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## From the Vicarage

I'm a fan of all types of music (with the possible exception of Country and Western) and I love both contemporary and traditional songs of worship as well. One of my favourite hymns was written by Thomas Obediah Chisholm who lived a long life from 1866 to 1960. What a lot of changes he must have witnessed in his 94 years. Perhaps one of his best-known hymns includes the verse:

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

As we start a new year, I am reminded that the beauty of creation all around us, points to the faithfulness of the Creator. Every new season is a testimony to the reliability of God. As surely as winter comes, so it will be followed by the new life of spring. We can have absolute confidence in this.

Those who study the night sky know precisely where the sun, moon and stars will be on any particular day of the year. God has ordered the world in which we live. And for those who argue that science provides all the answers we need, I am struck by the fact that maths and the sciences only work in an ordered world. If two plus two, suddenly stopped being four, or the gravimetric forces that anchor us to the ground should change, science would suddenly become unreliable.

At the beginning of 2021, the vast majority of us have become people of faith. "Not me" you might say. But we are looking to our scientists in absolute faith that the vaccines created to combat Covid-19 will be effective. We are trusting that they will be safe and will not have adverse side effects. I am confident. And whilst I have great faith in our incredible scientific and educational institutions and give thanks for them daily, my faith is first and foremost in the God who can be trusted, who is reliable, who is faithful.

Perhaps at the beginning of 2021 you might join me in this simple prayer:

Almighty God,

I give you thanks for the skill and ability of those developing vaccines.

I seek also to have faith in you.

Thank you that creation shows us that you are a God of order.

Would you bring order out of the pain, suffering and restrictions imposed by this virus?

Bring us to the springtime of new hope and new possibilities.

Amen.

With my prayers and blessings for 2021,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russ'.

Rev. Russ Gant, Vicar

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### Funerals

Anna “Shirley” Margaret Adams - 85

Graham Hunt Rose – 83

Joyce Evelyn Howard - 93

Edith Alice Margaret Dyer (Bubbles) - 91

## BIBLE READING NOTES

As a church, St James’ offer the opportunity to have daily bible readings with notes in book form, which is published three times a year, or by daily email. The full cost would be £17.95 but, by annual subscription through the church, this is reduced to £14.10.

### Try before you buy!

I have some past copies of New Daylight (Bible Reading Fellowship) and would be pleased to give them to anyone who might be interested.

Please call **Sue Kelly** on **01252 795433** or

Email on **suekelly@madasafish.com**



## IN OUR PRAYERS

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



## 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** 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.

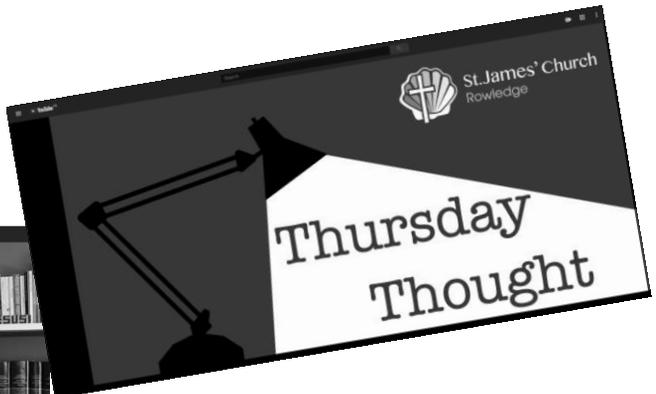


### Sunday Madness

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).

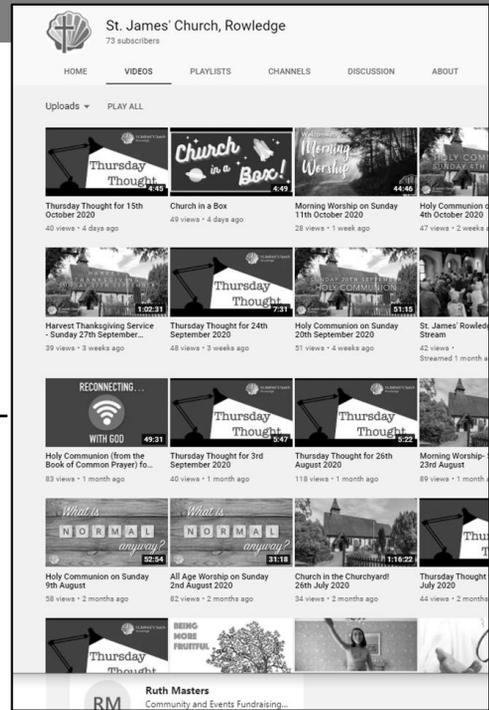
## Church Services

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:



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## January Sunday Sermon Series

### 27th December - *First of Christmas*

No service. Instead the Diocese has pre-recorded a service for use by all churches on that day.

### 3rd January - *Epiphany*

Matthew 2: 1-12

“Bending the Knee” The wise bow before the Lord.

### 10th January - *Baptism of Jesus*

Mark 1: 4-11

“Receive more of the Spirit” Jesus is baptised

### 17th January - *Second of Epiphany (Holy Communion)*

John 1: 43-51

“How do you know me?” The calling of Philip and Nathanael

### 24th January - *Third of Epiphany*

John 2: 1-11

“Stepping into Destiny” Jesus at the wedding of Cana

### 31st January – *Candlemass (Holy Communion)*

Luke 2: 22-40

“Faith-filled Generations”

150th Anniversary of Consecration of St. James' Bishop Andrew in attendance (see page 7)<sub>6</sub>





## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. James' Church

As many will remember, last year was supposed to include a number of commemorations marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of St. James' Church. Obviously very few of these took place, although we did produce two books, one by Roy Waight on the history of the parish and a wonderful photographic record by Simon Fletcher (copies of both are still available from the Church Office – see page 22).

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a somewhat 'moveable feast' because although construction of the church was completed in 1870, it was not consecrated for services until January 1871. So Arguably, 2021 is just as appropriate a year to celebrate.

With that in mind, the Bishop of Guildford, the Right Reverend Andrew Watson is due to lead a service of thanksgiving on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January, almost exactly 150 years to the day since the original consecration.

At this service, a new set of altar cloths and vestments will be blessed by the Bishop. These were designed and created using a legacy left by the late Dr. Margaret Cothey. Because of the restrictions still in place at the time of writing, attendance at this service will be very limited, but we will broadcast the service live at 10am. Do join us online if you are able to do so. Further details will be available nearer the time on our website – [stjamesrowledge.org.uk](http://stjamesrowledge.org.uk)





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# Morning Prayers

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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](mailto: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.

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## METHODIST CHURCH



The stewards of The Methodist Church met on 15th December to discuss future services. When it is decided to open the Church for services there will be posters updating our decisions at The Church. 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 Simpkins, our Minister, his number is: 01420 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.

## At home?

Would you like to help the community?

