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FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for all your feedback - please let us know if you have any comments or would like to contribute an article or photos. As usual you will find reports of recent events and information on forthcoming events - we hope you find it useful.

A very happy New year to you from all at The Bridge.

David Brockman

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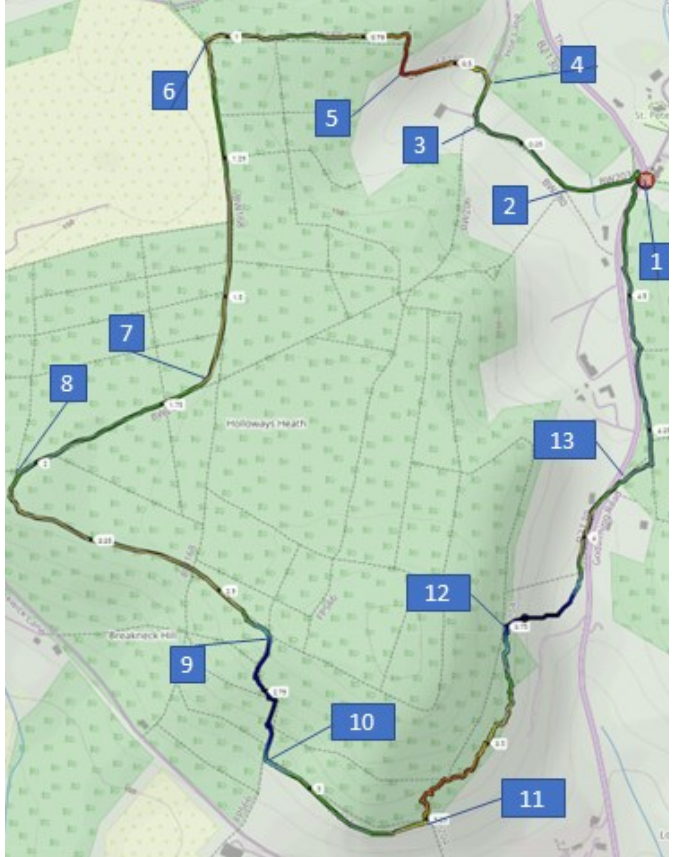
Front cover: Morning mist over Winkworth Arboretum by David Brockman

Walk with The Bridge: Hascombe and Hollways Heath

A lesser known part of Hascombe with fine woodland, historical interest and lovely views.

Length 3 miles; ascent 132m

1. Park in Hascombe in the public car park opposite the White Horse. Do not cross the road but follow the bridleway which leads out of the car park.
2. After 120m turn right onto the signposted bridleway.
3. After 150m bear right down to Hoe Lane (slightly downhill); do not follow the track to the left and up the hill.
4. After 100m follow the footpath sign up steps to the left and follow the path through the field up hill. *The house on your left is Hoe farm. It was rented by Winston Churchill and his brother, Jack, in 1915 leased for the summer months, Hoe Farm in Hascombe near Godalming, as a weekend retreat for their families. It was here that Winston Churchill learned to paint.*
5. After 100m Pass through the gate and turn right up hill and cross the stile by the footpath sign. Follow the path up hill. At the top of the slope (50m) turn left following the footpath sign
6. When the track bears left, continue straight on until you reach a junction with a bridleway with a field beyond. Turn left on the bridleway (field now on your right). *As you walk along this track, you catch glimpses of Hydons Ball to your right (1 mile to the west).*
7. 270m after leaving the field behind and at a junction with a marked footpath,



turn right (marked Greensand Way).

