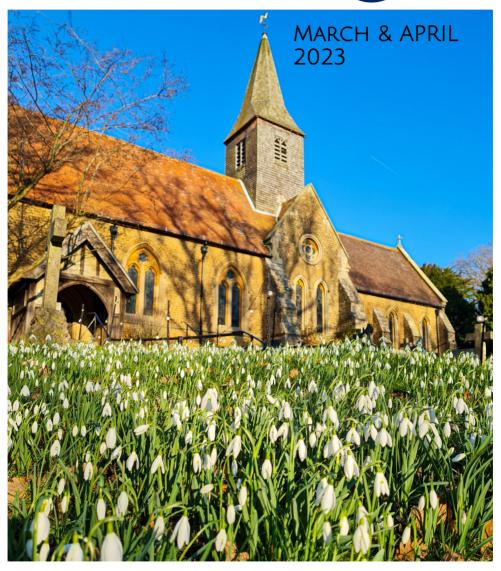
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FROM THE EDITOR

We are pleased to have two new members in The Bridge editorial team - Gemma Taylor and Emilia Guerra. Thanks to them and the existing team for helping put The Bridge together. This month features a Busbridge History walk (pages 4-6) by Martyn Sandford with more additional detail on the church website and via a walking App. Please give us feedback on this approach!

David Brockman
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Front cover: Snowdrops and Busbridge Church by Gemma Taylor **This page (top):** Snowdrops and Busbridge Church by Ben Rogers

Walk with The Bridge: Busbridge History Walk

This month's walk is shorter than usual but offers a special challenge. Can you find your way using a 150-year-old map?

This is the Busbridge History Walk and in just over three miles you will discover how Busbridge came to be and how it gradually changed to be the place we know today.

We will visit our own beautiful church with its 'Arts and Crafts' connections, discover how education came to Busbridge, find out what a 'thunder tower' was used for (see picture below), and who generously bequeathed his extensive collection of artefacts to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. If coffee and cake is more your interest, you will be pleased to know that there are two cafés along the route!

Our walk starts at St John's Church (aka Busbridge Church). You may have been to the church before, perhaps many times, but pause this time to look more carefully. If this is your first visit, take the opportunity to enjoy the peacefulness and to take in the stained glass, the unique chancel screen, and the various memorials. Who is remembered here and when were the memorials put in place?

From the church we cross the Brighton Road to see the first Busbridge School and visit the mysterious thunder tower. After retracing our steps a short way, we descend the hill (did a royal person really get stuck in the mud here?) to the old settlement of Crownpits. Somebody made two generous gifts to the community but who was it and what did he give? By following the old lanes and pathways that criss-crossed the farmland before the houses came, we visit the County Grammar School and our local convent at Ladywell.

Finally, we come to the oldest part.

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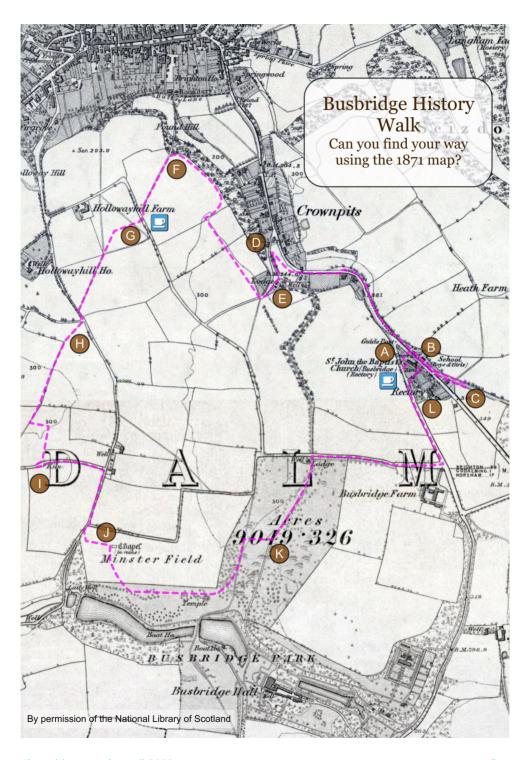
Tiw seems to have been important here in ancient times, but Godalming's first church was also here. And what about the place that gave Busbridge its name? Hidden away, it's rarely seen but was the centre of an estate going back to William the Conqueror and beyond.

