Palace in a gold encrusted coach worth in excess of £3.5m.

In the midst of a ceremony surrounded by so much worldly, and many would say, ostentatious wealth, the new Monarch is given another item. It is a copy of the Bible, and it is presented with these words: *"We present you with this book, the most valuable thing that this world affords..."*

How can a book be more valuable than all the ceremonial riches of the Coronation? I believe that it is because within its pages we find:

wisdom beyond any life experience

truth more reliable than any lecture

purpose greater than any self-help guide and

hope more sustaining than any human aspirations.

The Bible says of itself: *“these words are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing, you may have life in his name”* (John 20:31).

If you have a copy of the Bible, can I suggest it might be worth a read? Mark’s Gospel is a great place to start as it gives a short and succinct account of the life of Christ.

If you don’t own a copy but would like one, please do let me know and I would be very happy to gift you *“the most valuable thing that this world affords.”*

Blessings



Revd Russ Gant, Vicar



Huge thanks to all those who continue to support St. James Church’s monthly community cafe that is open on the second Saturday of each month.

In April all donations made were given to The Grassroots Trust, a Rowledge based charity that runs child sponsorship programmes in India, Kenya, Romania, Zambia, Kyrgystan and Tanzania.

Just short of £300.00 (including Gift Aid) was donated.

To find out more about the work of Grassroots, please visit their website at:
www.grassroots.org.uk

Elizabeth Dixon

Elizabeth’s family would like to say thank you for all the kind thoughts and support received over the last few weeks. We were very touched, too, to see Elizabeth’s Desert Island Discs replayed in the April Review. So many friends and neighbours supported and helped Elizabeth to continue to live in Rowledge in her later years as she wished – words are really inadequate to express how much this meant to her and to us but we want to say a big thank you to you all.





All are most welcome to a
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to celebrate the
CORONATION
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St. James' Church, Rowledge.
Sunday 7th May at 11am

Followed by a
'Bring and Share' Lunch
in the Church Centre.





St. JAMES' CHURCH – May services

We are now meeting 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: www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchRowledge

Sunday services 9.15am and 10.45am.

See our website for details.

stjamesrowledge.org.uk

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



As we move through the Easter season, we are considering:

"The Blessings of Being in Christ" from Ephesians 1: 3-10.



7th May – 5th of Easter

Ephesians 1: 3-10

"Adopted"

11.00 Joint Service of Thanksgiving

for the Coronation

with Holy Communion

14th May – 6th of Easter

Ephesians 1: 3-10

"Redeemed"

9.15 Holy Communion (CW)

10.45 Morning Worship + Baptism

21st May – 7th of Easter

Ephesians 1: 3-10

"Forgiven"

9.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45 Morning Worship

28th May – Pentecost

Ephesians 1: 3-10

"Filled"

9.15 Holy Communion (CW)

10.45 Morning Worship

SPECIAL SERVICE:
Thursday 18th May – Ascension Day
7.30pm Holy Communion (CW)



IN OUR PRAYERS

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(or contact Russ by phone) who will ensure the church prays for your situation.



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PARISH REGISTER



Baptisms

Sunday 23rd April - Rosalyn Fielden

Funerals

Wednesday 5th April - Margaret Aileen Rigg (92 years)

Church is OPEN!

Open Daily 9am - 5pm.

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.



Morning Prayers



St. James' Church
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Every Wednesday via Zoom
From 9.15am for half an hour

Email Vicar for Zoom link:
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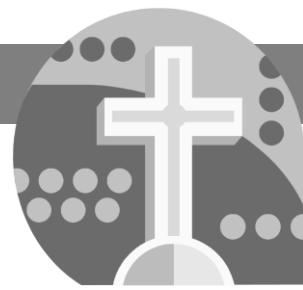
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The Methodist Church - open for worship on Sundays at 10.00am.

Services and Preachers for May:

Sunday 7 th May	Rev'd Philip Simpkins - Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th May	Annah Mwadiwa
Sunday 21 st May	Catherine Reeves
Sunday 28 th May	Rev'd Dr Michael Hopkins

Cameo meets on Wednesdays - 2.00pm

Cameo meets at 2.00pm in the Methodist Hall for board games and tea.

Wednesday 10th May

Wednesday 24th May

Healing Service

The healing Service this month is at 3.00pm in the Church on **Wednesday 3rd May**.

House Group

Meetings at David & Aileen's home at 10.30am

Tuesday 23rd May 01252 795438

Sunday Lunch

You are invited to Lunch at The Methodist Hall at **12.30pm on Sunday 28th May**.

Please book via Aileen Ashby 01252 795438

Our Prayer Chain

Led by Mike & Joyce, our Prayer Chain can be accessed on: **01252 793363**

If you would like to speak to our Minister, Philip Simpkins, his number is: 01420 83167

Midweek Lunch at Rowledge Methodist Church

We plan to restart Thursday Lunches. The first Thursday Lunch will be on **1st June** at Midday. Please book with Aileen 795438



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Outdoor theatre in Rowledge

The well-loved Rude Mechanical Theatre Company will be back at Cherryfields, Fullers Road, in Rowledge again this summer on **Thursday 15th June** with their new play, Miss Popplewell's Garden. It's easy to assume because they are performing on our local green that maybe they are amateurs or have other 'proper jobs', but the company has a cast of professional full-time actor/musicians who also work frequently with more famous companies like the RSC or in the West End and in big theatres around the country. In fact, The Rude Mechanicals are funded to take new theatre with music into mainly small rural communities across Southern England and the actors love the very special experience of being right there with the audience in the same space, unlike in a theatre where they can't see more than the first couple of rows because of the lighting. Pete Talbot, the director says, they love in particular coming to Rowledge and have been coming to the village for quite a few years now.



The show starts at 7.30pm, but you can come from 6.00pm and have a picnic. Visit **www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk** to buy tickets or ring 01323-501260. Bring your own chairs or rugs and warm clothing. English summer evenings can get cold!

Hello, I'm Lucy and I'm 11.

In October 2023 I am going to Belgium with Guides to take part in a challenge called "Breakaway To Belgium", where I will be competing amongst lots of other Guides and Rangers in a one-day wide game to encourage groups to explore the city of Brussels, try fun challenges and meet other Girlguiding groups. This is a big adventure for me, as I will be going abroad for the first time without a member of my family.



In order to make the trip possible, I need to try and fundraise towards the cost of the trip.....as I am going across the English Channel, I have set myself the challenge of swimming the distance of the Channel in my local 25m swimming pool, which will be 1352 lengths in total! I am aiming to complete this challenge by the end of April 2023.

If you would like to sponsor me in my challenge I would be very grateful. If I manage to exceed my target amount I will be donating any extra money raised to two amazing schools - Rowledge Primary School and The Ridgeway School.

<https://gofund.me/a05e0a41>

I will keep you all updated on my progress. Wish me luck!

Thank you, Lucy x

Help needed – more than ever!



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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.

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

info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk

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Rowledge, GU10 4EN.

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EMAIL - admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk

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

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

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.

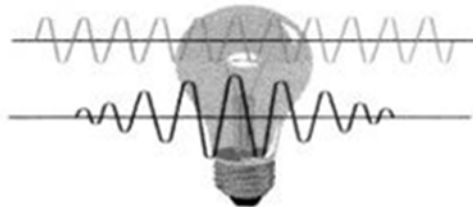
Your referral will be completely confidential. If you or someone you know is in need then please contact the church office on 01252 792 402.

