



# ROWLEDGE Review

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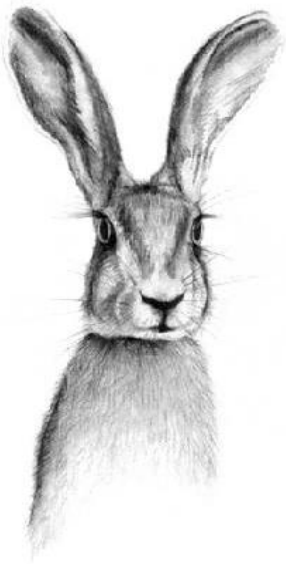


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## From the Vicarage

I wonder what you want for Christmas this year. For many people, I suspect the honest answer to that question might be summed up in one word... ‘normality!’ Perhaps like me, you are just longing for a party! Family and friends gathering together, able to shake hands, hug and kiss under the mistletoe, opening presents and sharing food without the need for social distancing.

As I write this in early November and in the midst of ‘Lockdown Version 2.0’, what I have described above still seems to be a long way off. But I am filled with new hope at the development of a vaccine and wait with anticipation, its availability to those most in need.

For many, our expectations of the Christmas season (if not always the reality), might be summed up in the chorus of the carol ‘God rest ye merry gentlemen.’ We want to know ‘comfort and joy.’

For me the thought of comfort brings with it cozy snuggles with the children by the fire, some special food and wine, a beautiful tree and a pair of new slippers (what can I say, my needs are simple). Likewise, we might associate joy at Christmastime with the faces of children opening the biggest present under the tree, or the new grandparents holding their grandchild for the first time.

These are helpful images, but I’m sure you see that their effects are short term. The fire dies down, the needles drop off the tree, the slippers get chewed by the dog and the much sought after present ends up at the back of the cupboard. And of course, for many in our world today, the riches I have described, are far beyond their grasp, so does that mean that comfort and joy are also beyond their experience?

I believe that finding a deep sense of comfort and joy in our lives is not reliant on anything as short-lived as the trappings of our, all too often, materialistic Christmas experience. But it does have everything to do with the child at the centre of the festivities. Because try as some might to overlook it, at the heart of Christmas is Christ. A child in a manger, in the far-flung and obscure village of Bethlehem, born to a teenage mother - this child seems an unlikely source of real comfort and joy. And yet for the many millions down through the ages who have come to trust that Jesus Christ is God in human flesh, they would attest to knowing a different kind of comfort and joy.

This comfort is, as Julian of Norwich put it, a certainty that “All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.” In other words, comfort for a follower of Christ, is intrinsically linked with hope - hope that this too shall pass and there is better to come.

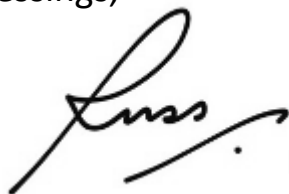
Joy (rather than happiness, which can be fleeting) is a sense of things being right at the deepest level of our being, so that no matter what is going on around us, at our very core, we have a sustaining sense of joyfulness, which stems from the peace that knowing Christ offers.

If what you really need this Christmas, are the gifts of all-encompassing comfort and unending joy, perhaps along with the turkey and trimmings, this year above all others, the following short prayer might be helpful to you:

*Almighty God,  
this Christmas, surrounded by the uncertainty of a global pandemic,  
please give to me and those I love, your gifts of comfort and joy.  
May I know your loving presence with me now and always.  
Amen.*

This Christmas, from my family to yours, I wish you 'tidings of comfort and joy.'

Blessings,



Rev. Russ Gant, Vicar

## PARISH REGISTER



Weddings

Elizabeth Richardson and Joshua Barratt – 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## BIBLE READING NOTES

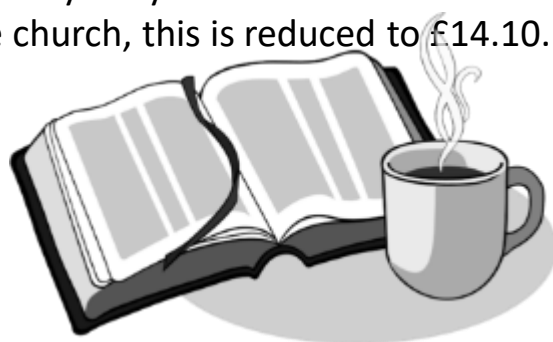
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## Morning Prayers

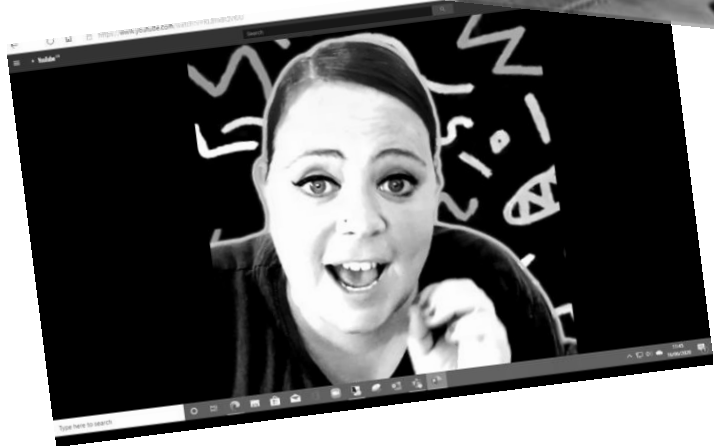
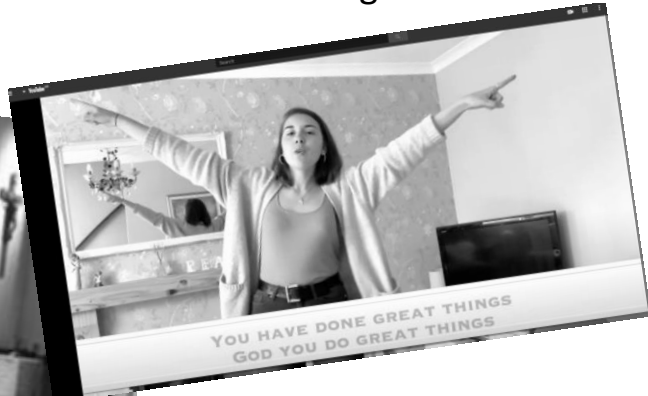
Morning Prayer is every Wednesday at 9:15am. We will continue to meet virtually for approximately half an hour. Email [vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk) to receive a Zoom invitation.



# ST JAMES' CHURCH

During the pandemic, regrettably we are unable to meet as a **whole** congregation in church weekly, physically, for worship – however, as we are now allowed limited numbers in church each Sunday, we are live-streaming the services online. You can also view our weekly service on YouTube.

We continue to keep the restrictions under review and will update the village as things in church change. Our thoughts are turning to Christmas, and what we might be able to do, so we will announce our plans in the next month's Rowledge Review.

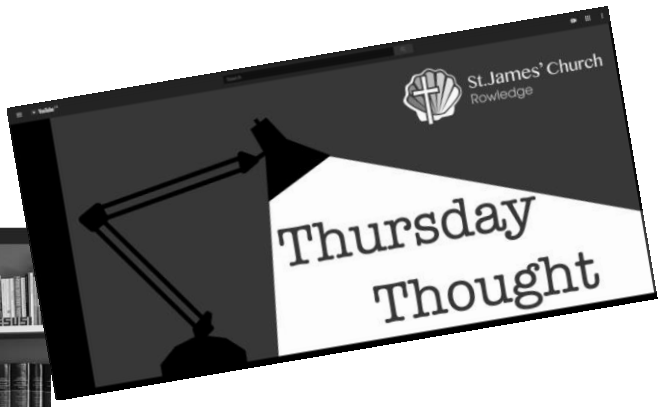


### Sunday Madness

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

### Daily Reflections/Thursday Thought

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



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

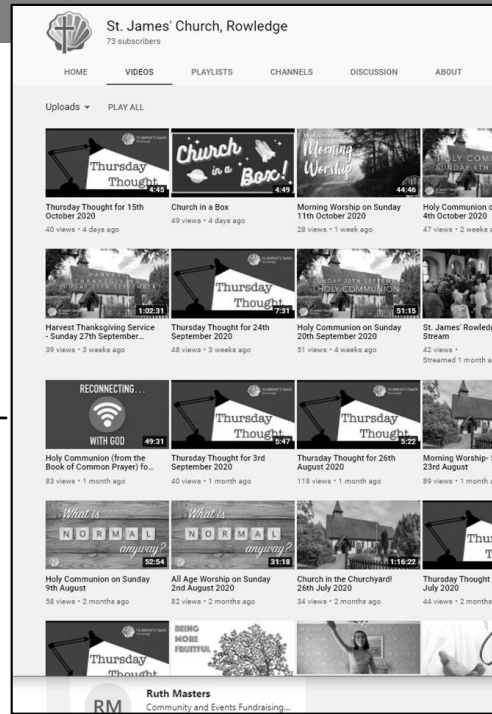
## Church Services

We are continuing with our live-streamed services each Sunday (or recorded - as restrictions dictate). Do join us live on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchRowledge>



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



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBO3bsCEfpu4Hd\\_IFbKX3CQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBO3bsCEfpu4Hd_IFbKX3CQ/videos)

## December Sunday Sermon Series – “Light & Darkness”

**Start of new sermon series “Light and Darkness”**

**29<sup>th</sup> November - First of Advent**

Genesis 1: 1-5 “Light and Darkness – God of Order”  
Order over chaos is the only reason science works!

