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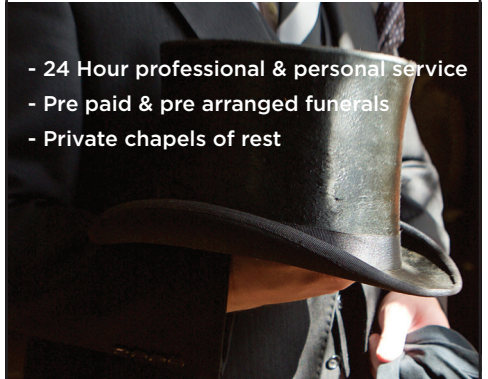


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Vicar's letter . . .

Dear Friends,

Summer is a time when we look forward to putting some things down, putting our feet up, and putting some distance between our normal daily routine and a time of relaxation and restoration. There is something extra special about a sunny day in the south of England. Perhaps it's because of the sound of village cricket, the joy of the Fair, the kids in the paddling pool or simply having a cool drink in hand while listening to the afternoon play or an audio book.

We all need times to stop and give our bodies, mind and soul a time of refreshment: as we tend to say, 'a time to recharge the batteries'.

God understands that we need time out, to relax, restore and refresh. That is why the creation story is over six days before a sabbath day rest. Equally, Jesus frequently retired to the hills to be alone to recuperate and seek spiritual succour. And it calls to mind perhaps the best known of all Psalms (a book of poems and songs in the Bible).

Psalm 23 says "*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.*"

Recounted as one of the sheep, it speaks of having a master and guide who understands our needs, finds quiet and safe places, who feeds our bodies and souls and gives us rest. It continues, "*Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life...*" Whether we are away on holiday or enjoying a 'staycation', the fact that God is love means that there is always a companion looking after us, ready to share our woes, lighten our burdens, ease our pain and restore us to the people we should be.

For myself, I find being close to water restorative. It is therapeutic to watch and see the sun bouncing off the ripples or waves, to hear the lapping of waves on the beach or to be bobbing up and down on a boat. Whatever your own form of rest and restoration, please allow God to help minister to you over this summer period.

With love,

David

July/August Diary

for St John's Church, Wonersh and St Martin's Church, Blackheath

July

Wed 1	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 2	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 5		5th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	All-Age Service
	10am	Sung Holy Communion
Tues 7	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 8	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 9	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sun 12		6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
	6pm	Taizé-style Service [<i>see p.10</i>]
Tues 14	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 15	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 16	9.30am	Chatterbox End-of-Term Special [<i>see p.4</i>]
	10.30am	Morning Worship- meet in Selwyn Room
Sun 19		7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
	6pm	Choral Evensong
³ Tues 21	9am	Morning Prayer
³ Wed 22	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 23	10.30am	Discovery Service
Sun 26		8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
	10.30am	Outdoor Service by Village Hall [<i>see p.10</i>]
	6pm	'Be Still with God'
Tues 28	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 29	9am	Morning Prayer

Thurs 30 **10.30am - 2.30pm** **Seniors' Summer Special** [*see p.18*]

August

Sun 2		9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	Morning Worship
	10am	Sung Holy Communion
Tues 4	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 5	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 6	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 9		10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 11	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 12	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 13	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sun 16		11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
	6pm	Choral Evensong
Tues 18	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 19	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 20	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sun 23		12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
	6pm	'Be Still with God'
Tues 25	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 26	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 27	10.30am	Discovery Service
Sun 30		13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Holy Communion (CW)

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CW = Common Worship (2000) BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional 1662)

Children and Families Work at St John's

As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to share with you our offerings for children and families over the summer holidays.

Mums, Bumps and Babies:

Our **last session** of the academic year will be on **Monday 20th July, 10am-12pm** at the Vicarage. It also includes a simple blessing over in church (11.30-11.45am) for you and your babies. We'd love you to join us for the blessing part if you've been associated with the group in the past or are still a part of it. Do let me know (clare@wonershchurch.org.uk) if you'd like to come.

