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Following the fine days for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, the weather broke with a day reminiscent of last year's Village Day, and the following days were not much better. The Village Day organizers found little comfort in the weather forecasts and to add to their anxieties, the World Cup match between England and Denmark was scheduled to be played at 12.30 pm on The Day. Would this keep most people away, and would the lunch in the Old Barn Hall, which had raised a substantial proportion of the takings in previous years, be a flop?

The situation was saved by a fine day and by J & M Radio Services who kindly lent a television, which was put in a marquee, lent by the Guides, at the bottom of the field. A neighbour kindly allowed us to run a cable from her house to supply power. Schools and Toddler Groups were informed, and we had an excellent attendance.

The procession this year was considered the best ever. Mums, (and maybe Dads), teachers, leaders and helpers had spent hours making dresses and equipment representing the Golden Jubilee for the children. The Royal Shop, (see the cartoon in the last edition of the Bulletin), must have had coronation carriages available. The very difficult task of choosing the best group fell to our President, Beryl Warne. She awarded the Peter Hancock Cup to the Dawnay Playgroup, who also won it last year. However, it was a very close thing for all the groups were outstanding and were given certificates. Congratulations on a magnificent show.



The winning stall

Doreen and Alan Zoers judged the stalls and chose that of the Bookham Evening WI as winner. This again was a difficult decision for there were many well dressed stalls, most of which involved many hours of preparation. The winning stall holders wore costumes covering ten year intervals of the Queen's reign. Second equal were the stalls of Bookham Players and Little Bookham WI.

The Surbiton Royal British Legion Youth Marching Band, led the procession in a rousing manner and played in the ring. They were quite magnificent and did not get soaked this year. The involvement of young people performing in the centre ring, which was so successful last year was continued. There were displays by the pupils of Howard of Effingham and Eastwick Junior school. There was Line Dancing by expert adults who then guided youngsters in this art. The Dawnay School gave an exhibition of dancing and it all ended up with a Tug of War competition.

The police helped control the traffic this year. Two officers at the top of the High Street and two at the squareabout, controlled the traffic. This help was much appreciated.

# Bookhams Bulletin

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## What's Happening

### SEPTEMBER

**Sunday 15th** - Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society Autumn Show - Old Barn Hall - 2.30 pm.

**Friday 27th** - Royal National Lifeboat Institution Open Evening - Speaker: Mrs Penelope Horsfall - nearly 30 years as a magistrate - Harrison Room, Old Barn Hall - 8.00 pm. Everyone most welcome.

**Monday 30th** - The local Police & Community Group Public Meeting - Old Barn Hall - 7.30 pm. For further details see article.

### OCTOBER

**Tuesday 8th** - Andy Rouse, wildlife photographer, - Old Barn Hall - 8 pm. Tickets £5, including light refreshments, from Gordon Roots 454708, Joy Tobin 453340 or Tony Pullen 01306 877635. See article for further information.

**Friday 11th and Saturday 12th** - The Grange Centre Open Days - 10 am to 4 pm - entry free. For further details see article.

**Sunday 20th** - Thanksgiving Service dedicated to the work of The Grange Centre - St Nicolas Parish Church - 6.30 pm. For further details see article.

**Friday 25th** - Bookham & Fetcham Liberal Democrats Quiz Evening with light refreshments - Old Barn Hall - 7.30 for 8 pm. Tickets from Angela Hunt 457948.

### NOVEMBER

**Saturday 9th** - Royal Life Boat Institution Coffee Morning - Harrison Room, Old Barn Hall - 10 am. Cakes and Christmas cards.

**Thursday 14th** - The Friends of Little Bookham Church present an illustrated talk "Sailing Round the World the Hard Way" - Manor House School - 7.45 for 8 pm. Tickets £6 from Joan Dole 458878, Sara Collins 458129 or Val Winter 454273.

**Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th** - Bookham Players present a programme of one act plays. Tickets £9.50, to include a fish and chip supper, from Daphne Leith 458844.

## BOOKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bookham Community Association was established in 1947 to advance education and provide facilities for the leisure time of the communities of Great and Little Bookham and the immediate neighbourhood. This is achieved by encouraging organisations with various interests, managing the Old Barn Hall, publishing Bookhams Bulletin four times a year and organising the annual Village Day and Village Week. See page 22 for full details.