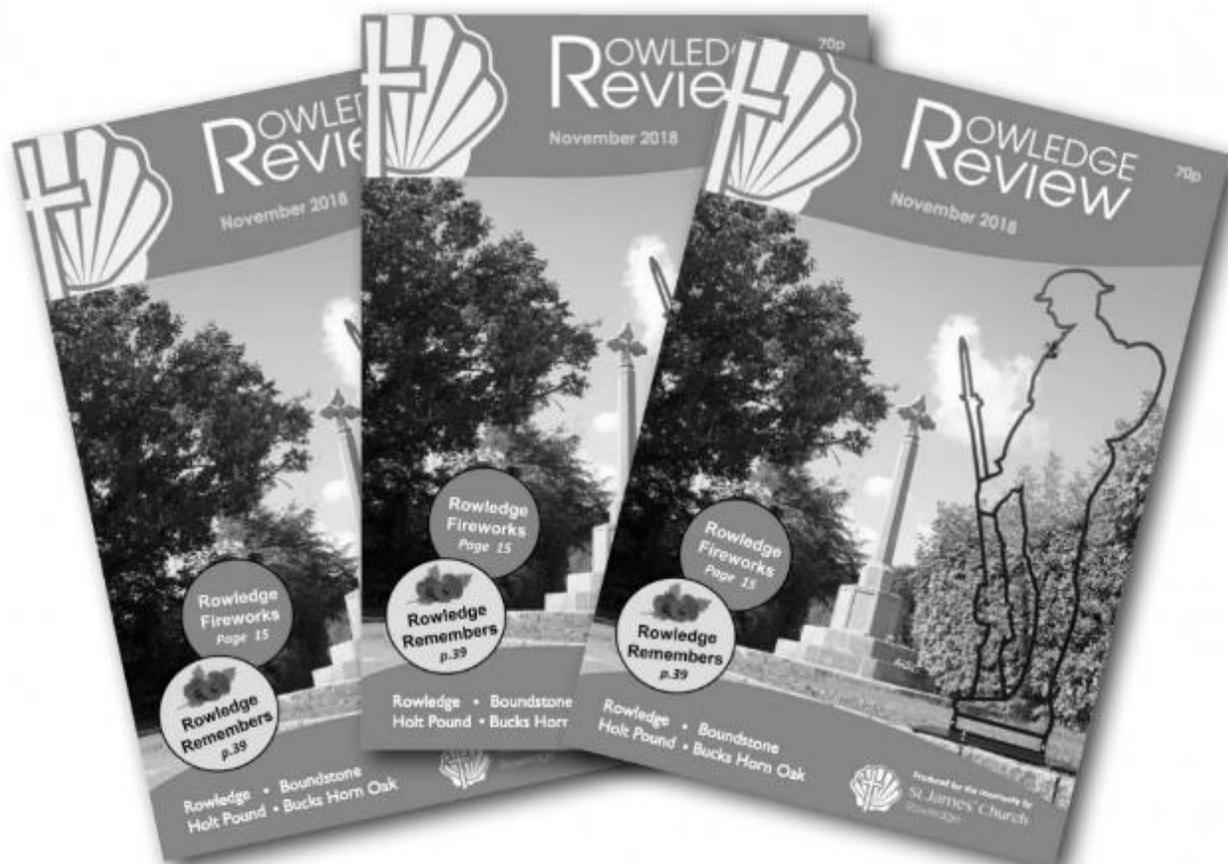
# We need some help with the Rowledge Review!

Following many years managing the advertising sales for the Rowledge Review, Maggie Blyth would like to hand over the reins, 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.

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



## Giles Munby – Churchwarden and Botanist

The retirement of Lesley Voice and Mike Randall as churchwardens recalls both the importance of the role and some of the characters who have served as churchwardens in the history of St. James'.

The office of Churchwarden appears to date from the 13th Century as the lay office responsible for care of the Church building and its contents, including the responsibility of providing for the repairs of the nave, and of furnishing the utensils for divine service. Churchwardens had custody of the fabric and furniture of the church, and even today, they are the legal guardians of the church's moveable goods, of which they are required to keep an accurate, up-to-date inventory.

Mike and Lesley have always acted with restraint, leaving the parishioners unmolested, but don't underestimate the great powers they possessed and which now pass to Karen Fewster and Clive Jourdain. According to Wikipedia, they are responsible for apprehending anyone guilty of riotous, violent, or indecent behaviour in the church or churchyard, or guilty of molesting, disturbing, vexing, or troubling, or by any other unlawful means disquieting or misusing, the vicar! They exercise this power by making a citizen's arrest. The Anglican authorities advise caution in using this power of arrest. Rather sadly, I have no record of any such incident at Rowledge. However, think twice before disquieting the vicar in the presence of a churchwarden. Historically, there were two types of wardens: the people's wardens who were elected annually by the congregation as a whole at what was called the Annual Vestry Meeting, now the Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM); and the vicar's wardens, appointed directly by the vicar. This was the way it was when St James' was consecrated in 1871. Usually the vicar chose a prominent member of the local gentry, while the congregation chose a local tradesman. These days both churchwardens are appointed at the APCM and the old social distinctions have disappeared.

The churchwardens were from the first leading members of the parish council which became, in time, 'the Vestry', so-called because it met in the church's vestry. By Elizabethan times, the Vestry had acquired extraordinary powers and was, in practice, responsible not only for the church, but for local secular affairs as well. At the high point of their powers, just prior to removal of Poor Law responsibilities in 1834, the vestries spent not far short of one-fifth of the budget of the national government itself. The Vestry **was** local government and exercised power over you whether you went to church or not.

By that time, 1834, more than 15,600 ecclesiastical parish vestries looked after not only their own churches, but a wide range of secular responsibilities. They endowed charities, provided the local market crosses, pumps, pounds, whipping posts, stocks, cages, watch houses, weights and scales, clocks and fire engines. They were responsible for the keeping of the peace, the repression of vagrancy, the relief of

destitution, the mending of roads, the suppression of nuisances, the destruction of vermin, the furnishing of soldiers and sailors, even to some extent the enforcement of religious and moral discipline. These were among the multitudinous duties imposed on the parish and its officers, that is to say the vestry and its organisation, by the law of the land, and by local custom and practice as the situation demanded.

To do all this, a sophisticated administration was required. The decisions and accounts of the vestry committee were administered by the parish clerk, and records of parish business were stored in a "parish chest" kept in the church and provided for security with three different locks, the individual keys to which would be held by such as the vicar and the churchwardens. The Vestry did all of this at a small fraction of the cost spent today by local government. Whether they were as good, I wouldn't like to say... By the time St James' was set up, as I say, these secular powers had been removed and the first churchwarden, Giles Munby, had the less onerous responsibilities of today's incumbent.