**6th December Second of Advent**

Psalm 27 “Light and Darkness – God we can Trust”  
Fear not – said the angels.

**13th December Third of Advent**

Isaiah 9: 1-7 “Light and Darkness – God who Reigns”  
The rightful heir to David’s throne.

**20th December Fourth of Advent**

Isaiah 60: 1-7 & 18-20 “Light and Darkness – God who Restores”  
The Lord is our everlasting light.

**27th December First of Christmas**

No service.



See  
**page 11**  
for other  
December  
services

# Search for the Star!

Follow the trail around Rowledge this Christmas and search for the 'star' of the story.

A journey of discovery for all the family including carols, stories and reflections.

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## Life Groups –Tuesday & Thursday

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

The Tuesday group currently have 10 people accessing the group meeting via Zoom. They meet fortnightly for bible study and prayer.

Having completed our series looking at 'Who is the Christ?' ending with 'Christ the Commissioner' they returned to studies of the Parables.

In the weeks between the studies we meet socially on Zoom for a catch up and sometimes prayer if there are specific needs.

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

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

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

# Church is OPEN!

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

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

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



# Christmas in Rowledge

No matter what Covid throws at us, Christmas is NOT cancelled! At your local parish church, we are just rethinking things a little!

As you may well know, social distancing requirements mean that we can only safely fit 18 people into St. James' at the moment. We are also not allowed to sing. You might think that puts paid to carol services, nativity services and Christingles, but you'd be wrong! We are busy planning how to make Christmas special and we are currently looking at both online and outdoor possibilities.

Given that things are very likely to change again in early December, the current plan is shown below, but please do check for updates on the church website – [stjamesrowledge.org.uk](http://stjamesrowledge.org.uk)

**Russ Gant**  
**Vicar**

Sunday morning services will continue at 10am  
(online, or in church as restrictions allow)



# Christmas in Rowledge



## Christingles at Home

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 4:00pm

*Order all you need to make a Christingle at home by emailing [adele.regan@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:adele.regan@stjamesrowledge.org.uk) and then join us online for a short, family friendly service.*

## Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 6:30pm

*A pre-recorded service from St. James' with readings and carols that tell the transforming story of the birth of Christ.*

## Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Eve – 11:30pm

*A traditional service of Holy Communion streamed live from St. James' so that you can join in from home.*

## Christmas Day Celebration

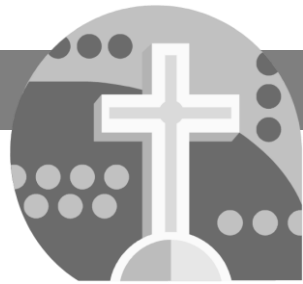
Christmas Day – 10:00am

*A short outdoor service in the Churchyard including Holy Communion.*

*Dress up warm and bring a present to show us! (Restrictions and weather permitting.)*



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# METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church has begun holding services again (Covid restrictions allowing) . There is limited seating due to virus precautions but seats may be available on occasions. For enquiries please ring: Aileen: 795438

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

If you would like to speak to Philip, our Minister, his number is: 01240 83167

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Bell-tower inspection – M Randall

Rowledge residents may recall having been impressed by our Vicar, Russ Gant, taking pride of place on the front page of the 3<sup>rd</sup> September Farnham Herald edition. He was appealing for possible help with climbing up to the St. James' bell-tower to replace the bell-rope which had been found fallen to the floor by the font ten days earlier by myself, the Churchwarden.



With the church bell in enforced silence, a plan had to be forged. This would entail means for safely accessing the trapdoor into the tower, some 11 metres above the floor of the nave.

Two people, in particular, supported us. Firstly, Gerry Marsh of FTH Hire Group at Coxbridge Business Park visited and recommended a 10m battery-operated scissor-lift as the safest means for getting up there.

Secondly, I approached Malcolm Loveday. Malcolm is the Bell Adviser to the Guildford Diocese and had already visited St. James' some two years earlier and offered help if needed to carry out an inspection of bell and tower. Such inspections are needed every 10 or 15 years.

A date of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October was agreed and FTH delivered the scissor-lift on the Thursday. Gerry came back in the afternoon to assist us manoeuvre the lift into place – this proved quite a challenge with only about a centimetre to spare in the porch doorway, and to achieve that some of the lift needed disassembling first. Thankfully Gerry also gave some essential training on operating the lift.

That evening, Adele Regan, our Youth & Children's Minister, held a film-night for her teenager group in the church. We were relieved, on the Friday, to find the scissor-lift still in situ and not having been taken for an evening outing in Alice Holt Forest!

The serious work started early on the Friday, using the lift to open the roof trapdoor and start to clear out many years, perhaps decades, of cobwebs. Bob



Blackman and Clive Jourdain provided valued ground-floor back-up throughout the day. And Graeme Main, with camera, took the opportunity to ride the lift a few times, gathering previously-unrecorded views of the church nave and chancel from on high. Malcolm arrived by 10.30 from his home at the other end of the County, ready to put overalls on and climb into the chamber above. He came equipped with a comprehensive toolkit assembled from many years of experience gained from similar inspections.



The chamber we entered proved to be just the first of two and myself and Malcolm had to rig Bob Blackman's ladder within that chamber and up through a second trapdoor to gain access to the bell and its hanging in the top of the tower.



## Rowledge Review

The bell was not the only thing that was found - there was a very large nest in the SW corner of the bottom of the spire. Due to the gnawed beams, it was probably a squirrels' nest. The nest was removed and the debris completely filled two plastic shopping bags.

In the event, Malcolm was up in the tower from 10.30 until 4pm continuously, conducting a most thorough inspection. He fastened a new bell-rope to the bell's steel wheel, that rope having been spliced to the 'sally' at the foot of the old one which had parted company. He subsequently has provided St. James' with a comprehensive written report.

In that, he gave the bell, its clapper and the hanging a largely-clean bill of health, with the comment that any turning of the bell should "not be necessary for about another 50 years". He has, though, recommended some reparative and maintenance work within a year and five years.

St. James' bell has been heard again across the village since the day of the inspection. Indeed it rang joyously three days later, appropriately, for Beth Richardson's wedding day, daughter of the previous Vicar, Clive Richardson.

The bell that we inspected was installed in 1951 in memory of the Revd. Albert Dance. It is inscribed with the words:-

***"A. J. D. Vicar: 1936-49:***

***Good People All,  
Come When I Call"***

The bell had been dedicated on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm in the presence of the Rt. Revd. John Victor Macmillan OBE DD, Bishop of Guildford (1934-49).

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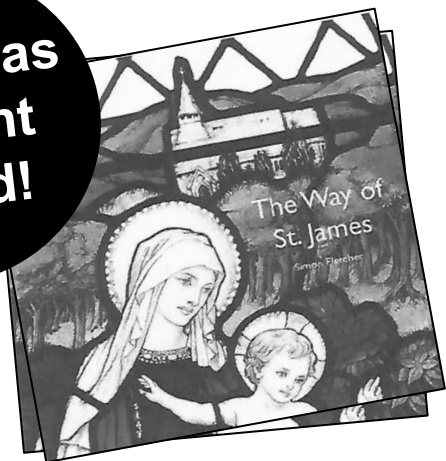
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## The Rowledge Yokelry meets the Hampstead Intellectuals

When writing about the history of Rowledge, I was disappointed to discover that the local writer, George Sturt, said little about it. His well-known writings of rural life, *The Bettesworth Book: Talks with a Surrey Peasant* (1901), *Memoirs of a Surrey Labourer: A Record of the Last Years of Frederick Bettesworth* (1907), *Change in the Village* (1912) and *The Wheelwright's Shop* (1923) among others tend to focus on The Bourne.