## EDITORIAL

Bookham residents have excelled themselves in recent weeks. At the Chelsea Flower Show, the flower arrangement by Denise Bottomly, and Fetcham resident Alison Gillott won a Gold Medal and the Best Floral Arrangement award. Although the photograph in the Bulletin is in black and white, it can be seen that the arrangement is outstanding. See it in colour on our web site. Then there were awards to other flower arrangers at Chelsea, Hampton Court and the World Wide exhibition in Glasgow. Flower arrangers also excelled themselves in the magnificent arrangements in St Nicolas Church to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Village Day must rank amongst one of the best ever. Harold Hopkins again took lots of photographs and a selection is shown in this issue. The procession was particularly good and there seemed to be more children than ever showing that we are a vibrant community. The events during Village Week attracted large audiences, which was very satisfying for all those who worked so hard in the preparations.

The problems in Leatherhead emphasize the importance of supporting our local shops and businesses. They gave us excellent support for Village Day and Week, and many advertise in the Bulletin making a valuable contribution to the cost of production.

We had a most enjoyable show from the Evening TG Entertainments Group and there was a very professional production by Bookham Players.

There are some excellent contributions in this edition, covering a variety of interests. Please keep them coming in. Club news of what you are planning to do, or mention of a special event is very welcome. However, there are many clubs who have not contributed for a long time. We would like to hear from you. Also, parents, encourage your children to send me an article.

*Eric Lloyd Jones*

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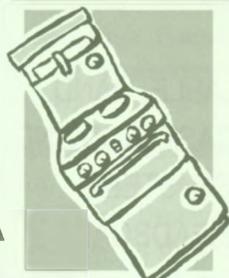
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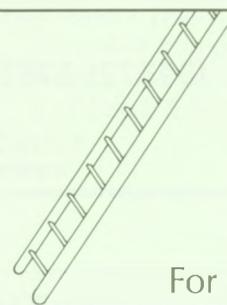
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# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Did all that finger-crossing pay off? The rain stayed away and the sun shone – so it seems it did.

This set the scene for a wonderful day with lots of colour, lots of fun and lots of you!

The imagination and effort that went into the costumes for the procession was tremendous and it was great to see so many of our youngsters involved. This involvement continued with the arena events in the afternoon.

Village Day gives us all a chance to meet, to watch and to take part. Many thanks to all those who made the day

possible, those who manned the stalls, and all of you who came.

Village Week was packed with events and Beryl Warne and I were pleased that one of us was able to attend each event to thank you for your support.

As well as the important community aspects, the Week is the BCA's main fund-raiser to maintain and improve the Old Barn Hall. This year should be close to a record – thank you all.

*Keith Stark*

## VILLAGE WEEK 2002

Village Day and Village Week were a great success with the net contribution to the maintenance of the Old Barn Hall **topping £9,000 for the first time.**

The excellent outcomes owed a great deal to the efforts of all the groups of people involved, and particularly to David Harding and members of the organising committee. Also to other numerous helpers.

**We are very grateful to T.W.White & Sons for sponsoring Village Day with a handsome contribution.**

The contributions from the Village Week programme were also well up from previous years. The popular Quiz Night, won by Bookham Players, raised £415. The 'new' Jubilee Tea by the Bookham WI Country Market contributed £400. Bridge Night, an ever good contributor, raised £450 and Jazz Night, helped by a generous donation from Charles Church contributed £950. Other events were well supported and added over £500 to the total.

We are very grateful to the shops and businesses in the area for generous contributions for Village Day events and also for advertising in the Village Week Brochure, which made a valuable contribution to the total. Our future depends on you using our local shops and businesses. Some of our neighbours are in difficulties. Support our shops so that Bookham continues to be a star in the Mole Valley and in Surrey.

The list below includes all who contributed with gifts and advertising (some did both). If you have been omitted, please let the editor know, and he will emphasise you in the next edition.

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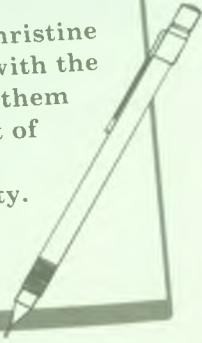
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# OUR ROVING REPORTER

On Village Day, Christine Leonard mingled with the crowds and asked them what they thought of Village Day and the community. Here are some of the comments:



'I remember from 1966, when my children were tiny, in push chairs. The Days don't seem to have changed at all, everyone has a stall in same place every year. I see people here that I haven't seen all year – it's a great meeting place.' I came to Bookham under duress and wouldn't even look at houses here for six months. Now I wouldn't leave! We're so lucky. It sounds corny but Bookham has everything. OK it's grown but it's still a village. If I go to the shops on a Saturday morning I see so many people I know that I'm there for two hours!'

