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FROM THE EDITOR

In this edition we follow up on the Busbridge History walk with an article on Gertrude Jekyll, by local artist Katy Bennett. For our walk we visit the reopened board walk at Thursley common.

We also say farewell to local legends Chris and Maggie Jagger as they move to the Isle of Wight.

Thanks as always for your support and feedback - we hope you enjoy this edition.

David Brockman
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Gertrude Jekyll - a local legend of garden artistry

Ask any primary schooler in Busbridge about Jack Phillips and you will hopefully get a vaguely coherent response about telegrams, the Titanic, and perhaps even that his memorial is across town. Yet many Busbridge residents probably aren't aware of the memorial for another famous 20th Century resident, right on our doorstep in the churchyard of Busbridge Church.

Perhaps you paused to admire the Grade II-listed structure whilst on the Busbridge History Walk (March/April edition), or you walk past it on the school run between Busbridge Infant and Junior schools, or when making your way on the path to the Rectory or Yew Tree cafe?

It celebrates the life of Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932), an extraordinary artist, gardener, writer and businesswoman, winner of the RHS Victoria Medal of Honour, and one of the most influential Arts & Crafts people of the 20th century. As a single woman building a career in misogynist Edwardian England, she achieved a remarkable level success and fame during her lifetime.

Edwin Lutyens, renowned architect friend and collaborator, designed the memorial for Gertrude and her brother, Herbert, a close friend of Robert Louis Stevenson who used his surname in the titular The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, as well as for Herbert's wife Agnes.

Gertrude's garden and Lutyens-designed house, Munstead Wood, lies a few hundred yards away and is considered by historians to be one of the most famous gardens in England. It made the reputation of the younger Lutyens and led to high demand for Jekyll's gardens from all over the world. She worked on more than 400 of them in her lifetime, including Hatchlands, Knebworth, Hestercombe, and the Phillip's Memorial garden. Yet,

gardening was in fact her second career, embarked on from middle-age onwards.

A closer look at Gertrude's gravestone in Busbridge church graveyard reveals Lutyens's dedication:

ARTIST CRAFTSWOMAN GARDENER



We are reminded that she trained first as an artist and was much admired by others in the Art & Crafts Movement for her numerous artisan craft skills and interior design. Aged 47, she was diagnosed with severe and progressive myopia. With failing eyesight, she focused her brilliant, practical mind on horticulture, bringing to bear her painting experience and art theory. Her garden design process became analogous to working up a piece of art, both in preparation and execution. She wrote, 'A canvass on which a gardener paints, already more or less complete in his mind, using for his pigments the plants that best suit his

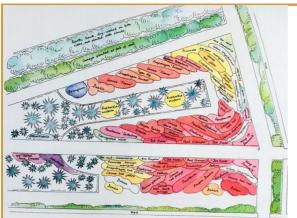


Illustration taken from Gertrude Jekyll's Colour Schemes for the Flower Garden (1908), demonstrating a typical warm and cool colour scheme and her "drift' planting approach.

purpose.' (Gertrude Jekyll, Colour Schemes for the Flower Garden, 1908)
At art school, the Principal, Richard Redgrave (RA), wrote a book on emerging colour theory, An Elementary Manual of Colour (1853), which Gertrude was expected to study. Her garden designs have recurrent hot and cool colour themes, such as the contrast of blue flowers and grey foliage with vivid reds and oranges. Gertrude went on to write her own specialist text, Colour Schemes for the

Flower Garden (1908). in which she tackles how to plan for seasonal change: 'To plant and maintain a flower border with a good scheme for colour, is by no means the easy thing that is commonly supposed.' Gertrude was further immersed in ideas on colour harmony through her friendship with Ruskin, who advised her to study JMW Turner's watercolour paintings,

paying particular attention to his sensitive use of colour. Gertrude assiduously copied Turner's paintings, one of which hangs in the Godalming museum. Turner's use of blue and vellow to create a sense of transient light became one of her recurring tropes, with blue irises one of her favourite flowers. It seems that her general love of colour and appreciation of the Impressionists, coupled with declining eyesight from her forties onwards, led to striving for great splashes of colour in her "drift" planting arrangements.