His Journals (1890-1927)<sup>1</sup> make only three mentions of Rowledge: the first (on page 293) refers to the fascinating involvement of Mrs. Dryhurst in dispelling philistinism amongst the Rowledge yokelry (of which more later). The second (page 304) refers to Harry Disney who lived at Batt's Corner and helped at the Institute. My guess is this is the same Disney who ran a laundry and offered for a while a 'chapel of ease' at Bucks Horn Oak. The third (page 304) refers to a chat Sturt had with Mr. Turner who owned Manley Bridge Farm. The latter two references are inconsequential, but the first is fascinating and it is the first I wish to write about, doing so with information much of which I gleaned from local historians Neil Pittaway and Mark Westcott.

The reference to Mrs. Dryhurst occurs in a journal entry for August 1899. Sturt writes: *"Upon suggestion (by letter) from Nolan, this afternoon I went to call on Mrs. Dryhurst"*. He then goes on to describe her and their meeting:

*"Surprisingly young-looking (for she has with her a daughter 13 years old): with plentiful dark - almost black - hair put up high in a big coiled plait: tall and slight: her face thin, with well curved and well-managed upper lip, high Irish cheekbones, dark Irish eyes that look very sensible. She seemed about the most intellectual lady that I have ever spoken with – or rather that has ever spoken with me, for she did most of the talking. Her talk was quiet, without any affectation or cleverness: agreeably serious.*

*Of Louise Michel*<sup>2</sup>, for instance: to whom she acts as a kind of tutelary genius: of Kropotkin: of a sort of international social evening when national songs were sung by French and Germans, Russians, Italians and a Cuban refugee; at which Mrs Dryhurst acted as stage manager. For she is an 'anarchist' and believes neither in having patience nor hope but 'only trusting to one's self'. Also of her own work – not only reviewing for *The Chronicle* but running evening classes in English literature for the London School Board. This I fancy she does



**George Sturt, photographed with his cat, Mac, kindly provided by Mark Westcott**

<sup>1</sup> The Journals of George Sturt, 1890-1927, Cambridge University Press, ed. E D Mackerness, 1967

<sup>2</sup> A leading anarchist and communitarian

*with a deal of tact, in various ways suggesting to the lads the importance and beauty of chivalry to the girls. She takes her class to Epping Forest; also to Hampstead Heath, on Sundays, where she plays cricket with them. One anecdote was of a shindy with a village parson whom she delighted to shock by announcing herself 'an atheist'. She thought she rapped every one of his knuckles.*

***Another topic was the entertainment to be provided three weeks hence by herself and various Hampstead friends for the benefit ostensibly of the Rowledge Reading Room and tacitly for the encouragement and enlightenment of the Rowledge yokelry 3."***

I was intrigued.

Who was this Mrs. Dryhurst and what was she doing coming to Rowledge and its reading room to enlighten and encourage the 'Rowledge yokelry'? It turns out that there is a wealth of information about Mrs. Dryhurst on the web.

Hannah Ann Robinson was born in Dublin on 17 June 1856 <sup>4</sup>. Her sisters called her Nannie and she decided to change her name to Nannie Florence because she had a friend called Florence who died young.

After a spell as a school governess in Ireland and then London, where she looked after the daughter of an Irish doctor called Tenison who, it seems, may have sexually harassed her, she briefly returned to Ireland. Tenison was the family doctor of the Dryhurst family and this may have been how she met Alfred Robert Dryhurst, usually known as Roy.

They became engaged in 1882 and were married in August 1884. A year later a daughter Norah was born in London and 3 years later another daughter, Sylvia (who as Sylvia Lynd was to become a poet and novelist). Alfred Robert Dryhurst (1859 - 1949) was a member of the Fabian Society (founded in the year of his marriage) and a friend of the Webbs and George Bernard Shaw. He eventually became the assistant keeper at the British Museum from 1908 to 1924. They lived in Hampstead at 11 Downshire Hill.

Nannie was passionate about Irish independence and became involved in the anarchist movement from the late 1880s becoming, by turns or all at once, anarchist, communist and atheist. She became a regular correspondent for the anarchist

Nannie Florence Dryhurst



<sup>3</sup> My emphasis

<sup>4</sup> Most of the information on her life is taken, largely verbatim, from the article by Nick Heath, "Dryhurst, Nannie Florence, 1856-1930", on Libcom.org

magazine *Freedom* from its beginning. The paper was started in 1886 by volunteers including the celebrated anarchist Peter Kropotkin and Charlotte Wilson, who later became a prominent promotor of women's suffrage.

The author of a memoir in an edition of *Freedom* of January 1931 remembers Nannie "*speaking, debating, handing out bills, or going around with the collection plate; nothing was too much or too little for her to do*".

She often edited the paper whilst Charlotte Wilson was away, as well as "*writing up notes and comments on contemporary events, corresponding with comrades all over the country; getting them to send up reports of propaganda; putting ship-shape all their notices and reports*". She spoke French, German, and Irish Gaelic, later taught herself Georgian, and was an experienced translator (she was also an accomplished artist, and painted Christmas cards to order). Her linguistic abilities were of great use in her translation of articles for *Freedom* and she translated Kropotkin's book, *The Great French Revolution*, into English. At the beginning of the 1890s she replaced Wilson as editor for a short while.

She taught at the International School, the anarchist-free school set up at 19 Fitzroy Square in London in the early 1890s by the French anarchist and Communard, Louise Michel, working alongside her and Charlotte Wilson. In 1897 she was active in giving support to Spanish anarchist refugees fleeing from savage repression. She visited and

financially supported the anarchist colony at Clousden Hill, near Newcastle, which existed from 1895 to 1902.

She began a long affair with the British war correspondent, political commentator and suffragist, Henry (H.W.) Nevinson, whom she first met in February 1892. This relationship finally collapsed in 1912. It was through her that Nevinson briefly became involved with the *Freedom* group and became a close friend of Kropotkin. In 1906 she became a member of the Georgian Relief Committee, travelling there on fact-finding visits. She learnt Georgian from the anarchist associate of Kropotkin, Vladimir Cherkesov and, the following year, spoke at an international conference at the Hague on the subjection of Georgia by the Tsarist Empire.



**The celebrated anarchist, Kropotkin, whose works Nannie translated**

Her involvement in helping the Georgian cause meant a distancing from editorial work with *Freedom*. She became hon. sec. of the Nationalities and Subject Races Committee and also returned to her support for Irish independence. She wrote occasional articles on Irish history for the Daily Chronicle and Irish papers. She was a friend of W.B. Yeats and appeared in his play *The Land of Heart's Desire* in June 1904. She was, all told, a remarkable and energetic woman. She died in 1930.

What emerges from reading of her eventful life is a colourful picture of the rich, sometimes, and unintentionally, humorous, circle of left-wing progressives who were largely centred on Hampstead.

At first, I assumed that Sturt visited Mrs. Dryhurst in Hampstead, which is where she lived. But on studying copies of the *Farnham Herald* s for 1899 in the British Library, I discovered that Mrs. Dryhurst was actually staying in Rowledge during 1899. She had taken for the summer a house called 'The Wilderness', at the top of Boundary Road (the house that is now there, and still called 'The Wilderness', is a rebuild). This was the residence of a local teacher, one 'Miss Zimmerman'. No doubt Sturt popped in to see her there.

Mrs. Dryhurst made her presence felt in Rowledge pretty quickly, as one might have expected of one so spirited. On Saturday, 19 August 1899, she gave an 'at home' in Rowledge School in celebration of the birthday of her eldest daughter, Norah. The younger folk were entertained from 7 until 9 o'clock and after that the older people enjoyed their turn until about 11 o'clock. All kinds of games were played and during the latter part of the evening a dance was held, the music being supplied by the village band under the conductorship of Mr. Arthur Edwards. The entertainment was thoroughly appreciated and altogether about 120 people were present. So reports the *Farnham Herald*.

This was not, however, the entertainment Nannie Dryhurst was planning for the enlightenment and encouragement of the Rowledge yokels. This was held on a Tuesday a couple of weeks later. I must admit that I had assumed, until I found the *Herald's* article, that this would have been in some sense a political affair, an attempt to arouse political awareness in the local yokels. The account in the *Farnham Herald* shows that her attempt at enlightenment was much more towards encouraging an appreciation of 'high art'. The account is fascinating and, read closely, rather amusing.



