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# The Great Invitation... Christmas 2022

What invitation would fill you with joy this Advent-Christmas season? You may be reading this during Advent - the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas which can be especially full of invitations, joys or sadness. Whether this season is a difficult time for you and you need a thoughtful space of sanctuary, or gentle warmth and care from a friend or neighbour, or you love this season and are looking for ways to enter more fully or deeply into its gifts, Advent is a season of invitation.

This edition of your Shalford & Peasmarsh parish magazine is full of invitation. Invitations to join with each other, neighbours and friends known and those waiting to be known, in the many events and gatherings and celebrations for Christmas here in our villages and nearby, as well as invitations to find gentle fellowship or practical support if this season is one of struggle for you this year. Invitation to respond to our Community Council's questionnaire which has hopefully just fallen into your lap as you opened your parish mag. Invitation into a reflective Advent with the wonder of birds via our 'Dawn Chorus Advent Contemplations' booklet, free for you to pick up in St Mary's church anytime. Invitation to come and sing together around the village Christmas tree, to brunch and munch together in our pubs and halls and church, invitations to join in the nativity story afresh, and to come to traditional Christmas carols and services in our village churches, including this year an extra special Christmas Day invitation as we welcome Bishop Jo to be with us at St Mary's Shalford again before she moves on to an exciting new role in the Anglican Communion worldwide (p23).

This Shalford parish mag itself is a great response to invitation... thank you so much to all who've responded to the call for new regular articles of your village club's or organisation's news, new monthly games & recipe pages, history insights, and much more. The invitation continues of course in the new year and in years to come!... an open invitation to everybody and every group in Shalford and Peasmarsh to share your news, pictures, invitations, creativity, in here for all to enjoy or join in (copy date 15th of month before). As we come to the end of another year, another huge thanks to James Reeves for all his patient and creative work in producing this magazine, and to Heather Hall for dedicated coordination and deliveries in this and so many years.

If you will be alone this Christmas and do not wish to be, please get in touch – there are people and places and invitations for all where we can join with others nearby. For so many, December is an intense swirl of sorrow and stress. The season has a way of opening our most vulnerable places of memory and heartache as we also navigate the expectations of cheerfulness this time of year holds. But however

we feel through these darker, shorter winter days, the season of Advent invites us to wait filled with hope in what's to come. A hope that draws us beyond complicated holiday cheer and into a season luminous with mystery and possibility. At the heart of Christmas is the story of love that comes to us, that crosses a seemingly impossible distance and degree of difficulty (in our narrow human vision) to meet us, that enters into our life and every single joy and pain and vulnerability it holds. No matter what. Beyond our expectations. At Christmas God comes close to us, closer than close, and as we enter this season of mystery sometimes all we can do is light a candle to the mystery and let our hearts accept the invitation where we may meet the love and hope that live at the centre of it all.

**We wait, we hope, We yearn, prepare, For who or how or what or where?  
Maybe the changing of the tide, Maybe the turning of someone's eye,  
Maybe the falling of the snow**

**Only heaven knows, What happens when God comes close**

**We wait, we hope, We yearn, prepare, For who or how or what or where?**

**Maybe the healing of a heart, Maybe reunion of a drift apart,**

**Maybe a child's coming home**

**Only heaven knows, What happens when God comes close**

**We wait, we hope, We yearn, prepare, For who or how or what or where?**

**Maybe the song, a place to belong, Maybe some faith, just a touch of grace**

**Maybe love, it's rarely what we think of**

**Only heaven knows, What happens when God comes close**

*(hear this in song on spotify: When God Comes Close, Adventus)*

**May you have a very blessed, peaceful, deeply joyful Christmas, Rev Sarah**

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## Local Artist Spotlight

Tatiana, a Wonersh artist originally from the city of Stakhanov in eastern Ukraine, works with watercolours and oils and has some lovely watercolour paintings of birds which would make a perfect Christmas gift. (see cover)

Tatiana's work can be viewed on her Instagram: *wonersh\_art* and she will also be selling her art at the Shalford Christmas Brunch, St Mary's Church on Sunday 11th December – do come along and take a look!



