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THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION SURVIVES



Bob Foster and Andrew Freeman show their appreciation to Brenda de Bruin.

After months of anxiety about the survival of the Bookhams Residents' Association, its future was ensured at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 3rd September when a new President, Chairman and other officers and committee members were elected.

Andrew Freeman takes over from Brenda de Bruin as chairman. Andrew has called for topics for discussion from Bookham residents.

Bob Foster, who has been an active member of the BRA for over thirty years has agreed to become President. His knowledge and expertise will be invaluable to the new committee.

Brenda de Bruin, supported by husband Robbert, has retired after nearly five years as chairman. She took over when the Association was at a low ebb and transformed it into its present state of lively action. Brenda achieved a number of successes of which she can be proud. Perhaps the most important to the village has been to campaign to

establish a new medical centre in Bookham. This was only one of the improvements she helped bring about. Her energy, enthusiasm and determination to get things done helped with other innovations and improvements we see around us today. She had a hand in the refurbishment of the High Street and Church Road shopping area, the new parking arrangements in the High Street, the provision of more trees in the Lower Road Recreation Ground (soon to be planted), the new bus shelter outside St Nicolas and many others.

"Energy, enthusiasm and determination to get things done."

Bob Foster has written to the Bulletin saying that her cheerful hardworking persistence and her ability to get on with everybody were an example to us all. The Association will miss her.

If you would like to put your views to the BRA, contact Andrew on 451357 or write to him at Highlands, Crabtree Close or phone the Secretary, Anne Finn on 453824.

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What's Happening

NOVEMBER

Saturday 10th - R.N.L.I. Coffee Morning
- Cakes and Christmas Cards - Harrison
Room - 10 am.

Friday 16th - Bookham & Fetcham
Liberal Democrats Quiz Evening with light
refreshments - Old Barn Hall - 7.30 for 8 pm.
Tickets from Anne Anderson on 454790.

Friday 23rd - Christmas Shopping
Evening at The Dawnay School - jewellery,
hand-made crafts, books, candles and
toilettries - 6.0 pm.

Saturday 24th - Bookham & Fetcham
Art Group Annual Sale of Paintings -
Harrison Room - 9.30 am to 5 pm.

DECEMBER

Saturday 1st - Royal Marsden Children's
Cancer Unit Christmas Bazaar - Toys,
Bric a Brac, Gifts, Plants, Xmas
Decorations, three "Prize Every Time"
Tombolas, Gigantic Raffle and much more
- Old Barn Hall - 10 to 12 am.

Friday 7th - Children's Christmas Fair
at The Dawnay School - Raffles, Tombolas
and many more stalls run by the pupils to
raise funds for the school - 6 pm.

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th -
Community Entertains - Old Barn Hall.
Tickets from Barn Hall Office, tel. 456307.

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th -
Bookham Choral Society Carol Concerts -
Old Barn Hall - 8 pm. Tickets £6 (children
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FEBRUARY 2002

Saturday 9th - Bookham Choral Society
Coffee Morning with music and stalls - Old
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Bookham Baptist Church Rev Ian McFarlane, Church Office, Lower
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Benjamin, 5 Bell Lane, Fetcham KT22 9ND (373387)

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KT23 3PH (452405)

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

The good news is that the Bookhams Residents' Association has an assured future. We are grateful to all those who volunteered to take office and become members of the Management Committee for the benefit of all of us.

Many Societies are finding it difficult to recruit new members. Longer working hours seem to restrict the younger members of the community, so they are dependant on those who are retired. However, Bookham Players are appealing for the under 40s. Here is an opportunity for you to show your talents while relaxing from the stress of your occupation.

Polesden Lacey has a new site manager. Bookham has a particular interest and involvement with Polesden and we wish Julienne every success in this challenging position.

Our sympathy is with butcher, Ken Davey. Fortunately the shop was closed when a car crashed into their shop with considerable force resulting in extensive damage. Bollards will be erected to protect shops from future mishaps in Church Road.

