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- Keith Harding: Victorian Dorking in photographs by Walter Rose & John Chaplin
- Nigel Balchin: Picture postcards and local history
- Jane Lewis and Jill Hyams (Surrey History Centre): Portrait of a Surrey town between the wars: the photographic archive of Sidney Francis
- Julian Pooley (Surrey History Centre): Patient Portraits from Surrey Hospitals, 1850-1980
- Chris Shepheard: Farnham's war caught by the camera? Photographs that avoided the censor

There will also be a display of Surrey photographs from the archive for attendees to explore.

Event Details

Location: Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking GU21 6ND

Date and Time: Saturday 26 April, 9.55am to 4.15pm

Tickets: £18 if booked online via the Surrey Archaeological Society website. £20 on the day (cash only).

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Visit our foyer display from early May to commemorate the **80th anniversary of VE Day**. Featuring photographs, records, and stories from Surrey's VE Day celebrations in **1945**, **1995**, **2005**, **2015**, and **2020**, the display highlights personal memories from those who experienced the historic day.

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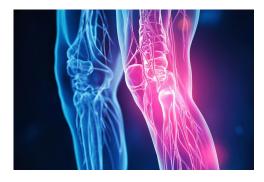


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Baroque to Modern concert by Epsom Chamber Choir

Epsom & Ewell is fortunate to have many excellent music and drama groups to join, learn and perform with, and for audiences to enjoy old favourites or explore something unfamiliar and perhaps a bit challenging.

This lovely concert by Epsom Chamber Choir gave us contrasting styles from the 17th, 18th, 20th and 21st centuries, all with a meditative quality. Good programme notes were helpful.

In the fantastic acoustic of St. Martin's Church one was immersed in the spacious depths of the sounds; the intensity produced several spine-tingling moments for me.

The choir opened with *I was glad when they said unto me* – not the familiar setting used at King Charles' coronation in 2023 (which is by Parry) but one written by Henry Purcell for the coronation of James II in 1685. It sets off in a joyful dance. The top part floated over the others in a plea for peace and it drew to an exultant finish in a wish for *world without end*.

Purcell's style is perhaps less familiar to us today than Bach's, so it was great to hear three more pieces which showed his skill in dramatic and plangent composition, and the choir's skill in their performance. My notes on *Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts* and *Hear my prayer, O Lord* say *sublime* and *understated intense anguish* – sounds which produced more delightful shivers up the spine.

Then to compare them with Bach across four pieces - in these there were stately dance rhythms and delicacy as befitted some of

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the words. Fürchte dich nicht (Do not fear, I am near you), probably written for a funeral (it's a pity we don't know who commissioned the work), seemed to demonstrate all the complexities which Bach could write in a short piece. I hadn't heard this before, but it did not sound an easy sing!

In Arvo Pärt's *The Deer's Cry*, written in 2008, the dynamics, sonority and breath were beautifully controlled in some very exposed writing, then the very long lines of John Tavener's *Funeral Ikos* were effortlessly phrased.

Three short modern pieces followed - John Tavener's *A Hymn to the Mother of God*, James Macmillan's *A Child's Prayer* (dedicated to the 16 children and their teacher who were killed at Dunblane in March 1996), and Eric Whitacre's *Lux Aurumque* (*Light and Gold*, which was introduced as representing light falling through stained glass) - they were full of space, profound, resonant and uplifting.

In the baroque pieces the choir of just over 30 singers had a light accompaniment on chamber organ and cello. Poppy Walshaw, the cellist, also played three movements from the Bach cello suites. This was more music to get lost inside, the two dances leading us into a celebration of life in the joyous *Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf (The spirit comes to help our weakness)* to conclude a most enjoyable evening.

Upcoming Events

The choir is holding a Come & Sing! Haydn's *The Creation* on Saturday 10th May, 1.30-5pm, at St. Martin's Junior School, Ashley Road KT18 7AD

(£10, students £5, under 18s free - includes music hire and light refreshments).

Their next concert, 'The Food of Love', is a choral tapestry ranging from 16th-century fun, through West Side Story, I Got Rhythm and Summertime, to Billy Joel -

Saturday 28th June, 7.30pm, St. Martin's Church, Epsom KT17 4PX.

Anita Littler

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For and on behalf of the Trustees of the Rawlinson & Hunter Life & Assurance Pension Fund 1 April 2025

Surrey company wins award for solar installation at Ewell's Bourne Hall

Ewell's largest landmark, **Bourne Hall**, is known for its distinctive modernist architecture and striking glass dome, making it a uniquely challenging site for the integration of renewable technology. A new solar installation, commissioned by **Epsom & Ewell Borough Council** to reduce carbon emissions and lower energy costs, has since earned **Titan Eco** the **Small Scale Project** (**<£250k) Award** at the **London Energy Efficiency Regional Awards 2025**.

Cllr Liz Frost (RA Woodocte and Langley), Chair of the Council's Environment Committee, described it as:

"Part of a series of works that will make this picturesque and historical landmark more sustainable for future generations."