Chatterbox Toddler Group:

End-of-term special, St. John's Church: Thursday 16th July, 9.30-10.45am, and Graduation Ceremony for our little Chatterboxers who are leaving us to start school.

'**Summer Chatterbox**' will run on **Thursdays 6th and 20th August** with Rev'd Lori in charge! These will take place at Lawnsmead Hall in Wonersh as usual, between 9.30-11am. The only difference is that they're also open for primary-school-age siblings, and so we provide a room of older children's activities to occupy them.

Summer holidays Kids Church

An **informal Kids Church** provision will run on Sundays **27th July, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd August** following the Sermon series theme of Jesus' miracles. On 9th and 16th August one of our Kids Church Leaders, Calum, will also be running '**Mucky Church**' outside in the grounds around the church. Calum oversees our Community Gardens which you may have spotted while walking through to Church Green. These sessions are always wildly popular and thoroughly recommended. Do send children appropriately dressed please!

Autumn Kids Church resumes on **6th September** with our All-Age Service which, as last year, will be a 'Blessing of the Backpacks' as the children head back to school.

Finally, advance notice from us of our **Light Party 2026**. Following last year's hugely successful Light Party, we are busy planning this year's! It will be held in church on **Friday 30th October, 5-6.30pm**. Look out for more details next term along with booking links.

And on that note, it's a wrap from me!

Love, Clare x

Church Office

The Church Office (in The Vicarage) is open as follows:

Monday - Friday 9 am - 1 pm

The office number is **01483 890266** (if outside office hours you may leave a message), or email office@wonershchurch.org.uk.

Children and Families Leader (15-30 hours)



From September, we're looking for someone who is passionate about helping our children (aged 0-11) grow in faith.

At St. John's we believe that children are the heartbeat of our community, bringing unfiltered energy and love of life to all they do. We long for every child and family to feel welcomed, safe and excited to explore who Jesus is.

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Meet Sue Wallis

As my time serving as a Diocesan governor at Wonersh and Shamley Green Primary School comes to an end, I have found myself reflecting on what has been a deeply rewarding period of my life. Being a governor of a school is a privilege which comes with both responsibility and challenge. A diocesan governor's primary role is

to preserve, develop and promote the school's distinctive religious ethos: upholding Christian values and principles, serving the local parish churches and wider community, all of which are of great importance to me.

Now retired, my teaching career spans many years working both in the state and private sector, primarily focusing on the younger age group. I have been pleased to share my experiences as Early Years' Governor; knowing the importance of early years at school not only being fundamental in shaping children's learning, where curiosity is sparked and confidence grows, but also fostering a sense of security, belonging and wellbeing. Being appointed as the Safeguarding Governor has been a responsibility I have taken very seriously; ensuring that all children feel safe and supported is the foundation upon which everything else is built and vital to a child's wellbeing.

My connection with this school stretches back much further than my time as a governor. In fact, it began in 1998, when my younger daughter started in reception class. Like many parents, I became involved in small, practical ways, at first helping in classes. Before long, I was asked if I would consider taking on a more permanent role and, as they say, the rest is history.

From 2000 to 2006, I taught at the school in the reception class, a period that remains very close to my heart. Those years in the classroom, followed later by my time as a governor, have given me a unique perspective on the life of this school. I have seen first-hand the dedication of staff, the enthusiasm of pupils and the importance of strong links between school, families and local churches. It has been a joy to contribute, in whatever way I could, to nurturing that sense of community and shared purpose.

Aside from being a governor, I enjoy spending time in the garden, finding it both calming and rewarding. I enjoy cooking, visiting NT houses and gardens, studying the arts and music. I sing in Blackheath church choir and in a modern choir in Guildford - two very different, but equally uplifting, experiences.

Perhaps most of all, I am looking forward to spending more time with my young grandson and sharing in those small but magical moments that come with watching a young child discover the world.