Those of us who have been treated by Karin Verjee will be sorry that he has left the dental practice to do a research degree. Helping to set up a dental clinic in a remote area of Pakistan is a story worth reading and demonstrates that some people care. Unfortunately Pakistan has become a sensitive area in the war against terrorism and we hope he will be able to continue his good work there. We look forward to an update next year and wish him well in his studies

Once again, I am grateful to Surrey Litho, our printer, for spending hours preparing the Autumn edition. I think their mélange in the centre page is a labour of love, taking several hours. An enlarged colour print has been in the vestibule of the Old Barn Hall and was in colour on the web. Thanks again to Harold Hopkins who took all the photographs.

Eric Lloyd Jones

NEXT ISSUE SUBMISSIONS BY 31st December

Articles and Bulletin Board

Eric Lloyd Jones, 27 The Spinney, KT23 3PZ. ELLOYDJONES@email.msn.com

'What's Happening' Notices to

Joy Tobin, 4 Downs Way (453340)

Weekly Events at The Old Barn Hall

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Players - Monday & Thursday Evening

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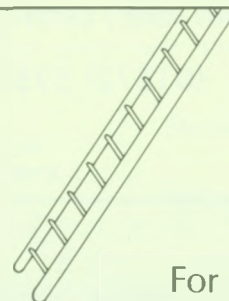


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was a piece of good news during this last quarter concerning the Bookham Residents' Association. At their meeting during September a full committee was elected with a new President and Chairman. This was good news for Brenda de Bruin, the Chairman for the last five years, as this meant that she has been able to stand down together with other members of the committee who had served it so well over many years. It was also encouraging to see that in the crisis situation which had evolved a few public spirited individuals had come forward to ensure the continuation of the committee and the Association. Our thanks to Brenda for all that she did during her term of office.

It is always difficult to persuade individuals to come forward and commit themselves to give up their time to involve themselves in local activities for the benefit of the community. The Guide movement, the Scout Movement, and Youth Organizations have experienced trouble in finding leaders, and the Bookham Community Association is no exception to this when it needs replacements for the committee. However, we have been most fortunate in this last five years that I have been Chairman. During that time we have had to find replacements for some important roles on the committee, a Treasurer, an Editor of the Bookham Bulletin, a Membership Secretary and an organizer for the distribution of the Bulletins to all the homes in Bookham. We are extremely thankful to Margo Sullivan, Eric Lloyd Jones, Jennifer Blackburn and Bill Whitman for stepping into these roles.

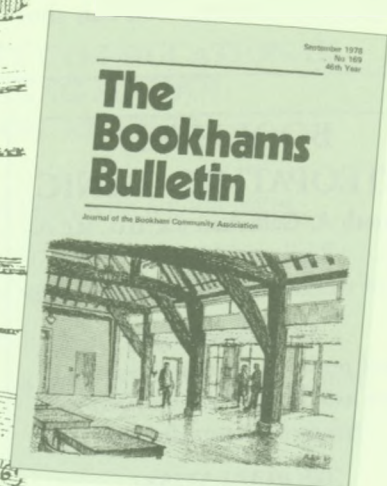
By the time that this Bulletin reaches you the Annual General Meeting of the BCA will have been held and the changes to the committee will have taken place. This will be my last report as I shall be standing down. During the

last five years I have had the support of a very good committee. There have been changes and there have also been some sad occasions, particularly the loss of Peter Hancock our Chairman of Village Week and hard working member of the committee, and our past Chairman and President Keith Preston who was so involved even after he stepped down from the BCA Committee, and our previous Membership Secretary Maurice Gover. Some very experienced members of the Committee stood down such as John Corker, Patrick Hawkins, Graham Peck, Frances Stracey and Doreen Zoers and we were appreciative of their experience and support. This year, our President, Alan Zoers is standing down after five years as President, three years as Chairman and four years as a member of the committee. The BCA is grateful for all the hard work Alan has put in over many years and in the latter period, despite health setbacks, managed to be supportive to me. We wish Alan a well earned rest in the future. Over the period of five years the committee has tried to ensure that the Old Barn Hall has been kept in a reasonable state of repair and at the same time bringing up to date any requirements which are so essential to the demands of the twenty first century. At the same time we have had to ensure that The Community Association has been kept on a sound financial footing.

Just a reminder for December, and that is The Community Entertains which will take place on Thursday and Friday the 13th and 14th December. This year the show will be put together by Arthur Gamble.

As I write this article it may seem a little early to think about Christmas and New Year, but on behalf of the Committee we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year for 2002. Finally from me, may I thank you all for the support that you have given to me over my period as Chairman and the support for the BCA events which have taken place over the past five years.