Foodbank need:

**Small jars of coffee
Instant mash
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**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?

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 welcome.

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.

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Some People from Rowledge's Past – by Roy Waight

Sir Hubert Elvin Rance

It was not unusual for the servants of Empire, after an eventful career, to return to the home country to nurse their memories and, very often, indulge in charitable activities. Sir Hubert Elvin Rance (1898–1974) was an example. He spent his last years living locally, at Old Farm, just over the parish border. Old Farm is a listed seventeenth century building marked on old maps as Hillside Farm, on Hillside Road, adjoining Edgeborough School.

Unlike many such men, he was not educated at Eton and Oxbridge, but at Wimbledon College and Sandhurst. At the tender age of 18 he served for six months on the western front and was wounded three times. After the War, he settled down to a military career and, in 1927, married his wife, Mary Noël Guy. They had a son and a daughter. By the outbreak of the Second World War, he was teaching at the Staff College in Camberley. Although by now comparatively old – he was 39 – he became an officer with the British expeditionary force in France. He played a part in the evacuation of Dunkirk and was mentioned in dispatches and made an OBE. Promotion to brigadier general followed and he was director of technical training at the War Office in 1942–3, then moved to the general staff of western command from 1943 to 1945.

He had obviously impressed his superiors, because in June 1945 Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, supreme allied commander, south-east Asia, chose Rance as his director of civil affairs in Burma. He had to administer the civilian population and begin Burma's rehabilitation after three years of harsh Japanese occupation. Rance believed that the British had to accommodate the rising tide of Burmese nationalism. Things couldn't simply return to the old days before the War. When Mountbatten's military administration ended in October 1945 and the old governor of Burma, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith returned, he was concerned. He thought it too early for the reestablishment of civilian government because Burma's police force was not properly trained.



In February 1946 Rance left Burma, never expecting to return. Nevertheless he was quickly vindicated. Dorman-Smith was hostile to the nationalist Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL) and wanted its leader, Aung San, tried as a war criminal, and he was recalled. Aung San these days is regarded as 'the father of the nation'. (His daughter, Aung San Suu Kyi, is currently under house arrest). So, in August 1946, Rance

was back, this time as governor with a knighthood and the military rank of major-general.

Rance arrived to find that the AFPFL had organised a police strike which started the day after Rance was sworn in as governor. Rance soon resolved the issue by constructive engagement. He agreed to recognize and negotiate directly with Aung San, possibly to distance him from the rival Communist Party of Burma. Rance proved important to Burma's peaceful achievement of independence. He persuaded the Labour Government under Clement Atlee to sign an independence agreement which probably prevented a popular uprising. When Aung San was assassinated in July 1947, Rance acted immediately by inviting U Nu to head the government. Hesitation might have been fatal, especially when it became known that British army officers were implicated in the theft of weapons used in the killings.

Rance left Burma on independence day, 4 January 1948. He did not enjoy good health during his Burma career and was in hospital more than once with amoebic dysentery. He spent the next three years organising the independence within the commonwealth for the territories of the British Caribbean. In 1951 the Labour government in one of its last acts invited Rance to take charge in Malaya, where the high commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, had been assassinated by communist guerrillas. Pressed by his wife, Rance declined on medical grounds and General Sir Gerald Templer was later appointed by Churchill.



Burma was always close to Rance's heart. After he had retired he returned there briefly in 1956 for the 8th anniversary of independence. He was fêted by the Burmese government. The Burmese wanted to bestow on him an honour of their own but this was not possible because of British regulations. To Rance's surprise, U Nu, to whom Rance had turned in Burma's hour of need in 1947, now seemed to the former governor a weak and

indecisive leader who wanted to retire to the religious life. U Nu was a devout Buddhist. Rance left Burma apprehensive about the country's future. Its subsequent history has, sadly, confirmed Rance's fears.

But Rance loved Burma and, in 1957, he became the first chairman of the Britain–Burma Society, a position he retained until 1969, and he remained an enthusiastic supporter of the Burmese. In retirement, Rance first lived at In retirement Rance lived at the Old Hall, Clifton-on-Dunsmore., where he was active in the Conservative Association. He sold it in 1963 and left for the Old Farm, Frensham, Surrey.

Whereas dozens articles were published in the local papers about his exploits in Clifton, from his Frensham days there is little. His last years were clouded by ill health, not helped by the illnesses he contracted in Burma. He died on 24 January 1974 at the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, of heart failure. He left the relatively modest sum of £23,284. He was survived by his wife and their two children. Rance was generally liked by the men he worked with. Thoughtful and considerate, he possessed that least valued of virtues, wisdom. The Street on which the San Fernando yacht club is situated in Trinidad, Hubert Rance Street, was named in his honour.

Gardening Gossip – John Negus

Action Stations

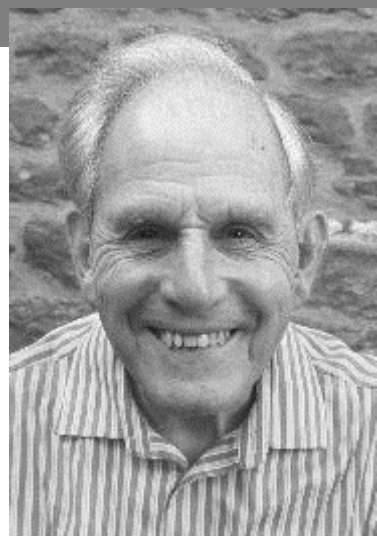
Plant dahlia tubers in a sunny, fertile, free-draining patch. Cover crown buds with 3in/7cm of soil.

Sow hardy annuals – calendula, godetia, larkspur and nigella among them – to flower in late summer.

Summer-fruited raspberries: Remove canes emerging more than 8in/20cm from the row.

Feed water lilies with a high-phosphate/low-nitrogen fertiliser which won't encourage algae.

Mow lawns weekly, alternating the direction of cut.



Plant of the month: *Wisteria 'Multijuga'*

Why am I recommending this variety, also called 'Macrobotrys'? Because it's unforgettable. I shall ever remember the sight of a wall at Dorset's famous Athelhampton garden festooned with it, Gazing awe-struck at its three metre long, lilac-tinged blue and purple flowers, it inspired me to plant one. I duly ordered it from a local garden centre. Sadly, when it bloomed, it wasn't the 'treasure' I had eagerly anticipated, but another less captivating kind. However, if can find it, plant it to transform a warm, south or west-facing wall where, ablaze with blossom, it will halt you with its beauty.

Ideally, espalier-train it, securing shoots horizontally to strong plastic-coated wires. Then prune twice a year: in August when new sideshoots are reduced to five compound leaves and again in February when previously shortened stems are shortened to two buds.

Historically, it was introduced to Britain by the botanist Siebold in 1874 It has entranced gardeners ever since.

Sage thoughts

Admittedly, it's not familiar name, but writer and philosopher Celia Thaxter loved gardening. Indeed in the mid-19th century she penned the immortal words: "As I work among my flowers, I find myself talking to them and remonstrating with them, and adoring them as if they were human beings. Much laughter I provoke among my

friends by so doing, but that is of no consequence. We are on such good terms, my flowers and I."