As I step down from this role, I do so with a sense of fulfilment knowing that I have in small ways made a difference. It has been an honour to serve as a governor at Wonersh and Shamley Green School and I carry forward many happy memories. I hope to retain links with the school, and I remain very much part of the wider church community.

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Blackheath Cemetery - Notice to Plot-holders

The Parochial Church Council would like to share that, over the coming months, we will be undertaking a careful review of the cemetery plots, in accordance with the Regulations for Blackheath Cemetery. A copy of the Regulations is affixed to the doors of the Cemetery Chapel, and is also available online at wonershchurch.org.uk/life.events/cemetery-regulations.php.

This is done with the aim of preserving the prayerful, peaceful character of the Cemetery, and the sense of dignity and unity that means so much to all who visit there to remember their loved ones. We are also mindful of feedback received from members of our community.

Where items are found that fall outside the Regulations, they will be gently removed and placed behind the Chapel, where they can be collected. We understand how personal these matters are and will approach this with care and sensitivity.

Please note that no action will be taken before 1st October 2026, to allow time for any adjustments, and that items moved behind the Chapel will be available for collection until 15th January 2027, after which point they will be disposed of.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask visitors to please remove any fresh flowers and foliage they leave on graves and memorials, once they have wilted.

With thanks for your understanding and care of this special place.

Parochial Church Council (PCC), Wonersh with Blackheath

Patsy's Piloting Experience

For my 85th birthday my family gave me a flying lesson! It happened on the late May Bank Holiday from Shoreham Airport. Seventeen of us gathered there, family and friends, and at noon I walked with Andy, a very experienced pilot, to the little plane. It looks open-topped in the photo . . . but it wasn't!



Andy had suggested that we fly to Beachy Head and off we went, with him sitting next to me. Once over the sea he said, 'It's yours now'. What a brave man! The steering column was very sensitive and I held on to it with both hands concentrating like mad. At Eastbourne he said, 'We'll turn round now'. I looked at him with horror: 'You want me to turn it?' He did and I did! Now I relaxed, looked at Beachy Head lighthouse below, then all the people on Brighton Beach and turned again once we got to Worthing Pier. I did NOT land it!

SUCH a wonderful experience, made all the more wonderful in that so many generous friends sponsored me (justgiving.com/page/patsys-piloting-experience) and I have now made well over £2800 for the [Mission Aviation Fellowship](#).



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Patsy Kettle



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Free Coffee Concert Thursday 6th August, 11.15am - 12pm Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP

We look forward to welcoming pianist Yoon Seok (John) Shin back to the Cathedral. With over 50 performances per year, at venues across Europe, Asia and the UK, Mr Shin has developed a busy international career as a solo recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber musician.

All are welcome to this free concert; no need to book, and free parking. Teas and coffees are served from 10.30am; concert begins at 11.15am and finishes at 12 noon, just in time for lunch at Seasons Café!

For more details of events at the Cathedral, visit guildford-cathedral.org/events.

Blackheath Focus

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We are happy to help!

Billie Hockley, 1925 - 2026

Many will now know of the death of one of the best known Blackheath residents and stalwart member of the St Martin's congregation. Billie attended the church for nearly all of her 101 years, and was the sacristan responsible for the church hangings and sacramental items for many years. Billie was also fanatical about the Cricket Club and a further tribute is provided by the Club:



‘Blackheath Cricket Club is very sad at the passing of Billie, our greatest supporter, longest serving and most loyal member. The previous weekend she shared a 101st birthday tea at the Club with a few of the players and locals, in great spirits as always, in the village where she had lived her entire long life.



Many generations of Blackheath cricketers knew her well, whether recently as the little old lady who always watched the cricket from the swing seat in front of Cobbins, or in earlier times as the warmly welcoming, tireless and ever-helpful heart and soul of Blackheath. The word "legend" is over-used in cricketing circles, but in her case it couldn't be more appropriate.’