*If you are a local artist and would like your work featured in the next edition of Shalford Magazine, please contact [shalfordmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:shalfordmagazine@gmail.com) or [parishoffice@stmarysshalford.com](mailto:parishoffice@stmarysshalford.com).*



# Shalford Christmas Brunch



*Local artisan Christmas gifts & crafts stalls include:*

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## Sunday 11th December

### 10.30am - 12.30pm

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Drop in, all ages, bring Christmas visitors, raise vital funds for **Guildford Action & Christopher's Children's Hospice**

1st Shalford Scout Group started the Autumn term with the Beavers and Cubs heading into lots of activities and badge work.

**BEAVERS** The Beavers had a wonderful weekend in September at 'Beavers GO Wild' at Bentley Copse Activity Centre in Shere with 300 other Beavers and leaders from across Surrey. For some it was the chance to sleep under canvas for the first time!! The choice of activities was great, zip lining, go karts, bouncy slides and castles, rock climbing to name a few. The evening was enjoyed with a sing along around the campfire and a cup of hot chocolate.  
*Badges being earned this term are Experiments, Health and Fitness, Safety and Space.*



**cubs** The Cubs have enjoyed various activities also at Bentley Copse Activity Centre. Archery in the Summer and Rifle shooting this term. They explored Chinthurst Hill in the dark and enjoyed wide games. Halloween gave great enjoyment with an evening of games including turning each other into Mummies!  
*Badges being earned this term are First Aid, Scientist, and Personal and Skills Challenge.*

*Unfortunately, we don't have a Scout Section at present due to a shortage of leaders. Could you help?? No experience of Scouting is required as full training and guidance is given. If you are interested in joining the team then please contact Anneli Lowe our Group Scout leader [anneli@anneli.org](mailto:anneli@anneli.org).*

*We also hold a waiting list for the sections so if your son or daughter is interested in joining us, then please head to our website [www.shalfordscouts.org.uk](http://www.shalfordscouts.org.uk).*

*Plans to are underway for the Scout Hut. Details of our next steps to follow soon.*



**Sunday 11th Dec**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Sunday 11th December**  
**9.30am 2nd Sunday**  
**all Age Christmas**  
**cafe-style service**

Christmas story, prayers, carols, pop-up music band to join in, cafe style sharing together, followed by

**10.30am-12.30 Christmas**  
**Brunch with Christmas**  
**gifts & craft stalls**  
**& live music**

 **Shalford**  
**Christmas**  
**Brunch**  
 with live music 

**Christmas Eve 3pm**  
**NATIVITY SERVICE**

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Christmas Day 10am**  
**Special Christmas Day**  
**Festival Celebration**  
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## Shalford Peasmarsh and Chilworth Community Council

**Community Council Questionnaire:** the Community Council has put together a short questionnaire which is being circulated to all residents through the December parish magazine. As we come to the end of the current four-year term of the council it has decided that we should collect information from residents that will help shape what we do in the next four years after the local Elections on 4th May 2023. You can complete the paper questionnaire and return it to us through boxes in Chilworth Village Hall and St Thomas' Church Chilworth, or Shalford Village Hall.

Alternatively, you can complete the survey online by via our website, from 5th Dec to 31st January 2023. [www.shalford-pc.gov.uk](http://www.shalford-pc.gov.uk)

Please help us to understand better what you as a resident would like to see the Community Council doing over the next four years for your local area.

**Local Elections:** next May local elections will be held when all our Community Councillors as well as our Guildford BC councillors need to stand for re-election or be replaced with new candidates. We are always on the lookout for new blood to support the council from people who know about your own village and who are interested in helping to make the village a better place to live. No specific skills are needed other than a willingness to give some of your time to regular meetings and a desire to help improve where you live. If you would like to know more about the role of a Community Councillor please do get in touch with Nuala, our Clerk. Please make sure you are registered with the Guildford Borough Council Electoral Role so that you can vote in these elections.

**Climate Emergency:** the council continues to look at ways to be more environmentally aware and to encourage residents to be the same. The Climate Emergency Action Group has now met twice and is pulling together proposals for how it can effectively work on some of the issues locally that impact on our climate and can help to move towards Carbon Neutral status locally. The Council passed a motion on 22nd October to ensure that all aspects of our work consider the impact on Climate Change. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8th December in Shalford Village Hall at 7.30pm. We plan to hold a meeting in Chilworth in the new year. Details will be posted on our website in December. Please do join us if you can to share your ideas and join the group.