History does not usually celebrate women. Female artists take up only 7% of space in top UK galleries. Godalming celebrates many previous residents, but they are predominantly male. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, the Godalming Museum displays her beautiful artwork, copies of garden designs (museums in the USA have the originals!) and her plant nursery notebooks. You can also see the original embroidered banner Gertrude created for the Suffragist Women's

Rights march in Godalming (alongside Mary Watts). The gardens at Munstead Wood can be visited by appointment. You could also take a moment to remember her wonderful creative legacy when you're next in the churchyard - the hardy bergenias planted in the memorial itself were one of her favourite 'background' plants!



Iris Stylosa, watercolour by Gertrude Jekyll (Munstead, 1882) (Godalming Museum Collection)

Katy Bennett



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These values run through Woodland school learning which is an important part of the school day for many children at Busbridge Infant School.



A secure pond provides tranquillity and a home to many species of wildlife. Birds, beetles and bugs busy themselves trying to avoid the patter of children's footsteps who are waiting to spot them and prove that stings, wings and wriggly things are exciting for eager eyes!



Pond dipping

Here we are pond dipping, being creative and solving a challenge and even toasting our bread over an open fire proving that learning this way really is amazing!

We are so looking forward to the warmer weather, when we can enjoy this space even more and see what surprises await us.

Recently we celebrated Science week and

listened to the talents of our parents in our community talk about their careers in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics known as STEM to us!

The school's library has undergone a transformation with children's reading books matched to an approved phonics scheme; poetry, fiction and non-fiction books clearly



Toasting bread



Building a bridge with leaves

labelled and promoting interesting themes such as the environment, famous people from a range of cultural backgrounds, diversity, feelings and many more.

We all enjoyed going to church for our Easter Service. All the children had their chance to shine - Reception sang a song, Year 1 and 2 read poems and there were even a couple of songs from the Singing Club choir.

For further information see https://www.busbridge-infants.org.

Darren Heatley





School library

Easter service

Christian Aid Week 14 to 20 May 2023: Help Dreams Come True

Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community helping those living in poverty to transform their own lives.

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Jen needs help to buy better seeds, secure a fairer price for her crops and build a happier future for her children

To make matters worse Malawi was hit by cyclone Freddy on

12th March. There were many casualties and damage to infrastructure. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of CA supporters who

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Together, we can turn hunger into hope.





Many of the Ukrainian people living in and around Godalming follow the Eastern Orthodox church who celebrate Christmas and Easter according to the Julian calendar. This year, Orthodox Easter fell on 16 April and around 30 Ukrainians shared their celebration with us at Busbridge Church.

As in the western Church, eggs are a symbol of Easter and of new life. At the Easter Garden service and Great Easter Egg Hunt on (western) Holy Saturday (between Good Friday and Easter Sunday), eggs



Some of the goodie laden Lent baskets brought for a blessing



Our Ukrainian friends some in traditional Ukrainian clothing, looking forward to breaking their Easter fast.

which had been "blown" were decorated. Eggs are often painted red to symbolise the blood of Christ shed on Good Friday.

The most important prayers are held in the early hours of Easter Sunday when celebrations of the resurrection begin with church bells and fireworks. In Ukraine, the fast is broken with a traditional Pashka Easter cake (a little like a panettone). At Busbridge, celebrations continued with a blessing on the Lent baskets which had been decorated and filled with goodies, including the Pashka and a candle to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and we went from the darkness of Good Friday into the light of Easter Dav.

It was truly wonderful to hear about and share in this tradition with our Ukrainian friends.

Sarah Black





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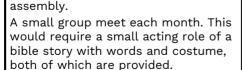


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Britten's is situated just off Godalming High Street in Angel Court. It is owned by Daniel Britten, who has spent many years in catering and has been a contestant on Masterchef.

A friend and I went for a coffee and hot chocolate (highly

recommended!) and were greeted by very friendly and smiley staff. The ingredients for the food are locally sourced and the menu consists of breakfast, brunch and pastries and you



can also book a table for supper on Friday and Saturday nights.