Graham Webb

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Billie's funeral will take place on **Wednesday 8th July, 11.30am** at St. Martin's Church, Blackheath, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

For catering purposes it would be really helpful if you could please let us know if you plan to attend: email janfowler261@gmail.com or call **07767 651565**.

Blackheath Common - Have Your Say!

Blackheath Common is an important site for wildlife. It supports all six native UK reptile species, including the smooth snake, the UK's rarest reptile, and has previously been used for the reintroduction of the rare sand lizard. The common is home to important bird species such as the Dartford warbler, nightjar and woodlark, while its heathland habitats support a wide range of invertebrates, with potential for the future reintroduction of the silver-studded blue butterfly.

Waverley Borough Council is now consulting on:

- Blackheath Common Management Plan 2014-2024 Revised Extension
- Blackheath Common Wildfire Management Plan 2026

Please view the documents and submit your feedback on the [Blackheath Common SSSI Consultations webpage](#). The deadline for comments is **Monday 10th August**.

If you have any queries, please contact parksandcountryside@waverley.gov.uk or call **01483 523333**.

Village News

Wonersh History Society Thursday 16th July, 8pm Wonersh Memorial Hall



Although there has been a house at Polesden Lacey since 1336, the current structure is a significant extension and remodelling of a new property built by Thomas Cubitt in the early 1820s. Perhaps the most familiar occupants of the house were the Grevilles. Margaret Greville was a well-known Edwardian society hostess whose collections of silver, porcelain, pictures and furniture are all on display there.



At our July meeting, Wonersh History Society will welcome Roger Mendham to give a talk entitled ‘**Polesden Lacey: A Model of Invention and Innovation**’.

Non-members are welcome to attend for a fee of £3.

To find out more about the Society, including details of membership, please see www.wonershhistory.co.uk.

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What’s on in July 2026 – join us for these activities

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Thurs 2	Mah Jong: Bramley Library Room Latin: Godalming	Mon 20	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Fri 3	French: Godalming Artificial Intelligence [AI]: Talk, Shalford Upper Hall	Tues 21	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall
Mon 6	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Wed 22	Coach Trip: St Mary’s House & Gardens, Bramber
Tues 7	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall		Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall
Wed 8	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall	Thurs 23	Latin: Godalming Pottery: Farley Green Speaker’s Corner - Alan Freeland: Shalford Upper Hall
Thurs 9	Latin: Godalming Pottery: Farley Green	Fri 24	Art: Shalford Upper Hall
Mon 13	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh Book Club: Selwyn Room, Parish Church	Mon 27	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh Coffee Morning: Percy Arms, Chilworth
Tues 14	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall Exploring Churches: venue TBA	Tues 28	<i>(No Tai Chi)</i>
Wed 15	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall Summer BBQ: Wonersh Cricket Pavilion	Wed 29	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall
Thurs 16	Country Walk: meet Witney Lodge, GU8 5PW Latin: Godalming	<p><i>Join us for some very interesting talks, visits and activities. Newcomers are welcome.</i></p> <p><i>For further details, and activities in August, please phone Jacqui on 07814 379294 or visit:</i></p>	

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Villages Wednesday Club AGM

Thursday 30th July, 7.30pm

Blackheath Village Hall, GU4 8RA

This wonderful Club for our local elderly community provides a sociable day out each week with lunch, refreshments and entertainment - and most of all, friendship and company.

Do come along to our Annual General Meeting to find out about us and what we do - and you may have some fresh ideas to contribute too. All welcome!

Unusual Appeal for Plants

The Benedictine monastery of St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, is making an unusual appeal for donations of surplus garden plants after one of its new novice monks expressed a desire to continue developing areas of the monastery grounds.

The novice, who has a particular love of nature and gardening, finds working outdoors both rewarding and spiritually enriching. Gardening has become an important part of his prayer life, helping him to reflect on the beauty of creation while contributing to the life of the monastery. Having already begun planting a number of Mediterranean-style species suited to the Abbey's sandy soil, he casually mentioned to a volunteer that he would enjoy expanding the project if suitable plants became available.