**Surrey CC Future Bus network Review:** the county council is currently consulting on bus services in the future. This is an opportunity for all residents to make your views heard on what you want from your bus services locally. The consultation is open until 6th January 23. You can complete it online using the following link;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/roads-and-transport-consultations/future-bus-review> or through our own council website.

**Green and Silver Food Waste Caddies:** we now have a stock of these at the Community Council office so if yours is broken or lost please do get in touch to collect a new one.

*Date of next Parish Council meetings next full meetings will be on Thursday 15th December and Thursday 26th January – venues to be confirmed.*

*Planning Committee will take place on Monday 19th December and Monday 16th January in Shalford Village Hall.*

**Shalford Peasmarsh and Chilworth community Council wish are our residents a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.**

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Any person who believes they would be eligible for support, or anyone who knows of someone who is eligible is invited to contact one of the trustees or the Clerk to Shalford Parish Council in complete confidence and for further information.



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## Peasmarsh – the wonderful hall.... re-opens!

The refurbished, insulated, heated, lit, lovely! Peasmarsh Hall is now open again for all to enjoy, tucked away in the woods at St Michael's Peasmarsh. We began with a wonderful opening night *Quiz & Potato Eve* - the perfect way to celebrate the (new!) doors re-opening. With children enjoying the new toys



corner, circa 40 locals enjoyed meeting, or re-meeting, fellow Peasmarshians over a brilliant Adrian Groves quiz (real crisps in the crisp round!), and far too much great food brought by all. The start of a new season of great community gatherings, events, groups, party bookings etc. £170 was raised to help towards the costs of the hall & church.



Following quickly on was the next great community event in November - the Peasmarsh Christmas Fair led by local artist Diana Burton and friends. Beautiful resin and glass pieces, Tillingbourne Soaps, gifts, teddy tombola, games and Christmas gifts and books, all went down a treat with Christmas refreshments. Very popular again, and set to become a new annual gathering too? Over £400 raised for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and to help towards the costs of Peasmarsh hall & church.

Thanks for supporting these great events. Don't miss the Peasmarsh St Michael's Carol Service next – 5pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Got an idea for a community event or booking for your club or party? Or keen to help care for & manage & love the hall & church at Peasmarsh? Either/both would be wonderful... Just get in touch via St Mary's & St Michael's parish office – [parishoffice@stmarysshalford.com](mailto:parishoffice@stmarysshalford.com)



## ST MARY'S ECO CHURCH UPDATE St Mary's Wildflower Meadow & New Trees emerge.....

St Mary's wild churchyard project continues to grow as we continue to focus on our stewardship of creation and all we can do for the planet in this climate crisis. If you go into the churchyard today, you'll see an intriguing patchwork of a beautiful wildflower meadow to come (we hope), just beside the Garden of Remembrance. Huge thanks to the very hard-working St Mary's eco champs team, and all who came to help...spending a 1st Saturday lifting & re-using existing turf, with faulty hired turf stripper! A second Saturday was spent laying half the meadow with the pre-sown meadow turf, and filling the other half with pre-seeded specialist meadow compost. We've used the old turf to lay a grass path to run through the meadow too so all can see



without trampling any of what we hope will be a beautiful spot for pollinators, wild life, and wild humans alike. We owe huge thanks to Maddie and Richard, Douglas, David, Tim, Anna, Mark, Dougan and Spirit for helping. Something slow to watch grow.



On Advent Sunday (27th Nov) as part of Queen Elizabeth's Green Canopy, we'll be planting 10 special varieties of new trees in the churchyard, as well as new shrubs in the garden of remembrance, for all to enjoy through the seasons (including the birds & the bees!). Each tree sponsored by a different person in memory of somebody special to them. More details in parish mag Feb edition. If you'd like to get involved in the Eco Champs Team at St Mary's, please get in touch.



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## Shalford Pubs - The Parrot

It's a pity to see The Parrot in its present condition, deserted and dilapidated. Will it ever reopen? Monty Python jokes spring to mind. Has this Parrot really ceased to be, shuffled off this mortal coil etc? But plans have been in the pipeline for some time to refurbish and extend the premises with up-to-date indoor and outdoor seating, and bedrooms.