It's welcoming, dog friendly, airy and warm inside, with plenty of tables

upstairs and downstairs. There are also tables outside with blankets on the chairs to keep you warm.

We spent a lovely hour whiling away the time, chatting and watching a steady stream of people flow in and out, enjoying the food, drink and good service. I'm already looking forward to my next visit.

Lorna Sherwin





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Sat 20 May 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Guildford



Busbridge Wildlife Watch



Tree creeper spotted by Chris Payne



Book Review: "Clara and Olivia" by Lucy Ashe

Jane Lambert reviews a book by former Godalming resident Lucy Ashe

You do not need any knowledge or particular interest in ballet to find this book an exciting and thoughtprovoking read. If you have you ever wondered what it takes to be a professional ballet dancer or mused over the complexity of staging a production, it will however give an extra dimension. Set in London in 1933. this is a carefully crafted interaction of historical facts and a page-turning thriller which will appeal to a wide audience. Ballet lovers will revel in the detail of rehearsals and the glamour of performing Coppélia at Sadlers Wells. The intricacies of producing custom made pointe shoes will appeal to fashion designers. The twists and turns of the plot will keep everyone in suspense until the very end and are enough to induce occasional nightmares, if you stop your bedtime reading in the wrong place. For anyone interested in observing how

personalities mature. obsessions develop and people relate to each other. this is a treasure trove. The characters. carefully created to be credible and well developed, are seen from differing points of view as the plot thickens. The focus is on the

relationships between the women, drawn out by interactions with each other and with the men in the story. At a deeper level it questions whether we can substitute love with beauty, art and fame.

The author, herself brought up in Godalming, and known to many of us during her childhood years, describes this as "a story of new beginnings, twin sisters, learning their strength". As a twin herself, and having spent years training to be a ballet dancer, including dancing scenes from that ballet, she has plenty of personal experience to draw upon. This deep knowledge of her subject matter is self-evident despite her assertion that her main characters are entirely fictional creations.

I highly recommend this as an absorbing and thought-provoking read.

Jane Lambert





Author Lucy Ashe

Walk with The Bridge: Thursley Common

Gemma Taylor visits Thursley Common Nature Reserve, one of the largest (326 hectares) and most important areas of heathland in Surrey containing marsh, woodland and lowland heath

I hadn't been there since September 2018, when my youngest (now 6) was a toddling 18-months and we delighted in spotting numerous dragonflies and were even lucky enough to encounter a common lizard!

Of course, my last visit had been before the awful wildfire in May 2020, which destroyed 20 hectares; or, to put in a more visually understandable way, nearly 50 football pitches of the reserve ravaged. Having heard that the much-loved boardwalk had been rebuilt (completed end of 2022), we decided to head that way one Saturday afternoon and were reminded just what a delight Thursley Common is.

It was staggeringly sad to see, even now after almost 3 years, just how sparse the heathland is. Yet despite the awful devastation, the landscape with its burnt scars is just as beautiful and it's fascinating to see how nature is making a remarkable comeback — the bright new greens juxtaposed against the blackened bark — so that even on an overcast day, the vast common is wonderful place to meander.

What is also really great about





Thursley Common, is that a walk can be tailored to almost any and everyone's abilities with so many paths to explore. Now that my children are 6, 8 and 10 years old, we went on a more challenging walk (5.13km) with some inclines along sandy paths and with a pub and a playground to reward all our efforts! However, if you have children with smaller legs or still in a buggy; or you are older and not able to walk as far, or have a wheelchair, then simply stick to the boardwalk for a nice, flat gratifying 35-minute loop walk (about 2 km).

The 5km route we did (not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs) is as follows (see map on page 19)

1. We started off at the Moat Pond Car Park (postcode for Sat Nav: GU8 6LW) and walked to the left of the pond. Keep walking around to the right, then turn left onto the boardwalk.