Full details of the walk can be found on the Church website - see https:// www.bhcgodalming.org/thebridge (1st QR code below)

You can print a copy or download it to your phone to take with you. You can also follow the route with an app and GPS from Plotaroute.com: https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2029381? units=miles - see 2nd QR code)







Walk with The Bridge: Busbridge History Walk (continued)

Photos of places visited on the walk: past and present.



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For more details please contact the club info@godalmingcc.co.uk

Review: The Journalist Café

New to the High Street, The Journalist café is run by Merve Topaloglu, who you'll not be surprised to learn used to be a journalist before embarking on her new venture as a coffee barista, hence the name. I am not a coffee aficionado – my usual would be anything decaffeinated – but when the local community social media pages began hailing The Journalist's coffee as THE best in Godalming High Street, I was keen to check it out.

Small and intimate, overlooking The Pepperpot and down into Church Street, The Journalist has arguably one of the best views on the High Street from which to enjoy your daily cup (if you're lucky enough to get a spot at the window). Whilst there is no secret formula to her coffee, Merve enthuses "we take a lot of care with every stage of the preparation. We are working with a great supplier that has proven itself in the coffee field. I'd been to London for many tastings before we crossed paths but I think I found the best coffee beans". For Merve, it's the bringing together of the best coffee beans, using the best machine to grind them and the barista (Merve herself) taking care with every cup to make delicious coffee, which she recommends in the 8oz serving as that's how it tastes best. Certainly this is borne out by the social media comments and even whilst I was there, I heard a happy customer praising her on "the best coffee on the High Street!".

So having had my usual Decaf Flat White on my first visit and after chatting with Merve about her coffee and the local buzz around it, I went back the following Friday with a friend for a fully-caffeinated White Americano. I can confirm it was delightfully good. We also enjoyed lunch. The modest menu boasts a selection of Grilled Sourdough Toasties as well as brunch options such as Eggs on Toast and a Granola Bowl. There is also a daily selection of fresh pastries (both savoury and sweet) and cakes to sample.

My friend opted for the Chorizo and Cheese Toastie with a Chai Latte, whilst my love of Asian and spicy food drew me to the Kimchi Cheese Toastie. We decided to share and both were delicious. Merve is continually alternating offerings on the menu such as the recently added Avo on Toast (with feta and

seed mix). There is also a host of intriguing and lattes such as Turmeric and Beetroot as well as Chilli Hot Chocolate.

The Journalist welcomes well-behaved dogs with water available and a treat jar for your canine companions.

While I may not be a coffee aficionado, I certainly enjoyed the coffee, toasties and warm welcome from Merve on my visits so I will certainly be going back to sample more from this small and innovative coffee shop in Godalming.

The Journalist is open 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Saturday and 11.00am to 3.00pm on Sunday.





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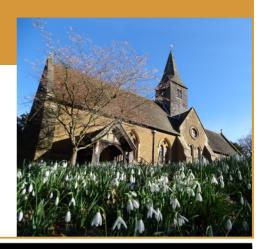
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Almost a year after opening, the Yew Tree Café at Busbridge Church has become a popular local fixture, successfully bringing the church closer with the community as hoped.

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Managers Lizzie, Donna and Owen have enjoyed watching new relationships form, and serving all sorts of customers, with their bikes, babies, dogs and even ducklings. There was much excitement when Kate Winslett's film crew popped in regularly during the filming of BBC drama "I am Ruth". Though Kate never quite made it in person, Lizzie likes to think they made a latte or two for a Hollywood A-lister.

People travel for the top-selling Guinness loaf, and this is the cause of grave disappointment if the volunteer bakers haven't kept up with demand. Staff manage this graciously and with good humour, but if you're not in the mood or feeling a bit low, the café team is happy to listen, or let you be. Prayer request cards are available on the counter which the prayer team collect in confidence. So aside from being a great place to grab a great coffee or light lunch, this is what really makes the Yew Tree special.