The Parrot first opened around 1860. It was an offshoot of Broadford Brewery, which operated there from 1843 to 1913. The brewery was then converted into a military laundry, washing army uniforms in the First World War. The site lay derelict after the laundry burned down in 1923 before being taken over as the Vulcanised Fibre Works. Many will remember the tall chimney of the fibre works beside the river. In the 1980s the site was redeveloped as Broadford Business Park. The Parrot carried on throughout all these changes. Its meeting or assembly room was once a popular venue for cricket dinners and firms' celebrations. It often served as the location for coroner's inquests when accidental deaths occurred in Shalford, including bodies fished out of the Wey, which were taken to the pub. The meeting room was in great demand after the Village Hall in Pound Place burned down in 1961. The W.I. met at The Parrot for over three years until the new Village Hall was built.

Shalford lads would gather at the Parrot to play darts and shove ha'penny, and drink, of course. Further back in the past when quoits were a popular pub game The Parrot's quoits ground provided a venue for matches. Until fairly recently a great bonfire for Guy Fawkes used to take place on the Common in front of the pub.

In the early nineties I often used to take my small daughter for lunch at the Parrot – they did a good children's menu. She liked it there. In fact we went so often she thought its name was actually 'Lunchparrot.' Restoring the pub and updating it for modern needs will be a massive undertaking. I hope it will revive and isn't now an ex-Parrot.

**Margaret Dierden**



## The Wey & Arun Canal Trust Find a Lost Bridge

The Trust's ownership of the canal at Birtley, south of Bramley, offers many opportunities for advancing the overall restoration. A large part of the campaign of the last 30 years has been reconnecting stretches of the waterway separated by causeways. On the Birtley reach, commencing in summer 2019, an early project was to start work on Birtley Bridge 1 which will allow the removal of a nearby causeway. We are currently engaged in building a second lift bridge. This work can be seen from the Downs Link path which runs from Shalford to Station Road in Bramley and then further south to Birtley.

Often something of the form of civil-engineering features of disused canals can be deduced by regressing through the more detailed Ordnance Survey (O.S.) maps. Unfortunately the canal was legally abandoned in July 1871 before publication of the first editions of O.S. maps at the useful scales of 6 or 25 inches to the mile, by which time many reaches of the waterway were derelict. Hence there was insufficient detail to show the type of bridge formerly at this place. One could only speculate on its shape and the slope would have been difficult to accommodate the standard hump-back bridge of Josias Jessop's design. So what was on the original route?

The only way to discover more was to use the excavations for construction of the foundations of the lift bridge to investigate what might remain of the original bridge below ground level. Our expert consultant archaeologists Martin Cook and Suzanne MacLeod attending the site were in luck. Careful excavation by volunteers revealed substantial remains of the canal-facing brickwork walls and discovered that the Birtley canal bridge was a swing bridge.

Despite the short time on site available for investigation it proved possible to unearth interesting – and unexpected – features of the former bridge. First, it became clear that the brickwork structure of the west abutment was supported on thick timber planks and the second unexpected discovery was an iron 'stirrup' to which was attached a short section of heavily corroded chain. The archaeologists believe that this is likely a relic of a 'Sunday chain' which would have been stretched across the canal – typically at a lock or bridge location – to discourage navigation on Sundays. In the early nineteenth century it was normal for the waterways to carry goods on all days of the week, though increasing religious piety from the 1830s onwards caused some companies to ban use of their navigations on Sundays, early converts to this regulation being river navigations in north-west England. At the time of writing it is not known if the W&A Junction Canal was subject to this restriction.

This article has shown that much new knowledge has been gleaned from excavations on what might have seemed an unpromising site; much more remains hidden along the course of the Wey & Arun Canal!

**Alan Johnson**

Technical Liaison Officer

## Tree Planting by the Mayor of Guildford as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative

Shalford was delighted to welcome the Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Dennis Booth, on Saturday 29 October, when he planted a Conference pear tree at Shalford Orchard.



Earlier that day, Jon Coe

of Great Western Railway planted a Knobby Russet apple tree and in November, children from Shalford Infants School planted a Queen Cox apple tree. This will complete the planting of a total of nine new trees which are all heritage fruit varieties in keeping with the character and name of the site.