## Rowledge Review

*“An entertainment to raise funds for the Rowledge Reading Room was given at the School-house, Rowledge, under the direction of Mr. M. Fallas Shaw and Mrs. Dryhurst, on Tuesday evening. The first part consisted of a classical concert to which Miss Hamel contributed two violin solos, Beethoven’s ‘Romance in G’ and Simonetti’s ‘Romanza’ accompanied by Miss Barbara Thornley, a young pianist of great promise, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Thornley, who has been doing duty for the vicar of Rowledge during his absence <sup>6</sup>. Miss M. Boulting played one of Moszkowski’s Spanish dances for the violin, accompanied by Mr. Fallas Shaw, which was much appreciated by the large audience. Miss Thornley also played as piano solos Kestner’s ‘Hunting Song’ and a fantasia by Bach; and Mr. Shaw gave us his solo, a very beautiful minuet by Rheinberger. As an interlude, Mr. Ernest Panter sang ‘Paradise Alley’ and ‘The Coster’s sister’; Miss Sylvia Dryhurst danced a scotch reel; and Miss M. Boulting and Miss N. Dryhurst gave a charming Japanese dance in costume, of which the only fault was its brevity.*

*The second part consisted of purely local talent. A selection of old plantation songs was given as follows: ‘Come where my love lies dreaming’ and ‘The mockingbird’ sung by Masters B. Porter, Woods, Hatcher, Blake, Gillam and Wilson with feeling and precision. They then ‘retired up’ to form a chorus for Messrs E. Cranham, G. Panter, H. Mortimer and J. Butt, who marched on to the stage in delightfully funny costumes, with black faces and powdered heads, playing fife, bones, tambourine and the tray respectively <sup>7</sup>. With a sprinkling of the usual time-honoured character jokes, these coloured minstrels then sang with great spirit, ‘O dem golden slippers’, ‘Some folk do’, ‘Molly and I’, ‘Early in the morning’, ‘The careless man’, ‘Off to Charlestown’, ‘Campdown Races’ and ‘Hard times’ which, with a little speech from W Wakeford, brought the programme to a finish.”*

The first half of the entertainment, given by Nannie and her Hampstead friends, included some fine musicians. The Mr. Fallas Shaw referred to was none other than Martin Edward Fallas Shaw, who lived in Hampstead, and was already an accomplished musician. His father was organist at the church in Hampstead. Fallas Shaw went on to be a leading English composer, conductor, and theatre producer. His over 300 published works include songs, hymns, carols, oratorios, several instrumental works, a congregational mass setting (the Anglican Folk Mass), and four operas including a ballad opera. His appearance in Rowledge marked the start of a fine career. He knew Vaughan-Williams, Holst and most of the musical *literati*.

The young pianist singled out for praise by the Farnham Herald journalist was Emily Barbara Thornley who was 14 years old at the time, and the daughter of the Revd. Arthur Thornley, who was then vicar at South Leverton in Lincolnshire. How the Revd. Parker managed to find Thornley to stand in for him I cannot say, unless he had made the contact through Nannie Dryhurst.

**6.** The Revd. Arthur William Parker was away at the time

**7.** This group constituted the ‘Sunbeam Minstrels’ who often performed in Rowledge at the time and would not be regarded as PC today

The detailed account of the entertainment presents us with what, exercising one's imagination, must have been an hilariously uncomfortable affair. In the first half, a crowd of Hampstead intellectuals with progressive opinions played Beethoven and other classical composers, and performed Japanese dance, to the assembled yokels. In the second half, the yokels responded by getting the Rowledge 'Sunbeam Minstrels', as they were called, to perform. This they often did over a period of some 20 years. They blacked their faces, put on ridiculous clothes, and performed skits of excruciatingly non-PC content or performed what the Herald usually reported as 'nigger music'. The clash between what one might call high and low culture must have left the proponents of both feeling awkward.

The question one inevitably asks is - what on earth brought this Irish firebrand and Hampstead intellectual to Rowledge with a view to enlightening the 'yokelry'? And how did they gain access to the school?

In Rowledge, the first vicar, the Revd. Arthur William Parker, had started a Parish Club and Reading Room at Rowledge School in 1880, membership 2d. per week, open every night of the week except Wednesday. The Parish Lending Library, part of the Parish Club, charged members 1d. a month and lent books on Fridays from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m., principally to school children after morning school. For a while, the Club moved to Mr. Pearson's (later the Rowledge Store). On Boxing Day, 1886, it moved to the White House on Fuller's Road. In 1894, the club, now called the Village Institute, moved to Firfield on Chapel Road, built for it by Mr. William Swan, where it remained until 1912. It would, presumably, have been to support this institute that Nannie arrived with her Hampstead friends at Rowledge School. The manager of Rowledge School was, of course, the Revd. Parker and presumably he had given permission for the use of the school.

It is possible that Nannie knew Miss Zimmerman whose house she had let for the summer. But I think the explanation for her knowing about Rowledge at all may rest with another progressive, Henry Devenish Harben, the socialist who came to live in Ward Hill in 1899, the very year Nannie came to visit the local yokels. Harben's father was a prominent resident of Hampstead with socialist leanings and his grandfather was the great, and fabulously wealthy, founder of 'the Pru', whose idea it was to extend insurance to the labouring class. It is quite likely that the Harben family knew Nannie Dryhurst. In the relatively confined area of Hampstead village, the Harben and Dryhurst families presumably tripped over each other from time to time. Henry Devenish Harben started out as a liberal but became progressively left-wing during his time in Rowledge and went on to be a leading supporter of the suffrage movement. My suspicion is that Harben suggested to Nannie Dryhurst the visit to Rowledge, to which he had just moved, and that his own shift towards more left-wing views may well have had something to do with the connection with Nannie and her circle. W. H. Millais, artist and elder brother of the more famous John Everett Millais, who lived at Ward Hill before Harben, died on 30 March 1899. That would have given time for



Harben to move in and, presumably, arrange the visit to the school, obtaining the vicar's permission. Harben was a churchgoer and for some time choir master of the Rowledge church choir.



**Edward Hare Pickersgill**

George Sturt's descriptions of a rural community around the Bourne should not obscure the fact that at the turn of the twentieth century, there was a lively local interest in politics, not least in Rowledge. Political speeches were given by such as Harben and the MP Edward Hare Pickersgill (who lived for a time in Rowledge at 'The Wilderness'). Indeed, a more extensive study of radical politics in the Farnham area might reveal that such visitations occurred more often than I have previously assumed. Left wing intellectuals were keen to 'educate the yokelry' and Mrs. Dryhurst's entertainment fell into that laudable tradition. So one is left with the tantalising vision of the charismatic Mrs. Dryhurst and her Hampstead socialists appearing in Rowledge to enlighten the natives. They responded with a crass exhibition by

the Sunbeam minstrels. One wonders what the yokels made of her and what she made of them. And I wonder if the Revd. Parker, tee-totaller and respectable Victorian churchman, had any inkling of what was going on in his school or the atheist convictions of Mrs. Dryhurst!

An interesting footnote concerns 'Miss Zimmerman' and 'The Wilderness'. She was certainly still living there in 1901 at the time of the census. In 1907, when she was 47, she married Edward Hare Pickersgill, the prominent liberal MP and reformer, which explains why Pickersgill then spent much of his time at 'The Wilderness' until he died in 1911. Their marriage did not last long. His wife predeceased him, dying 1910. Yet Neil Pittaway has investigated the Holborn Street Directory for 1904/5, which shows that Miss Zimmerman was living in Lincoln Inn's Fields in 1904 and was still there in 1907. Edward Hare Pickersgill was a barrister at the Temple. Did she have two residences? Perhaps when she let 'The Wilderness' to Nannie Dryhurst, she was staying in London and it was there, in the compact area of Legal London, that she met Pickersgill.

The web connecting Rowledge and sundry radicals at the turn of the twentieth century is complicated and there are doubtless more details to discover, and details to correct. Condescending as the activities of Nannie Dryhurst and her friends may appear, most of what she fought for has come about, apart from the anarchy.

The Rowledge 'yokelry' to whom Sturt referred is long gone.

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# Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar



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



## Adults' Events

<b>Monday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
14.00-16.00	Steady Steps		Village Hall
19.30-21.00	Bruce Yoga		Village Hall
19.30-21.30	Pilates		Village Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>			
09.30-11.30	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall
09.30-10.30	Zumba Gold (term time only)		Village Club
10.40-11.40	Pilates		Rowledge Club
14.00-17.00	Quilters (fortnightly)		Methodist Hall
19.00-20.00	Pilates		St James Church Hall
19.30-21.15	Community Choir		Frensham Heights School
19.45- 22.00	Womens Institute (3 <sup>rd</sup> T <sup>h</sup> )		The Rowledge Club
20.00-22.30	After 8 ladies group (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)		Homes
<b>Wednesday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
10.30- 12.00	Mother's Union		St James Church
14.00-15.00	Nordic Walking		Forest (St James gate)
14.00-16.00	Cameo Singers (2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)		Methodist Hall
15.00-16.00	Healing (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)		Methodist Church
19.00-22.15	Bridges		Village Club
19.00-20.00	Prayers		St James Church
19.45-22.30	Knitting Club		Village Hall
<b>Thursday</b>			
09.00-16.00	Teachers		Methodist Hall
10.00-12.00	Art Club		Village Hall
12.30-1.00	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)		Methodist Hall
14.30-15.00	Steady Steps		Village Hall
18.00-19.00	Boot Camp		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Gardening Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Bootcamp		Village Hall
20.30-23.00	Men's Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)		Hare and Hounds
<b>Friday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
09.00-12.00	Coffee Spot		Village Hall
16.00-18.30	Ballet		Village Hall
19.00-20.00	Choir practice		St James' Church
<b>Sunday</b>			
19.45-20.45	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall



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## Looking for a Christmas wreath or table decoration?