**Our first churchwarden, Giles Munby.**  
Impressive beards seem to have been the order of the day.



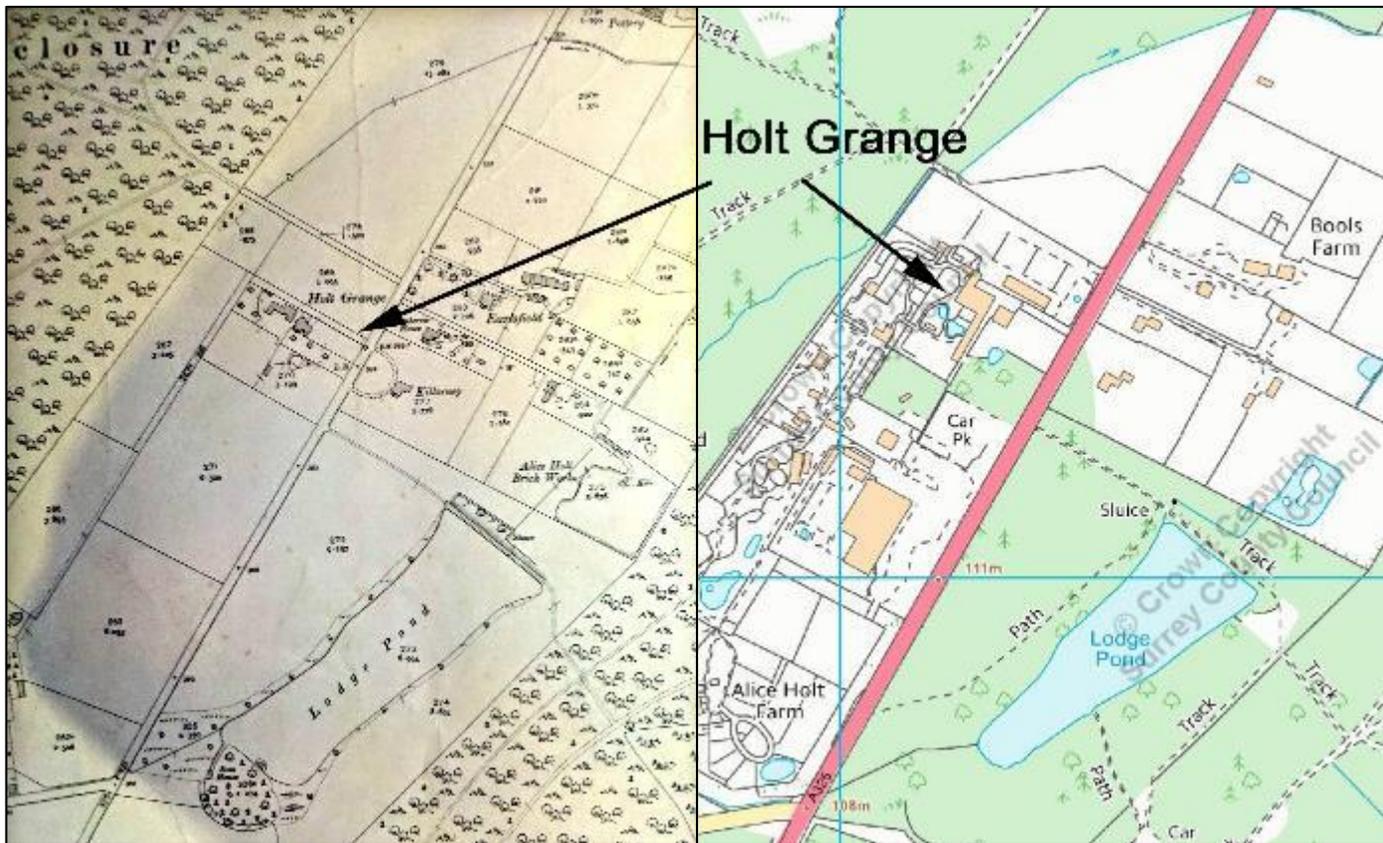
THE LATE GILES MUNBY, Esq.

I thought it might be interesting to research our first churchwarden. He turns out to have been a remarkable man. You can find his grave on the south side of the church, just by the porch and surrounded by a low rail.

Munby lived at a house called Holt Grange located in Holt Pound. The house itself was rather fine. Long after Munby was dead, it was occupied (from 1898 to 1916) by Capt. Heathcote who had a famously fine garden, tended by his gardener, Mr. William Hurt of Holt Cottage. Its fine garden was a legacy of Giles Munby because Munby was a prominent botanist.

Shortly after he arrived, the Revd. Parker, our first vicar, went to see Mr. Munby, who had recently moved to Holt Grange with his second wife and three daughters after an

exotic career. Munby was born in 1813 in York. He was orphaned young and went to sea. As a young surgeon's apprentice, he had assiduously attended the poor during the great cholera epidemic of 1832. He had then spent time studying botany and entomology in France. On a voyage to Constantinople, unfavourable winds had landed him in Algiers, where he resolved to stay. The hot weather suited him. He lived there for five years, collecting plants, cultivating oranges, shooting, and practising medicine among the Arabs and French soldiers. After his first wife died, he returned, remarried and settled in the large house adjoining Alice Holt, where he cultivated Algerian plants and sat drinking tea with Parker.



**The location of Holt Grange in 1910 and today is shown. Clearly the old house that Munby lived in has been substantially replaced by the modern and rather fine house**

Munby's choice of Rowledge was a straw in the wind. Before Farnham Station opened, he would not have chosen the place. But the air was good for his health. With some 800 newly identified species to his name, he was a scholar and author of many botanical works. Life in a dusty climate has exacted a toll on his lungs. Parker was to bury him within a few years. Munby's herbarium was presented to Kew Gardens.

Giles Munby kept a diary for many years. His entries for July 30 to August 2 are terse and put the laying of the church foundation stone by Mrs Julius, wife of Wrecclesham's vicar, the Revd Henry Richard Julius, into context!

*"July 30 – I went to fish near Willey Mill. Caught one dace with fly and was broke away by a fine trout. Farnham athletic sports at Willey Park. Began taking up the crop of 40-fold potatoes in the garden. July 31 – cloudy day. Edward and I drove to Huntingford Bridge after dinner. I caught eight dace and a trout and he caught a chub and a roach. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy passed when we were fishing and we gave them some fish. Slight rain in the evening. Lindsay called and I gave him £10 on account of his will. A man shot 95 pigeons in one day at Dockenfield. August 1 – Eliza and Edward and I drove to Binsted to church. Lovely day. The three girls walked to Bentley church. Tom Stacklim (?) came to tea. Very heavy showers at 4 p.m. and six with one clap of thunder. August 2 – heavy showers all day. The children drove to Farnham after dinner. Gather the last cherries in Mr. Boyd's cottage. Mrs. Julius laid the foundation of Rowledge church."*

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He was slightly more forthcoming in his entries for late January:

*“January 24 – cold, drizzly day. Wind northerly. Mr. Kennedy of Kingsley called with a letter from Mr. Boyd to Mr. Charles Walker. January 25 – snow nearly all day. January 26 – fine and frosty and walk to Farnham and saw Trimmer about his ground for which he wants £100 an acre. The girls went to tea to Mrs. Parker’s to practice singing for the opening of the new church. January the 27<sup>th</sup> – wrote to Oran. The girls went to tea at Mr. Amos’s. Fred went to Farnham to fetch some coke but could not get any. Got one dozen tarragon from Williams. January 28 – frost again. The Bishop of Winchester consecrated the new church of St. James at Rowledge. Mr. Amos and myself acted as churchwardens. There were about 300 persons present. 29<sup>th</sup> of January – we all went to Rowledge church. There were 275 persons in the afternoon. 30<sup>th</sup> of January – frost continues. Tried the big pond.”*

It’s remarkable to note that the church housed 300 people at one service and 275 at the other. Where did they all sit?

Giles Munby’s diary entry for 25 May 1871 conveys the mixture of the quotidian and topical which doubtless characterized conversation at that, as at any, time.

*“Mary went to the Fitzgeralds’ to tea and came back with her at 9 p.m. and brought news of Paris in flames. Zephyr, Baron Rothschild’s colt, won the Derby today.”*

The Fitzgeralds had clearly witnessed the Paris Commune, which lasted between the 28 March and the 28 May. ‘*La demaine sanglante*’ (the Bloody Week) of the 21 May to the 28 May, when the army suppressed the commune, was dramatically bloody and thousands died. It profoundly influenced Karl Marx ... he deemed it an example of the ‘dictatorship of the proletariat’. The colt referred to by Munby was Favonius, one of the best English-trained horses of his era. He won the Derby with odds of 9/1 in a field of 17. The result proved hugely popular and the Baron, who won four of the five British classic races that year, was mobbed. The Baron gave the jockey, Tom French, £1,000 and an annuity of £200 for life for winning the race. These were large sums. The Revd. Parker lived comfortably on a stipend of £300 p.a. Munby was a keen follower of both politics and the turf.