David Wilkins.



The Bookhams Bulletin cover 25 years ago

ANOTHER OF MY FAVOURITE WALKS ON THE NORTH DOWNS

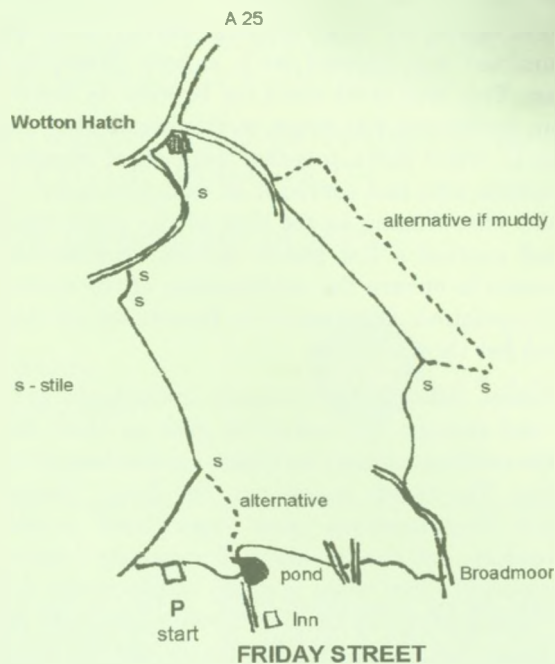
The walk is a round trip of about 4 miles. It involves a fairly steep climb near the start. There are 6 stiles, all easy to cross.

Park in the car park about 200 yards West of Friday Street. Facing the road, walk to the R down hill (steep for a short way), and along the road past the pond on your R. to the end of the wooden rail. Turn R onto a well-defined path going uphill for about 300 yards. Cross 2 roads to the path opposite, and then proceed downhill, keeping L, for about 300 yards. At a power cable pole, turn L down to the road at Broadmoor. (There is a notice board on your R).

Go L down the road to The Riding Centre and take the path facing you. This leads along the valley with ponds on the L and a waterfall on the R. It is possible to continue straight on to the road, but after a wet spell, the last 400 yards can be rather muddy. To avoid this cross a stile on the R and go uphill for 250 yards with a large field on the L and woods on the R. Cross a stile and bear L and L again onto a wide path. Parts of this can be under water, but there is a narrow path at the side of the field, which avoids these. There are many holly bushes at the side of this path and it is advisable to cover your arms. In 1000 yards or so, at a wide metal gate, turn L and on the wider path reach the road in 250 yards. Turn R down the road, past houses on the L to the Wotton Hatch.

This part of the walk is about 2 1/2 miles and takes 1 1/2 hours. Refreshments are available here and/or you can return to Friday Street along another valley. It is about 1 1/2 miles back to the car park and this can be covered comfortably in less than 1 hour.

Walk through the car park, over a stile and proceed diagonally across the field, which sometimes has friendly cows in it, to a stile onto the road which leads to Wotton House. In 300 yards, cross a stile on the L, go down and up over another stile, then straight on. In about 1/2 mile cross a stile when you have a choice. If you wish to have refreshments in Friday Street, keep straight on and reach the pond in 400 yards or so. Walk up the road on the R side of the pond to the inn. You can then retrace your way to



the car park with a short steep climb near the end.

The alternative, with a much gentler climb to the car park, is to turn R from the stile, cross the bridge and go L at the junction leading to a house on the R. With woods on both sides, reach the road in 400 yards and turn L and onto the path on the R side of the road. The car park is in 300 yards.

I call this 'The Two Valley Walk' and it is a favourite with my fellow walkers. If you have not done it, do try it. It can, of course, be done in the opposite direction and extended if you want a longer walk.

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It all started at Cranmore School with the annual "SWIMATHON". Seventeen teams from junior and senior schools, and veteran swimming teams paddled and raced for 50 minutes to see which team could go farthest. St. Teresa's Preparatory School won the Junior Trophy, and Manor House School, won the Senior Shield. Sponsorship funds were shared between Rotary and the team, so everyone benefited. Rotary has also been known to give its share to the team.



The photo shows Anna Hobson and Aisling Jensen-Humphreys receiving the Trophy from President Bob Kelley.