Normally you could purchase a beautiful wreath at the Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Fayre but, unfortunately, that event will not go ahead this year.

We will, instead, be selling these from 8 Broad Ha'Penny, on Boundstone Road.

**To order a decoration or wreath please call 01252 793266.**

Christmas will be different this year, so we have joined in with the Phyllis Tuckwell Light Tour and will be decorating with Christmas trees, lights and decorations for all the family to enjoy. One tree will be a memory tree, where you are welcome to place a decoration in memory of a loved one. Another tree will be for children to come and place a decoration that they have made.



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## The Spirit of Wenceslas lives on

This has been a difficult year for many with lockdown, furloughs and redundancies. Although Government regulations prevented fuel companies from pursuing bills and cutting customers off for the time being this has only served to delay the inevitable build up of debt. Consequently Farnham Lions are launching Project Wenceslas again this year. Lions are inviting those senior citizens who feel they do not need their Winter Fuel Payment to donate it to the Club to help local people in serious **fuel debt** or chronic **fuel poverty** who are finding it hard to keep warm and cook in winter.

This has been a strange year due to the pandemic precautions. Prior to lockdown Lions distributed some £7,700 in respect of fuel debt cases referred to us by Citizens Advice and a large number of discretionary grants to needy families identified to us by local Barnados Family Centres, Home-School link workers and other agencies. Following lockdown a further £9,331 has been distributed via the Farnham Coronavirus Support Fund and the agencies so far and the need for help is not slackening.

Every payment is made to the fuel utility companies on behalf of our clients thus ensuring that **ALL** monies received are spent on fuel.

Donations can be made to [www.justgiving.com/lions-wenceslas](http://www.justgiving.com/lions-wenceslas) or by cheque (payable to the Lions Club of Farnham and endorsed WFP on the back) sent to Lion Treasurer, 1 Acheulian Close, Farnham GU9 8PL.

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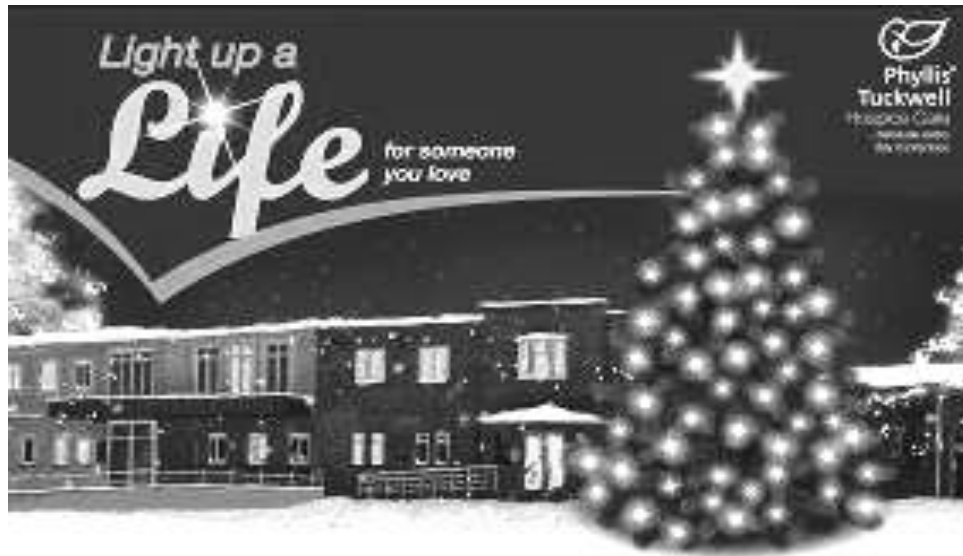
**Trustee - with your skills and experience you will have an input on how our scheme runs and develops in the future.**

**'Friend' - you can help us raise our profile in your community and help with our ongoing fundraising.**

**Home-Start WeyWater, c/o Chase Children's Centre, Budds Lane, GU35 0JB  
Tel - 01420 473555 E-mail - [office@homestart-weywater.org.uk](mailto:office@homestart-weywater.org.uk)**

## Virtual Light up a Life Service to be Livestreamed

With Christmas approaching, many of us find our thoughts turning to loved ones whom we would usually spend the festive season with, but who are no longer with us. Traditionally at this time of year, local Hospice Care charity Phyllis Tuckwell holds its annual Light up a Life service, to remember all our loved ones. Due to



Coronavirus restrictions, Light up a Life will be a little different this year, but Phyllis Tuckwell is pleased to announce that the service will still be going ahead.

Light up a Life will take place this year on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Because of Coronavirus, and to keep everyone safe, the service will be live streamed from in front of Guildford Cathedral, at 7.30pm, so that all those who would usually attend can instead watch it from home. It will include carols and prayers as usual, but instead of the Hospice Christmas tree which everyone would traditionally gather around, this year Phyllis Tuckwell will be projecting a giant Christmas tree onto the front of the Cathedral. During the service the tree's lights will be 'switched on' in memory of all those who are sadly no longer with us. Phyllis Tuckwell will also project onto the Cathedral the names of all those who are being remembered this year. You can watch the service live at [www.pth.org.uk/lualservice2020](http://www.pth.org.uk/lualservice2020) and it will also be recorded, so it can be watched at a later date.

"We are so pleased that we are still able to hold our Light up a Life service this year and are very grateful to Guildford Cathedral for hosting this special and poignant virtual event for us," said Claire McDonald at Phyllis Tuckwell. "We hope that on the evening of 7th December, people across our community will join with us online, and take a moment to reflect and remember with fondness all those we have loved but who are sadly no longer with us."

To keep everyone safe, Phyllis Tuckwell kindly asks that you do not go to the service at the Cathedral on 7th December, which is just being filmed for streaming, with no access for visitors. However, you are more than welcome to visit the Cathedral on the evenings of Tuesday 8th or Wednesday 9th December, when it will be lit up again between 6pm and 10.30pm. If you do visit, please respect all social distancing and safety advice.

Anyone who would like to remember a loved one – whether they were cared for by

Phyllis Tuckwell or not – is invited to watch the service. If they wish to, they can make a dedication in memory of that special person, and have their loved one's name projected onto the Cathedral and added to the Book of Remembrance, which can be downloaded from [www.pth.org.uk](http://www.pth.org.uk). Dedications must be received by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November to be included, and everyone who makes a dedication will receive a commemorative card displaying the name of their loved one. You can make a dedication by picking up a form from one of Phyllis Tuckwell's shops or calling their Fundraising team on 01252 729446. Alternatively you can visit the charity's Light up a Life website at [www.pth.org.uk/lual](http://www.pth.org.uk/lual) where you can dedicate a light on their virtual night sky. All dedications which are made on the virtual night sky by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November will also be projected onto the Cathedral.

## Re-cycling your Christmas Tree

How about making your Christmas tree even greener this year – by recycling it! Local charity Phyllis Tuckwell is offering a Christmas tree recycling service to raise money to help fund its care, so by signing up you'll be helping both the environment *and* Hospice Care.

To make the most of this easy and eco-friendly way to dispose of your Christmas tree after the festive season, you'll need to register to have your tree collected. You'll be able to make a donation to the charity too, with a suggested

donation of £5. Phyllis Tuckwell's staff and volunteers will be out and about collecting the trees on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January, so make sure you've taken all the decorations off and left it outside your house by 9am on your collection day.

The service is being offered to houses in the GU1, GU2, GU9, GU10, GU51 and GU52 postcode areas. When you sign up, you'll be sent an email confirming your collection day.

"Recycling your Christmas tree is an easy and environmentally-friendly way to dispose of it after the yuletide season, and it also raises money to help fund our care," said Leanne Magee, Events Fundraiser at Phyllis Tuckwell. "We've had to cancel or postpone many of our fundraising events this year because of Coronavirus, so by supporting our tree recycling you'll be making a big difference to local Hospice Care."

Phyllis Tuckwell provides supportive and end of life care for local patients and families living with an advanced or terminal illness, such as cancer. It offers medical and nursing care, therapies, counselling, social work advice and practical support, and all of its services are given free of charge to its patients and their families, but it has to raise over £20,000 a day to do this. To register for its tree-cycling service, please visit [www.pth.org.uk/event/tree-cycling](http://www.pth.org.uk/event/tree-cycling).