Key outcomes:

- ~45,000 kWh generated annually
- Estimated £15,000 yearly savings
- Over 9 tonnes of CO2 saved each year

Surrey-based **Titan Eco** delivered the installation in collaboration with **WC Evans & Sons Ltd**, who designed and installed the bespoke steel framework supporting **116 DMEGC all-black bifacial solar panels**. As Titan Eco's preferred supplier, **DMEGC** is known for the consistent quality of its panels and its transparent, responsibly sourced supply chain – aligning with Titan Eco's commitment to ethical procurement.

Sam Tilley, Managing Director of Titan Eco, said:

"Bourne Hall is a great example of how solar can be integrated into a historic site without compromising its character... Knowing the system is in place and making a real difference is particularly meaningful."

Titan Eco has also delivered solar installations at several other notable community sites, including the **Rainbow Leisure Centre**, **Epsom Playhouse**, **St Giles & St George's Church**, and **Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall** - demonstrating an ongoing commitment to supporting public and community buildings on their journey to net zero.

Tita Eco

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Epsom based Toyota raises £1/2m for MND

Toyota has raised more than £500,000 to support people living with and affected by motor neurone disease (MND). It has also extended its partnership with MND Association for a further two years, into 2027.

Toyota joined forces with MND Association in 2021. The charity was chosen by the company's staff in memory of a much-loved colleague, Rachel Rollason, who suffered from MND, a terminal neurological condition that affects up to 5,000 people in the UK at any one time.

Since then, colleagues from Toyota (GB), Toyota Financial Services, Toyota Insurance Services and KINTO UK, have pushed themselves to the limits in a variety of fund-raising activities including taking part in marathons, a cycling challenge from Portsmouth to Newcastle, a Tough Mudder and a 100km walk along the River Thames which raised more than £120,000 in just two days.

Tanya Curry, MND Association's Chief Executive, said: "We are delighted that Toyota has chosen to extend its partnership with us. We are so grateful for everything they have done to support our work over the past four years, whether that's by volunteering, training to take part in an event, or fundraising. Thanks to Toyota, we have been able to provide support grants for life-changing wheelchair adaptions, while pushing forward with ground-breaking research into potential new treatments for this terrible disease. Over the next two years, the strong partnership between our organisations will continue to grow and allow us to accelerate progress in the fight against MND."

Scott Thompson, Toyota (GB) President and Managing Director, said: "I'd like to thank our staff for their efforts in helping us reach our fundraising target of £500,000. We already have plans for further fundraising, for example next month four senior team members: Jason Milton, Rob McKendrick, Carla Henson and Dariusz Mikolajczak, will take part in the London Marathon."

For more information, or to donate, visit https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/toyota-london-marathon

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Epsom Charity Celebrates Project Milestone with a BBC Radio Takeover

The Sunnybank Trust is celebrating a major milestone – five years of **Sunny Sessions**, its inclusive radio show dedicated to amplifying the voices of the learning disability community.

Founded during the lockdown by CEO **Dorothy Watson** and Futures Manager **Claire Dawson**, the show began with the goal of keeping the community connected during a difficult and isolating time. *Sunny Sessions* aimed to provide comfort, connection, and positivity through buzzing music, exercise segments, and relevant news updates.

Dorothy Watson, CEO of The Sunnybank Trust, said:

"We are proud to be celebrating five years of Sunny Sessions. What started as a way to connect people has become a vibrant platform run by and for the learning disability community. Congratulations to Jon Andrews, our dedicated producer, and many thanks to Surrey Hills Community Radio for hosting our show."

To mark this milestone, The Sunnybank Trust is pleased to announce that the **BBC Breakfast Show** will host the anniversary celebration on **28 March 2025**, between **7 - 9 am** on **BBC Radio Surrey & Sussex**.

As part of the celebration, the show will feature an interview between **Emma Blackmore**, a Sunnybank reporter based in Bristol, and the consultants from **Understand Us**, a consultancy founded by The Sunnybank Trust in 2019.

Understand Us is a learning disability-led consultancy based in Epsom, offering services such as training, workshops, and audits to help businesses become more accessible to people with learning disabilities. For more information, visit understandus.co.uk.

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During the interview, the consultants will share insights into their roles, discuss how businesses can benefit from Understand Us, and reflect on their favourite projects.

James Cannon, BBC Producer, said:

"We are incredibly proud of the journey Sunny Sessions has taken over the past five years. This anniversary and the feature on BBC Breakfast provide an opportunity to share the voices and stories of the individuals who have been part of the show's success. Our mission has always been to amplify these voices and promote inclusion, and we are excited to take this next step in reaching an even wider audience."

Today, *Sunny Sessions* is presented by **Jon Andrews**, who brings his passion and energy to the show as it continues to grow. The programme has expanded to cover a wide variety of topics, providing a platform for people to share their stories, engage in meaningful discussions, and raise awareness about issues that matter to them.

Ion Andrews said:

"I'm incredibly proud of what we have achieved with the radio show and excited to see where the next five years will take us."

The Sunnybank Trust

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