- 2. Instead of doing the full loop of the boardwalk, we veered off at the first right turn (after about 5-10 minutes walking) which becomes a sandy path as boardwalk ends. Continue along this footpath through gorse and sparse woodland, where it becomes boardwalk again, with a nice lookout tributary, which the kids love!
- 3. When the boardwalk ends, at the junction, turn left along the sandy Heath Trail, further into the reserve. Follow this path until you reach a fork in the path (next to a damaged tree trunk), turn right here up a slight incline to the ridge. There is a bench at the top where it evens out; good place to pause and appreciate the 360° vista of the reserve and surrounding hills in the distance.
- 4. Continue going straight along as it becomes a slight up and down rollercoaster of a path.
- 5. Stay left when you reach the point where the path joins with another coming from the right and continue uphill along the bridleway.
- 6. You will reach not one but two bridleway cross-roads quite close together along this section go straight over both. This section of path has slightly steeper inclines than before but it does again reward, with



- nice 360° views of the reserve when it evens out at the top.
- 7. At the next fork, stay left along bridleway (also signed Cycle Surrey Hills) and keep going straight.
- 8. You will cross over another bridleway but then turn right at the next junction, along the bridleway adjacent with house and garden on right. The path moves into woodland as you near Dyehouse Road.
- 9. When you reach the road, you should see The Three Horseshoes pub on the opposite side, on the right. Carefully cross over.
- 10. Enjoy your pit stop with a pint/soft



drink and packet of crisps (advised, but not compulsory!). When ready, turn left out of the pub and walk on the path on opposite side of the road, past Thursley village hall. There are other bridleway paths on your right to take you back into the reserve more quickly but we kept going to reach Thursley playground (named Thor's Den!) to let the children have a play. My children gave it a 10/10 - overheard cries of "This is epic!" and "I'm so happy!"

11. Setting off again, there is a path to the right (that goes behind the park) which would, again, take you more quickly back into the reserve but we opted for the path furthest to the left of the playground, which runs more

parallel with Thursley Road and is a more direct route through woodland back to the car park.

12. This path is again a slight



rollercoaster of a path with initial descent and then mild inclines. After about 10 minutes walking, keep to the left but go straight across another path and head up the slight incline.

13. Keep going straight. Before reaching the heathland again, you will see many paths converging, keep left as you head forwards to re-join the sandy heath path.

14. You will go across a bridleway junction (yes another!) and keep going straight until you notice the end of the boardwalk on your right and then turn left, into the woodland which surrounds the Moat Pond.

15. When you reach the pond, you have a choice to go left or right to get back to the car park. The left path is more direct but runs slightly closer to the road and is prone to being boggy, so stick to going right around the pond for an easier, potentially less boggy route!

Gemma Taylor



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A Word from Rev Simon Taylor

What do the following all have in common?

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All tech companies? No. Brewdog is a brewery. All created since 1845 (when Deloitte was founded)? No, the Church of England has been around for a very long time!

So what's the connection? Answer: They all invest

in their people's wellbeing through providing sabbaticals. The word sabbatical comes from the Latin for Sabbath – the Lord's day of rest. The first reference to the word sabbatical in the UK was in the 1590s!

There's something special about the idea of a time of rest. We've lost that art and I don't see that it is doing people much good. In many people's eyes who I meet I don't see rest, but exhaustion.

The Bible says that there should be a rest period every seventh day and every seventh year because this is God's best pattern for us. A field should be left fallow to recover on the seventh year. If a time of rest is good enough for a field and God's creation order, then it is a good model for us. That's why churches have historically gathered people every seventh day.

If you feel exhausted or over-stretched, can I invite you to consider what your sabbath pattern could look like? Is Sunday just another day? If you've fallen out of the pattern of church on Sunday, please consider the benefits of what it releases in your spirit.

What does a vicar do on a three-month sabbatical? Mine is a diverse undertaking. I'm going to Barcelona to look at a cave where Ignatius of Loyola pondered the meaning of life. He formed a Rule of Life shaped on Christian faith which might stand many of us in good stead in the midst of an increasing fractured and World and communities:

- More seek to do things well
- With to be alongside others
- Cura Personalis respect for all, even in disagreement
- **Heartbeat** –of heart, mind and soul together
- Ad Majorem Dei Gloria God matters
- Ethic living well

I think these are central to good patterns of living. I'll be returning with some thoughts on what this might look like to benefit us in Busbridge.