The Monastic Community recognises that it is an unusual request, but one that reflects the Benedictine appreciation of prayer, work, hospitality and creation.

With the blessing of Fr Abbot, the monastery is now inviting anyone with surplus Mediterranean or drought-tolerant plants to consider donating them over the coming weeks. Suitable plants could help enhance the Abbey grounds while supporting a project that means a great deal to the community.

Anyone wishing to discuss a possible plant donation is invited to make contact through the Abbey website: chilworthbenedictines.com/contact-us.



New Hospice Now Open!

Local charity Phyllis Tuckwell has started welcoming patients, families and carers into your amazing new Hospice at its original site in south Farnham (GU9 8BL). It has 18 inpatient rooms, all ensuite and with facilities for loved ones to stay overnight; and a wellbeing and rehabilitation centre, where its Living Well team will support people earlier in their illness. As more people need its vital care, its ambition is to reach further, support earlier, and help more people get the care they need - and this new Hospice will enable it to do that.

For further information on all our services, see pth.org.uk.



Memory Lane

The Dementia Choir, formed for the 'Musical Memories' concert earlier this year, continues and may shortly visit Care Homes. Now Memory Lane has been encouraged by one of their guests to introduce something really new. Kundy Scully, a carer guest who plays in an international group, has recently been training an ML Leader Group to play the Angklung Bamboo Chimes [see below]. This is an Indonesian instrument that Kundy and the team will introduce to Memory Lane at their meeting on Monday 6th July. With 25 instruments, everyone will have a turn at harmoniously playing joyful music together. They will be backed-up by the ML Music group on keyboard, guitar, clarinet and choir. This is a first for Memory Lane and a golden opportunity for both guests and volunteers to enjoy a joyous time together as they learn something new.



Between meetings in the Cranleigh Arts Centre at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, many of the guests enjoy the healthy 'Walk in the Park' at 10.30am on the 2nd Monday of the month. Their stroll around the lakes of Knowle Park in Cranleigh ends with a sing-song over coffee and biscuits.

The next meetings of Memory Lane will be on **6th** and **20th July**, with the walk taking place on Monday **13th July**.

There will be NO meeting on Monday 3rd August, due to refurbishment in the Cranleigh Arts Centre. However the meeting on **17th August** will be special: Dr Jill Rasmussen is returning to give a presentation to the guest carers. Dr Rasmussen is the National Adviser on Alzheimer's, for both doctors and Parliament, and her talk will include the very latest information on dementia. She is always a great support to the Memory Lane team and guests when she has time in her busy schedule. The walk around Knowle Park will be as usual at 10.30am on Monday **10th August**.

For details of all activities and meetings - whether you are a carer for someone with dementia, or would like to join the team of volunteers - please call Memory Lane: 01483 274398, or email mamwild@aol.com.

The angklung is a traditional Indonesian musical instrument from West Java made of bamboo tubes attached to a bamboo frame, which rattles when shaken. Recognized by UNESCO as a cultural heritage, each angklung is tuned to a single note or chord, requiring a group of players to collaborate to play melodies together



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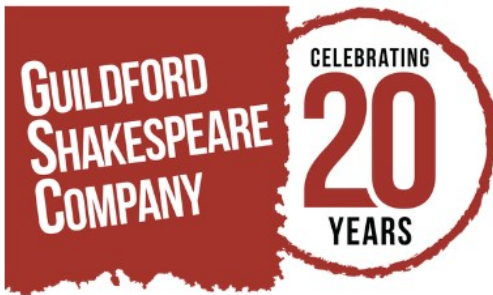


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Take a Guildford Story walk to discover the origins of the town or walk in the footsteps of the famous on a themed walk.

Numbers are limited on all the public walks, so it is better to secure your place by [booking online](#).