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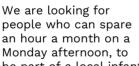


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Busbridge Junior School

It has been a really enjoyable Spring Term so far. Lots of fab learning taking place, and plenty of sporting events. Mid-January our Y4 children spent an enchanting and exhilarating hour at G-Live listening to and participating in a classical music concert. The children were buzzing when they got back to school

Earlier in the term we also had our **Year 3 Roman Day and Year 4 Viking Day**. As you can see from the pictures below, the children really enjoyed this opportunity.

Freya (Y3) – I played a Roman lady who had a massage in the Roman baths.

Alex (Y3) – I was a slave who had to massage posh people in the Roman baths. It was really good.

Sean (Y4) – I was a Viking warrior. Taking part in the acting was really fun.



Evelyn (Y4) – When I was a Viking I was accused of poisoning pigs, so I had to go through trial by boiling water. They found me innocent!



In January the school had an external audit of our Safeguarding policy and practice carried out by a safeguarding-in-school consultant. We are pleased (but not surprised) to say that the consultant was very positive about all we do to keep our BJS children and staff safe. In previous articles, I shared with you our plans for the BJS Sport For All MUGA Project. We have some extremely good news on this front. Firstly, donations and fundraising through the school have raised an impressive £25.000 (approx.). Huge. huge thanks to all involved in raising this sum. Secondly, Godalming Town Council have made two significant grants to the school, totalling £125,000, towards the cost of the MUGA. This means that we are good to go: planning permission is in and tenders out. Fingers crossed the MUGA will be up and in use for Autumn '23. It will be available for community use, so in due course do contact Kirstv our School Business Manager to check availability.

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On Court: The Legacy of Chris and Maggie Jagger

It's the end of an era at the Busbridge Tennis Association. The Jaggers, our fearless founders and devoted leaders, are leaving – for the Isle of Wight of all places!

It's the end of an era at the Busbridge Tennis Association. The Jaggers, our fearless founders and devoted leaders, are leaving – for the Isle of Wight of all places! As these towering pillars of our little community prepare to pack up and ship out, I'd like to spotlight one of their most successful projects: making me excited for vigorous exercise on a cold Tuesday evening.

The good doctor Chris and his wonderful wife Maggie (see picture) founded the BTA in 2008, and at time of writing they both still attend the open club night every



Tuesday. Chris giggles in glee when a good serve comes his way. If you try to trick him with a drop shot, he shouts, "Oh no you don't!" and sprints forward (in his mid 70s) to meet the ball and fire it back. Maggie is an assassin; she will kill you. I've seen her turn, mid conversation with someone on the adjacent court, and swat the ball right into the back corner like it was an annoying gnat. This is a fast-moving projectile. There are people here who can manipulate it like a magic trick.

Before the BTA started, the Godalming Rec had only two hard courts, both in poor condition. Dr Jagger and a few friends started playing regularly on these courts around 2007, and it wasn't long before they approached the Waverley Borough council to ask about repainting the lines. Chris, being Chris, immediately befriended everyone on the council. His ambitions for more (and better) local tennis proved infectious, and soon they were working to raise money for a full re-vamp. It barely took a year. Try meeting Chris in person – it's very difficult to not give him money. After a full construction project, the BTA was born with four full-sized courts and Chris and those initial friends as directors. Soon after, a weekly open club night was established. Anyone can come along, member or not. At present, club nights are on Tuesday.

I joined last Summer. Walking up to the courts was terrifying. Everyone looked so professional, chatting while they effortlessly pinged balls back and forth to warm up. I said I was here for club night and Chris immediately called for a round of applause. I was shocked. These people were unabashedly and unironically celebrating that a random stranger was joining them. They didn't know my name, nor that I still had to serve under-arm and was utterly pants at tennis. But even after they figured that out, this tight-knit family unpicked a few threads and welcomed me into the fold. Over the last eight months I have fallen in love with the community here at the BTA, and I've come to see tennis as something truly beautiful. A perfect balance of physical and mental duelling

(unlike Chess-Boxing which is just madness).