I'll also be taking some time to walk part of the South West Coastal Path to follow in the footsteps of Raynor Winn's book 'Salt Path'. I'll be visiting my favourite retreat centre, the Roman Catholic community of Chemin Neuf in Storrington, West Sussex, which I visit twice a year.

The church is in great hands with many fabulous volunteers and a brilliant staff team. We've got a very able team of vicars here, so all the usual vicar things of both joy and sorrow will continue uninterrupted.

If you see me around, please do say "hi".

Simon Taylor

Farewell to Chris and Maggie Jagger

On Easter Sunday at Busbridge Church we said farewell to Chris and Maggie Jagger as they move to the Isle of Wight

In our March/ April edition, we included an article by Milo Wilson on the departure of Chris and Maggie Jagger from Busbridge, from the perspective of the Busbridge Tennis Association.

On Easter Sunday the morning service at Busbridge church included a farewell to Chris and Maggie who have been church members for nearly 50 years. They were presented with a book by Rev Andy Spencer in which church members had written their messages of thanks and appreciation for their friendship and for all they have contributed to the church and community in their time here.

Many will have known Chris in his role

many will have known Chris in his role as a GP, but he and Maggie have also been involved in an array of other projects and activities (many of which they have initiated) inspired by their Christian faith and a desire to serve the local community and further afield.



Rev Andy Spencer presents leaving gift to Chris and Maggie

These include:

- Under the umbrella of The Christian Warehouse Trust (which Chris founded, chaired and will remain a trustee):
 - ♦ Skillway the educational workshop in Deanery Rd, Godalming, which this year celebrates 25 years of providing disaffected young people an escape from the classroom to learn practical skills;
 - ♦ The Cellar Camino Café Chris was among the pioneers of this café for the vulnerable and those in need which opened over 40 years ago in Crown Court and moved to The Burys in 2021:
 - SALCET (The Salvadorian Children's Earthquake Fund)— established by Chris and Maggie following academic work Chris had done on natural disasters and relief efforts. It has operated in El Salvador, Uganda and Kenya (see March / April 2021 edition of The Bridge);
 - **WOW** (Women on Wednesdays)

 A meeting for women of all ages which Maggie was at the heart of;
 - **Road Stewards** Maggie organised these for many years (the wonderful network which delivers The Bridge!);
 - Hambledon Youth Fellowship Chris and Maggie were core members of this group in the 1970s;
 - Electoral Roll Officer. Maggie managed the Busbridge Church electoral roll for more than 7 years;

- Help with other churches help has been provided with services at St Marks, Godalming Baptist Church and Chiddingfold Baptist Church;
- Careline this was a telephone service set up by the Jaggers and manned by Maggie;
- Busbridge Tennis Association and Busbridge Boating Club – See p23 and the March / April 2023 edition of The Bridge.

After the service we enjoyed cake made specially for the occasion and a glass of bubbly. We are so grateful for the many contributions Chris and Maggie have made to the community. They will be greatly missed, but our loss is the Isle of Wight's gain.

David Brockman



Chris and Maggie serving cake

Around 90 members and friends of Busbridge Tennis Association (BTA) attended a farewell event on 25th March at Inn on the Lake to thank Maggie and Chris Jagger for their huge contribution to BTA's success over the past 15 years. As a token of members' thanks and appreciation Maggie and Chris were presented with a specially commissioned picture of the Holloway Hill recreation ground & Tennis Courts (see below) painted by local artist Stephen Kinder and also with a cartoon montage depicting their huge contribution to many organisations in Godalming over the past 50 years. We wish them well and lots of fun tennis as they move to the Isle of Wight.

David Burndred



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Coming up for Prime Time in May and June... Saturday 13th May—Walk & Lunch



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Farnham Heath Nature Reserve. Adjacent to the Rural Life Living Museum in Tilford, the Farnham Heath reserve is part of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Once a gloomy conifer plantation, since coming into the RSPB's ownership in 2002 it has been transformed into a beautiful heathland that is once again abundant with wildlife and from where you can observe stunning views across the Weald. We have timed our walk to coincide with bluebell season; so expect to be treated to a blue haze stretching before us from the sheets of bluebells among the chestnut coppice. At this time of year too, the chirping of field crickets can be heard at various places on the heath and the calls of early breeding birds filling the air; particularly the 'lulu' call of the woodlark. The walk will be followed by lunch at The Market Garden Café at the Rural Life Living Museum.