On Remembrance Sunday when we remembered the fallen of our conflicts, how many of us took time to remember not just those on our Memorial and indeed those from around the Globe who gave their lives, but also to remember the sacrifices of their families, their wives, their children and their parents. As we approach what could well be a limited or even lonely Christmas for many, the need to remember in a wider context is so important. This short record of Frank Lord Hampton shows how hard it will have been for many wives and families such as his own for whom Christmas 1917 and for many Christmases beyond will have been so hard, so empty and in need of support, be that human or faith.

The records do not tell us when or why Frank Lord Hampton moved to Rowledge in the early 1900s from Gloucestershire with his widowed mother Frances and his brother Henry.

As you will read, Frank cemented his Rowledge credentials with his marriage in 1914 to Alice Boxall who had already been widowed in 1910 and had had three children at the time she married Frank.

**Frank Lord Hampton.  
1884-1917.  
Private. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion,  
The Queen's, Royal West Surrey  
Regiment. 1303.**



Francis (Frank) Lord Hampton was born in Brinscombe, Gloucestershire in 1884 and he was baptised there on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1884

1884	May 22	Francis Lord	John + Frances	Hampton	Brinscombe	Gardener	S D Stubb Vicar of St Paul Pantonsville
No. 430							

**Baptism of Francis  
Lord Hampton  
(Frank) May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1884, Brinscombe,  
Gloucestershire.**

His parents were John and Frances (née Lord) Hampton who, after his baptism, seemed to have called Francis, Frank. Father John, a gardener, was born in Minchinhampton, Stroud in 1821 and his mother, Frances Lord was born in Cambridge in 1854. John Hampton was a widower when the couple were married in Brinscombe on August 30<sup>th</sup> 1882

1882. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Brinscombe in the County of Gloucester							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Residence.
250	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	John Hampton Frances Lord	61 29	Widower Spinster	Gardener	Byells Hill Brinscombe Barley's Court Brinscombe	Matthew Hampton (deceased) Robert Lord Curtice
Married in the Parish Church of St. Paul, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by me,							
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		The Mark of John Hampton Frances Lord		In the Presence of us,		Frederick Thomas Davies Mary Jane Radcliffe	
						Joseph William Vicar	

**Marriage of  
Frank's parents,  
Brinscombe,  
Glouc. August  
30<sup>th</sup> 1888.**

The 1891 census shows the family living in Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire with Frank, aged seven and his younger brother Henry, aged four.

1	John Hampton	Head	Mr.	48	Gardener (Domestic)	do. do.
2	Francis	Wife	Mr.	34		Cambridge
3	Frank	Son		7	Scholar	St. Brimscombe
4	Henry	Son		4		do. Minchinhampton

1891 census for the Hampton family. Minchinhampton Glouc.

Frank's father, John Hampton died in Lower Cam to the west of Minchinhampton in October 1899. He was buried at Lower Cam.

John Hampton	Lower Cam	Oct 21.	7 yrs Henry J. Hampton
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Burial of Frank's father, John 1899 Lower Cam, Glouc

In 1901 Frank and his brother Henry were living with their widowed mother in Minchinhampton. Frank was seventeen and working as a stick trimmer

Francis Hampton	Head	Wid	47	Stick trimmer		Cambridge County Town
Frank L Do.	Son	S	17	Stick trimmer	Worker	St. Brimscombe
Henry J Do.	Son	S	14	Worker	Worker	Do. Minchinhampton

1901. Minchinhampton Glouc. Frank living with his mother and brother.

It is likely that the family moved to Rowledge well before 1911 as Frank's brother Henry married Exford born Lena May Blacker at Frensham in January 1911. The reasons for the family move from Gloucestershire, particularly to Rowledge are not obvious.

In 1911 Frank, now 27 and a gardener, was still living with his mother in Rowledge. Their specific address is not given but was on the Wreclesham side of the village, almost certainly the Boundstone area where brother Henry and his new wife Lena were living. His mother would have completed this form and it looks as though she found it non too easy. Crossed out Minchinhampton was where Frank's brother Henry was born. Henry survived WW1 and he and his wife, Lena looked after his mother, Francis in South London. He died in Oxfordshire in 1960.

Francis Hampton	Head	Wid	52	Gardener	Private	do. do.
Frank Lord Hampton	Son	S	27			do. do.

(To be filled up by the enumerator)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the head of family or other person in authority, or in charge of the dwelling)

Write like the Member of House to the District Office, Town, or Hamlet, from the Office as a rule, but in the case of a factory, landing dock, camp, barracks, or institution, fill in the name.

Signature: Francis Hampton

Printed Name: Rowledge, Gloucestershire

1911 census for Frank Lord Hampton and his mother Frances, Rowledge.

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In October 1914 Frank married Alice Eliza Boxall (née Kercher), a widow since 1910. Alice's first marriage was to Andrew Stephen Boxhall at St. James on April 30<sup>th</sup> 1904.

1904. Marriage solemnized at <u>St. James's Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> of <u>Rowledge</u> in the County of <u>Southampton</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
181	April 30 <sup>th</sup> 1904	Andrew Stephen Boxall	31	Bachelor	Labourer	Rowledge	Andrew Boxall	Labourer
		Alice Eliza Kercher	24	Spinster	—	Rowledge	Robert Henry Kercher Jr.	Gardener
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>Arthur W. Parker, Vicar</u> or after <u>Banns</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Andrew Stephen Boxall</u> <u>Alice Eliza Kercher</u>		In the Presence of us,		<u>Benjamin George Kercher</u> <u>Louisa Martha Parratt</u>		

Andrew Boxall died in October 1910 and was buried at St James.

Alice and Andrew had two children, Herbert (1904-1977) and Edith (1906-1911). Edith died in 1911, the year after her father. Alice had a third child, Ivy born in 1912, baptised at St. James in July 1913. (1912-1971). It is of course possible that Ivy was Frank's child, but we have no easy way of verifying that. He certainly 'adopted' her, and his pension provided for her.

1914. Marriage solemnized at <u>St. James Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> of <u>Rowledge</u> in the County of <u>Southampton</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
259	October 25 1914	Frank Lord Hampton	30	Bachelor	Private 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs, Rpt	Woolley Camp Surrey	Frank Hampton	Seaman
		Alice Eliza Boxall	34	Widow	—	Rowledge	Robert Henry Kercher	Seaman
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>Arthur W. Parker, Vicar</u> or after <u>Banns</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Frank Lord Hampton</u> <u>Alice Eliza Boxall</u>		In the Presence of us,		<u>Louisa Martha Parratt</u> <u>Henry John Hampton</u>		

### Frank's marriage to Alice Boxhall, St. James, October 25<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Frank and Alice's wedding was at St. James Rowledge on October 25<sup>th</sup> 1914, three months after the outbreak of war. Alice lived on the Boundstone Road and was born in Rowledge on February 16<sup>th</sup> 1880 to Robert and Alice (née Boxall) Kercher who were married at St. James on Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1875.

Alice was baptised at St. James on March 28<sup>th</sup> 1880 and was the third child of six.

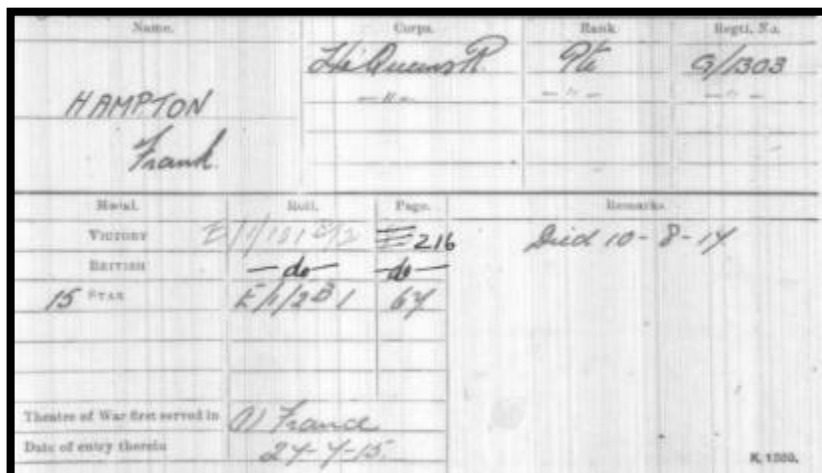
1880.	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Eliza	Robert Henry Kercher	Rowledge	Labourer	A. W. Parker Incumbent
No. 188			Alice			

### Baptism of Alice Eliza Kercher at St James. March 28<sup>th</sup> 1880.

As is evident from their marriage record, Frank had already enlisted at Guildford with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of The Queen's regiment and was stationed in Essex. Alice and Frank had two daughters, Olive Nancy born on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1915 and Queenie 'Glencorse' born on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1918, seven months after Frank fell, serving with The Queen's close to 'Glencorse' Wood near Ypres.