If you went to Village Day in the rain, or the Grange Fete on a wonderful July day you will have seen or heard the Wheel of Fortune. Discreet professional people (Bank Managers, Consultants, and the like) sounding like "barrer boys" to get your money to win wine or chocolates if your number comes up on the spin of the wheel - Colin Gibb the custodian of the wheel said "A real money spinner" - oh dear!

June also sees "KIDS OUT" where hundreds of children with learning difficulties and other disabilities are taken to Chessington World of Adventure for the day. Rotary organises, picks up and takes children, and helps on the day - our effort was feeding everyone in about 30 minutes! This is not all. Another 175 children went on a water version in 50 boats in Chichester Harbour. Our sailing members attended plus boats to help out.

As well as the time spent at these events we have held a concert of music from the shows and money has gone to local charities Pitstop in Leatherhead, The Rainbow Trust, Keswick Home for the Elderly, and many others where a small donation can make a difference to people's lives. International charities to eradicate polio, started by Rotary, and the Chilean earthquake appeal have been supported.

On the sports side a team of golfers from Rotary have won through to the National Club Finals. The players are not bad I am told, but being retired they practice a lot! News of how they got on next time.

At meetings where it all happens, we have learnt about lighthouse keeping (did you know water for washing was kept to wash clothes, then the floors, then the machinery? It was then considered dirty and thrown away!); Voluntary Service Overseas where they now need older people with skills to pass on; and the lot of the travel agent.

A couple of ideas for you. If your group wants to raise some funds for our charitable purpose why not join in our 2002 SWIMATHON? Just call Tony Greenman 457364 for more details. Do you know a 15 - 20 year old who likes the outdoors, and would like a week to discover how to lead and work in a team. David King reports "Rotary Youth Leadership awards are just the thing. Previous candidates have benefited enormously, finding out about skills that will last for a life time. We are happy to be part of this". See our note asking for candidates.

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MUSEUM



IN THE NEWS

Leatherhead's museum which covers the area from Ashted to the Bookhams has been in the news of late as a result of its recent 21st birthday celebrations.

It was on 6th October, 1980 that Hampton Cottage in Church Street, Leatherhead first opened its doors to the public and became The Leatherhead and District Local History Museum.

Exciting events were staged to mark the anniversary day. Besides guided visits to the museum itself there were unfamiliar sights and experiences for visitors to the Town. A Victorian open top horse bus was to be seen taking trips around the Town and in The Swan Centre a Victorian school was in progress. Pupils from a local school, dressed in the costume of the period, enacted a classroom scene under the strict supervision of their "teacher". Winners of the photographic competition were awarded their prizes and the Chairman of Mole Valley District Council inaugurated the celebrations with a ceremonial "cutting of the cake".

One item has emerged of special local interest : John Clark, a resident from our area has told us that he was a steward on duty at the museum on the very first day of its opening, twenty one years ago.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MUSEUM

Opening Times (until 15th December)

Thursdays and Fridays – from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Saturdays – from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

STEWARDS : Volunteers willing to put in just three hours per month are urgently needed.

Contact THELMA LUCAS of The Friends of Leatherhead Museum on 01372 844345. Bookham Homeopathic Group.



Bookham Homeopathic Group was founded in 1995 by a handful of friends who had become dissatisfied with conventional medicine and were interested in ways to achieve optimum health and well being for themselves their families and also their pets.

They turned naturally to Homeopathy. For those who only have a little knowledge of this subject, in a nutshell, it is a way of balancing the whole person so that the body itself can deal with many ailments. Homeopathic remedies treat 'like with like' this kick starts the body into dealing with the problem.

The Group meets informally eight times a year in the Old Barn Hall, Great Bookham on the second Tuesday of the month (not Dec/Jan or July/Aug).

Some topics covered by guest speakers are:- Immunisation of our children, meningitis, children's ailments, alternative immunization for travel abroad, stress and women's ailments, whilst vets are always popular speakers. Many health problems can be treated cheaply and effectively by homeopathy.

As our interest grew and the group developed we made a natural progression towards a diversity of subjects, which enhance and complement homeopathy whilst maintaining a holistic approach to good health. Crystal therapy, acupuncture, reflexology, etc. have all been covered.