Rather sadly, I am unable to find Giles Munby’s diary in its entirety. If anyone knows where it is, please tell me.

At his final service before retirement, forty years after Giles Munby started his brief period as churchwarden, the Revd. Parker selected for his text the words “*Thou shalt remember all the ways which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years.*” And this he proceeded to do. He remembered the old churchwardens, Mr. Munby, Mr. Ablett, Mr. Feilden, Mr. George Thompson and Mr. Millais, how Mr. Daniel Porter had been elected People’s Warden in 1877 and was still faithfully serving. He recollected Mr. Henry Bryant, the first sexton, succeeded by Mr. W. Cranham. He remembered the building of the school by Mr. Shrubbs and how it had been opened by Canon Carus of Winchester on 7 May 1872. How nine years later they had enlarged it. He remembered Miss Mary Wickens, the first headmistress and Mrs. Wakeford, who had

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been head of the infants' school from then till now. He remembered starting the Rowledge branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, which took place on 13 November 1879 and how it had flourished for some 31 years. From the Temperance Society had come the Drum and Fife and Brass Bands. He reflected on how The Bands of Hope of Rowledge and Bucks Horn Oak had increased the adult branches of the society. He mourned William Wakeford, who was largely responsible for the success of the Temperance Society. He recollected the Reading Room and how it had evolved into the Institute, established in a single room, and then at Firfield. As if in honour of his memories, a brass band under Mr. Jesse Ralph, held a church parade in the morning.

It is clear that Munby, whom he mentioned first, had stayed in his memory. He had died long before, of inflammation of the lungs, on 12 April 1876.

I know the names of the early churchwardens because the vicar's eldest daughter, Florence, made a note of them in her diary. Some of the dates are difficult to read and I record these with Xs:

**Churchwardens (vicar's):** 1871, Giles Munby Esq. of Holt Grange; 1872 to 1873, E A Seildon (?) Esq. of Woodleigh; 1874 to XXXX, W H Millais Esq. of Ward Hill; XXX2 to 1895, Col. Callwell of Mayfield; 1896 to 1899, Edmund Furse Esq. of Frensham Vale; 1900 to 1907, Capt. Heathcote of Holt Grange; 1908 to 1909, Maj. Lane of the Avenue; 1910 to 1915, Egerton Brown Esq. of Tona (?), Bucks Horn Oak; 1916 to 1923, S Gore Brown Esq. of Rowledge House; 1923 to 1940, Gen. Lushington of Woodlea; 1940 – Dr. J Caldecott of Lynwood. **Churchwardens (People's):** 1871, William H Ablett Esq. of Broomfield; 1872, Mr. George Thompson of Birds Nest Farm; 1873 to 1874, Mr. R P Buckler (?) of the White House; 1875 to 1876, Mr. George Thompson of Birds Nest Farm; 1877 to 1921, Mr. Daniel Porter of the Post Office; 1922 to 1925, Mr. Fred Stonnard of Manley Bridge Cottage; 1925 to 1927, Mr. Biles of the Post Office; 1927, Mr. Fred Stonnard of Manley Bridge Cottage; 1941, Mr. L H (?) Snooke of Manley Bridge Cottage; 1942 to 1952, Mr. James Bicknell of the Hare and Hounds; 1952, Adml. Sir Geoffrey Miles of Forest Lodge Dockenfield.

When Giles Munby lived there, Holt Pound was probably the most interesting part of the Parish of Rowledge; not only Munby, but a young 35-year-old master potter called Absalom Harris lives there with his wife, three sons and a servant. He employed two men, one of whom, William Collins, lived nearby. Absalom was already well-established, having set up a pottery at Elstead when only 22. The Gault clay of the Forest attracted him to Holt Pound around 1865 and he was keen to build a pottery business where, unbeknownst to him, Roman and medieval potters once prospered. Unfortunately, the gault clay often contained small nodules of chalk which exploded in his kiln, shattering the pots. In 1871 he moved to Wrecclesham and found the Farnham Pottery there on a seam of pure clay. His kiln is still there. I'd like to think that young Absalom and the older Munby met and discussed affairs.

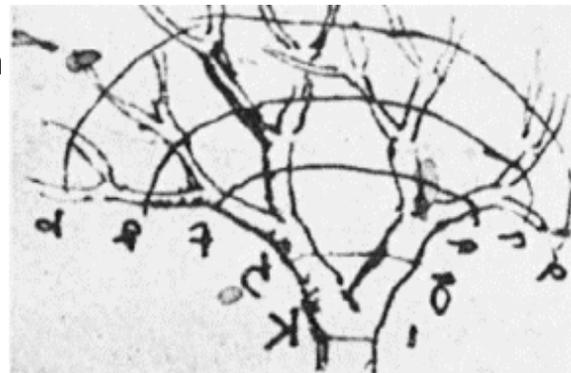
If only I could find that diary!

## Extract from December issue of the Binsted Eco Network Newsletter

**This newsletter's unapologetically dedicated to the wonders of trees.** Not only do they clean our air, filter our drinking water, purify our soil and provide vital wildlife habitats, their mere presence has been shown to make us calmer, happier and more creative. Hospital patients with bedside windows looking onto trees are recorded as healing, on average, a day faster, and needing less pain medication, than patients with a view of a brick wall. And observing the bare branches of deciduous trees in winter not only reveals their beauty, it also reveals some unexpectedly cool maths facts:

### **'Leonardo's Rule for Branches'**

Leonardo da Vinci noticed a curious thing about trees' branching patterns, way back in the 15th century - *'all the branches of a tree, at every stage of its height, when put together are equal in thickness to the trunk.'* If you cut all the branches off a tree at a fixed height from the ground, and bundle them all together, the size of this cylinder always equals the size of the trunk at ground level. Amazingly, this rule applies at whatever height you take the measurement, as illustrated in the sketch he made (shown below). Da Vinci's thinking was that branches act as pipes to move fluid, so their total cross-sectional area must be the same at different levels of the tree to work efficiently. But while the rule itself still stands, branching is nowadays thought to be caused by the impact of wind on a tree, not by fluid dynamics.



### **Branching fractals.**

You may already know that trees grow in patterns known in maths as 'branching fractals' - geometric shapes that split into parts, each of which is pretty much a reduced-size copy of the whole. Surprisingly, even the biggest trees tend to have no more than 11 fractals. Find a tree to check this out. Starting at ground level, count how many times each stem splits into a smaller one - count the main trunk as '1', then when this has a branch, count that as '2', and when this branch produces a twig it's '3', etc. On young trees, say one about the same height as you, you'll typically count to about five. Yet on big trees it's rare to count to more than 11.

### **Trees' hidden underground networks.**

Trees in a forest 'talk' and share nutrients through an underground 'internet' built by soil fungi. Research is showing that these mycorrhizal networks go well beyond symbiotic relationships between an individual tree and its fungi. The networks seemingly also enable resource-sharing between multiple trees: older 'mother' trees are connected to many younger trees around them, sending their excess carbon through the mycorrhizal network to their understory seedlings, which apparently increases seedling survival by up to four times.

### **Considering how wonderful trees are, it's tragic we're planting so few of them.**

Despite expansive promises by all the UK's political parties to plant millions, or even billions, more trees, the UK is currently planting way *fewer* trees than it did in the 1980s. Most of the new planting's in Scotland, with England seeing *decreasing* planting levels.

### **Shown up by Ethiopia's reforestation programme!**

In contrast, Ethiopia has been planting serious numbers of trees. It seems that last year it planted four billion trees, and set a new record, of planting 353 million trees in a single day.