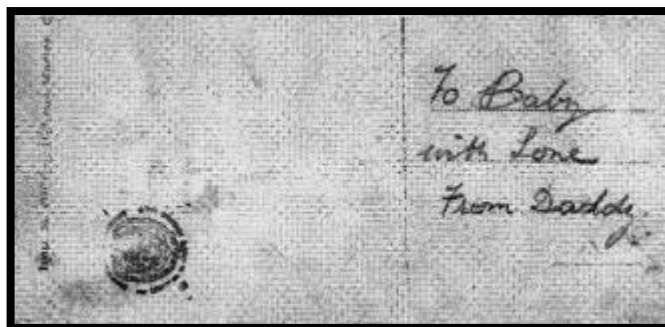
The military record for Frank Lord Hampton was likely destroyed in a 1940 fire but it is clear that he spent some leave in Rowledge. Without any record, the only certainty is the last action he was involved in with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion was the horrific Third Battle of Ypres, Passchendaele.

From his medal record card, we know that Frank Lord Hampton arrived in France on July 27<sup>th</sup> 1915 and received the 1915 Star as well as the Victory and British Medals.



The diaries for the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal West Surrey Regiment show that Frank spent the rest of 1915, all of 1916 and into 1917 in action and in training in the areas around Albert on the Somme.

From the war front Frank would send postcards, such as this, to his daughter, Olive... 'Baby'



In May 1917 the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Queen's moved towards Lens and on towards Ypres. It is clear from the birth of his next daughter (Queenie) in March 1918 that Frank was at home on leave around June 1917.

By August 1917, Frank had returned to the battalion which moved into the Dickebusch area, south-west of Ypres, on August 1<sup>st</sup> and spent six days preparing for action. On August 7<sup>th</sup> they moved into line and on August 8<sup>th</sup> came under fire from a heavy enemy barrage. This delayed a planned attack on the enemy lines until August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The diary of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of The Queen's for the 10<sup>th</sup> August 1917 is as follows:

12.45 Leading platoons reach tapes & a.m. enemy being alarmed send up green lights which bring down heavy barrage. 2.28 a.m. another barrage opens by enemy guns.

4.35 Assault launched accompanied by a.m. an excellent barrage. Ground difficult with numerous obstructions including loose wire & tree trunks. Enemy very numerous in INVERNESS COPSE causing many casualties by rifle & M/G. fire. All Officers with the exception of Capt. T.C. FILBY & 2/Lt. J.M. WILSON become casualties. TOTAL CASUALTIES. 10 Off. 272 O.R.  
8 p.m. Message received notifying relief by 10th ESSEX REGT. This was duly effected by early morning.



One of these '*many casualties*' at Inverness Copse and Glencourse Wood was Frank Lord Hampton, aged 33, husband and father of two young girls, Olive Nancy (1915-1993) and Queenie 'Glencourse' Hampton (1918-1999) who he never saw. He was also the step father of teenagers Herbert (1904-1977) and Ivy (1912-1971). His wife Alice would have been two or three months pregnant with Queenie when she received the news of Frank's death.



Frank Lord Hampton appears to have been taken from the appalling conditions of the battlefield by brave stretcher bearers such as these.

He died at or near the Duhallow Advanced Dressing Station (A.D.S.) Cemetery north of Ypres, Belgium where he was finally laid to rest and where he has a memorial headstone.

The lower inscription added at the request of his relatives reads:  
**'PEACE PERFECT PEACE.'**



**The memorial headstone for Frank Hampton at Duhallow near Ypres, Belgium.**

Duhallow A.D.S  
Cemetery north of  
Ypres, Belgium.



Frank's wife, Alice was now widowed for the second time with four living children to support. Her second child, Edith had died in 1911. Frank's post war army pension record transcript showed all four children as qualifying towards their mother's pension.

Alice remained in Boundstone with daughters, Olive and Queenie and was still living at number 2, Hill Top Cottages on the Boundstone Road until her death in 1941. She was buried at St. James where she had been baptised and twice married.

A few months after Alice died, her daughter Olive married R.A.E. draughtsman, Alfred James Rivers and they continued to live in 2, Hill Top Cottages. Olive died in 1993, Alfred on Christmas Day 1999.

<p><i>Alice Eliza Hampton</i> No. 17</p>	<p><i>Hill Top Cottages Boundstone</i></p>	<p><i>May 7<sup>th</sup> 1941</i></p>	<p><i>61 Years</i></p>	<p><i>A J Daull</i></p>
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**Burial of Frank's wife, Alice at St. James, Rowledge.  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941.**

Frank and Alice's other daughter Queenie, who was born after her father's death and never married, moved from Hill Top Cottages to Rose Cottage, also in Boundstone. She died in 1999.



**Frank Lord Hampton.**

## Calculating a BIG profit!

Bob Blackman shared a story with a happy (and highly profitable!) ending, for the Charity "Tools For Self Reliance" who he has worked with for about 25 years, highlighting The Power of the Press (in this case, the Rowledge Review).

Recently, our illustrious organ advertised the need for tools, sewing machines, etc for this worthy charity, and a box containing miscellaneous tools was dropped off to Bob. One of the items in the box was an old Curta calculator – it was valuable and sold on eBay for £950! This is obviously an amazing amount to raise so quickly, especially at such a time when public fundraising has been very limited. This is almost as much as much as they'd get selling tools all day at a local event.

So thank you Rowledge Review and thank you to the donor!

Bob's keeping his eyes open for the next treasure...perhaps a lost Enigma from Bletchley days!!

## Christmas Cocktails for four

– Tony Carpenter

One benefit of Lockdown, has been the time to try out different cocktails. Cocktail Friday has become a weekly routine to look forward to in our house since March...and it usually starts with a Margarita to kick off the weekend in style.

As Christmas is coming, I thought I'd share a Christmas variation for your pleasure, so you can add a dash of festive spirit to your Christmas - enjoy this vivid red tequila, cranberry and Cointreau cocktail, decorated with an orange sugar rim.

- 1 tsp clear honey
- Finely grated zest and juice 1 orange
- 1 tbsp coarse sea salt
- 1 tbsp granulated sugar
- 200ml Tequila
- Juice 1 lime
- 200ml cranberry juice
- 50ml Cointreau
- Ice

### STEP 1

Using a fine, clean brush, paint a thin layer of honey around the rim of 4 margarita or martini glasses. In a saucer, combine the orange zest, salt and sugar, then turn the glasses upside down and dip them into the mixture. Put the glasses in the fridge to chill.

### STEP 2

In a cocktail shaker, combine the orange juice, Tequila, lime juice, cranberry juice, triple Cointreau - strain the mixture into your prepared glasses and serve.



If this photo was in colour, you'd see a bright red drink with sparkly orange and white rim...mmmm.

# Farnham Foodbank

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

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

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

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

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

**EMAIL - [info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk)**

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

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

PHONE - 01252 792402

EMAIL - [admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjamesrowledge.org.uk)

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

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

**THANK YOU!**

*“The Foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline.”*

Foodbank urgently need:

**Chocolate**

**“Christmassy things”**

**Tinned Potatoes,**

**Dried milk powder,**

**Vegetable oil**

**Raisins**



At the moment they have plenty of:  
Cereals, biscuits, pasta, tinned vegetables, baked beans, butter beans, chick peas, kidney beans, lentils, long life fruit juice and UHT milk

## 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.

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## Rowledge Remembers

With so many restrictions in place this year, the annual Service of Remembrance in St. James' Church and the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial were not able to take place. Instead, Vicar, Russ Gant recorded a poignant Act of Remembrance which can be viewed online on the Church's YouTube channel. As well as this, Adele Regan and Mandy and Graeme Main put together an excellent 'trail' around the village, allowing families to find virtual soldiers and explore some of the history of First World War service men and women who gave their lives in the cause of peace.

And the centrepiece of their efforts – a mannequin made up of the flowers called Albert – proved a talking point for those out exercising as he was moved around the area.

The figure was one of a number of several different – and striking – poppy installations featured around the village.



**Villager Mandy Main – who helped assemble the poppy installations with residents – paid tribute to all who had contributed to the Remembrance season.**

Because of some very pleasant weather over the weekend of 7th-8th November, a large number of families took part in the trail. Rowledge Remembers was also picked up by local and county-wide media.

St James' Church youth and children's minister Adele Reagan – who helped organised the event – told *The Herald* it was crucial to pause and reflect.

She said: "Remembrance Sunday this year was always going to be a bit different in unusual times and with the church building closed for public worship.

"Life is a bit strange at the moment – so we thought we'd do a few things around Rowledge to create a poignant reminder of those who gave their lives.

"The 2020 event was always going to be unusual given everything that has happened this year but everyone has once again pulled together," she concluded.

We would like to thank Adele, Mandy and Graeme, Bob Blackman and all the businesses and other premises who adopted a soldier.