To book, visit guildfordshakespeare.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows

Summer Reading Challenge Saturday 4th July - Saturday 12th September



If you want to ensure your child continues their reading journey over the summer holidays then look no further than the Summer Reading Challenge, delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music UK. The theme this year is **'Read to the Beat'**, which will inspire children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at primary school children, but children and teens of all ages can sign up for free at Bramley Library (or any other local library) from Saturday 4th July. The aim of the Challenge is to keep children reading over the summer holidays when there can sometimes be a 'reading dip'. Children will need to be a member of the library to participate, but joining the library is free and can be done [online](#) or in your local branch.

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Bosom Friends is a local support group for women who have experienced cancer first-hand. We provide a welcome and safe space for women to share their journey, exchange insights, and find comfort with those who truly understand. Our relaxed gatherings are the perfect opportunity to meet other women who have had a cancer diagnosis, to share stories, swap advice and build friendships.

At **Bosom Friends** we offer a listening ear because we know that, wherever you are on your cancer journey, sometimes just having someone to talk to can make all the difference.



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Surrey County Council is looking for people who could offer a safe, supportive home to a child or young person through fostering.

If you're curious but not sure where to start, you can join one of our **friendly online information sessions** to learn more. You'll hear from experienced foster carers, meet the team, and have the chance to ask questions in a relaxed environment.

Upcoming online sessions:

- Saturday 4th July, 10am
- Saturday 1st August, 10am
- Wednesday 22nd July, 6pm
- Wednesday 26th August, 6pm

We also host informal **drop-in sessions** at The Hive in Guildford (Park Barn Drive, GU2 8EN) - every other Wednesday, 11am - 1pm.

There's no pressure – just an opportunity to find out more.

To book or learn more, visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering, or contact fostering.marketing@surreycc.gov.uk.



Amble & Rambles

Some days out stay with you because of the mix of things you encounter along the way: wildlife on the path, conversations about food and farming, unexpected art in the landscape. **Amble & Rambles** is a new **free** four-part podcast series from Whistlestop Arts, capturing that feeling in a set of car-free walks through the Surrey Hills National Landscape:

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You can find all four episodes, with route information and ideas for discovering the landscape without a car, at whistlestoparts.org/amblesrambles.



Gardeners Needed

Keen gardeners needed to volunteer their time and skills to help keep the lawns, paths and beds at the Beacon Centre (on the RSCH site, GU2 7WW) in good order. 2 – 3 hours once a week or fortnight.

For further details about this role, please contact our Voluntary Services team on **01252 729400** or email voluntary.services@pth.org.uk.



100 Years of Trading!

R.A. Robertson & Sons has been a familiar fixture on Bramley High Street since 1926, when Great Grandfather Robert Alexander Robertson arrived from Scotland and brought electrification to Bramley. He built a windmill that would power a generator for the locals to charge accumulators, which were used to keep radios operating back then.



Robert Alexander Robertson ran the family business until 1965 when it was handed over to Leonard Robertson with his sons: John who specialised in electrical contracting, Gerald who managed the shop, and youngest son Graham who focused on the repair and installation of domestic appliances.

Leonard Robertson retired in 1990 and the shop was passed on to the three brothers, with Gerald leaving in 2002 when he emigrated to Australia. John and Graham continued to run the business together for another 19 years, until in October 2021 the family business was passed over to George Robertson - the fourth generation! Uncle John Robertson then retired, but Graham still works part time. Not many villages can boast an electrical shop in the High Street these days. Whether it's a washing machine or something as simple as a lightbulb, staff in the shop are always happy to help.



Bramley Music Celebrity Concert **Saturday 26th September, 7pm** **Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, GU5 0HD**

We are delighted that **Emma Johnson**, world famous clarinettist, is returning to Bramley. Accompanied by **Greg Drott**, she will bring us a varied programme to include Mozart, Weber (in his 200th anniversary year) and Poulenc. In addition we shall hear Emma's own 'Scottish Folk Song Suite' plus a Gershwin/Goodman Medley to conclude.



As it is our celebrity concert the tickets will be **£20** (students and under-18s £5). They will be on sale at Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or book online via bramleymusic2012@gmail.com.

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