The project forms part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative created to mark the Platinum Jubilee 2022. The initiative will serve as a lasting tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's extraordinary service to her country and her people. The Acting Gardens Manager at Buckingham Palace, Claire Midgley-Adam MVO was in attendance.

Friends of Shalford is a community organisation which seeks to support the local community and make good things happen in Shalford and Peasmarsh. With the support of Shalford, Chilworth and Peasmarsh Garden Club they have been working to restore the space since early 2020. Work has included removal of dead, broken and unsuitable trees, rubbish clearance and restoration of a wooden archway as a seat. A new wooden bench was funded by Great Western Railway and a grant from the NISA Making a Difference Locally Fund (MADL) was used to purchase the trees. Valuable support has also been given by the nearby Snooty's Grocery Store and Shalford Community Council.

If you would like to be part of Friends of Shalford, we are always looking for new 'friends', please contact us on: [shalfordvillage@gmail.com](mailto:shalfordvillage@gmail.com)



## Sad Farewell to Bishop Jo

In January we say a sad farewell to Shalford resident Bishop Jo, the Bishop of Dorking, who has been appointed to an exciting new post as 'Bishop for Episcopal Ministry in the Anglican Communion'. We will miss Bishop Jo greatly in Shalford, as well as the whole diocese where she's been a great support and inspiration to so many. Please pray for Bishop Jo as she prepares for this new role she's leaping into with characteristic, inspiring, faith and energy.

Bishop Andrew writes: *The Anglican Communion Office has announced that Bishop Jo has been appointed to a new post as 'Bishop for Episcopal Ministry in the Anglican Communion'. It's a role that has grown out of the recent Lambeth Conference - to follow up its work and to continue to build friendship and fellowship between bishops and provinces around the Communion.*

Bishop Jo herself writes that '*somehow [this post] seems to fit my strange mix of experience, interests and quirks! Perhaps characteristic when there's a strong sense of God's call, it also come with a heavy measure of fear and challenge. 'I can't remember who wrote that Christians are those whose lives are shaped in such a way as to make no sense aside from Jesus. That's just how this role feels – it's a risk I'm hugely excited about... But I'm very sad that it entails leaving Guildford – a diocese filled with lovely colleagues, fantastic schools and churches, and stunning countryside'. We too are really sad to be losing Jo, who has brought such energy and enthusiasm to the diocese, our churches, schools and communities, and who has been a fabulous colleague in the diocesan senior team. She will be much very missed. Bishop Jo will take up this new role from mid January.*

Wonderfully, Bishop Jo will be celebrating Christmas Day with us here in Shalford – presiding and preaching at our special 10am Christmas Day Festival Communion Service for all ages, with opportunities for all to join in music and more... including a little Christmas refreshment for the way!



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CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
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Traditional services of  
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Sunday 18th December 6pm

**ST MICHAEL'S  
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Every Wednesday: **3Cs Cafe 10-11.30am; 12 noon Midweek Holy Communion; 6.30pm Pilates**

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- Saturday 3rd Dec Shalford Infant & Nursery School Christmas Fair at School (PTA)
- 1st Sunday 4th Dec 10am Advent Parish Communion** (high altar, choir anthem)
- Wed 7th Dec 12 noon Advent Midweek Holy Communion.  
Thursday 8th Dec 6pm St Mary's Choir Practice
- 2nd Sunday 11th Dec 9.30-10.15am 2nd Sunday All Age Service: *Christmas!***  
**10-30am-12.30pm Shalford Christmas Brunch, Live Music & Christmas Market**
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- Christmas Eve 3pm Children's Nativity Service - come dressed to be part**  
**11pm Candle-lit Midnight Mass**
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## Shalford, Peasmarsh and Chilworth Garden Club

*Job 12:15 If he withholds the waters, they dry up; if he sends them out, they overwhelm the land.*