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## A Family Memoir

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Tom and Emma Eaton lived most of their lives in Windsor Forest in Berkshire, now better known as Windsor Great Park, where Tom was a Gamekeeper and Gatekeeper in Royal service. But their story didn't begin there but many miles away in Yorkshire where they first met and where Emma was brought up next to the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey.

Their story is told here by their grandson who never knew them but who has dug into their lives to discover their world and what made them tick. We learn about horse doctoring, gamekeeping and gate keeping; we meet royalty, medieval monks and disaffected lovers. We look into the life of an ordinary family, as it emerges from the end of the 19th century and a new century begins, and as their life unfolds we reflect on what it meant then and what it means today.

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## Let's celebrate a love that builds hope!

It's rare for us to live through a phenomenon which affects us in the UK at the same time as people right across the world. Not often in our lives have we experienced a threat that is shared by our global neighbours as wide ranging as Ethiopia, Lebanon and Nicaragua.

Covid-19 and measures to curb its spread have held much of the world in its thrall throughout 2020 destroying lives, instilling fear, devastating livelihoods and forcing vulnerable people into more desperate poverty.

As we approach Christmas, we are reminded of a person who turned the world upside down for good, whose life in a time of oppression and fear introduced a hope that transformed the globe as it spread across it.

Looking to Emmanuel, God with us, this Christmas, we are reminded that God walks with us through deeply difficult times and works through us in all circumstances to show love to this world. A love that never fails. A love that unites, A love that builds hope.

Inspired by Jesus, Christian Aid walks alongside those for whom coronavirus is yet another threat on top of existing ones, including the climate crisis, conflict and, in 2020, the impact of devastating locust swarms in Eastern Africa.

Christian Aid's support and actions help people like Mekonnen Sofar in Ethiopia's South Omo Region. He digs a metre deep in dry river beds to find water to keep his livestock alive as the climate crisis pushes his family into hunger and threatens his whole way of life. Friends, fellow herdsmen, women and children have died through digging so deep that the dry river bed collapses above them.

In Ethiopia, and around the world, people living in poverty are on the frontline of the climate crisis.

Christian Aid is working with communities like Mekonnen's to provide communal water sources and to explore alternative means of raising income, such as making soap from Aloe vera and planting drought resistant crops.

Families are losing water, food, homes and livelihoods. Every day, they walk further, dig deeper, work harder, and build stronger to simply survive. Unrelenting. Determined to build a world in which their children will thrive.

*Photo credit Christian Aid Elizabeth Dalziel*



**Mekonnen digs in a dry river bed to find water for his livestock.**

## Rowledge Review

Hope for a better future is the greatest gift we can give this season.

The new restrictions placed on how we meet and interact have caused us all to rethink what it is to be community. Supporters of Christian Aid know that we are bound together by much more than a virus and have shown a deep determination to continue to reach out to others across the world.

This Christmas we can celebrate the incredible truth that we are bound together globally by love. A love that builds resilience in the face of disease, drought and darkness, that builds up hope for all our neighbours.

This Christmas we give, we act, and we pray: because love calls us to action. Because we believe in a hope that lasts – a hope that drives us to build a better world.

Our traditions may look different in this year of social distance, yet love is never distant.

To find out more about Christian Aid's Christmas appeal, including how to act for climate justice visit [caid.org.uk/hope](http://caid.org.uk/hope).

**To donate to Christian Aid please go to Farnham Christian Aid's just giving page.**

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## Help needed with the Rowledge Review

Following many years managing the advertising sales for the Rowledge Review, Maggie Blyth would like to hand over the reigns, so we're looking for someone to take over this role. It's not an onerous job, but very important, as it allows us to continue providing our monthly magazine.

If you would like to discuss this role, please do get in touch.

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## Change habits to cut energy use. (Binsted Eco Network)

**Lifestyle tweaks to save energy:** Think you've heard every trick in the book? Here's our selection of energy-saving ideas, from the nerdy to the cute and downright wacky:



- 1) Stop gazing longingly into your fridge:** Brits apparently look in their fridge 14 times a day. Each time, warm air gets in. Keep that door closed! It's good for the diet too.
- 2) Adjust your TV brightness:** As on your smartphone, reducing your TV brightness reduces its energy consumption. If buying a new TV, opt for an LED one and check it has an 'energy-saving mode' that automatically adjusts backlight brightness.
- 3) Towels & tumble dryers:** Tumble dryers use lots of energy. If you can't kick the habit, throw in an already-dry towel, to speed up drying times, so you can use a shorter cycle. Or buy wool 'Dryer Balls', which can be used many times and also help soften your clothes.
- 4) Using washing machines' eco cycles:** mud-stained sports clothes may need washing at 40-60C, but most washing is effectively cleaned at 20-30C.
- 5) Use your microwave more:** Microwaves can be a great alternative to cook or reheat food - they often use only 20% of the energy needed to power an oven.
- 6) 'Left the lights-on again' jar:** Dust down your money box. Each time someone leaves a light on unnecessarily, it's 50p into the jar. Use the money saved on whatever you fancy.
- 7) Check outdoor light bulbs:** As the days shorten, outdoor lighting comes into its own. But if your porch lights or floodlights still use halogen bulbs, switch them to LEDs.
- 8) Motion sensor lights,** installed inside, can prevent unwanted lights being on for hours.
- 9) Don't leave appliances on standby:** switching them off can save you £30 p.a.
- 10) Open windows instead of using an extractor fan:** when cooking or showering.
- 11) Pack your freezer:** and defrost frozen items in the fridge.
- 12) Boil only the amount of water you need:** If everyone did this each time they used the kettle, the electricity saved in a year would power the UK's street lights for 7 months.
- 13) If your family can't agree on the thermostat temperature?** Why not treat the colder-blooded members of the family to a snugly heated blanket? These cost only pennies to run and save you from heating the whole house. Or cuddle your pets and use them as your personal hot water bottle - they'll love the attention, as well as keeping you warm.
- 14) And understand your energy use, by better monitoring:** if you want to know what you're using in energy and CO2 but don't have a smart meter, Energy Alton can offer an energy monitor on long term free loan. Just email [energyalton@gmail.com](mailto:energyalton@gmail.com).

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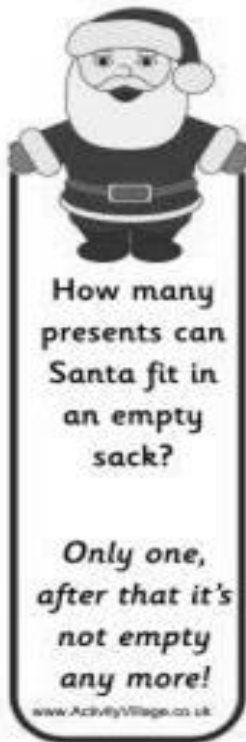
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# Fun time



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What do you call an old snowman?  
Water!

What do you have in December that's not in any other month?  
The letter D!

Why was Santa's little helper so depressed?  
Because he had very low elf esteem.

What do fish sing in the winter?  
Christmas Corals.

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



## Tackle sewage pollution.

Shockingly, there were over 200,000 discharges of untreated sewage into UK rivers last year, with 21 Storm Overflows in East Hampshire, which discharged raw sewage into rivers for at least 2978 hours, including serious incidents locally in Bentley.



Incidents are rising year on year, suggesting that water companies find it more profitable to pay fines for dumping sewage than to improve their treatment works to prevent the pollution.



On 13 November, a Private Members Bill was debated in Parliament, to try to put a stop to this. See Surfers Against Sewage campaign page: <https://www.sas.org.uk/EndSewagePollution-SewageBill>

## Other Binsted Eco Network news

**Check out the binstedeconetwork Instagram page.** In an attempt to embrace creativity, we're finally trying to be a bit more active on the binstedeconetwork Instagram account. Now we just need some followers! Why not take a look, to see what's going on? You might also like to follow network friend Emma, who's sharing her experiences of living a less plastic-intensive life on Instagram, at [ecoem2020](#).

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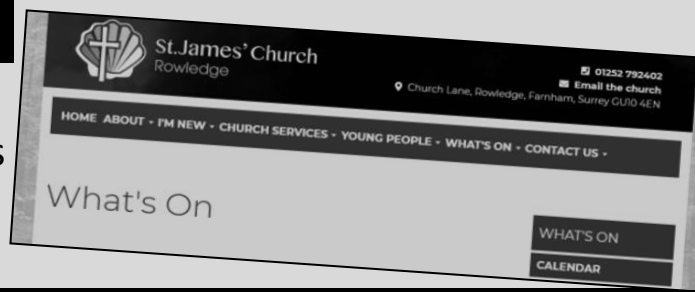
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## EDITORIAL

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

or leave your masterpieces in the pigeonhole provided in St James' Church.

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

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