It's the wonderful diversity of playstyle and skill within the BTA that has shown me just how unique and exciting tennis can be. There are two players – father and daughter – who if they end up on opposite sides of the net their doubles partners may as well take a call or eat some wine gums (provided by Chris & Maggie). They'll occasionally lock horns in an epic inter-generational battle, competing to see who can fire the ball faster and lower over the net. There's also the Johns, two unrelated players with a shared name and talent for spin, though they use it completely differently. One John lobs tricky shots to your baseline, disguising the angle at which they'll bounce. The other John can simply kill any ball's momentum and return your serve to a corner near the net that you will never reach in time.

The legacy of Chris and Maggie lives in people. We've all been touched by these two – their endless generosity, their unceasing spirit, their infinite jest. As we prepare to wave them off this Spring, why not try a club night? Maybe you'll fall in love too. See if you can lob high enough to avoid Ewan's balletic jump shots. Watch out for Andrew's killer serve. Don't try to trick Eliot – he's always one move ahead. Good luck getting past Mel. And under NO CIRCUMSTANCES forget that Maggie is left-handed. You will be promptly assassinated. Don't worry if you can't keep up yet – stick around after play and wait for Eden to invite you to the pub. We'll all be there. Almost.

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A Word from Rev Simon Taylor

There's a story of a drunk person who was staggering home and didn't see a lamp post. The person walked into the lamp post and ended up on the ground. Getting up, the person tried again but the same lamp post was still in the way. This went on for many hours. The person could not walk past this problem lamp post. In the end, the person stood still and said to the lamp post "Alright, I give up. You've got me surrounded. I surrender."

Can you identify with trying to get somewhere, whether it is literal walking or an aspiration but the more you do the same thing, the more you come up against the same obstacle?

The usual response is that we are trying to do the same things so step around the problem with a different solution. Maybe. I'd like to offer a different view than the usual, from the Bible. What if the problem isn't a problem at all? In the story, someone walking down a street isn't a problem and the lamp post is just doing what lamp posts do. The problem is that the person isn't aware of what's going on – that's the problem. The person doesn't look at where they are heading so they smack into a lamp post!

My experience of life is that aware people are wise people. Wise people know where the metaphorical problems – the lamp posts – are and wise people don't take long to realise that it isn't the lamp post that is the problem. Often the problem starts within us, from what has brought us to be staggering around, or in how we act or what we have come to expect.

What do we do when we meet those lamp post moments? Wise people make the best use of that moment to change by being aware of where they are heading and where they have come from. The drunk person's first change could have been not to be so drunk in the first place. A wise question for the person might be 'what made you think you needed to be like that'? It might even have got them past the lamp post!

There's a line in the Bible which sums all of this up. It describes reality that is staring us in the face like a lamp post – it says that things do not go well because that is what the days of life are like. Wise people recognise where we are in this. This line offers a way to walk through life so that the lamp post moments don't poll axe us and I offer this to you in the challenges we face: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time" Ephesians 5:15-16

As a community around Godalming, God invites us to improve our walk by making the best use of our time in a way that shows something that we all need a healthy dose of right now – wisdom. Where does wisdom come from? It comes from how you choose to walk through life by knowing where you are heading. This is our theme as a church this year – in the challenging times we face, wise people know the source of life who said "Take courage! It is I (Jesus). do not be afraid".

Simon Taylor



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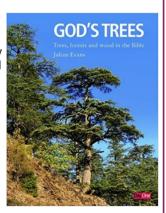
April. Our March offering is a fun film released last year about Mrs Harris, a



widowed cleaning lady who becomes obsessed with one client's haute couture Dior dress. The ensuing adventure takes Mrs Harris all the way to Paris. Whilst in April we'll be showing a 2019 film starring Daniel Craig as the detective Benoit Blanc in a modern day murder mystery. If you're a fan of Poirot, you're likely to enjoy this film too. 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!