### **This time of year is the perfect time for us to plant a tree or two.**

We're currently at the start of the UK's tree bare-root planting season, when bush fruit, nut trees, hedging and specimen trees can all be planted while they're in winter 'hibernation'. Compared to container grown plants, bare-root plants are far more economical, typically costing half of container-grown equivalents. They're also more planet-friendly and use less plastic.

### **Do you have unwanted tree seedlings you can donate to Ben Hamlin?**

Ben Hamlin recently became Binsted parish's Tree Warden, to act as a champion for our local trees, as part of East Hampshire's volunteer tree warden network. To help get more trees planted locally, Ben is asking anyone with



spare tree seedlings to donate them to a new 'tree orphanage' he's just set up at the Binsted allotments. Young tree seedlings, such as hollies, hazels, hornbeams, oaks and yews, often spring up in our garden borders, growing healthily but in the 'wrong place'. Rather than tossing them on the compost heap, please donate them to Ben's orphanage, to be nurtured until they can go to their 'forever' homes. Simply pot them up, or even just put them in a carrier bag, and leave them by the allotment fence at the Binsted Recreation Ground, so Ben can plant them up.

### **Acorns, acorns, everywhere.**

Have you noticed a bumper crop of acorns this year? Across the UK, oak trees have had what's known as a 'mast year'. Such years really boost the natural regeneration of oak, and oaks' ideal helpmates for this regeneration are jays and thorny scrub. A single jay can plant 7,500 acorns in a month. Carrying these highly calorific oak nuts in its gullet, six at a time, the jay buries them at a distance from the parent oak tree, often amongst protective thorny scrub, to feed itself through the winter and its young in spring. Many acorns not recovered by the jay end up developing into healthy saplings, because they're protected by nature's barbed wire from browsing animals. '*The thorn is the mother of the oak*', as the ancient forestry saying goes!

We can replicate the jays' acorn-planting ourselves, as an effective way of helping

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to re-establish trees in the wider countryside, as long as we remember that acorns are 'recalcitrant' seeds, which lose their viability if they dry out. Test their viability before planting, by dropping them into a bowl of water, and keeping only those that sink.

### **Not able to plant a tree? Then maybe switch your search engine instead?**

The Ecosia search engine commits 80% of its profits to supporting reforestation projects. To date it's helped plant over 70 million trees. **And, help conserve trees by using less paper.** Set your office and home printers to print two-sided. And go 'paperless', by cancelling your paper bank statements and bills and opting to use electronic statements instead. This not only saves trees and energy, it also means you have less waste to get rid of!

## *Rowledge Village Hall News*

### **Rowledge Village Hall update December 2020**

#### **Lockdown 2.0**

All groups, other than Preschool, paused for Lockdown 2.0. The new Tier 2 restrictions mean that Line Dance, Art and Badminton will not resume for the time being. Children's Ballet groups are meeting again on Wednesdays.

#### **100 Club NEW BANK ACCOUNT**

We are most grateful for the continuing support from residents who belong to the 100 club and support the village hall in this invaluable way. New members are always welcome to join - it's fun and it raises funds for the Village Hall. Each number costs £1 a month and the odds are much better than the national lottery. Winning numbers are drawn every two months for prizes of £50 or £20. Twice a year there is a grand draw for £100. Please contact our Treasurer, John Phipps, for more details by email [sfo.rvh@gmail.com](mailto:sfo.rvh@gmail.com) . *You've got to be in it to win it...*

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#### **Maintenance**

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ROWLEDGE VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR 2021

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

# Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar



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)		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	Bridal Singers		Village Club
19.00-20.00	Prayer Singers		St James Church
19.45-22.30	Prayer Singers Club		Village Hall
<b>Thursday</b>			
09.00-16.00	Prayer Singers		Methodist Hall
10.00-12.00	Art Club		Village Hall
12.30-1.30	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)		Methodist Hall
14.30-15.30	Steady Steps		Village Hall
18.00-19.00	Boot Camp		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Gardening Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Bootcamp		Village Hall
20.30-23.00	Men's Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)		Hare and Hounds
<b>Friday</b>			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
09.00-12.00	Coffee Spot		Village Hall
16.00-18.30	Ballet		Village Hall
19.00-20.00	Choir practice		St James' Church
<b>Sunday</b>			
19.45-20.45	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall



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

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

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## Children's Remembrance cards

The messages for Remembrance Day, written by the children at Rowledge School, and displayed around the memorial, were lovely...so we have reproduced some here:

"To everyone who fought in the war, thank you. You helped bring peace to the world and in my opinion there is no greater achievement."

"To all who fought for us so we can have freedom thank you. You risked your life to save us. During hard times you saved everyone's lives. No one would know where we would be today without you..."

"To all that served in the war for us to have a better life now. We will always remember them".

"Thank you for risking your life to save ours. Thank you for persevering when times got tough"

"Thank you for helping us fight back the bads. Thank you for being brave and bold. We will remember the peace you gave to our land"

"To everyone that fought for our freedom, served our country and lost their lives for ours. We are thinking of them every day. May they rest in peace. We will remember"

## Phyllis Tuckwell Lights Up Cathedral To Remember Loved Ones

On the evening of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the outside of Guildford's iconic cathedral was lit up with a giant festive Christmas tree and the names of very many special people, as local charity Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care held a Covid-secure version of its annual Light up a Life service.

The service is held every year to remember loved ones who are sadly no longer with us, and usually sees hundreds of people gather together around a huge Christmas tree, in the grounds of the charity's Hospice in Farnham. However, with large gatherings not possible this year due to Coronavirus restrictions, an alternative was created. Phyllis Tuckwell held the service outside the cathedral, livestreaming it so that all who wanted to could watch it from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

The service included readings and prayers as usual and, in addition to these, 15 year old chorister Ruby Skilbeck, a finalist in the BBC's Young Chorister of the Year 2020, sang a beautiful rendition of 'Silent Night'. Instead of the usual Hospice Christmas tree, the image of a giant Christmas tree was projected onto the front of the cathedral, along with the names of all those who were being remembered this year. During the service, the tree's lights were 'switched on' in memory of all those who are sadly no longer with us.

"We are really pleased that, despite Covid restrictions, we were still able to hold our special Light up a Life service, albeit in a different format to usual," said Ruth Masters at Phyllis Tuckwell. "We estimate that around 1,000 people watched the service at home, and we hope that all those who did, took comfort in it. Huge thanks go to Guildford cathedral for hosting the event, and to Ruby for very kindly singing for us." The service was also recorded, so if you were not able to watch it on the day, you can view it at [www.pth.org.uk/lualservice2020](http://www.pth.org.uk/lualservice2020) and also see the list of names of those being remembered.

If you wish to, you can visit Phyllis Tuckwell'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 in memory of a loved one.