8. Eventually the path starts to go downhill and there is a footpath marker. **Do not** take this downhill but turn left on a path which curves round to the left and slightly uphill. Continue along this path with a slope to your right. *There is a bench on the right with good views towards Blackdown.*
9. Ignore the bridleway on the right marked as "Breakneck hill" and continue until you reach a footpath marker. Turn right downhill at the marker. Take care as steep in places. The track branches almost immediately - take the right hand fork.
10. Continue until a junction of marked paths. Turn left on the level footpath, do not continue down the hill. *There is a field on your right and views open up towards the South Downs.* After 100m, keep to the edge of the field (ignore the wire across the path) keeping the trees and bushes to your left and the field to your right.
11. Eventually the path bears left back into the woods. Ignore the footpath which goes right down the hill. *Before re-entering the wood, enjoy the view (right to left) of Gibbet Hill, Blackdown, Bexley Hill (Midhurst transmitter) and the South Downs.*
12. Continue through the woods (passing under a fallen tree). There are houses on your right and Hascombe hill can be seen beyond them. Take the path to the right down to a stile with a footpath sign. Take this path and continue down hill across a field. The path then bears left parallel to the road.
13. Cross the road (Long Vere Barns). Take the path to the left. Continue on this path parallel to the road through a car park. Cross the road just before reaching the car park at the starting point of the walk.

Text and photos by David Brockman



Winkworth Update

The Snowman™ came to Winkworth Arboretum in December, with 12 “The Snowman” sculptures spread around the Arboretum.

At the time of writing only a few flakes of snow had fallen on the snowmen, but with several days of temperatures not rising much above freezing and a minimum of around -8C, there was plenty of frost and ice to create an appropriately wintry landscape.

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Ukraine



Ukraine Youth Talk and Event on Sunday 20 November at Busbridge Church

“Just wow!” was one of the comments which summed up the whole event. From the suggestion of some of the

young guests from Ukraine delivering a presentation, put together from their own experience to a weekend of cooking, singing, chatting and presenting, “wow” was a great summary.

Approximately 20 Ukrainians of all



ages and a handful of Brits got together in the Old Rectory on Saturday afternoon to peel, mash, chop and prepare classic Ukrainian snacks including varenyky (like pierogi) and nalysnyky (filled crepes). Led by the amazing Antonina and translated by the lovely Vlad and Anna, we all mucked in creating vast amounts of snacks for our visitors expected on Sunday evening. A baby slept through the whole afternoon, older children played table tennis and air hockey, teenagers cooked and adults sang and shared stories, creating a community none of us would ever have expected.

Mid Sunday afternoon saw the return of the chefs who cooked up a storm while the young people rehearsed and ran through their presentation.

By 6.02pm, the church was full with people standing and sitting on the floor wherever they could find a space. Around 200 people came and heard about Ukraine's history – did you know it's been a country since 900 AD, but only gained independence 31 years ago? Or that a Queen of England originated from Ukraine? We heard that Christmas is so important in Ukraine, its celebrated twice December 25th and January 7th (actually, its more to do with the faith you follow)! It is an important time for family and friends to get together and share food and fellowship. Four teenagers from Ukraine kept us entertained and educated us for 45 minutes. These young people expressed their fears and excitement at facing the challenges of living and learning in the UK, but were clearly

upset at leaving family and friends behind. The generosity of Godalming folk was expressed with over £1000 raised through the sale of cards and pictures designed by some of the children. The money was spent immediately on 118 warm, thick pairs of socks to be sent to Ukraine for the soldiers. It was an extremely moving and uplifting evening and our thanks go out to everyone involved in putting it all together and to everyone who attended. It was certainly an experience to remember.

We hope to continue this relationship with our Ukrainian friends in the future. There are lots of ways to help them and their hosts. If you know of someone hosting a Ukrainian, offer them some support through giving lifts or befriending; take a guest out for coffee or help them with shopping or filling in forms. With around 250 guests in the area, we can all do our bit to help. See <https://www.bhcgodalming.org/bhc4ukraine> or scan the QR code above.

Sarah Black



Busbridge Parish Register



Baptisms

23rd October – Elspeth Georgia Lodge

27th November – Theodore Paul
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Weddings

22nd October – Tessa Kilgarrieff and
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Funerals

3rd November – Mary Hemery

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After weeks of learning their lines, 9 songs and practising on stage, it was time for KS1 to perform this year's nativity called "It's a Baby". The children really enjoyed wearing their costumes and performing in front of their families and carers. They told the Christmas story beautifully and I'm sure they slept well after all their concentration and keeping quiet between songs!