Friday 24th March—Tea & Talk: God's Trees

Professor Julian Evans, author of bestselling book 'God's Trees' will be joining us to further explore how trees, forests and wood are depicted in the Bible and how they were used, and sometimes abused. What might Noah's Ark have been made of? Why was so much cedar imported by King Solomon for the temple, and what would have been so special about it? Where do frankincense and myrrh come from? What do we know about the wood of the cross of Christ? These and many other questions are addressed by Julian during his talk – which will of course be followed by the customary Prime Time tea and cake! 2.30pm—Busbridge Church



Friday 28th April—Tour of Brookwood Cemetery, Woking



An opportunity to see some of this grade 1 listed park and garden and the largest cemetery in Western Europe. Learn about its history and that of some of its notable residents! See some of its listed monuments and get a better understanding of its huge diversity. The tour will be led by church member Ian Tomes whose role with Woking Borough Council has led him to oversee the major restoration of the cemetery. Further details of this event will be available nearer the time, so please do contact the Prime Time Team via the Church office if this event interests you.



Fridays 2-4pm

10th March, 14th April and 12th May in the Old Rectory, Busbridge Church. Free adjustment, service and replacement batteries. Open to all! Users of NHS-issued hearing aids can now collect replacement batteries from the Yew Tree Café at any time when the café is open. This is an extension of the existing Hearing Aid Clinics run by BHC as part of the Diocesan Hear Here! project.

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 DropIn 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.

For further details regarding Prime Time or to book onto any Prime Time event, please contact the Prime Time Team via the Church Office on 01483 421267 or email: primetime@bhcgodalming.org



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Following on from our article in the previous edition of The Bridge, we're pleased to say we raised £850 from the proceeds of our **Charity Quiz** last December. Thank you so much for your generosity. Janet and Kate handed over a



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cheque for this amount to **Jane Felton** at the Oakleaf premises. They were delighted with our donation to **Oakleaf Enterprise** and took this photo to record the event.

At the beginning of February Sally Wooding, Head Fundraiser for The Therapy Garden in Normandy, gave us a fascinating insight into the history and work of this charity. Do visit their website to learn more and to find ways to support the work that they do for vulnerable adults and teenagers. They have two National Garden Scheme Open Days this year: Sunday 21st May or Sunday 17th September. It looks a lovely garden to visit.

Our **Nexus charity** for **2023** is the **Milford Hospital League of Friends** and we're very pleased to welcome their chair, **Jenny Millar**, to give us a presentation on **Thursday 2**nd **March**. Jenny will share with us points of interest about the past, present and future of Milford Hospital. There are lots of new plans for our local hospital, so do come along and be among the first to hear about these! We'll meet in the **Old Rectory** at **8.00pm**.

Our 'April' meeting will be on **Thursday 30th March** at **8.00pm** in the **Yew Tree Cafe**. We have brought it forward as the first Thursday in April is Maundy Thursday. We're sure many of you will be interested in hearing about **'Life on the Common'** from **James Giles**, Reserve Manager of **Thursley Common Nature Reserve**.

Thursley Common is a National Nature Reserve with areas of open dry heathland, peat bogs, pine and deciduous woodlands, ponds, ditches and marshes. It is abundant in all sorts of special wildlife, and we are very lucky to have this gem on our doorstep. Many of you will walk there regularly but it will be fascinating to hear about the management of this wonderful open space.

A date for your diary: on **Thursday 4th May Laura Mead** from **Christian Aid** will tell us all about their **'Pigeon Pea Project'** in **Malawi**, helping women in remote communities start small businesses. It should be interesting!

We start all our events with drinks and nibbles to give us chance to mingle and meet new people before handing over to our speakers for their presentations.

All are welcome to these events – including men! We look forward to seeing you! It's not too late to join Nexus! The annual **Membership** fee is **£20** and there's a **visitor** fee of **£5**. These fees cover refreshments, gifts or fees for speakers and charity donations. For more information, please contact

- Janet Harvey at janetmharvey@btinternet.com or
- Kate Kaye at katekaye2@btinternet.com

Our charity for 2023 is the Milford Hospital League of Friends

Nexus – building a network of friendship and support between church and community

Busbridge Weather (2022)

Herewith the promised weather records for 2022. What a year of contrasts! I should make two provisos: one, that the records are not absolutely complete as there was noone to make recordings when we were away on holiday and secondly that the daily records were taken at 0900 hours whether that was GMT or BST. This should not greatly affect max.

temperature (normally during the afternoon) or precipitation, which are always recorded for the previous 24 hours at 0900 as no-one wants to get up at midnight to read weather data! Minimum temperature is recorded for the date on which it is read because usually the lowest temperature is between midnight and 0900 hours.