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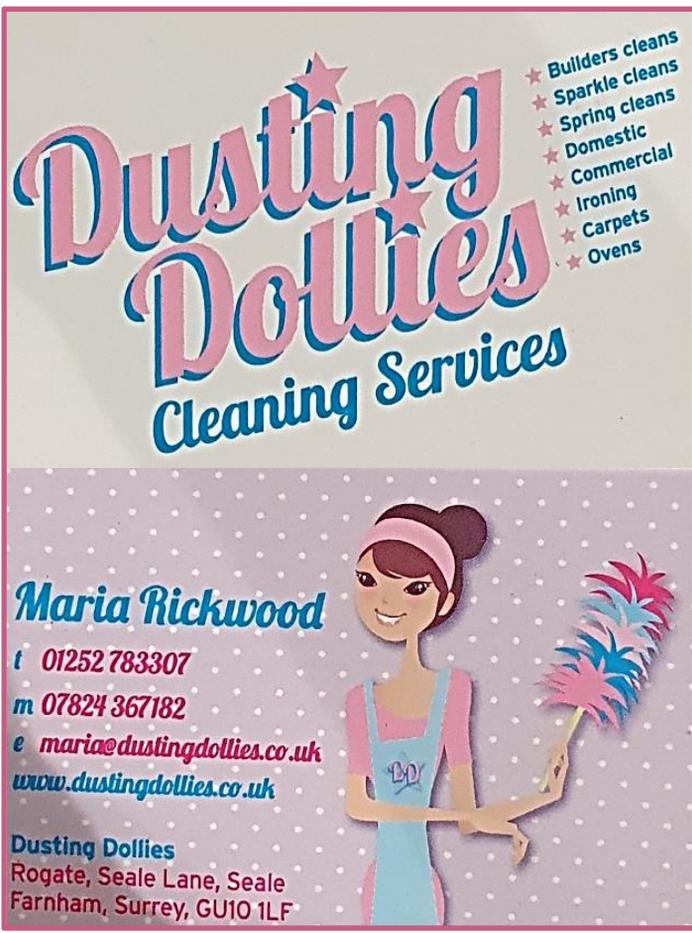
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Men on The Rowledge War Memorial

by Neil Pittaway

This month, I write of two families who each lost loved ones in the Great War, one a father and one a son. The Chandler and Kennedy families may have known each other before WW1 through their common links to the building trade. Like many Rowledge households they shared the grief of the loss of a son or a husband.

However, eight years after the war ended, the two families combined when on September 25<sup>th</sup> 1926, the youngest son of the Chandler family married the eldest daughter of the Kennedy family at St. James.

**William John Chandler. 1894-1916.**  
**Private. 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Sherwood Foresters. Notts. and Derby Regiment. 18594.**



William John Chandler was born in Rowledge in 1894 and baptised at St. James on July 22<sup>nd</sup>:

1894.	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	William John	Daniel and Elizabeth	Chandler	Rowledge	Bricklayers	A. W. Parker, Incumbent.
No. 410							

Baptism of William John Chandler, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1894 at St. James.

His parents were Daniel and Elizabeth (née Sharpson) Chandler. Father Daniel, who was a bricklayer, was born in the Upper Bourne in 1854. Elizabeth Sharpson was born in the Lower Bourne in 1860. Daniel Chandler and Elizabeth Sharpson were married in St. James on March 10<sup>th</sup> 1893.

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
47	March 10 <sup>th</sup> 1893	Daniel Chandler	29	Bachelor	Bricklayer	Rowledge	Will. Chandler	Carpenter
		Elizabeth Sharpson	23	Spinster	—	Rowledge	William Sharpson	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by \_\_\_\_\_ or after \_\_\_\_\_ by me, Arthur W. Parker, Incumbent

This Marriage was solemnised between us: Daniel Chandler in the Presence of Walter Sharpson and Emily Joy Elizabeth Sharpson

Daniel and Elizabeth's marriage. St. James, March 10<sup>th</sup> 1893.

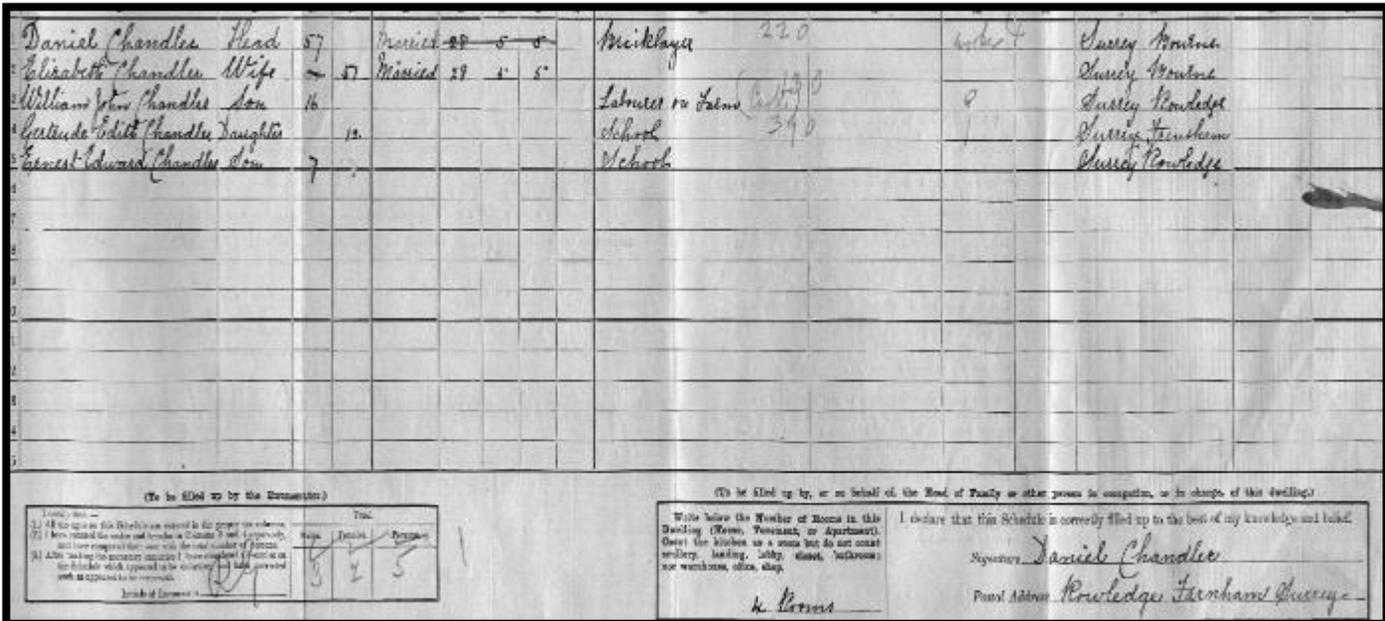
Like so many men in Rowledge around 1900, Daniel, his father and his father in law were likely building many of the residential properties built at that time, especially in Pontypool Road (High Street), Prospect Road, Recreation Road and Church Lane. In 1901 the family were living in 3 Glencoe Cottages in what is now the High Street

**William living with his parents and siblings at Glencoe Cottages, Rowledge 1901.**

Glencoe Cottages Rowledge	1	James Chandler	Head	W	47	Bricklayer	Worker	Surrey, Upper Bourne
		Elizabeth	Wife	W	41			Do Lower Do
		William	Son	✓	6			Do Rowledge
		Alice A.	Daughter	✓	4			Do Do
		Arthur G.	Daughter	✓	2			Do Farnham

William had three sisters. The eldest, Emily, who was born in 1885 was by this time working as a house maid at Mill House, Frensham as was shown in a separate census entry. The youngest, Gertrude was born in 1899 in Frensham, so the family had likely gone there for a short time.

The 1911 census shows William with a brother, Ernest born in 1904, but does not give a specific residence. It will likely have been Glencoe Cottages or their last house, Kiln Cottage, both in Pontypool Road. (Now the High Street).



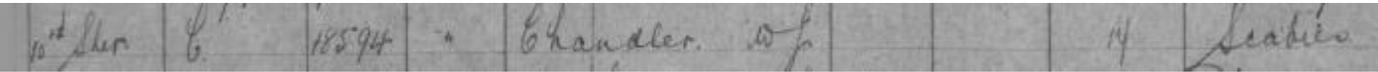
WW1 Medal Card for William John Chandler.