It's been a busy term, including: performances from a company called 'Fantastic Fred', who talked about mental health and well-being, a skipping workshop for the whole school, the School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament, a visit for Reception to Wintershall for an Advent workshop, a Reindeer Run raising money for Phyllis Tuckwell and KS2 performing in a 'Christmas Celebration Concert' in Guildford, to help raise money for the Fountain Centre.

I think everyone will enjoy the change of pace over the Christmas break! A very Happy New Year to you all.

Lorna Sherwin

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Busbridge Weather (2021)

During lockdown I felt in need of a little project to get me out of bed in the morning ... ! I was once responsible for an official climate station at Juniper Hall Field Centre in the 1970s. The data had to be collected at 0900 hours and I had to fill in the details every month to send to the Met Office. I thought that going back to keeping weather records might be a fun thing

to do as I greatly enjoyed teaching meteorology at Benenden School in the 1980s onwards, especially as climate change has become a topic that not only geographers go on about these days. At last the public at large are starting to be concerned about what I was teaching 50 years ago!
Details for 2022 in the next edition.

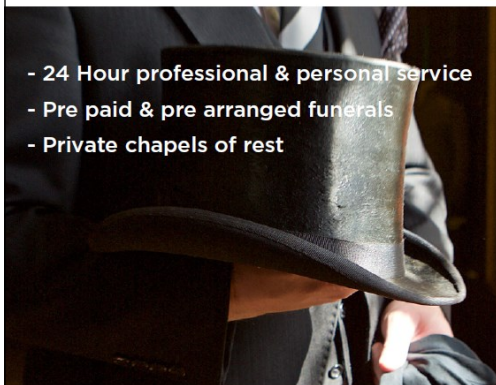
Chris Payne

Month	Total Rainfall	Max 24hr rain	Max Temp °C	Min Temp °C	Events
Jan	236 mm	38mm on 20 th	14°C on 28 th	-3°C on 24 th , 25 th	Storm Christoph on 20th 5mm Snow on 24th
Feb	127mm	22mm on 4th	15°C on 21 st , 24 th	-5 °C on 13th	Storm Darcey on 1st-2nd 8 mm Snow on 7th, 30 mm on 8th, trace on 9th & 10th
Mar	80 mm	15mm on 3 rd	18 °C on 30 th	-3 °C on 7 th & 8 th	Very strong winds at night 10/11th. Hail showers on 11th
Apr	18 mm	11 mm on 28 th	20 °C on 31 st	-4 °C on 7 th	Snow flurries on 5th & 6th. 1cm on 11th. Hail showers on 15th
May	260 mm	44 mm on 16 th	25 °C on 29 th & 31 st	-0 °C on 1 st & 6 th	Very windy 3rd – 4th * 20th-21st Hailstorm 5th
Jun	118 mm (June 17 – July 13)	15 mm on 4 th	29 °C on 2 nd & 14 th	7 °C on 9 th	
Jul	78 mm (July 16-31)	17 mm on 25 th	30 °C on 18 th 19 th , 20 th	11 °C on 16 th	Thunderstorm on 22nd
Aug	138 mm	32 mm on 6 th	25 °C on 1 st , 14 th	7 °C on 29 th	
Sep	118 mm	32 mm on 28 th	27 °C on 6 th	4 °C on 30 th	Thunderstorms on 8th & 28th
Oct	331 mm	68 mm on 4 th & 20 th	20 °C on 19 th	3 °C on 22 nd	
Nov	37 mm	12 mm on 26 th	15 °C on 9 th	-1 °C on 28 th & 29 th	Frost on 2nd, 3rd & 5th. Snow/sleet on 26th, 27th 5mm on 28th
Dec	160 mm	30 mm on 7 th	16 °C on 29 th	-1 °C on 3 rd	Storm Barra on 7th