*Gillian Povey*

'We drove to Wandsworth at crack of dawn to collect the candyfloss machine – and then got stuck in traffic. Everyone was driving about before the football started, I think. People work together so well for Village Day – just look at the stalls – there's so much work that goes on before the actual Day. We haven't decorated ours because everything gets covered with candyfloss. So do we – I'll look like Miss Haversham by the end! But at least this year's parade hasn't got soaked like last year's when all the paint and make-up was running!'

*Margery Denne, Churches Together stall.*

'I've been coming to Village Day for years. Last year I remember because it simply poured with rain! But it's always so colourful. People make a real effort, especially this year. I came here in a mini this morning and got some funny looks, even from a policeman, as if to say "I didn't know the Queen was coming to Bookham!" One man waved from his car.'

*(Audrey from the TWG stall, was one of many splendid royal look-alikes, ranging from OAPs to tiny tots.)*

'We like the new layout in the Hall – keeping lunches and teas separate works well, but we think someone from outside should judge the stalls.'

*Three helpers from the Garden Society Stall enjoying a lunch break.*

Everyone comes together – so many children in their outfits. It's lovely to see this is still alive. I keep meeting people I know. We've only lived here a few years and where we lived before Village Day wasn't nearly as extensive and the stalls weren't as enterprising.'

*Penny Clark*

'I moved here in 1996 because of the community spirit. Someone had invited me to a street party to celebrate 50 years since VE day and I thought, "I just love it here!" My only gripes are about the state of the roads and lack of recycling facilities, but I walk out of my front door and people I don't know say "Hello!" That kind of friendliness is dying out elsewhere.' *Sara Sheikh on Bookham Players' raffle stall.*

'You can't beat Bookham as a community, that's why I've lived here 40 years. There's concern over graffiti and new development but the shops are far better than Leatherhead's and Bookham keeps its village atmosphere with the church in the centre!' 'There's too much building of 5 bedroomed houses – it's a sign of greed and bad planning when there's nothing that young families can afford. We moan about that and the bad roads – but we wouldn't live anywhere else and we've got the Barn Hall, which is great.' 'Bookham's a lovely, friendly place to live. So much happens in the Barn Hall – you could come here every night if you wanted to!' 'The Hall is the hub of the village – provided people can get about there's no excuse for anyone in Bookham to be lonely!' 'It's such a lively community – and mixed, which is good, with so much to do you could be out all day, every day!' *Various stall-holders.*

'We only moved to Bookham this year. I was amazed, standing on the High Street, at the scale of the Parade. Village Day is great and our kids are loving it!'

*George Wood*

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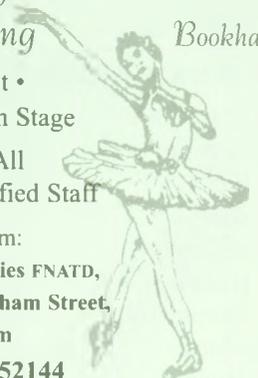
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## It's 'Time to Celebrate' Bookham success

Wasn't the jubilee great? All that was and is good about Great Britain over the years was highlighted in splendour throughout the nation. Yet, I have more reason than most of my contemporaries to cherish the celebrations following a truly memorable evening.

Having escaped the bright lights of London for a weekend, I was looking forward for the first time to spending a quiet weekend in a sleepy rural village called Bookham. Following a beautifully relaxed day, I was rather intriguingly invited to "A Time to Celebrate" – a show by the Bookham Evening Townswomen's Guild Entertainments Group, which promised an evening of pure entertainment. How could I refuse?

When I arrived at the Old Barn Hall, I was struck by the cross section of people, from young children, teenagers, to couples and grandparents. I opened my wine, the overture hushed the audience and the show began.

The curtains opened to a wash of colour and a strong choral explosion where superb harmonious singing kick-started the evening. The theme of the evening was easy to follow and took the audience through a journey throughout the nation representing the Queen's jubilee tour. From Land's End to John O'Groats, the local favourites from regions and countries were reproduced so authentically (and being from Yorkshire myself you can imagine how critical I could have been), I found myself tapping my feet and clapping my hands like everyone else in the audience.

