



MAY NEWS

St John's Shirley 2019

Photo St John's Churchyard .bm



05.30hrs Easter morning

Lighting the New Flame Easter Service prior to breakfast in the Tamberlin Room.



"THE WILDERNESS" at Hall Grange.

Is being revitalised to provide the 7acre historic ecological garden as an accessible amenity for residents of Hall Grange and the local community.

Bernard, on behalf of St John's Fellowship Group, has arranged a link with Alice Henry, Head Gardener, at Hall Grange which will give us the opportunity to be involved via our Rev. Wilks "Shirley Poppy" connection.

Alice has managed to find some of Rev. Wilks. Descendants who visited his grave last month and cleared the plot and scattered some Wilks Shirley Poppy seeds. We are organising another Sunday Ramble later this month visiting the Hall Grange gardens, to see the wild flowers and the rare bog garden, returning to the Tea Room for refreshments and a chat by Alice Henry about the project which is still ongoing

Watch out for date and time of the details soon.

Photo. Re-seeding the Rev. Wilks Grave plot.



*****Next Event*** *"The Crystal Palace"* Friday 10th May. 8pm for 8.30pm start, in the Tamberlin Room (rear of the Church).**

The usual £5 contribution and bread and cheese will be served. We are delighted to welcome ***Philip Emery of the Crystal Palace Foundation*** who has kindly agreed to give the FKs a special informal talk with slides on the history of this legendary Victorian masterpiece for which there is still some evidence and ruins

close to the TV mast and Athletic Stadium at top of Anerley Hill. It is difficult to imagine how imposing this spectacular building must have looked. To think that in 1936 a huge fire lit the London horizon but the efforts of 381 firemen with 89 engines were not enough to stop the blaze. Arson or accident, it was destroyed beyond saving. We anticipate a fascinating evening!

Not a member of The Friday Knights? If you are male, over 18 and would like to attend then please get in touch. email Paul Binge or Charles Marriott at sjfridayknights@gmail.com

So what was so secret about the last FKs evening in April?

Several members apologised in advance for not being able to attend. Thank you for that it is really helpful to know from a catering point of view. Despite a few people trying to extract "inside" knowledge as to what the evening was all about, given the mysterious publicity, 13 prospective FK "Spooks" enlisted and faced the challenge of ***"Locked in the Case"***. Official secrets prevent me from saying too much, but 4 teams set about trying to decipher the combinations of 5 very secure paddlocks attached to 4 different cases (one case per team). Each team had a set of objects/clues that were fairly obscure and which gave you a hint as to the exact combination of each paddlock. Confused? Yes.....well at 8.30pm when we started....it looked seemingly impossible bearing in mind that not even organiser agent 008 Binge knew how to do it! He was plied with Scapolomine and was still unable to tell us anything. By 9.15pm when a sumptuous platter of cheese and accompanying bread was served.....all the teams had started to crack it! The tension was palpable. All teams got stuck on the last paddlock. But at 10.15pm the smug faces of Gorman, Stead and Foote denoted that they had solved the final clue and won. Agent Stead denied that he had gained any advantage because of a "Handcuff for beginners" course that he attended early in his career! All teams excelled and despite requiring much concentration and lateral thinking, it was terrific fun. Looking forward to seeing you all on May 10th.

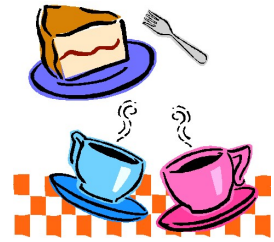
Editorial

Please visit the notice boards in the porch and Tamberlin Room to see details of the many local community events this month.