Top Tips

This month, our gardening enthusiast Mike Guy, is delving into the famed Yellow Book, the National Gardens' Scheme's guide to a wealth of memorably planned floral joys that bedeck our local counties. Do get a copy, he says, and keep it with you when you are seeking a man-made paradise.

Say no to fake turf

Yes, it looks good and there's no mowing, but it's a coal-and-iron-derived product and worms and other beneficial soil fauna abhor it. So please, when considering a new lawn, make it from living grass and enjoy it all the more.

Perilous pursuits

A civil engineer, James Motley, raised on the Isle of Man, was a nature lover too, and in 1854 could not believe his luck when he was appointed superintendent of a coal mining operation in South East Borneo. Here he relates his journey along the east coast of Sumatra.

"We entered the northern mouth of the Indragiri...and supposed the steersman knew it also...It appears that he had made a mistake; on discovering this he wished to turn back and go up the main channel but it would have lost us one or two days and it cost me some trouble to convince him that we could go where we were. At six pm we made fast for the night to a tree at the mouth of small creek; a most unlucky locality we chose for mosquitoes drove us half mad, but on these nipa plant swamps they are excessively venomous. Every bite raising a large weal. At 9pm came on a violent squall. Then a huge tree came down with the current and swept away all our shelter with such a shock that I believed that at first the boat must be utterly destroyed."

Rowledge Bowling Club



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Spring has sprung at Little Fishes.

We are loving the lighter days and have reflected the seasons in our learning. Our themes have included Spring, baby animals and Easter and here are just some of the ways we have been exploring them.

We've extended our vocabulary and used our pen skills to match animals with their babies. The children have played with our small world farm and our home corner became a farm shop. We have painted daffodil Easter cards and got sticky gluing paper plates and cotton wool to create lambs.

In the forest we made a giant bird nest from sticks and then pretended to be baby birds calling for food. We finished the Spring term with our Easter celebration at the church and an Easter egg hunt. Happy Easter everyone!



Rowledge HERs – Roy Waight

At a recent meeting of the Farnham and District Museum Society, a talk on LIDAR was given by a representative from the Surrey LIDAR Portal (surreylidar.org.uk). LIDAR is an acronym of "light detection and ranging" or "laser imaging, detection, and ranging" – no one seems to know which. It is a method for determining ranges by targeting an object or a surface with a laser and measuring the time for the reflected light to return to the receiver. It is sometimes called 3-D laser scanning, a special combination of 3-D scanning and laser scanning.

LIDAR is commonly used to make digital 3-D representations of areas on the Earth's surface and ocean bottom by varying the wavelength of light. It is widely used by archaeologists to see underlying features of the landscape obscured by trees and buildings.

Anyone interested might like to explore the Surrey LIDAR Portal's website. It is free. Amongst the fascinating insights offered is an exact geo-referenced overlay of the old tithe map with the 1871 first series OS map, the 1899-1900 second series OS maps, and the latest OS map for the whole of Surrey. Anyone wanting to know about the history of his house can see exactly what was there in 1840, 1871 and 1899-1900.

In addition, the maps show the various HERs in Surrey. An HER is an individual element in the Historic Environment Record. The Surrey Historic Environment Record is maintained by members of the Historic Environment Planning team at Surrey County Council. It is the most comprehensive record of archaeological sites, finds and monuments plus historic buildings, parks and gardens within the county.

The HER consists of a computerised database (the HBSMR) linked to a Geographical Information System (ArcGIS) that shows the locations of entries in the HERs datasets. It also includes an array of books, maps and other physical reference materials that provide supporting evidence for what is entered in the HER as well as context for understanding the buildings, sites and finds in a variety of ways.

Summary versions of the vast majority of the database entries are available on Exploring Surrey's Past (www.exploringsurreyspast.org.uk). There is a dedicated page providing guidance on how to do searches to find HER data on this website.

I thought it might be interesting to look at the centre of Rowledge, first to see the correspondence between what is there today with how it looked in 1840, 1871 and 1899-1900, and secondly to see what physical features of Rowledge or archaeological finds have been included in the Surrey HER.

First, how Rowledge has changed.

In 1841 most of Rowledge was common land, an extension of Farnham Common. A number of plots were owned, mostly copyhold, and these I have shaded in purple in the map (map 1). The centre of Rowledge was dominated by encroachments on the common, essentially by squatters. These I have indicated in red. To the east all was

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common land except for brick kilns, allotments owned by Frensham Parish, and the land around Bracken House. The common land I have indicated by brown. The map only covers Surrey so the Hampshire side of the border can be ignored.

If you look at Rowledge today, shown in map 2 with the tithe map overlay, you can see exactly what your house plot looked like in 1840. The land occupied by the Hare and Hounds, to take an example, was common land. That of the Cherry Tree (now a private house) was copyhold land. All of Mayfield was common land.



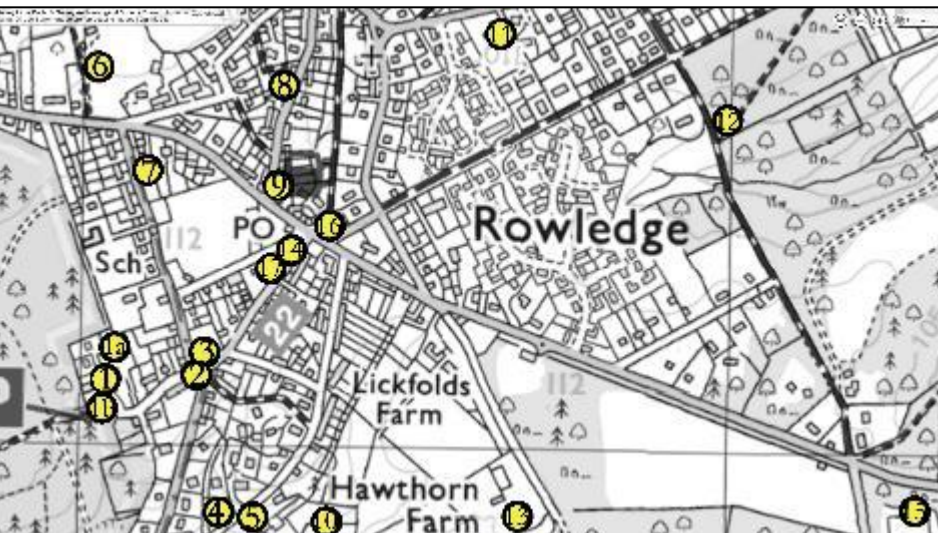
Map 1:
The tithe map (1840) for Rowledge.

Purple are plots owned copyhold, red are squatter plots, and brown common land. Ignore the part if Hampshire – the Surrey site only covers Surrey.



Map 2:
Rowledge today, with the old tithe plots superimposed.

You can see exactly whether your house was originally copyhold property, a squatter plot, or simply common land.



Map 3:
The Rowledge HERs.

Features numbered 10 and 15 are just outside the map boundary, but I thought I would include them anyway

Second, the Rowledge HERs

If you look at the maps on the portal, you see red dots denoting individual HERs in the area covered by the maps (1, 2 and 3). I thought the readers of the Rowledge Review might be interested in seeing what they are. There are about 20 in the area shown. I have numbered them in map 3. They are as follows:

1. Rowledge, the HMS Fearless Ensign. The Ensign was flown by HMS Fearless at the surrender of the High Seas Fleet to the Grand Fleet on November 21st 1918.