The refreshments provided at interval were a nice touch and I found myself eagerly referring to my programme to see what was coming next as I couldn't wait!

Act II was incredible. Stylish black and white costumes were so eye-catching and equally matched the brilliant rendition of the Ascot Gavotte from My Fair Lady. This was followed by a number of comedy sketches including an hilarious Morecombe and Wise sketch – it was uncanny that they actually did look like the original duo! The rest of the evening took us through a number of musical favourites, including a number from Cats, which, if you closed your eyes, the soloist's voice sent shivers down your spine - she sang like an angel.

The show rounded off with a full chorus extravaganza where it looked like the cast had enjoyed themselves as much as 'the audience. The Barn was buzzing with positive energy and it was a pity the evening had to end at all. Whilst I can choose from all the major productions at the West End, there is something special about the application and drive which I experienced from the cast members of the Evening Townswomen's Guild Entertainment Group. It is a reminder of the value of communities and the spirit of the English village and it is incredible to discover real talent and theatrical professionalism exists within. There is not doubt I will be visiting Bookham again when it is time for the next show.

*Greg Dawson*



This is traditionally the final event of Village Week and once again Brian White's Magna Jazz Band were in cracking form. Known amongst the regulars as Jilly's Jazz Nite, the evening was again organised by Jill Barrett and her husband Malcolm. However, sadly, both were unable to attend. Jill is still recuperating from an operation and Malcolm was laid low by a virus, but at the time of writing I am pleased to say both are now well on the mend. Fortunately, Graham and Lorraine Dunn stood in and everyone agreed what a terrific job they made of it.

There were loads of friendly smiles, drinks and laughter - and that was just the band! Seriously though, the event was again a feast for anyone who loves their jazz live, more especially if you also like to dance to it. The band was, as usual expertly lead, with a marvellous touch, and a sense of fun, by Brian White on Clarinet. Mention should be made that the drummer, Rex Bennett is 82, but still playing like a 22 year old. From the opening number 'When you're Smiling' to the final special offering of 'Tiger Rag' featuring Jeff Cole with puppet tiger, it was another marvellous evening. There was a poignant moment when a special number 'Blues for Ben' was played in memory of Ben Cohen, their well-known Cornet player, who sadly passed away earlier this year.

On behalf of the BCA thanks must go to Jill and Malcolm, to everyone who attended and helped in any way, plus those Bookham Traders who provided Raffle & Auction prizes and, finally, the Sponsors. As a result there was a profit on the evening of over £900 - so well done everyone, and see you next year.

*Malcolm Jordan*

Stuart Given, Area Sales manager for Charles Church (South East) commented:

"Charles Church was delighted to offer financial support to Bookham Village Week, through a donation to the Jazz Night"



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## Bookham DFAS

I am delighted to report that there was an enthusiastic response to the article in the last edition.

We have already reached our target membership figure of 180 and have started a waiting list for those who hadn't read their Bulletins quickly enough!

I will try to give regular reports on how the latest village society progresses after our Inaugural meeting in January next year.

*John Tiffney - Chairman of Steering Committee*

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## HARRY CUDDEFORD

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Many will know Harry, who died at the age of 92, as the long term resident of Great Bookham who shared what he called 52 years of "glorious togetherness" with his wife Dulcie. Some will know that when he met Dulcie, he was a sailor. He had left home before he was 16 to go to sea with the Merchant Navy. In 1926 he joined the Royal Marines and transferred to the Royal Navy in 1928. He served in the RN until 1949, leaving with the rank of Chief Engineer (CPO).

During WWII, he served in convoys and was torpedoed, which he described as a bit of a nuisance (in slightly more colourful language!). His many medals were awarded for active service all over the world.

At the end of the war he served on the flagship of the China station carrying out mopping-up operations after the fall of Japan. He visited Nagasaki which was devastated by an atomic bomb.

When he left the Navy he worked at Ronson in Leatherhead as an engineer until his retirement in 1972. During this time Dulcie and Harry were deeply involved in many local activities. Harry helped to prepare the amphitheatre, orchestra pit and stage for the open-air theatre at Polesden Lacey. Both served there as Volunteer Stewards for many years.

In the early days of the BCA taking over the Old Barn Hall, a great deal of maintenance was required. There was no money available, so a team of volunteers toiled away every Saturday morning and, of course, this included Harry. It is largely due to their efforts that we now have a building which we are proud of and is the centre of Village activities.