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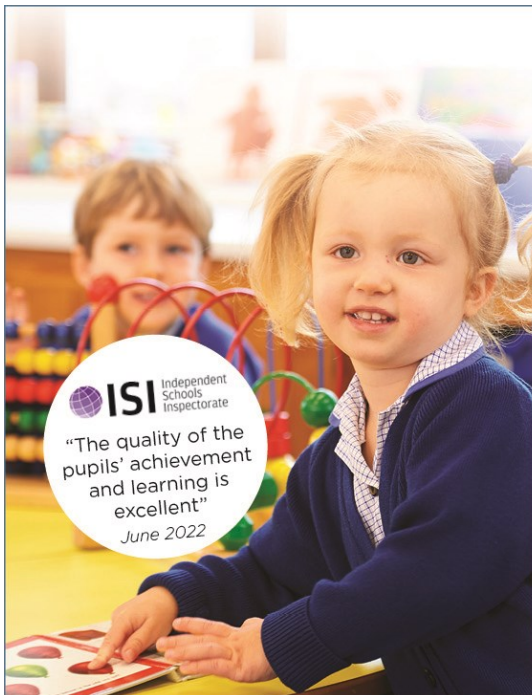


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Send Prison: “Lunch with Helen” Campaign

What a delight it is to have some good news when all we seem to get is a continuous stream of bad news from the media. The good news is that the Lunch with Helen campaign has raised more than its original target of £3000. In fact, the final total is £3250 which was the value of the cheque handed over to Rev Lesley Mason outside Send Prison earlier this week.

The picture shows her receiving the cheque from Shelagh Goodwin, chairperson of the Busbridge and Hambledon Outward Giving Group and Rev David Jenkins who was responsible for the campaign.

Lesley later sent an email expressing her thanks which you will find below. To this I would like to add a specific thanks to the Busbridge and Hambledon House Groups, Hambledon Village shop and Witley Church.

Dear David

A huge thank-you to all those wonderful people who have contributed to the appeal to raise funds for our supplementary discharge grants for those prison leavers not going home to families. They face so much uncertainty as they leave prison. Your contributions will help to raise the chances of them succeeding on their challenging journey back to life in the community. For those who are still behind bars this Christmas, chaplaincy is again planning the distribution of gift bags and extra phone credit so I'd also like to say an additional thank you for the earlier gift from BHC this year, which will go toward our Christmas gifts.

Christmas remains, as ever, a really difficult time for women in prison, and they are always truly grateful for our attempts to spread a little joy!

Blessings to you and all who have been involved, Lesley

Revd Lesley Mason, Managing Chaplain, HMP Send Prison



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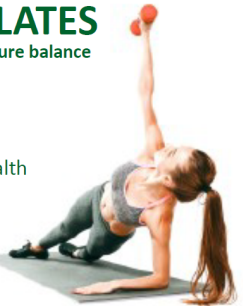
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A Word from Rev Simon Taylor

Job ad: Water walker required. High risk of getting feet wet!

I'm regularly reminded in my own life that being human means we create our plans but find ourselves constantly surprised that things don't turn out as we expected. I call it a 'water walking' moment – when we realise that reality isn't what we thought it was. What matters is how we respond to those moments, and there's a great word for that response: courage. Courageous people do not give in to fear.

Courage is a big word with small steps. A child in a playground who refuses to give in to fear of a bully is courageous by going nowhere and standing firm; a parent with a child in an operating theatre is courageous by giving their trust to others to do their best for them. Courage takes many forms and it is often revealed in a water walking moment when our expectations misfire from the reality unfolding in front of us.

I was in shop in Godalming High Street recently and someone was rude and dismissive to a young person at the till. All of a sudden, courage flowed as people did not give in to fear. What did courage look like in that moment? Was it in the way the young person responded more politely than most adults might have done? Or the way another person in the queue commented to redress the situation? Or in how the rude person humbly apologised? Perhaps there were multiple water walking moments converging?

We're still in a water walking time as we enter 2023. Perhaps we forget that less than a year ago we were still wearing face masks. As a church, we took Christmas services back outside and online because Omicron covid had flared up. Within days of restrictions ending, war engulfed Ukraine. Within months, prices were spiralling. All within a year. 2022 wasn't a year that we expected and that casts a long shadow of how people seem to have become less tolerant, sharper in anger, and maybe even to take personal angst out on an unsuspecting shopkeeper.

We cannot uncreate reality as we enter 2023, but we can acknowledge that our past expectations are not what reality is like. This is an invitation into becoming water walkers into 2023 and water walkers are people of courage:

- to looking beyond what is happening now, and for me that is found only in belief in the Jesus we celebrated on December 25th;
- draw on the soul to look at who we are called to be and step away from fear and the reactions it creates in us.