1a. Rowledge, St. James Churchyard: Four First and two Second World War Commonwealth War Graves Commission burials.

1b. Rowledge Parish And Men Of 8th Battn Devon Regt And 9th Battn Seaforth Highlanders: Wooden board in the shape of an arch with inscription flags of France and Belgium above the inscription on the left side, Red Ensign, Union Flag, White Ensign and Blue Ensign above the centre section and flags of the United States and Italy above the inscription on the right side. On the left side, “in grateful remembrance of the following men of this parish who served in the Great War 1914 - 19. (names)” Right side: “in grateful remembrance of the following men of this parish who have given their lives for their country (names)”. Centre: “we also remember those officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 8th Battn Devon Regt and 9th Battn Seaforth Hldrs; who fell in battle; many of whom worshipped in this church when the regiments were quartered in Rowledge in 1914 – 15”.

2. War Memorial, Rowledge: Stone Cross, First World War, Second World War. Two-stepped base surmounted by octagonal plinth, shaft and ornate cross. Inscription on the sides of the plinth.

3. The Cherry Tree Public House, Cherry Tree Road, Rowledge: Public house (the website needs updating – it is now a private house). Late 18th to 19th century. Two storeys. Two parallel ranges, the rear range lower and part rendered, part painted brick. Front range is rendered and painted. Old plain tile gable ended roof with stack at right hand end. Painted brick dentil eaves cornice. Windows are glazing bar sash 12 pane under slightly cambered heads; part glazed 20th century door. One storey gabled extension at right hand end with tripartite glazing bar sash window.

4. Rosemead: Site of an Historic Farmstead. Information on this site is currently being compiled as part of a project researching important historic farmsteads and associated buildings within the current administrative county of Surrey

5: Lower Palaeolithic handaxe, Rowledge, Farnham: Lower Palaeolithic pointed handaxe of Acheulian type, dating to circa 200,000 BCE. Measures 4.3 inches by 2.5 inches and 6.5 inches circumference at widest point. Found in a garden in Rowledge, about half a mile from Frensham Heights School.

6. Cherryfields Cottage, Fullers Road, Rowledge: House. 19th century, possibly with older core. Two storeys, three bays. Old plain tile roof, half hip to left, gable ended with ridge stack to right. Roof extends as catslide at rear with modern eaves dormer at

ground floor. Red brick. Facade has central French doors in open porch with tiled gabled roof and finial. Flanking 3-light casement windows with centre glazing bars; ground floor windows under cambered heads, first floor windows under eaves.

7. Rowledge House, School Road: 19th-century house, much extended and remodelled. Used during latter half of Second World War as a hostel for Jewish evacuee, refugee and Kindertransport children. Commemorative plaque erected by Mark Westcott to denote its wartime use in 2012.

8. The White Cottage, 13 High Street, Rowledge: House. 19th century (1800) altered in 1930. Two storeys. Gable ended old tile roof with flanking ridge stacks. Rendered painted walls. Three bays. Central gabled porch with plank painted door and side lights; narrow central square paned window above under eaves with pointed gothic arch type head. Flanking 3-light windows on ground floor under cambered heads and 2-light windows above under eaves; square panes, each light having a pointed arch head. Originally two cottages (Nos. 1 and 2 Pontypool Cottages).

9 (and 17): Palaeolithic handaxe, Rowledge, Farnham: Broken Palaeolithic handaxe found on the surface, of slightly later date "than Abervillian" found on the surface of Rowledge and discovered by Henry Bury, a geologist who worked on the Farnham terraces with Borelli and Gerinald A Smith early this century. No further information about the find is known. Some of Bury's collection is in Farnham Museum and the axe is probably in store there unlabelled or with the Geological Museum in London. In his gazetteer of sites Roe lists two unlocated entries for Rowledge. At Rowledge Field, one handaxe now in Geological Museum. At Ward Hill, two handaxes and one flake, now in Farnham, Geological and Bridlington Museums. There are five marked "Farnham WH" at Bridlington.

10. Borderfield Farm: Site of an Historic Farmstead. Information on this site is currently being compiled as part of a project researching important historic farmsteads and associated buildings within the current administrative county of Surrey.

11. Mid-19th-century outbuilding, 81 Boundstone Lane, Rowledge, Farnham: An archaeological desk-based assessment/heritage statement prepared by Archaeology South-East in May 2018 in relation to a proposed residential development at 81 Boundstone Lane identified a small building constructed in the period circa 1841-71 through cartographic analysis and a site visit. The building was erected as an outbuilding to a house named Roseville Lodge in 1871, Rosefield Lodge in 1896 and Crofton in 1916, which stood immediately south-east of the present house but was demolished to make way for it at some time prior to 1936. Photographs and written observations taken during the site visit conducted on 1st May 2018 attest to the building being constructed of stone rubble with red brick quoins, typical of the local vernacular, and a Modern tiled roof. A small chimney at one end of the building may or may not be an original feature. It is evident that the building has been modified considerably to serve as a garage for vehicles. A green house and other modest additions have been made in recent decades.

12. Palaeolithic handaxes and flake, Mayfield, Rowledge, Farnham: Three Palaeolithic handaxes and one flake. Now in Farnham Museum.

13. Hawthorn Farm: Site of an Historic Farmstead. Information on this site is currently being compiled as part of a project researching important historic farmsteads and associated buildings within the current administrative county of Surrey.

14. The Hare and Hounds Public House, The Square, Rowledge: Public house. 19th century. Three bays with further one bay extension to right in matching style. Two storeys. Slate gable ended roof with red ridge tiles, stack to rear and ridge stack inset from right hand end. Rendered painted elevations. 20th century gabled porch with modern half glazed door; pub sign above set in blind window. 16-pane glazing bar sash windows; one window bay to each side of door and further bay to right hand.

15. Middle Park Lodge, Frensham Heights, Rowledge, Farnham: Neolithic polished axe found in a garden in 1965

16. Fuller's Road: Lower Palaeolithic handaxe, Rowledge, Farnham: Lower Palaeolithic pointed handaxe of Acheulian type found in a garden

17: Palaeolithic handaxe, Rowledge, Farnham: see comment for no 9.

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*The "What's happening in Rowledge...
...and who to contact?" section*

ROWLEDGE VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR 2023



**Dates for
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Monday 29th May 2023
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All ROWLEDGE
Event Organisers!!!!