We have planned an exciting programme for the coming year commencing with:-

27 Nov – Our AGM with a talk and demo on Acupressure and then regular meetings throughout 2002

Our talks cater for everyone, from those who have prior knowledge and interest in the subject, to absolute beginners. We look forward to seeing new faces interested in taking control of their health and well being. Do come along and see what we get up to, we'd love to see you.

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BOOKHAM DENTIST RIDING HIGH

In a Bookham High Street dental surgery we were waiting for the injection to numb my mouth when the talk turned to holidays. My dentist, Karim Verjee, told me his was a working one, at high altitude, in a remote part of the world.

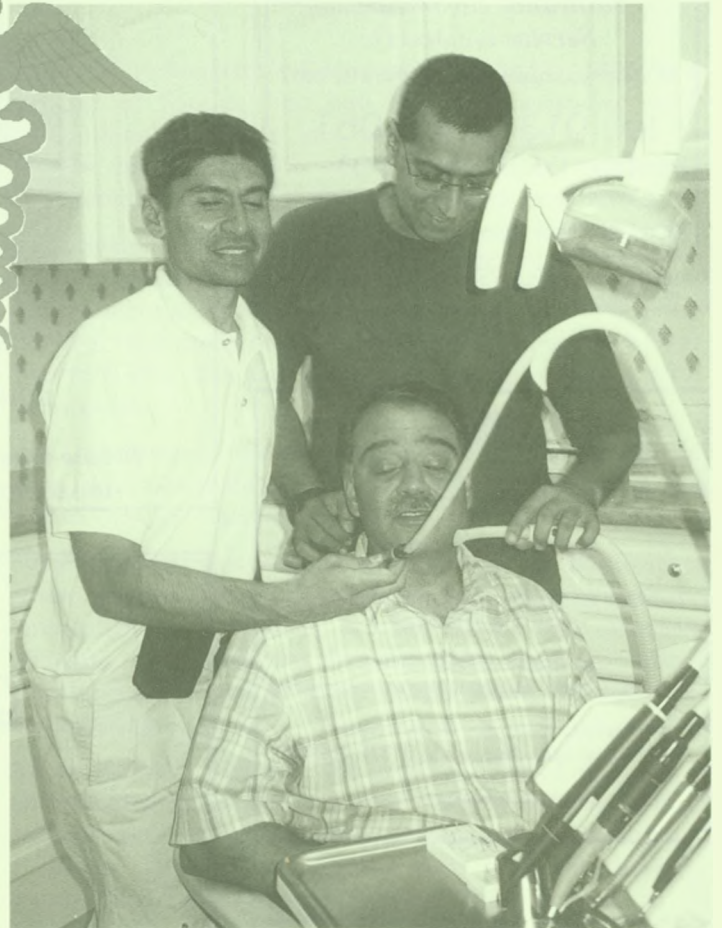
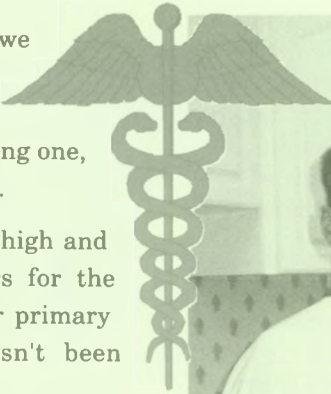
'The land between the snow-capped peaks is high and barren, the people poor subsistence farmers for the most part,' he explained. 'Despite a clinic for primary health care, proper dental treatment hasn't been feasible in the past.'

As conversation became impossible I stared up at Englands House's ancient oak beams, always incongruous among all the gleaming modern equipment, and tried to imagine dentistry in such a remote place. Back home my atlas showed a thin brown valley wiggling its way up beneath the Karakorum range into the purple, white and blue vastness of the Himalayas. Some of the highest peaks in the world tower awesome over the Hunza Valley and in this most northerly part of Pakistan, China is far nearer than Islamabad.

Another year, another filling! I asked Karim if he was going there again. He was and yes, he would tell me about it for the Bulletin when he returned.

He said the journey takes days: a plane to Islamabad and sixteen hour road journey to Gilgit - a tiny dot way up the valley on my map but really the capital of that region, a large town with a hospital and facilities for false teeth. Three more hours up the paved, single-track Karakorum highway brings you to the village of Aliabad. Or it would if none of the bridges is washed away. Karim and his friends were forced to take a perilous detour. Three hours beyond the village and you're in China.