Both were keen dancers, especially Old Time Dancing. They organised the New Year's Eve dance at the Old Barn Hall for over 20 years. Harry used to enter at the stroke of midnight dressed in a white sheet and carrying a scythe

as Old Father Time, while a small child ran in dressed as the infant New Year. This raised funds for the BCA and this was a valuable contribution to the money required for maintenance and improvements.

They were also great workers for the annual Village Day, and Harry supported Dulcie at the weekly W.I. Friday market at which she was a leading light.



Although they did not have any children of their own, they greatly enjoyed the company of family and friends' children - Harry had the ability to entertain them with stories, and even wrote some of the stories down. He was very popular with the children.

Harry had long periods of loneliness after Dulcie died. But he kept as active as he could and kept his independence. An example of this was "Nimrod" his electric buggy on which he hurtled round the village with either his shopping or his cats in the basket.

Bookham is certainly poorer for his passing, but it may well be a little safer. Eventually, ill health forced him into hospital. After over 4 months in Leatherhead hospital he was given a place at the Royal Alfred Home for Seafarers in Banstead. He had several happy weeks here during which he enjoyed a few drinks and yarns with other "old matelots", as he put it.

Right up until his final decline, he was always a pleasure to visit and even when he felt down, he was still pleased to see friends and family and keen to have a chat. His warm personality and lively sense of humour will be an abiding memory.

*I am indebted to Harry's niece, Mrs Philomena White, for providing me with the photograph and much of the information given above. Also to many of his friends and neighbours who were very fond of Harry.*

*Editor*

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# BEST IN SHOW AWARD AT CHELSEA



Two Surrey flowers arrangers, Denise Bottomley of Bookham and Alison Gillott of Fetcham, have won a Gold Medal and the 'Best Floral Arrangement award' at the prestigious 2002 Chelsea Flower Show. They beat 40 other competitors from allover the world to pick up the coveted 'Best in Show' award for their arrangement entitled 'All that Jazz'.

Denise and Alison, both members of West Horsley Evening Floral Circle, have previously won awards at the Hampton Court Flower Show but this was their first entry to the world's number one flower show. They were only informed that their application to compete had been accepted a month before the Show, due to a cancellation.

Both Alison and Denise were stunned by their success. "This was our first attempt at Chelsea and, although we were very pleased with our arrangement there were a large number of excellent entries this year and the competition was extremely strong. To win a Gold Medal at our first Chelsea Show was amazing but then to find out that we had also been chosen as the winner of the 'Best in Show' was unbelievable."

The two friends went to Chelsea on the evening before the judging and worked from 9.00pm to 6.00am the next morning to get their exhibit ready. On finding they had won top award they both then returned to be presented with their prize, a beautiful Dartington rose bowl. That evening they were invited to a reception at the NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arranging Societies) Headquarters in London. "It was exhausting work but well worth the effort", said both Denise and Alison.



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# OUR FLOWER ARRANGERS



Flower arranging is a very popular pastime. It is more than sticking a few flowers in a vase and like many other activities is both scientific and subjective, requiring imagination.

In Bookham we have a very active Flower arrangement Group with a lot of talent as shown by the individual award winners at the recent Glasgow World Wide Exhibition and Hampton Court Flower Show. Congratulations to Jan Clark, Joan Owen, Pam Qureshi and Sue Slark.

The Bookham club members, together with members of St Nicolas, decorated the church to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. It was a magnificent show and all who saw it were full of admiration. Well done Pam Qureshi for organising such a splendid event.

The photographs show one of the exhibits in the church and the Bookham Flower Arrangers stall in the Old Barn Hall on Village Day. Secretary Beryl Hopkins is on the left. Contact Beryl for information about the club.



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## POLICE AND COMMUNITY

You will see elsewhere in the "What's Happening" part of the Bulletin mention of a Public Meeting which is being held in The Old Barn Hall on the evening of Monday 30th September.

This Meeting has been arranged by the Leatherhead Area Police and Community Partnership Group (P.C.P.G.) with the support of the Bookhams Residents' Association.

The Leatherhead Area P.C.P.G. is one of a number in Surrey. They work under the aegis of the Police Authority. Their function is to provide liaison between the Police and the local community and to develop initiatives which are aimed at improving personal and neighbourhood safety. The local Group covers Bookham, Fetcham, Leatherhead and Ashted.

The Meeting is planned to give the people of Bookham an opportunity to meet with, and to talk to, representatives of various organisations who have a responsibility for dealing with matters of individual or general concern.