Please email the Editor with event dates for 2023, so we can include it in all future issues of the Rowledge Review. Email: rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk



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Directory - in the
centre pages of
the Rowledge
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Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar

Time	Group	Age	Venue
Children's Events			
Mon-Fri			
09.00-15.30	Rowledge Preschool	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	7-10	School Hall
18.30-19.30	Thirsty (yrs 5-6) - term time only	9-11	St James' Church Hall

Many group times
changing – check,
organisers (overleaf)

Adults' Events

Monday			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James' Church
19.30-21.30	Pilates		Village Hall
Tuesday			
09.30-10.30	Zumba Gold (term time only)		Village Hall
09.00-11.15	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	Women's Institute (3 rd Tuesday)		The Rowledge Club
20.00-22.30	After 8 ladies group (2 nd Tuesday)		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 social group (2 nd &4 th Wed)		Methodist Hall
15.00-16.00	Healing Service (1st Wed)		Methodist Church
19.00-22.00	Bridge		Village Club
18.30-19.30	Handbell ringers		St James' Church
19.45-22.30	Badminton Club		Village Hall
Thursday			
09.00-16.00	Patchers		Methodist Hall
10.00-12.00	Art Club		Village Hall
12.30-14.00	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)		Methodist Hall
19.30-22.00	Gardening Club (2 nd Thursday)		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
19.00-20.00	Choir practice		St James' Church
Saturday (second Saturday of month)			
10.00 – 12.00	The Coffee Mug		St James' Church

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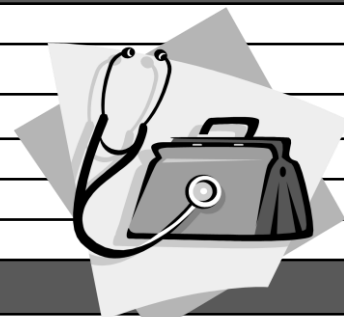
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Pollinator Patch with Juliet from Hive Helpers

The darling buds of May: May is my favourite month. I head for Alice Holt to walk among the beech trees as they unfurl their bright new translucent leaves, and look for native bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) wherever I go. The UK is home to almost half of the world's bluebells, and they make a stunning sight, particularly in ancient woodland where they flourish. If you can get to Preston Oak Hills near Axford, you will be amazed by the sea of blue which greets you in this wonderful oak woodland. Bluebells attract a number of insects including woodland butterflies, bees and hoverflies, which all feed on their nectar. 'Robber' bees sometimes steal the nectar by biting a hole in the bottom of the flower, reaching the nectar without the need to pollinate the flower.

No Mow May: This is Plantlife's annual campaign asking all gardeners, councils and landowners not to mow until the end of May, in order to boost the flowers and nectar available to pollinating insects. Campaign research has shown that mowing your lawn less frequently can provide enough nectar sugar for ten times the amount of bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and other pollinators. Hive Helpers likes the idea of a 'worst lawn' competition, suggested by a beekeeper in Guildford. Want to enter? Send us your photos and win a jar of our honey!

May plants for pollinators: Two plants which are great for pollinators are comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*) and green alkanet (*Pentaglottis sempervirens*), the latter with pretty forget-me-knot blue flowers. They both grow easily in the shady wild bit of my garden, where I confine them so they don't take over! Comfrey is a member of the borage family and is also known for making a wonderful, if foul-smelling, liquid fertiliser. The native ox-eye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*) attracts a host of pollinating insects including beetles, and spreads with gay abandon all over my garden.

There is a wide variety of hardy geraniums from small, ground-cover plants to large scramblers, all of which are good for pollinators. They are so easy to grow, very tolerant of aspect, and can be divided easily too. The *Campanula* species (Bellflower) are also popular with pollinators, including the native giant bellflower (*Campanula latifolia*) and nettle-leaved bellflower (*Campanula trachelium*) which attracts the bellflower blunthorn bee and small scissor bee, both solitary bees which can be found in gardens in southern England.

Other larger plants attractive to pollinators include the shrub Ceanothus with its wonderful blue flowers, and climbers Clematis Montana and Wisteria.

For a comprehensive list of plants for pollinators, visit

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators> and download the garden plants list.

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Mrs Collyer's Original Fruit Cake

INGREDIENTS

8oz SR flour
1/4 tsp salt
4oz butter or margarine
4oz caster sugar
2 eggs
9oz mixed dried fruit
1/8 pint milk

METHOD

Beat the fat until soft, add the sugar, and cream together until the mixture is light in colour and fluffy in texture. Add the eggs one at a time together with a tablespoon of the sieved flour and salt, beating well between each addition. Add the milk and a little flour, stir, then beat. Stir in the fruit and remainder of flour. Put the mixture into a round and lined 6" tin or 2lb loaf tin, and bake in a moderate oven for up to one and a half hours, or until cooked.

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From London House to Cumpstey's Corner....by Neil Pittaway

This picture of the Long Road is one Rowledge photograph in the archives that we can put a realistic date on.



Today the Rowledge Village Hall is at the far end of these houses and the shops, now at 'Cumpstey's Corner', are on this side of the houses alongside where the lad is standing. For some reason these houses are not shown on the Ordnance Survey map drawn in 1909 however the four middle houses which were Rosslyn Villas and Erleigh Villas are listed in

the 1901 census. The house nearest the camera, 'Oakleigh', does not seem to show in the 1901 census so maybe it is newer than the other four. There is no sign in this picture of building work for the 1911 completed 'Cumpstey's Corner' so we can deduce that this picture was taken around about 1905. If the lad facing the camera is about twelve, he would likely have fought in WW1. We can only hope he survived and was not one of the younger soldiers named on our Memorial.

There is another photograph of the same site taken sometime soon after WW1 although it is difficult to put a precise date on it. I like to think it's about 1920. It is certainly well post 1916.



As you can see, what is now 'Cumpstey's Corner' had been built with two large semi-detached properties, the nearer one containing the sole shop at that time. Survey records from 1913 show that these two properties were owned by a Thomas Wilkinson, bricklayer so I think we can safely say that he played a major role in their construction. At the

time, he lived in 'Forest Dene' which was then the house in Lickfolds Road directly behind the butcher, now three houses back down Lickfolds Road.

The same 1913 survey records tell us that the left-hand house of the pair was known as '**Belmont**' and the nearest right-hand property (with the shop) was called '**London House**', the name it was known by until soon after John Latus Cumpstey took over the premises around 1955. So, what happened at 'London House' and its shop in the period between it being built by 1911 and the 1960s when the site was named 'Cumpstey's Corner'?

Between 1911 and about 1916, the brand-new shop was occupied by its first butcher, **Charles Grinstead**. Charles was born at Slinfold, near Horsham and not only did he become a butcher in Rowledge in 1911, he also married Margaret Rose Shotter at Haslemere that year. They had a son, Leonard in 1912 who, according to the 1939 register, became or was 'incapacitated' and then a daughter, Mabel born in 1914.

Charles was conscripted into the Royal Field Artillery in 1916 as a gunner and thankfully survived the war. From a 1919 forces document, it appears that his wife and child had returned to her parents in the Hindhead region for the duration of the war. By 1922, now with a second son Donald, the family were living at Mayhews Farm, Churt and then 'Greenacres', Churt where they ran a small holding with poultry and dairy stock. In the 1930s they also had a shop in Beacon Hill. Charles Grinstead died in 1953, aged 67 and is buried at Churt where his first son, Leonard was buried in 1942, aged 30.