Last year a small team of dentists from the West managed to treat local people despite difficulties with electrical and water supplies and with the local government's totally



In the remote but freshly wallpapered clinic, Karim Verjee (left) and fellow dentist Amin Narji try out the new chair on team leader Amir Lalani.

inadequate dental chair. This year, as well as treatment, their brief was to install a new state-of-the-art dental surgery in the Aga Khan Health Centre, Aliabad. First they got the new chair, generator, compressor and water supply assembled and working so they could treat people by day.

In the evenings they wallpapered the room and assembled the MFI units they had brought for cupboards - long days in temperatures of 30-35°C.

'We saw some terrible teeth and people in great pain. The

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two weeks we spent actually in the village seemed to fly by,' Karim said. 'Patients were so grateful, especially since any dental treatment before we came had been brutal, given without anaesthetic or proper materials. I found it humbling. We grumble about traffic jams: they walk 40 kilometres through that terrain for dental treatment. They may be poor but they will share everything. I learnt far more than I gave. We all paid our own fares but you couldn't buy such an amazing experience for money!'

They found an average of six holes in people's teeth which, historically, had been healthy enough. But when the Chinese completed the 600 kilometre Karakorum Highway in 1978 it brought unheard-of commodities into the region, including sugary tooth-rotters like Coca-Cola. People in the valley are long-lived, though extremes of weather make them look far older than they are. Winters are harsh and summer sun burns fair skin at high altitudes - these are descendants of Alexander the Great's army who, when his empire crumbled, settled in this valley-junction between China and the Indian sub-continent.

They intermarried with local people. 95% in the Hunza valley have become devotees of the Ismaili religion (a branch of the Shiite Muslims) and follow their spiritual leader, the Aga Khan. Karim, an Ismaili Muslim himself, found out about the project through his Ismaili contacts. Aga Khan Health Services, part of the Aga Khan Foundation, enabled the project to happen, but a Canadian dentist called Amir Lalani initiated and still drives it forward. He had visited the region years before, seen the need, conducted surveys to prove to the AKHS that such a project was necessary, then moved his family to England. Now he's nearer Pakistan he can visit several times each year. His children join the summer teams to teach local schoolchildren computing. Amir raised most of the money for the

project from Canada, while dental suppliers in Britain and elsewhere generously donated materials. The new surgery makes a small charge to patients so it can remain largely self-financing and Amir is interviewing now to appoint a local dentist who can use the equipment they installed to continue treating local people. Next year's team will train that dentist in new techniques.

But Amir is tireless. For several years he has been surveying the nearby Chitral area, looking in people's mouths and noting teeth that are decayed, missing or filled.

'The AKHS has now given the go-ahead for that project so the surgery will be installed very soon, we hope,' Karim said.

'Will you go again?' I asked him.

'I hope so, but in my case it will depend on time and money. I'm off to do an MSc in dental implants at Guy's Hospital.'

Sadly for us in Bookham, Karim is leaving England's House practice. We wish him every success with his Masters and also for this amazing project.

Christine Leonard

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Originally built and run by Surrey County Council, the home was transferred to Anchor Trust, a non-profit charitable organisation, in 1998 as part of a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) scheme.



With over 50 bedrooms and 8 communal lounge/dining rooms, the building has just undergone refurbishment, to meet current standards, as part of a major government investment programme.

The surgery located next door, whilst being a vital part of the care and welfare of the residents was, in fact, Keswick's former warden's house.

Residents range from those in their 70's to one lady who

is over 100 years old. Whilst the team of dedicated staff are on hand to assist as and when needed, as Keswick is not a nursing home, residents are encouraged to be as independent as possible.

The day care centre provides a place for local clients who, whilst still living in their own homes, benefit greatly from the social activities and stimulation of body and mind that it offers, along with a cooked lunch, evening tea and refreshments.

In 1984 Keswick was to play host to a very special guest, with a visit from the Queen Mother, at the invitation of a Mrs Gower, who was a resident at the time.

The home is supported not only by the residents relatives but also with donations from local groups, for example the Royal Oak pub provided a new television for the day centre, and the Friends of Keswick. The Friends have been working for many years to help improve the residents' quality of life and to provide those nice touches that help make Keswick their home.

