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Guildford and South Surrey Branch

Happy New Year!

I hope all our members have had a great Christmas and I'd like to wish everyone a Happy 2024.

As documented in the December Newsletter I plan to keep the Chair's Newsletter fresh by trying two things differently this year:

- For 2024, the focus of each Newsletter will be a place or person associated with the Branch. Obviously, this will be done in my inimitable style which involves a clue being given in the previous Newsletter. Don't expect the clues to be easy.
- While I have had many members indicate they love the Newsletter there may be some who simply wish 'that David fella, shut up and simply give me the key branch dates and headline information'. Accordingly, so that everyone is a winner, I shall put the notices first and then those who wish to read on can and those who do not can give up.

The key Branch events and messages are as follows:

- Branch AGM on Tuesday 27th February, 2.00 p.m. at Shalford Village Hall.
- Trads Army Dixieland Jazz Band-Saturday 6th April, 12.30-3.30 p.m. at Onslow Village Hall. See the [Branch website](#) for ticket details.

Returning to the ramblings of a madman.....



....did you identify the place associated with the clue in the December Newsletter (re-attached for simplicity)? If, like Margaret Westwood, you said Christmas Pie, near Normandy, then give yourself a pat on the back. There is an extra point if you know why it is fitting that



Margaret, of all people, got the answer...will tell all later..

What could be a more suitably named place for this festive season? Extra points go to anyone who realises that the last sentence is nonsense as Christmas Pie has nothing to do with either the season or Pies!

Christmas Pie owes its curious name to property owned by a prominent local

Henry VIII. Christmases are often noted as serving as members of the homage which was the jury of the court. The "Pie" comes from the Saxon term "pightel" or "pightle" meaning a small piece of arable land. Until this was built up during the 1920s, a small field, Pie Field was near the Christmas Pie crossroads.

Congratulations to those who already knew the relationship to the Christmas Family. I can confirm I knew this but unfortunately, it is not raw intelligence at display but the fact that I am local to the area and have Christmas Bakery in Ash Wharf.

I would like to share with you the revelation that I found in looking for a question and a clue for the February edition of this newsletter. I suddenly realised that in order to find a clue I had to start looking around me and principally up and I am amazed at how much detail I missed and was seeing for the first time.

I plan to look at this in more detail in future editions but by way of example, the first question for February's Newsletter is where exactly is this boot in one of the Branch towns? I suspect 95% of members will have walked under it but did you see it? I imagine some of you may know the answer immediately and some may have to search for it. I encourage those who do not know of its location to spend the month looking for it and see



if you have the same revelation I have. If you do perhaps you would be kind enough to send me your thoughts that I can share in future Newsletters. I suspect spending more time looking at our surroundings will be an uplifting experience as we may gain a better appreciation of where we live and the great qualities of the architecture and other joyful things in nature. Just in case you know the location of the boot a second question is "what sign did I see and where exactly is that sign that links Guildford and York?" Finally, why is it unsurprising that Margaret Westwood knew the answer? Firstly, Margaret is a smart lady with a first-class mind and secondly, the road that goes through Christmas Pie is called Westwood Lane ☺



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