When Charles Grinstead signed up to the Royal Field Artillery in 1916, the 'London House' shop was taken over by draughtsman/surveyor **Sidney Herbert Freeman** and his wife Emily Freeman (nee Schnabel) along with their five-year-old daughter, Irene. They had been living in Finsbury Park in North London. Emily's father was Jacob Frederick Schnabel, a master baker who was born in Wurttemberg, Germany in 1836 but had come to England around 1860 and was naturalised around 1870. If he was possibly a Jewish émigré, it wasn't apparent in his second marriage in 1873 (as a widower) in a C. of E. church, nor in a similar marriage of his daughter in Christ Church Spitalfields in 1909. Jacob Schnabel and his wife Elizabeth came to live with their daughter in Rowledge's 'London House' around 1917. This is when Sidney Herbert Freeman enlisted with the East Yorkshire regiment as Private, #40769. Jacob and Elizabeth Schnabel lived at 'London House' until both died in 1925 and were buried at St. James'.



The second photograph of the Long Road enlarges quite well and it shows 'London House', not as a butcher, but 'Freeman', 'Teas, Refreshments'.

Other sources report that it was also a sweet shop but it is likely that the presence of retired master baker, Jacob Schnabel would have been very useful in producing cakes to go with the tea! Was Jacob maybe the force behind the tea shop?

When Sidney Herbert Freeman was discharged from the army in March 1919, he was suffering from lumbago and very possibly from the after effects of nephritis (inflammation of the kidneys) which had hospitalised him at the Pitt Military Hospital, Chatham soon after he enlisted in April 1917. It is interesting that he was conscripted in 1917 rather than mid 1916 when conscription was compulsorily introduced for married men. Was he unwell earlier, hence a move to Rowledge? He served in France and possibly Belgium from October 1917 to March 1919.

Whether Sidney's lumbago or the after effects of nephritis caused him to give up his draughtsman/surveying role isn't clear but after his return from WW1 service he became a sign writer, a role that he continued with until at least 1939 in Chanctonbury, Sussex after the family moved there from 'London House' by 1927. He died at Chanctonbury in 1963. His widow, Emily also died in Chanctonbury in 1971.

After the Freemans had left for Sussex by at the latest early 1928, 'London House' reverted to being a butcher and has remained so to this day. A period of ninety-five years with just six names.

Butcher **Percy Oliver Rogers**, who had been a butcher from the early 1920s in what is now Rowledge High Street, was shown living in 'West View' in 1924 and 'Pear Tree Cottage' then 'Erleigh Villas' close to 'London House' in 1925 and 1926. He moved into 'London House' by April 1928. Kelley's trade directory lists 'Rogers & Wood', butchers from 1924 -1934 with the Electoral Registers showing Percy Rogers at 'London House' from 1928.



'Wood' of 'Rogers & Wood' is believed to be the **George Robert Edgar Wood** who set up the 'Rowledge Tea Rooms' with his wife Selina by 1937. These were situated on the opposite corner of Lickfolds Road to 'London House', approximately where David and Aileen Ashby now live.

However, George who was born, married and lived at Batts Corner

until serving as a gunner in WW1, lived in Frimley and Camberley from 1920 until around 1935. It is likely that he ran a branch of Rogers & Wood in 'Victoria House', Victoria Avenue, Camberley but not before 1921 as he was a builder's labourer at that time living with his wife and children at his 'in laws' in Camberley. Dr. Stroud, writing in the Rowledge Review in 1985, believed that Rogers had butcher's premises in Frimley before WW2. This would fit with George Wood managing such premises at 'Victoria House'. Records I have access to unfortunately do not show how Percy Rogers and George Wood came to meet or be in a partnership by 1924. Having returned to Rowledge from Camberley by 1937, George and Selina Wood (nee Abrahams) ran their 'Rowledge Tea Rooms' for twenty years or so until about 1958. They were living at 'Woodville', Lickfolds Road when George died in 1969. Whilst his ashes remained at Aldershot, his memorial service was held at St. James'. Selina had moved to West Street, Farnham by the time she died in 1980.

The origins of Percy Oliver Rogers are a bit of a mystery. He was born on October 15th

1897 in Leicester and the 1901 census showed him living there with his parents and three siblings. His father appears to have been a James Rogers, biscuit maker and his mother an Elizabeth Pike. However, his official birth record gives his name as Oliver Percy Rogers Grey. Percy and his three siblings were raised after 1901 in an institution/orphanage called 'The Cottage Homes' at Countesthorpe near Leicester. No post 1901 on-going records can be found for his parents. Clearly, for whatever reason, they were not in a position to raise their four children. During WW1, as soon as he was age eligible, Percy enlisted into the 482nd Agricultural Company Labour Corps. as Private #416594. The Imperial War Museums tell us that this would mean that for some reason Percy would be unfit, either through illness or injury for front line service. Maybe he learned his butcher's skills whilst serving and then sometime after 1921 answered an advertisement for a butcher's role in Rowledge.

At the age of 30, bachelor, Percy Oliver Rogers married 31-year-old widow, Alice Hilda Dance (nee Chandler) in Farnham's Registry Office on April 18th 1928. The record shows that Percy Rogers had no idea of his father's actual name or profession, just calling him 'Rogers, deceased'.

The record also shows that Percy was already living in 'London House' at that time. Alice, whose first husband Henry Charles Dance had died aged 30 in 1924, had two children, Henry Lesley Dance and Hilda Joan Dance. Alice was the younger sister of William Chandler whose name is on our Memorial having fallen at Ypres in 1916. Henry Charles Dance does not obviously appear to have been related to the Rev. Arthur James Dance, Vicar of St. James' before and during WW2, even though both their families come from the Andover area.

In 1933 when George Wood was still living and working in Camberley, Percy Rogers tragically lost his Rowledge assistant of that time. He was Frederick George Gale of 'Hillside', Frensham. This is a report from the South of England Advertiser for July 6th 1933:

DIED FROM A SCALD

A verdict of "Death from misadventure" was recorded at an inquest at Guildford last week on Frederick. George Gale, a butcher's roundsman, of Hillside, Frensham, who died in the Royal Surrey County Hospital. Percy Oliver Rogers, butcher, Rowledge, said the deceased was employed by him.

On Monday last week he killed two pigs, and Gale went to get two buckets of hot water from a copper for scalding them. He slipped on stepping from the copper, but did not complain that he had scalded his arm. On Thursday he went out with the van and when he came back the witness thought he looked ill, and told him to go home. Gale said he felt all right, and finished delivering the orders. He went home soon after noon. Dr. F.G. Maitland, house surgeon at the hospital, said Gale was in a very serious condition, suffering from toxæmia and had a scald on his left arm which was very septic. He died from septic pneumonia and toxæmia, the result of the scald. The coroner recorded the verdict stated.



This is likely to have been the van that roundsman Frederick Gale would have been driving when he should have been in hospital. Frederick was 48 and left a widow, Alice and an adult son, Albert. He was buried at St. Marys' Frensham. Frederick had survived WW1 both in Egypt and Palestine as a driver with the Royal Field Artillery.

For a short time after George Wood had left the partnership and set up his 'Rowledge Tea Rooms' (by 1937), the butchers' was renamed 'Percy Rogers and Son'. This 'Son' would presumably be his stepson, Henry as Percy had no children of his own.

In 1938, Percy Rogers closed the business and moved from 'London House' down Lickfolds Road to 'The Malverns'. The 1939 register showed him living with his wife, Alice and her two children at 'The Malverns'. Percy was listed as a 'Licensee'.