Job knew what he was talking about when one reflects on this year's climatic conditions, first drought, then downpours. This made conditions rather tricky to grow exhibits for our autumn show, be it flowers or vegetables. However with faith, and some skill and knowledge, wonderful results were obtained, despite the hosepipe ban. Considerable effort goes into our shows. It all begins with the Schedule (our show catalogue) designed to encourage entries from all abilities. Planning begins early in the year defining the categories. Setting up on the eve of the show is a team effort, not without physical graft and complexity. How many exhibits, how much space per exhibit? Arranging the tables is like solving a Rubik cube. Much time goes into staging the exhibits, some entrants spending 2 hours or more arranging floral displays, or symmetrical vegetable patterns, to say nothing of the time taken to grow them (or 5 hours to bake a brioche). Marshalling requires accuracy recording results, and supreme diplomacy dealing with the judges, particularly when critical of one's own exhibits. Are we using imperial or metric measurements, are the dahlias or tomatoes in the right class? Do the vases and containers conform to size restrictions? We thank the judges by providing them with a delightful tea. It is all worthwhile the moment the show opens to the public, trophies are awarded, and prize monies are won as a reward for one's efforts. Having cleared it all away afterwards, we heave a sigh of relief, say a prayer of thanks, retire for a cleansing ale, and reflect on the satisfaction of doing a little something for the community.

*On 5th December 2022, Shalford, Peasmarsh and Chilworth Garden Club are meeting at 7pm for their AGM followed by Pamela Holt's talk on French Landscape Gardens. This meeting will be held at Shalford Village Hall, UPPER Hall, Kings Rd, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 8BQ.*



## Christmas Jelly Pudding

Here is a recipe for an alternative to the traditional Christmas pudding. It is much lighter, gluten free and a favourite of adults and children alike but still looks like a Christmas pudding. It also can be made in just a few minutes.

### Ingredients

- 1 red jelly (strawberry or raspberry)
- 500 g mixed dried fruit (currants, sultanas, raisins etc )
- 2 tablespoons brandy or sherry (optional)

### Method

1. Place mixed dried fruit into a pudding bowl (large enough for the fruit and with about an inch to spare at the top). Add brandy and leave to soak. Stir occasionally.
2. Make the jelly up as shown on the instructions which usually suggests - cut up the jelly into cubes and place in jug. Add 1/2 pint (285ml) of boiling water and stir until dissolved. Add 1/2 pint (285ml) of cold water and stir.
3. Pour the made up jelly into the pudding bowl to cover the dried fruit. Leave the jelly and fruit mixture to cool. Frequently stir the mixture so that the fruit becomes evenly distributed throughout and doesn't sink to the bottom. The jelly is absorbed by the fruit and plumps up, refrigerate to set.
4. When required to eat, place the pudding bowl in a bowl of warm water for a few minutes and gently run a knife around the inside of the pudding bowl and turn out the Christmas jelly pudding onto a serving plate. It should come out whole and look surprisingly like a traditional Christmas pudding.
5. Place a piece of holly on the top of the Christmas jelly pudding for decoration. Serve on its own or with cream.

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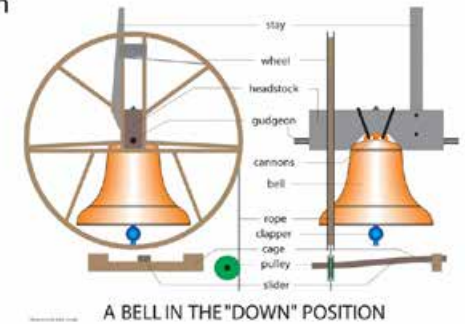
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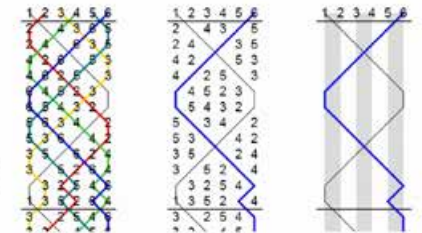
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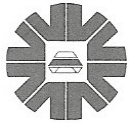
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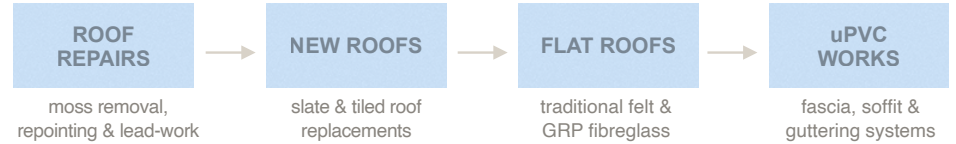
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