Amongst those who are likely to be present, as well as the local and Traffic Police, will be representatives from the District Council, Surrey Highways, the Youth Service, the Mediation Service and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

The first part of the evening will be arranged so that people can talk informally to the organisations who are present about individual issues or concerns. This will be followed by a panel discussion where specific or general matters can be raised, discussed and responded to.

We very much hope that the evening will help and encourage people to raise matters they would like to have discussed and look forward to a good attendance - optimistically we have moved it from the Harrison Room to the Main Hall to encourage attendance!

*Michael Anderson,*

*Chair, Leatherhead Area Police and Community Partnership Group.*

## Gardening for Non Gardeners

At the time of writing Summer appears to have finally arrived and members of the Garden Society will be preparing for their summer show. If you managed to get down to the Old Barn Hall you will hopefully have observed that anyone who enjoys their garden can participate even in a small way.

Autumn is approaching now, however, and following on from the tips in the last Bulletin there are few things that even the most reluctant might wish to consider.

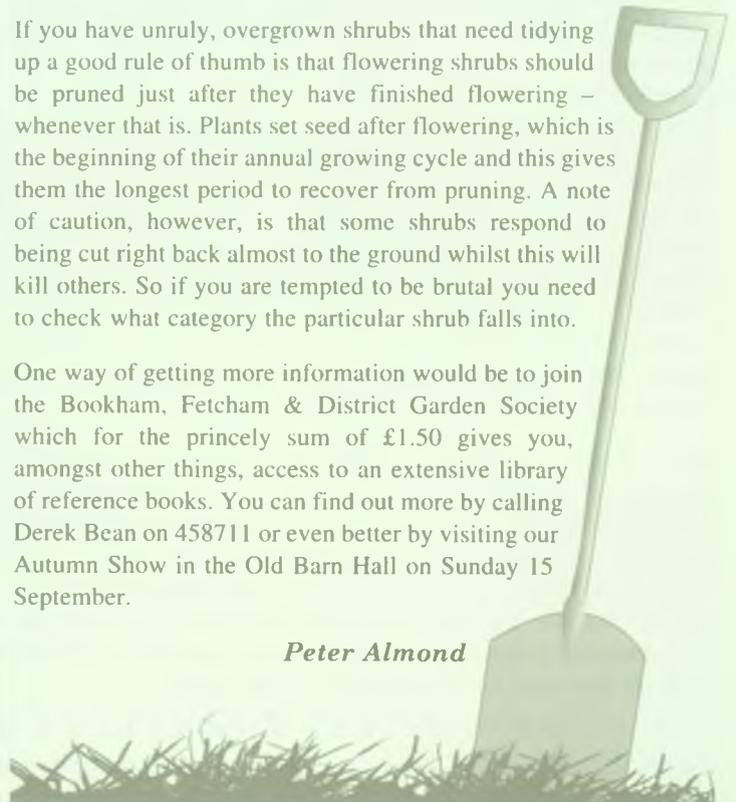
Autumn is the time to plant bulbs such as daffodils and tulips for a colourful display in Spring. This can be a relatively simple task if you use a bulb planter - this is an inexpensive device that removes a plug of soil, which can then just be dropped back in the hole over the bulbs. For a natural effect just throw a handful of bulbs on the ground and plant them where they fall.

An easy way to clear up leaves from the lawn, if you have a rotary mower with a grass box, is to pick a dry day and use the mower with the blades set as high possible. As well as collecting the leaves this also chops them up a bit so that they rot down more quickly - so if you can find suitable a corner of the garden you could make a pile and start making you own leaf mould.

If you have unruly, overgrown shrubs that need tidying up a good rule of thumb is that flowering shrubs should be pruned just after they have finished flowering - whenever that is. Plants set seed after flowering, which is the beginning of their annual growing cycle and this gives them the longest period to recover from pruning. A note of caution, however, is that some shrubs respond to being cut right back almost to the ground whilst this will kill others. So if you are tempted to be brutal you need to check what category the particular shrub falls into.

One way of getting more information would be to join the Bookham, Fetcham & District Garden Society which for the princely sum of £1.50 gives you, amongst other things, access to an extensive library of reference books. You can find out more by calling Derek Bean on 458711 or even better by visiting our Autumn Show in the Old Barn Hall on Sunday 15 September.

*Peter Almond*



WEA 2002/3

The 2002/3 Programme for the Fetcham & Bookham Branch of the WEA is now available in local libraries and from W E Whitman (453430).