The Malverns.	204	1	Rogers Percy H	1	15th 97	12	Licensee
		2	Rogers Alice H	1	30 5th 97	12	unpaid domestic duties
		3	Dance Joan H	1	30 5th 97	12	Colledine Shop Assistant
		4	Dance Leslie H	1	30 5th 97	12	Butchers Shop Assistant

Assuming that this licence was to sell alcohol, does anyone know where his licence was for? Alice's son, Leslie Dance was shown as a butcher's assistant in this 1939 register and possibly was still working with the new occupants of London House, Richard and Hilda Clark.

Percy Rogers died in hospital at Godalming on October 30th 1952 aged 56 and was buried at St. James'. After his death, probate records show that his wife, Alice had moved to 'Myne' in Recreation Road and died in 1959 aged 62. She was possibly buried at St. James' as her name is on Percy's headstone but a note in St. James' records shows that there is no record of a burial service.

The butcher that then took over at 'London House' in 1938, shortly before WW2 was **Richard Clark**. He was born in Cornwall in 1882. Richard and his butcher's assistant wife, Hilda remained as our butcher for seventeen years until about 1955, notably through WW2 and yet they seem to have been missed out of the various narratives I have seen relating to butchers of Rowledge.

Richard's father, who died when Richard was just seven, was a Cornish miner. After he left school, Richard trained as a cooper in St. Austell but by 1911 he was living in Putney and working as a butcher's assistant. It would seem that by 1912 his eye was taken by a young domestic housemaid, Emily Middleditch who was born in Cambridgeshire but like Richard, had gone to Putney for work. The couple married early in 1912 and soon had their only child, Eileen Mercy Clark. Sadly, when Eileen was just ten, her mother died.

In 1925, Richard still working in Putney married again, this time to the daughter of a local butcher working in Battersea. She was Hilda Mary Henn, born in Parsons Green, Fulham in 1893. At his marriage, Richard gave his age as thirty-eight when in fact he was forty-three! In 1938 with the situation in Europe worsening, Richard and Hilda moved their business from Putney to Rowledge and took over 'London House' from Percy Rogers.

Richard and Hilda Clark provided the village with their meagre weekly meat rations throughout WW2 but in early July 1944, four weeks after D-Day and whilst British soldiers were fighting to take Caen in Normandy, Richard, as reported in the West Sussex Gazette, was summoned by the Surrey County Council to appear in court:

A BUTCHER'S PROBLEM

Finding extenuating circumstances, the Magistrate dismissed a summons against Richard Clark, butcher, Rowledge alleging that in connection with the sale of meat, he made misrepresentations. Mr. J.R. Free, for the County Council, said there was a total discrepancy on six joints of 13 ounces, 14 drams, equivalent to one person's meat rations in these days. The explanation by the defendant was that the meat had been cut up and weighed on the day before delivery when it was frozen and that in the meantime it had "thawed out" and lost a considerable amount of moisture, which would account for the discrepancies in weights. The summons was dismissed on payment of the court costs, the Chairman saying there was no intention of guilt.

Richard Clark continued in business at 'London House' until his death in April 1952, aged seventy. After Richard's death, his wife Hilda who had worked as his assistant, seems to have kept the business going until about 1955. She then moved to Hertfordshire to live with or near her step daughter, Eileen. Hilda, who had no children of her own, died near Hitchin in 1972.

1955 or 1956 heralded the beginning of the near thirty year 'Cumpstey' era when **John Latus Cumpstey**, his wife Pamela and their two children, Vernon and Susan moved into 'London House'. Vernon would have been nine and Susan four.

John was born in March 1920 in Wellingborough, Northants to William and Mabel Cumpstey. His father, William was the clerk of a district butcher and after he left school, John became a meat salesman. John was nineteen when WW2 broke out and he joined the Royal Air Force. He quickly became an Aircraftman, first class (sp. correct).

His marriage in the South Croydon Congregational Church on July 3rd 1943 indicates that at that time, he was stationed nearby at the RAF base at Croydon Airport. His bride was Pamela Jean Tuson, the daughter of Vernon Tuson from Reigate, a pawnbroker. Pamela described herself on the marriage certificate as being in the Women's Land Army.

A record card shows Pamela's resignation on compassionate grounds from the Surrey

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branch of the Women's Land Army in May 1944.

CUMPSTEY Mrs Pamela Jean.		SURREY
Res. Town: See other card		
Age	W.L.A. 61452	
Present Occupation		
Resigned Surrey List 20.5.44 both passionate		

In 1945, the electoral registers show Pamela in Lewes and then in Brighton so it is safe to assume that her husband, John Latus Cumpstey #756420 was based at an RAF base somewhere on or near the South Coast.

After the war, John and Pamela appear to have gone to live with or near John's parents because their first child, Vernon John Latus Cumpstey was born in Northants in 1946. By 1951 they were in Colchester where their second and last child, Susan Mary Cumpstey was born.

The next documented move for the family was to Rowledge where in 1955 or 1956 they took over the butchers in 'London House' from the widowed Hilda Clark. According to John's son, Vernon, the only major change to the shop made by John Cumpstey was to replace the removable front widow and it is believed that this was paid for by his mother. John also fitted fridges as up to that time, iced marble slabs were the only means of keeping meat fresh.

John was not only a master butcher, he was a lecturer at Guildford Technical College. In 1966 'The Surrey Advertiser' ran an item describing a '**Miniature Smithfield**' at the old Guildford Corn Exchange. They wrote:

The organisers were delighted to see many more people than normal at the show, among them a party from Guildford Technical College, who are undergoing a course arranged through the Meat Trade Association. Under the guidance of their tutor, Mr. J. L. Cumpstey, a butcher at Rowledge, near Farnham, they were able to see the variations in carcasses according to the breed.

Mr. Cumpstey pointed out that a fatstock show is one occasion when the carcass does not just become a number, but retains the identity of its breeding through the medium of the catalogue.



During 1965 John and Pamela had the house built in Lickfolds Road on the site that now sits tight behind the butcher's shop. They called it 'Bramley' and were living there from 1966. In 1970, at the age of 49, John died from a 'Coronary Thrombosis' whilst sitting at home. His ashes were interned at St. James' following a funeral service on March 3rd 1970. For whatever reason, maybe health, John had given up lecturing at Guildford Tech two years

before he died but seemingly not told his family.

John’s son, Vernon told me that ‘London House’ and next door, ‘Belmont House’ had been renamed ‘Cumpstey’s Corner’ by John himself....some Ego!

Vernon left school in the early 1960s, he undertook a spell on a Naval training ship but moved on to work for the auction house, Sotheby’s. By the time his father died, he was working with a butcher in Soho’s Berwick Street and thus trained, was able to come to Rowledge and manage his late father’s shop.

Around 1974 Vernon extended the frontage of the shop to the size it is today, as shown in the following picture of butcher, ‘Michael Humphries’. Vernon continued to run the shop until around 1984 when he ended the near thirty-year Rowledge ‘Cumpstey era’. Vernon and his wife Jennifer (nee Jones) moved with their children some distance away to Acle, near Norwich and ran a butcher’s shop there. He is now retired but still lives in, Acle. The last electoral register entry for his sister, Susan, showed her living in Woking. The family still has a vested interest in the premises at Cumpstey’s Corner.