Chris Payne

Month	Total Rainfall	Max 24hr rain	Max Temp ºC	Min Temp ºC	Events
Jan	52 mm	10 mm on 7 th & 8 th	16ºC on 1 st	-4ºC on 6 th	Fog on 11 th , 12 th & 15 th Superb solar halo on 28 th at 0900
Feb	154mm	46mm on 13 th	14ºC on 22 nd ,	-2 ºC on 11th	Storm Dudley on 16 th - 17 th ;Storm Eunice on 18 th ; Storm Franklin on 21 st
Mar	99 mm	33 mm on 1 st	18 ºC on 15 th	-1 ºC on 8 th & 21 st	Brown rain on 16 th full of Saharan dust. Snow showers on 31 st
Apr	39 mm	20 mm on 6 th	22 ºC on 15 th	-4 ºC on 3 rd	Snow flurries on 1st;Hail showers on 8th
May	108 mm	22 mm on 30 th	25 ºC on 17 th	4 ºC on 9 th & 30 th	Thunderstorms on 24 th , 31 st ; Hail showers on 31 st
Jun	60 mm	11 mm on 27 th	29 ºC on 17 th	5 ºC on 1 st	Thunderstorm on 4 th
Jul	0 mm		40 ºC on about 18 th		(Incomplete records because of holiday)
Aug	102 mm	40 mm on 17 th in about 20 mins 1530	32 ºC on 14 th	8 ºC on 7 th	Drought officially declared on 12 th
Sep	250 mm	63 mm on 6 th	25 ºC on 12 th	2 ºC on 17 th & 29 th	Thunderstorms on 4 th to 8 th ; Air frost on 17 th ; Sundog on 18 th
Oct	262 mm	64 mm on 23 rd	20 ºC on 29 th	2 ºC on 12 th	Thunderstorm with hail on 23 rd
Nov	398 mm	47 mm on 2 nd	20 ºC on 9 th	2 ºC on 20 th	Fog on 29 th & 30 th
Dec	210mm	42mm on 18 _{th}	14ºC on 30 th & 31 st	-6ºC on 16 th	No rain and freezing temperatures between 6 th & 17 th . 104mm rain between 21 st and 30 th

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Having wise conversations when Church and culture clash: Saturday 22nd April from 09:30 -13:00. Andy Peck is a Bible teacher, trainer, broadcaster and editor. Please contact Sally Pollard-01483-428646 or e-mail pollard3@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to reserve a place at either of these events.

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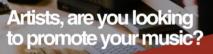
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April 12th to 29th will feature a variety of scenes depicted in needlepoint. Encouraged by friends, family and social media followers, Emma Thompson will host her first exhibition of her detailed and colourful needlework.



On Wednesday 12th October, 7.30 for 8pm there is a lecture by Alan Smith at the Octagon, Godalming Parish Church entitled **Balchen's Victory. The Loss and Rediscovery of an Admiral and his ship.** Admiral Sir John Balchen was born in Godalming in 1670. He saw action in numerous battles against the French and Spanish across 60 years and three separate wars. Tickets £5, available from Godalming Museum or on the door on the night.

From March 1st Godalming Museum is open for 5 days a week, Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 3pm. From April 1st the opening times are extended to Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, and Sunday 11am to 3pm. Please check the website www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk or ring 01483 426510 in opening hours for further details.

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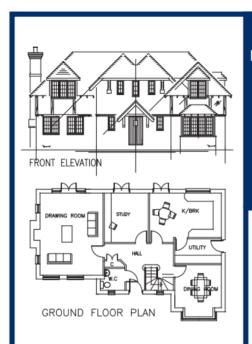
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