This is our theme as a church for 2023, from a verse in the Bible, a verse of timeless hope which has stood the test of 2,000 years. It involves water-walking "Immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." **Mark 6:50**

2023 – a year of water walking courage which draws us away from fear. If you'd like to know more, please join our

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The starters, mains and desserts are very varied with some unusual – even exotic – dishes. I've always wanted to try steak tartare but haven't seen it on a menu for decades (since the BSE scare, I suppose). I thoroughly enjoyed my first experience of it. Ed had grilled artichokes with crab butter as his starter – also pronounced delicious, as was the venison ragu with which he followed it. I had the plaice and clams with “sea vegetables” (samphire) and a spiced shellfish sauce. Extra vegetables have to be ordered separately.

There are interesting vegetarian items and several more meat and fish dishes to choose from. We both went for the honey and thyme roast plums with mascarpone and toasted almonds for our sweet course. Five other tempting puddings were on offer.

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Chris Payne

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Coming up for Prime Time in January and February...



Friday 20th January—Tea & Talk: Falls Prevention

Dr Chris Jagger and Physiotherapist Jane Tomes will share with us their professional knowledge regarding falls and the steps that we can all take to try and minimise the risk of us experiencing one. After the talk, do stay and chat over tea and cake. **2.30pm—Busbridge Church.**



The **Marvellous Movie Matinees** at Busbridge Church continue on **Saturday 14th January** and **Saturday 4th February**. Our January offering is last year's sequel to the classic 1970s film *The Railway Children* and is based on the E Nesbit novel of the same name. Whilst in February we'll be showing a 2021 war drama film starring Colin Firth about a successful British deception operation of the Second World War to disguise the 1943 Allied invasion of Sicily. Doors open at 2pm for a 2.30 start. Complimentary tea,

biscuits and popcorn are available at every screening and we always pause for an interval to allow for refills and chat! Please check the BHC website nearer the time for clues as to the title of the movie being shown or telephone the Church Office so that we can tell you!

Tuesday 21st February—Prime Time & Pancakes! Back by popular demand following the success of our inaugural Shrove Tuesday event last year, this is a Prime Time tea with a difference. Instead of the legendary Prime Time cake, pancakes will be served with your cup of tea.

2.30pm—Busbridge Church





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The new Hearing Aid Clinic at Godalming Library is on the 3rd Monday morning of every month between 10:30 and 12:30.

Regular **Coffee Drop-In** sessions



take place in the **Yew Tree Café** every Monday morning between 10.30 and 11.30am. No need to book ahead for these sessions, just come along and enjoy the chat and good company. A member of the Prime Time Team will always be there to welcome you.

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We were delighted how well our **Charity Quiz** went on **3rd December** and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves! The Church looked wonderful with all the lights and Christmas decorations, there was even a tree! Local schoolchildren made hundreds of sparkling stars and Church staff had fun making it all look very Christmassy.



Alan Betts and Dudley, our Quizmaster duo, were on good form again: Alan with his original and fascinating questions and Dudley with his technical expertise and amusing graphics. People were very generous in buying raffle tickets and we raised a good amount from the proceeds of the Quiz. We'll let you know shortly how much we can hand over to our charity for 2022: **Oakleaf – Making Life Work with Mental Illness.**

We're now looking forward to our programme for 2023. This will start on **Thursday 5th January** when Jon Gidley, the Godalming Co-ordinator for Ukrainian refugees, will talk to us on the theme of '***Finding yourself in the middle of something big***'. Jon had wanted to help house some Ukrainians fleeing the war and, from not knowing quite what to do, he found himself organising help and support for 160 Ukrainian refugees arriving in Godalming in desperate need of shelter and community!

It's not easy to put in a few words, so do please come along and listen to this harrowing tale of war and flight which has turned into a heart-warming story of refugees being made to feel welcome here. Jon hopes that one or two of them will join him on the evening.

We'll meet in the **Yew Tree Café** at **8.00pm** and will start the evening with drinks and nibbles to welcome the New Year before handing over to Jon for his talk.