This is the Centenary year of the founding of the WEA and our local branch is flourishing with nineteen courses listed. Among these are most of the old favourites including five organised in conjunction with the University of Surrey which may qualify for University credits. The courses, all with university approved lecturers, cover a wide range including: art, music, current affairs, industrial archaeology and lighter subjects.

Last year we introduced a wine appreciation course, which continues, and this year we are offering a new course on 'First Aid in the Home'.

The AGM of the Branch will take place at 8.00pm on Friday 6th Sept in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall to be followed by a talk 'Exploring the Universe' by Anthony Sizer MA, FRAS, MRI.

WEA 2002/3

# THOMAS AND WILLIAM MOORE OF POLESDEN: Where were they buried and who sculpted William's memorial?

In the north aisle of St Nicolas Church, two memorials stand against the wall almost hidden behind the organ case. They commemorate two former owners of the Carolean house at Polesden which was built in 1631 and demolished around 1818. Thomas Moore, who commanded an infantry regiment in the reign of Queen Anne and became a paymaster abroad for George I, bought the house from his brother, Arthur Moore of Fetcham Park, in 1729. His nephew, Arthur's son William, who was MP for Banbury for 6 years in the reign of George II, inherited the house in 1735. After William's death, the house was bought by Capt Francis Geary in 1747.



Both memorials stood originally in the chancel until they were moved to the north aisle in the late 19th century, and William's inscription states that his remains lie near this place (viz. his memorial in the chancel); so the probable site of the vault is under the chancel.

The memorial to Colonel Thomas Moore is known to be the work of Thomas Carter the Elder: but who sculpted the medal and two cherubs on the adjacent memorial to William Moore and where were Thomas and William buried in the church?. New evidence has been found at the Bodleian Library, Oxford and at the University of Keele, which helps to clarify the existence of a vault in the chancel and the construction of the two memorials.

Two letters written by Zebbedee Lovemore, William's servant, provide evidence for a vault. On the day after William's funeral in 1746, he wrote to Lord North, William's executor - 'I went down in the vault myself and saw him laid close to Col Moore': later, in 1757, he wrote to Lord North to confirm details for the memorial inscriptions - 'Both (viz Thomas and William) buried in a vault in Bookham Church built by the latter for the interment of his uncle'.

Colonel Moore died on 16 March 1735; however workmen's bills suggest that his memorial was not erected until the late summer of 1758 (viz after Carter's death in 1757). The account submitted by the executors of Thomas Carter to the executors of William Moore on the 24 August 1758 gave the total cost of the memorial as £228.11.11. The executor's accounts show that payment was made in two instalments - £120 on 26 Feb 1759 and £108.11. 6 on 14 April 1760.

William Moore died on 21 Oct 1746; Lord North (by now the 1st Earl of Guilford), as William's executor, was unable to provide for William's memorial until 1759. He made an agreement with Thomas Carter the Younger to provide a memorial for £145, for which he made an up-front payment of £80 on 22 Dec 1760. The account submitted by Benjamin & Thomas Carter on the 12 Nov 1761 gave the total cost of the memorial as £174. 7. 0. The executor's accounts show that a final payment was made on 22 April 1762.

The detailed evidence for a vault under the chancel and the two Carter memorials in St Nicolas Church has been published in the Leatherhead & District Local History Society Proceedings Vol 6 No 5 pp108-12 (2001).

*B E Godfrey*

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# EDDIE CROUCH MBE



Eddie Crouch, who lives with his wife in Great Bookham, was appointed an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. The award was gained for services to the community.

Eddie has been the clerk of Effingham Parish Council for an incredible 50 years, and was appointed to the parish council by Sir Barnes Wallace, the inventor of the "bouncing bomb" used in the famous Dambusters raid.

He set up the Bookham and District talking newspaper for the blind nearly 30 years ago. His hobbies include membership of the local rotary club where he has the distinction of being president twice.

He said: "There have been some tremendous changes in the district over the years. The population was only half what it is now. When you stop and look back things have changed enormously. It is nice to be honoured by the Queen and local people in this way."



## NEW ROTARY YEAR STARTS

Club President Bob Kelley ended his year on 30 June and handed over the baton to Bill Hoddy on 4 July. Bob said that over £17,000 had gone to local and international projects, together with help in the local community, including interview training for teenagers, making sure disabled persons got to work and play, among others.