William is shown on this 1911 census to be a farm labourer, possibly at Manley Bridge Farm which was close by. Sister Alice is not shown as in 1911 she was working as a servant at 14 Downing Street, Farnham.

The military record for William John Chandler appears to have been destroyed in the 1940 fire so it is not clear when he enlisted for service with the Sherwood Foresters, the Notts. and Derby Regiment. His death record shows he may have enlisted in Derby although it is more likely he joined at Winchester. Wherever he enlisted, his army medical record shows that he enlisted before August 1915 as at that time he was admitted to the 18<sup>th</sup> General Hospital, near Ypres, with tonsillitis.



In December 1915 he was admitted to a field hospital with scabies.



On both occasions he was serving with the 10<sup>th</sup> Notts and Derby Battalion. William had clearly been very poorly but was sent back to the front.

CHANDLER		Notts + Derby R. Pte		18649
W. J. Chandler		-2-		18594
Metal	Roll	Page	Remarks	
VICTORY	F/103 B 7	1198	Died 14. 2. 16	
BRITISH	-A-	-A-		
15 STAR	F/103 2	122		
Theatre of War first served in		111 France		
Date of entry therein		14. 7. 15		

The Medal Card for William John Chandler confirms that he entered the French theatre of war on July 14<sup>th</sup> 1915 before moving to Belgium. It also shows his award of the 1915 Star.

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion's (and likely William's ww1 history) up to the point William fell: The Battalion was raised at Derby in September 1914. After initial training close to Derby they moved to Dorset in October 1914 and to Winchester in June 1915 for final training.

The division had been selected for home defence duties but this was reversed and they landed at Boulogne, France on July 14<sup>th</sup> 1915 concentrating on the St Omer area.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Sherwood Foresters moved into Southern Ypres for trench familiarisation and then took over the front lines at the Bluff, south east of Ypres on the Comines Canal.

It is known that on the day that William died, February 14<sup>th</sup> 1916 there was a huge mine explosion caused by British Sappers. This was followed by an attack on the enemy which was followed by a German counter attack. It is likely William fell during that attack. He would have been 21 and had suffered from tonsillitis and scabies in the previous few months.

William John Chandler was not recovered and has no known grave. He is remembered on bay 41 of the magnificent Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres where each evening, 100 years on, 'The Last Post' is still played.



Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> 1919 William's final effects were paid to his mother, Elizabeth.

Chandler	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Brookwood	Richfield	4	16	8	4	16	8	Nov 3. 19	22.2.17	Father	4	16	8
William	Noted	Richfield	4	2	16	17						Daniel			
John	Plt	Death										10.11.19	Elizabeth	5	
	18594	presumed													

Effects record for William John Chandler.

The reason for these being paid to William's mother was because his father, Daniel, had died seven months earlier in hospital at Brookwood in March 1919, aged 63. Before entering hospital, Daniel Chandler had been living with his wife in Kiln Cottage, Rowledge and was buried at St. James on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1919:

Daniel Chandler	Kiln Cottage Rowledge	March 24	63	H. Godfrey
No. 513				

The burial of William's father Daniel at St. James, Rowledge March 24<sup>th</sup> 1919

William's mother, Elizabeth died in Rowledge in 1927 and was buried at St. James on July 6<sup>th</sup>. She was 67 and still living in Kiln Cottage:

Elizabeth Chandler	Kiln Cottage Rowledge	July 6 <sup>th</sup> 1927	67	G. S. Bird
No. 613				

Burial record for William's mother, Elizabeth.

William's young brother, Ernest Edward Chandler was born in 1904 and was too young to fight in WW1. He took up his father's trade as a bricklayer and in 1926 married Ethel Nilda Kennedy at St. James

1926. 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.
339	September Twenty Fifth 1926	Ernest Edward Chandler	22	Bachelor	Bricklayer	Rowledge	Daniel Chandler (deceased)	Bricklayer
		Ethel Nilda Kennedy	21	Spinster	—	Rowledge	James Kennedy (deceased)	Painter
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Established Church</u> , by <u>in England</u> or after <u>Usque</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Ernest Edward Chandler</u> and <u>Ethel Nilda Kennedy</u>			In the Presence of us, <u>Ernest Nilda Kennedy</u> and <u>Reginald Charles Lovell</u>		<u>Gay Shephard Bird</u>			

**Marriage of Ernest Edward Chandler to Ethel Kennedy at St. James, 1926**

Ethel's father, James Kennedy fell at Passchendaele, Ypres on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1917 and as follows, his name is listed on our Memorial.



**James Kennedy. 1880-1917.**  
**Private. 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders. S/4847.**  
**Private. 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Gordon Highlanders. S/14861.**



James Kennedy was born in 1880 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent very soon after his parents had moved south to Kent from Ayrshire in Scotland. His father, Solomon Samuel Kennedy was at that time a travelling bookseller and was born in Barhill, Ayrshire in 1849. He was later to become a household machine agent and a bill distributor. James's mother, Flora Dean Findlay was born in Beith, Ayrshire in 1849.

James, with his family, spent his early years moving from place to place, likely as a result of his father's salesman work. In 1881 they were in Wadhurst Kent, by 1885 in Brighton, Sussex. By 1887 they were in Redhill and had moved to Guildford by 1891. The 1891 census for Stoke, Guildford shows the complete family of six children, James by then aged 11.

John Kennedy	Head	M	42	Machine Agent	x	Highway Surtinse
Flora	Wife	W	42			Stoke
William	Son	S	17	Apprentice Painter	x	Stoke
James	Son	S	13	Jaholan		West Tun Wells
Elizabeth	Daughter	D	9	d-		West Lambourmouth
Margaret	Daughter	D	6	d-		Sussex Houdhurst
Agnes	Daughter	D	4	d-		Sussex Brighton

**1891 Guildford.**  
**James aged 11**  
**with parents**  
**and five**  
**siblings.**

The 1901 census has the Kennedy family living in the Temperance Hotel in Seale.

Temperance Hotel	1	Solomon Kennedy	Head	M	52	Household Machine/Agent Worker	Scotland
		Flora do	Wife	W	52		do
		William do	Son	S	25	Machine Mender/Printer Worker	do
		James do	Son	S	21	Painter Sign Painter Worker	Kent Tunbridge Wells
		Elizabeth do	Daughter	D	18	Dressmaker Worker at Home	Sussex Wadhurst
		Agnes do	Daughter	D	13		Sussex Redhill

**James living**  
**with his**  
**parents and**  
**siblings in**  
**Seale 1901.**

Ten years later the 1911 census showed James's parents in Queen's Road, Aldershot.



A photograph taken around that time and shows James's parents Solomon and Flora with three of their daughters, Agnes, Margaret and Elizabeth. The younger man may be James's brother William. James Kennedy married Harriett Nilda Hankins in the late summer of 1904. Their marriage was registered in Farnham. Harriett was born in February 1884 in Tongham, Surrey.

The 1911 census shows James and Harriett living in Rose Cottage, Boundstone with three of their four children. James was a house painter. It seems they had just moved there as their son was born in Tongham, ten months earlier.