John Cumpstey’s wife, Pamela Jean Cumpstey died in North Surrey early in 2001. Her ashes were placed with John’s at St.James’ and are marked with a memorial plaque, sadly showing an incorrect birth date for both John and Pamela as 1910 instead of 1920. It also wrongly shows Pamela Jean as Pamela Joan. It was clearly a good job that John Cumpstey commissioned his own ‘Cumpstey’s Corner’ sign!

This picture of ‘Michael Humphries’ was taken after the newsagents next door had closed and become ‘Citrus’ and also after ‘John Terry’, hairdresser had become ‘Jewels’!

The closure of the newsagent followed one attempted robbery too many, one of the last successfully interrupted by the gents working in Humphries who allegedly arrived inadvertently carrying the tools they happened to be working with!



Vernon Cumpstey told me that ‘Belmont House’ had been modified to become a hairdresser during his tenure (1970-84). Around 1985, following end of the ‘Cumpstey era’, **Michael Humphreys** took the business forward over two decades to a new level and ‘London House’ became one of the finest butchers in the country. Today, with ‘**Hands of Rowledge**’, few if any would disagree that this is still the case. We are very fortunate.



Apart from one spell after WW1, Rowledge has been served by butchers in these ‘London House’ premises since 1911, well over a century. (As is well documented elsewhere there were also butchers in what became the High Street such as Percy Rogers, Rogers & Wood, Annie Cox and E.J. Redman and Son.)

Alice Holt WI – March Meeting

Alice Holt WI third meeting of 2023 was held on Tuesday 21st March at 2.30pm. This was the last afternoon meeting as we return to evening meetings in April.

David Rose, local historian, gave us a fascinating, illustrated talk on “Old Postcards of Surrey”. The first postcards were issued on 1st October 1870 and both the address and message were written on the same side of the card. They also had printed postage stamps and it wasn’t until 1894 that stamps could be attached separately. The postmaster and photographer, Perry Lloyd, recognised the value of postcards and started photographing the local area in 1901. This was later called the golden age of photography and cards up to World War I.

We were shown old cards next to modern photos. The oldest photos were black and white but became the coloured views we enjoy nowadays. Perhaps unsurprisingly, most of the early prints were of local pubs – rather than churches! Some of the views had changed enormously whilst others had not. One of them showed an unexploded bomb at Tilford Bridge! It would seem that postcards are not as popular now, with the advent of email – much cheaper and quicker!

Following social time with tea and biscuits, we were given dates for our diaries – including a pub lunch on 24th March, Coffee morning on 14th April and on 13th May, a celebration of King Charles III coronation.

New members are always welcome with a reminder that our meetings are held on 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.15 for 7.30pm.

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Rowledge Village Clean-up 1st April 2023

A group of familiar old hardy perennials, together with some fresh new shoots invariably makes for a good-looking plot!

And so it proved, after a very damp start, as the annual village spring clean got underway on Saturday 1st April with a willing group of residents who worked hard for a couple of hours to improve the outlook of The Square.

Before completing all their tasks, a lively debate ensued to resolve what trees or shrubs might be suitable to replace the Phormium (NZ Flax) at the centre of the raised bed. As they say, watch this space!

Many thanks go to Anne Foster for patiently organising the event and to her delightful dog for overseeing its success.

See you in the Autumn?



Google 'Bard' – Perry Mitchell

I was fascinated to read Roy Waight's description of ChatGPT, which I had not previously encountered. He didn't mention that it is sponsored by Microsoft, and perhaps goaded by commercial rivalry, Google have released public access to its own AI chat project called 'Bard'. I gave them both a run to see what I could find.

ChatGPT is somewhat circumspect with its replies and continually issues warnings about its limitations. Bard is far more brazen and gives definitive answers with no hint of any doubt. It soon became clear that whilst (as Roy found) ChatGPT wavers from the truth, Bard simply ignored it all together and makes stuff up! I thought you might be amused by some of its replies to my questions.

I first asked it where the name 'Rowledge' came from: ***The name Rowledge is thought to come from the Old English word "row", meaning "row of houses", and the Old English word "lēg", meaning "edge" or "boundary".***

The village is situated on the edge of the Surrey Hills, and there are a large number of old houses in the village. It is possible that the name Rowledge was given to the village because it was a row of houses on the edge of the hills.

I then asked it for a local feature of interest: ***Rowledge Barrows is a group of Bronze Age barrows located in the village of Rowledge in Surrey, England. The barrows are a scheduled ancient monument and are managed by English Heritage.***

The barrows are a group of 14 round barrows, which are burial mounds. The barrows are located on a hillside overlooking the village of Rowledge. The barrows are thought to have been built between 2000 and 1500 BC.

The barrows are a popular spot for walkers and cyclists. The barrows are also a popular spot for archaeologists, who have been studying the barrows for many years. In 1925, a group of archaeologists excavated one of the barrows. The excavation revealed that the barrow contained the remains of a Bronze Age man. The man was buried with a number of grave goods, including a bronze dagger, a bronze axe, and a pottery vessel.

The excavation of the barrow provided valuable information about the Bronze Age people who lived in the area. The excavation also helped to date the barrows to the Bronze Age.

The Rowledge Barrows are a valuable archaeological site. The barrows provide valuable information about the Bronze Age people who lived in the area. The barrows are also a popular spot for walkers and cyclists.

Lastly I asked it for some famous people that have lived in Rowledge: ***Here are some famous people who have lived in Rowledge:***

- ***General James Adolphus Hesse (1783-1869) was a British Army officer who served in the Peninsular War and the Waterloo Campaign. He was born in Rowledge and lived there for many years.***

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- *Sir John William Strutt, 3rd Baron Rayleigh (1842-1919) was a British physicist who won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1904 for his work on the scattering of light. He lived in Rowledge from 1871 to 1919.*
- *Dame Edith Sitwell (1887-1964) was a British poet, novelist, and critic. She lived in Rowledge from 1949 to 1964.*
- *Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934) was a British composer. He lived in Rowledge for a short time in 1899.*
- *Sir John Betjeman (1906-1984) was a British poet, writer, and broadcaster. He lived in Rowledge from 1947 to 1972.*
- *Dame Freya Stark (1893-1993) was a British travel writer and explorer. She lived in Rowledge from 1972 to 1993.*
- *Sir David Attenborough (born 1926) is a British naturalist, broadcaster, and writer. He has lived in Rowledge since 1973.*

These are just a few of the famous people who have lived in Rowledge. The village has a rich history and has been home to many notable people over the years.

I bow to Roy's far superior knowledge of Rowledge residents, but I would suggest that none of these notables have spent more than a possible passing glance at our village! As we have previously learnt, the Rowledge village name is unique in Britain so it is not as though it could have been confused with another. We are faced with the conclusion that rather like the infamous pub bore, Bard is simply making stuff up to appear knowledgeable! Perhaps it is following its name and is best suited to fiction. I leave it to Roy to perhaps try out Bard's poetic skills, but safe to say I will not be using it to learn anything of reality!

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Find the ten differences between the two pictures.



I just realised why it's called May - it may rain, it may snow, it may be 70 degrees, it may be 20 degrees...

What month of the year is the shortest?
May, only 3 letters.

What's a pilot's least favourite holiday?
May Day!

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
Pilgrims.

			5				6	
					2	1		9
6				9			3	
	7	9					4	
	6		4			3		
3			9	1				8
9		1			3			
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		4	1			6		

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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