If you are on a church rota the new details for April are on a separate sheet available at the rear of church. Items for June News to Bernard Maguire by 26/05/19

Weekly 'Pews News' Items to Lu please

Coffee Morning at Hall Grange , Shirley Church Road
Stalls and Activities



Saturday 11th May 10am to Noon Entrance £1



AND TIDY
(inside
and out)

Saturday 18th May

**9am to
11am**



Volunteers will
be rewarded with coffee and
bacon roll

TUCKER'S TOMATOES

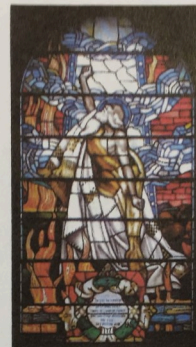
Helen Tucker will be selling her famous Tomato Plants after the 10am Sunday Service in church in early May. All profits to the church spire fund.



SUNDAY 5th MAY FROM 10.00am
LLOYD PARK

Further details from Sheila Mawazini
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ART AND SPIRITUALITY



Darling buds of May
A short and highly personal consideration
of Spirituality and the Arts
with Leslie Griffiths

Leslie Griffiths will have much to share with us from his life as a Methodist minister, and with his current role as Shadow Spokesperson for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport in the House of Lords.

Every Friday in May at 8pm at Shirley Methodist Church
3 May: Seeing salvation - visual arts
10 May: All the world's a stage - drama
17 May: Something understood - poetry
24 May: The food of love – music, including piano recital by Fusae Takahashi
31 May: Practical divinity - the hymns of Charles Wesley

All welcome!

MAY SERVICES

+ Holy Communion

1st Wed	10.30am+			
5th Sun	8.00am+		10.00am +	6.00pm St.J . CHOIR CONCERT
8th Wed	10.30am+			
12th Sun	8.00am+ Tony Collier	10.00am+	5pm Informal worship.	Easter 4
15th We	10.30am+			
19th Sun	8.00am+	10.00am +		Easter 5
22nd We	10.30am			
26th Sun	8.00am+	10am + Baptism Amelia White	6.00pm Healing	
28th Tu	8.00am Take Time For God			
30th Th		8.00pm + Ascension	Day Service	St Mary's

Potential use of Tamberlin Room for Polling Station Euro Elections Thursday 23rd May

TAMBERLIN TEA ROOM

Open every Sunday 3-5.30pm
Home-made cakes and beverages in
great company



This month's book club on 26th at
3.30pm

Visit our Website:
stjohnsshirley.org.uk

CONCERTS / EVENTS IN CHURCH

See posters in porch for more details

Please do not use the columns or walls in church for "Flyposting" other events and activities.

We hope to clean off the old 'Blutack' and sticky tape deposits from the columns during the "Clean-Up" Saturday on 18th.

We're fixing the holes where the rain gets in' -
to misquote the Beatles song.

The spire of St John-the-Evangelist Church has enhanced the Shirley landscape since 1854. But a more recent, less welcome feature is the flocks of noisy, destructive parakeets. The spire was repaired with cedar shingles in 2007, but these have not withstood the birds' continued ravages. Patching up is no longer the answer; it would be better to replace all the remaining shingles with far more durable oak, estimated to cost £35,000.



The Church was designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, one of the family of prolific architects whose designs include the Foreign Office and the St Pancras Hotel and Station. St John's was consecrated by Bird Sumner, Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1856. The Rev'd William Wilks, vicar from 1879 to 1912, cultivated the white and red Shirley Poppy and was instrumental in establishing the Chelsea Flower Show.

So St. John's are launching a Church Spire Appeal Fund

Spire Appeal events. Music, important in the life of the church, also features in the Spire Appeal, and St John's is hosting two local musical groups:

On Saturday 22 June at 7:30pm **Utopians Unlimited** perform works by **Gilbert & Sullivan** including a costumed production of '**Trial by Jury**'. The Utopians have previously presented Yeomen of the Guard at St John's and a concert of G&S favourites.

Saturday 6th July, at 7pm. **Musical duo Graham & Jamie** presents a concert themed Music Through The Ages, starting with the 1920s. Jamie Bull is a singer-pianist with a South London Elton John tribute band. Graham is a bass guitarist and singer who has performed with Jamie at three previous charity events at St Johns.

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th September: Flower Festival: theme *For the beauty of the Earth* will feature musical interludes, an all-day café and a Saturday night concert; it will also support the Shrublands Food Bank.