This autumn Rotary is inviting the local community to see Rotary at play. All you need do is contact the club and an evening will be agreed. You will meet Rotarians and be guaranteed a fun evening. The contact name is on the Bulletin Board – get on with it!

By the time this is read Rotary will have helped with the Jubilee celebrations in Leatherhead on 3 June. The event was supported by Mole Valley Council, and various Clubs including Bookham and Horsley Rotary Club. The aim was to provide entertainment for all who wanted to celebrate the jubilee. It was non profit making and in the end 6,000 attended the day long festivities with events in the day such as gymnastics, dancing, and displays of birds of prey. The day ended with a spectacular fireworks display, and finished in time for some to get home and see more fireworks on television from the Queen's concert at Buckingham Palace. Don't forget Rotary.



## NEWS FROM THE GRANGE CENTRE

The Grange's Garden Party in honour of the Queen's Golden Jubilee on Sunday 16th June was a great success and a big thank you to everyone who came to support it.

Our next event will be on the 11th & 12th October when we will hold two Open Days from 10 am to 4 pm at The Grange. This will, once again, coincide with the Mole Valley Arts Festival from the 12th to 27th October. The focus will be on textiles and crafts with a number of guest exhibitors, many of whom have supported us over the years. The theme will be 'Four Seasons' and you will need to visit The Grange Centre to find out what that means!

A week or so later on the 20th October, at the invitation of the Revd Penny Fleming, there will be a Thanksgiving Service at 6.30 pm dedicated to the work of The Grange Centre at St Nicolas Parish Church, Bookham. It will involve hymns selected by and readings done by residents and tenants. We hope that you will come and enjoy this celebration with us.

Looking ahead our next important date is 7th December when we will be holding our annual Carol Concert at St John's School, Leatherhead.

## THE PROCESSION



The following took part in the Village Day Procession

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| Bookham Toddler Group   | South Bookham Playschool |
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# News in Brief

## NGAIRE KIDSTON M.B.E

died recently at the age of 87. Born in New Zealand, her career was very varied. A teacher, secretary to a surgeon, a Wren, attached to the Foreign office, served with army of occupation in several countries. Ngaire was a giver to the community. Many will remember her in the box office at Polesden Open Air Theatre and she was a keen supporter of local activities.

## ROYAL MARSDEN BAZAAR

Patricia Beale thanks everyone who attended this event in the Old Barn Hall last May. It raised more than usual to support the children in the Royal Marsden.

## KATH FALCONER

Has retired after delivering the Bulletin for 30 years. Well done Kath.

## e-MAIL FROM AUSTRALIA

Just wanted you to know that the e-version of the Bookham Bulletin is read across the planet in Australia. Richard Cooper, formerly of Lower Road.

(Thanks Richard, makes it worth while putting the BB on the web. Ed.)

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF BOOKHAM RECORDED MUSIC CLUB

On the 18th May the Club's 50th season was brought to a very happy conclusion when representatives from clubs in the West Surrey Region of the Federation of Music Societies joined members and their guests to celebrate our Golden Anniversary. Included amongst the Club's guests were Mrs Mollie Snow, Mr. Bill Bourne and Mr. Roland Catt, each of whom had provided considerable help to the Club for many years when they were members. Another guest, Mr. Ron Goddard, acted as photographer and last, but certainly not least, was the new President of the BCA, Mrs Beryl Warne.

This anniversary evening was a wonderful note on which to end our 50th season, which had also been successful, varied and enjoyable. It is hoped, however, that our next season, which begins at the Old Barn Hall on 5th September will see the introduction of some new, younger members.

Although the type of music selected for our fortnightly meetings is mostly classical, this does not preclude from membership new members who might sometimes prefer to listen to the music of the 20th century.

Membership information may be obtained from our honorary secretary, Tony Williams, on 01372 453599.

Mary Chandler

## ANDY ROUSE Wild Life Photographer



Bookham Camera Club have invited the well-known and spectacular wildlife photographer, Andy Rouse, to an Open Evening at The Old Barn Hall on Tuesday 8th October at 8pm. Andy takes amazing slides of wild animals in their natural environment. He is a most entertaining and interesting speaker. See the "What's Happening" column to obtain your tickets. Everyone is welcome so book early to make sure you do not miss a rare treat.

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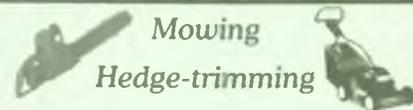
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