All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

There will be a £5 visitor fee for non-members.

On **Thursday 2nd February**, we are pleased to welcome a speaker from **The Therapy Garden** in Normandy. The staff and volunteers there work to have a positive and significant impact on the lives of people facing challenges in life, by creating a safe place to enjoy the power of gardening and to connect with nature. We'll meet in the **Yew Tree Café** at **8.00pm**. Put this in your diaries and come and be inspired by the good work they do. All welcome!

We wish you all our readers a happy and healthy New Year

Our charity for 2023 is the Milford Hospital League of Friends

For more information, please contact

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Warming fresh tomato soup

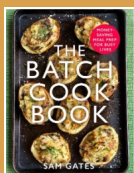
By Sam Gates



This is everything a winter soup should be: soothing, nourishing, gently spiced and quite simply, a hug in a bowl.

INGREDIENTS

- 6 tbsp olive oil
- 12 big ripe tomatoes, halved horizontally
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 5 sprigs fresh thyme, leaves removed, no stalks
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 medium-sized red onions
- Good pinch of chilli flakes
- 2 x 400 tins chopped tomatoes, plus 1 tin water
- 1 tbsp honey



Sam's latest book **The Batch Cookbook** is out now.

Heat the oven to 200 °C.

Brush a little olive oil over a shallow baking tray. Lay the tomatoes on the tray, cut side down. Sprinkle the crushed garlic and thyme over the tomatoes and drizzle with 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Season generously and roast for 30 minutes.


While the tomatoes are roasting, peel and halve the onions, then slice very thinly. Place the remaining olive oil, onion and chilli flakes in a big, heavy-bottomed saucepan and fry very gently, without browning, until the onions are soft and translucent. Remove from the heat.

When the tomatoes are soft and sunken, remove and allow to cool. Gently remove the skins. Discard the skins and thyme stalks. Pour the tomatoes, juice and all, from the baking tray into the onions. Add the chopped tomatoes, water and honey, and season well.

Slowly bring to the boil, then turn down the heat and simmer for 40–50 minutes, stirring every now and then. If it looks too thick, add a little more water.

Take off the heat, season to taste with salt and pepper and add a little more honey if it tastes too sharp. I like my soup chunky and rustic but if you prefer it smooth, give it a whizz with a stick blender. Serve with crusty bread and a sprinkle of extra basil.

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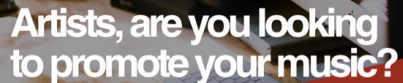
Life issue events to be held at Godalming Baptist church

(see also <https://www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk/events>)

It's not biology - becoming a grandmother in the community: Saturday 21st January from 10.00am-12.30. Being a grandmother is a position in the family of God, and an influence in the community.

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Godalming MUSEUM

KEEPING GODALMING CLEAN: Thursday Jan 5th - Sunday 19th Feb



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THE NEEDLE AND THE THREAD. Feb 23rd - 19th March



Elizabeth Blake will be displaying her extensive collection of hand sewn quilts, with her own original designs and specially chosen fabrics. Most are for sale, and she will give demonstration of her techniques.

Susie Darnton has created a vast number of ceramic buttons of various sizes, shapes, textures and patterns. With a myriad of designs, and no two identical, visitors can enjoy looking at them and handling them, and imagining how they could be used.

The Museum is also delighted to announce the appointment of Rhiannon Jones as Godalming Museum curator.

Godalming Museum is open for 4 days a week, Thursdays, to Sundays, from 11am to 3pm, at 109a High Street opposite the Pepperpot. Booking is required to use the Local Studies Library. Please check the website www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk or ring 01483 426510 in opening hours for further details.

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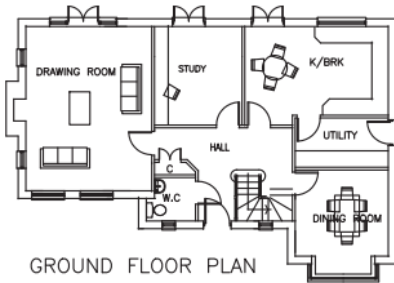
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