James Kennedy	Head	31	Married					House Painter	240	Building	Worker	Longbridge Villa, Hunt	270
Harriett Kennedy	Wife	27	Married	6	4	4	0					Tongham Surrey	
Ethel Kennedy	Daughter	5										Tongham Surrey	
Elsie Scott Kennedy	Daughter	3										Tongham Surrey	
Miss James Kennedy	Son	6 Mo										Tongham Surrey	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in possession, or in charge, of the dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Toilets, or Apartments). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, larder, lavatory, closet, bathroom, or water-closet, office, sleep.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

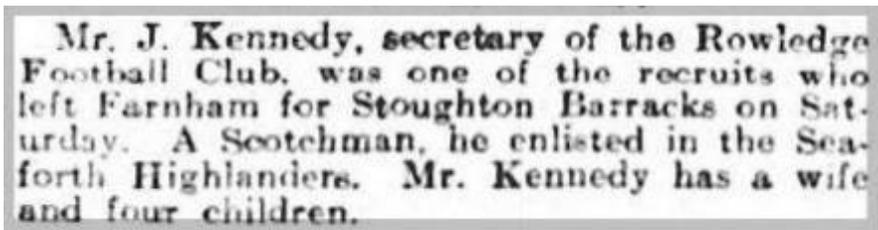
Signature: James Kennedy  
 Postal Address: Rose Cottage, Boundstone, Farnham

**James with wife Harriett and their children, Boundstone, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1911.**

Their first daughter, Ethel Nillda who was to marry into the Chandler family was not shown on this census as she was staying with her maternal grandparents in Tongham when the census was taken.

The 1915 electoral register shows that by 1914 the family had moved from Boundstone to Hurst Villas in Prospect Road, Rowledge.

The Surrey Advertiser noted that James was secretary of the Rowledge Football Club at the time he enlisted into the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Seaforth



Highlanders who were billeted in and around Rowledge in 1915. They will surely have played football with the village.

James Kennedy's military record is missing, presumed lost in the 1940 fire. His death record shows his enlistment as being Guildford. It is clear from his WW1 medal card that he received the 1915 Star so he enlisted in sufficient time to be ready for action in France in 1915.

The medal card also shows that he enlisted in the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders and was given regimental number S/4847 before transferring to the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders and given regimental number S/14861.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regtl. No.
KENNEDY	9/Sea Highlrs	Pte	S/4847
James	9/Gord Highlrs	Pte	S/14861
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	9/10/11	1488	H in A-23-8-17
BRITISH	do	do	
15-STAR	9/11E	25	
Theatre of War first served in	(1) France		

**WW1 Medal Card for James Kennedy**

## Rowledge Review

On the assumption that James quickly transferred from the Seaforth Highlanders to the Gordon Highlanders before he embarked for France, the Battalion records for the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Gordon Highlanders show the dates and actions James was likely involved in.

The battalion landed in Boulogne in July 1915. By the end of September they were in action at the Battle of Loos. James clearly survived the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1915 when over 300 Rowledge billeted 9<sup>th</sup> Seaforth and 8<sup>th</sup> Devonshire men died in their first day of action.

In 1916 the battalion suffered from dreadful gas attacks during the defence of Hulluch and the Kirk position. They were then involved in the Battle of the Somme including the battles of Pozieres, Flers-Courcelette, Le Transloy and Warlencourt. In 1917 the battalion was involved in the Arras offensive before moving to Flanders and the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) including the Battle of Langemarck between 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August 1917.

In the days following this battle, the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion operated around Frezenberg, some four miles north east of Ypres. On August 23<sup>rd</sup> they were attacking occupied blockhouses on isolated farms.

It is possible that James fell in one of these attacks, but he was not recovered and has no known grave.

He was thirty seven, a husband and a father of four young children. James had fought for nearly two years in several of WW1's hardest and bloodiest campaigns, probably with some of the soldiers who had been billeted in Wrecclesham and Rowledge who will no doubt have played football against the Rowledge Football Club.



**The Tyne Cot Memorial near Ypres, Belgium.**

James Kennedy is remembered on stone 136 of the Tyne Cot Memorial with the names of so many who perished in the 'Passchendaele' offensive of 1917 and were not recovered.

The electoral rolls show that James's wife, Harriett Kennedy remained in Hurst Villas, Prospect Road, Rowledge until about 1936 when she moved to Ash. She was still living there when she died in May 1960 and was buried at Ash's St. Peter.

# Little Fishes Nativity Play 2020

The stars of Little Fishes Nursery School in Rowledge performed their nativity play to an empty St. James' Church this year.

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Very many thanks

**Anne Blackman** (12 Prospect Rd.) Tel. 01252 793344

On behalf of Farnham Foodbank I'd like to say a big thank you to all in Rowledge who have so generously contributed to the Foodbank's work this year.

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Although the prospect of a vaccine is good news, we know that the economic consequences of the pandemic will be with us for some time and that the services provided by the Foodbank will remain critical.

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**Harriet Lanyon**

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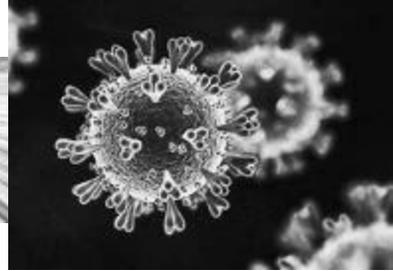
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# Fun time



**2020 is over...but the Covid-19 jokes have started!**

**The barista at Starbucks** was wearing a face mask.  
 Me: Why are you wearing a surgical mask?  
 She said: I'm not, it's a coughy filter.

**If Covid 19 has forced you or a loved one to wear a mask with your glasses,** you may be entitled to condensation.

**The World Health Organization** has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

**The first case for COVID-19** has been confirmed in Russia. The patients name is Ivor Chestikov.

**Covid 19 and Trump**

Health secretary in a briefing to Trump: "Sir, in Chennai, India 36 Tamillians have been killed due to Corona Virus"  
 Trump is silent. His lips quiver. His hands shiver. His eyes wells up. He is unable to speak.  
 Health secretary is stunned. He never imagined that this event could affect him so badly.  
 After a few minutes, in a trembling voice, Trump asks "So, how many millions are there in one tamillion?"

**This Corona virus is a blessing.**  
 My wife doesn't want to travel anywhere. She no longer buys anything online, since everything comes from China.  
 She doesn't go to the shops to avoid the crowds. She spends all of her time in a mask with her mouth closed.  
 Best thing that has ever happened in my life.

**Which composer got the coronavirus?**  
 DryCoughsky

**I thought I had Covid-19 so I decided to give it a go and I injected myself with bleach...**  
 Surprisingly I'm all white now.

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

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

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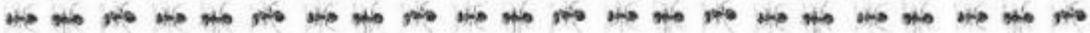
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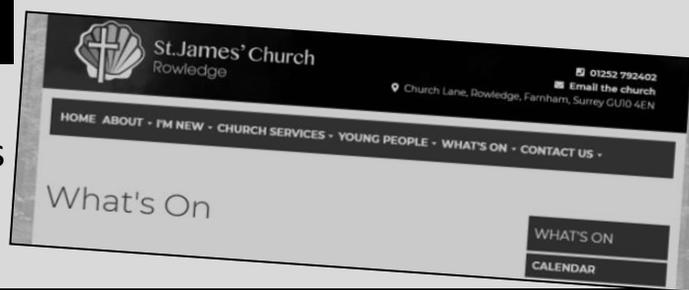
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## 2 mornings a year volunteer! - Village Tidy-Up

Having coordinated the Village Tidy-Up twice a year, for many years on behalf of the Residents Association, Phil Thomas would like to hand over the reins to someone else.

If you want to help keep the village looking spic and span, please speak with Phil or Jeff Ward who will explain what is involved in this important and highly valued role.



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