Thursday 29th June—Garden Party at Prior's Field School

By kind invitation of the staff and students at Prior's Field School, Prime Time members are invited to join them in the school's Rose Garden on the afternoon of Thursday 29th June for the annual Prime Time Garden Party, which as per previous years will include a programme of musical entertainment performed by our hosts. This has become one of the highlights of the Prime Time year and is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with Prime Time friends that you may not have seen for a while (as well as enjoying a cream tea in the beautiful grounds of the school!).



Fridays 2-4pm

12th May, 9th June and 14th July 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.

The monthly **Movie Matinee** screenings are taking a break for the summer. We promise they will be back in the autumn though! The first Movie Matinee of the 2023/24 season will take place on Saturday 7th October.

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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Laura is going to tell us about their fantastic **Pigeon Pea Project** in **Malawi**. This project gives women in remote communities in Malawi

the confidence and skills to start up small businesses. This, in turn, helps the women support their families and their local community. It's an intriguing title, so do come along and find out more. You're welcome to bring friends.

June is when gardens are looking at their best! We are planning a **visit to an NGS garden** on **Thursday 1st June**, but which particular garden hasn't been confirmed at the time of writing. You'll be able to get details in due course from the church website: bhcgodalming.org. It's always a pleasure to stroll around these gardens, with a friendly local pub meal to enjoy afterwards. So put the date in your diary and join us on, we hope, a warm and sunny evening.





Another date for your diary: on **Thursday 6th July, David Harrison,** Project Co-ordinator and **Alice Ummat,** Visitor Operations and Experience Manager for **Winkworth Arboretum** will come and tell us about progress on the **New Winkworth Visitor Centre.** It should be well under way by then! It will be great to hear about these developments at our well-loved local arboretum.

With the exception of the garden visit, we'll meet in the **Old Rectory** at **8.00pm**. The evening will start with drinks and nibbles to give us a chance to mingle and meet new people before handing over to our speakers for their presentations.

All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you!

Refreshments to start - 2023 Annual subscription £20; Guests £5 contribution towards speaker costs.

Our 2023 charity is: Milford Hospital League of Friends

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From the Archives - Mother's Union 1960

Martyn Sandford has been working hard to digitise some of the photos in the church's archives. Does anyone recognise any of these people? Please email the Editor (see p38 for the address)



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Godalming MUSEUM

Godalming Museum Exhibition "Our Other Mother" runs from 4th to 31st May

The Mayor of Godalming's charity, "What Next" has involved the people of Godalming in an art project called "Our Other Mother". The artworks express how people feel about Planet Earth as our other Mother. Famous artists and illustrators have provided materials to stimulate creators on this theme, and local people have made their

own contributions to the exhibition.





From 14th June to 9th July Broadwater and Charterhouse Schools will again stage a joint exhibition of work displaying the talents of their art students.

Godalming Museum opening times are 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.

Do visit the hidden garden behind the Museum which is always of interest. The planting is in the style of the famous gardener, craftswoman and artist Gertrude Jekyll, who lived at Munstead and designed gardens locally and further afield. She is buried in the churchyard of Busbridge Church. There is also a gallery at the museum which focuses on Jekyll and the Arts and Crafts movement.

Note from the Editor: (Photo credits) Grateful thanks to Godalming Museum for providing the photos of Godalming college, Old Rectory and Brighton road on page 6 of the March / April 2023 edition of The Bridge for the Busbridge History Walk article.

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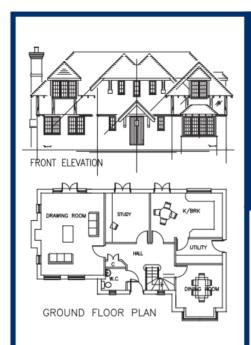
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