A coffee morning is held at Keswick every third Wednesday of the month (except August and December), from 10am to midday, and anyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a free cuppa. With a raffle, tombola, cake and bric-a-brac stalls, money raised funds outings, Christmas party and gifts, a weekly bingo session, flowers for the house, newspapers for the day centre and other non-necessities.

Always on the look out for any support that can be provided, from individuals or groups, all help is gratefully received either of people's time or donations.

If you would like to contact the Friends, you may call our Chairman, Mrs Mary Ketley, on 375757 or our Secretary, Mrs Marjorie Creasey, on 377741. Alternatively, if you have any items that you'd like to donate towards our coffee morning you may drop them in to Keswick at any time.

Richard Molyneux (Friends of Keswick committee member)

Saturday 8th December: Friends of Keswick Christmas Fair and coffee morning.



Catching Your Breath before the Christmas Rush

The Bookham Bulletin's Assistant Editor, Chris Leonard, had her 12th book published recently. The Heart of Christmas (BRF, £5.99) features the stories of busy people in a variety of situations who struggle in one way or another with the hectic, hyped Christmas season which can be both the best and the worst of times! The book also explores the sometimes uncomfortable origins of our festivities, with daily Bible readings from December 1st to January 6th.

Several local people feature in the book and some of them will be reading their contributions in a special evening held in the Baptist Church, Lower Road, Bookham on Saturday 24th November. Catching Your Breath before the Christmas Rush will also feature music, a bookstall, cheese and wine, plus time to chat and to reflect. You can buy tickets at £3 by post from 'Christmas Rush', Church Office, Bookham Baptist Church, Lower Road, Bookham KT23 4DH - please enclose SAE and make cheques payable to 'Bookham Baptist Church'. Profits go to Leatherhead's Pitstop charity. The book is available from Christian bookshops, via websites eg www.amazon.co.uk or from Chris on 458850.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Thank you for a good response to my appeal for contributions.

Please do keep them coming in for I only had to put one article on ice.

It takes a lot of copy to fill the Bulletin.

Editor

BOOKHAM TENNIS CLUB



With the end of the summer most people think that tennis is over for another year.

However at the Chrystie Recreation Ground tennis courts where Bookham Tennis Club meets we play throughout the year and, with the new floodlighting system up and running, we can now continue with our winter club nights on our own courts.

Whatever your age or standard there is a welcome for you. We run junior lessons, adult coaching, club sessions and for the more competitive, tournaments, both within the club and in the Surrey League. So, don't banish your racquet to the back of the cupboard; give our club secretary a ring and join us on the courts.

Membership Secretary Alison Gatford 458598.

BOOKHAM PLAYERS



The players have enjoyed another successful year. Our Playbill with supper in November was a sell-out and the April production of Emlyn Williams' "The late Christopher Bean" was warmly received. At the Betchworth Festival we received three commendations for our entry John Mortimers' "Knightsbridge", part of our November Playbill.

However, with diminishing membership, it is becoming increasingly difficult to mount productions of the quality which our audience expect. We need new members, especially the young, i.e. anyone below the age of 40. Whatever your experience, if you have any inclination to act, direct, build scenery, operate lights, etc. etc. you will be most welcome. We enjoy excellent facilities in the Old Barn Hall. The stage lighting has recently been improved with the addition of profile spots, a multi-channel control desk and dimmers. Unlike most village hall stages there is substantial wing space and we have the use of workshop facilities on site.

We are a friendly group of Bookham residents whose aim is to maintain the long tradition of amateur theatre in Bookham - an essential part of village life. Please join us.

John Bashford (453739)

FROM THE Himalayas TO THE Sahara

As a result of the appeal by the National Hospital last year for £3 million, with which to purchase and install in one of their operating theatres a special brain scanner, half this amount has been raised. A further appeal is being made this year for the remaining half.

Part of the appeal last year was a sponsored trek in the Himalayas (in February this year) in which I took part (aged 74) to repay in small measure the treatment the National Hospital has given me. This year there are two major appeals, a sponsored trek in the Sahara desert in February next year and one on the Great Wall of China in June next year I have signed up for the Sahara desert trek. This trek will involve walking 15 miles a day for 4 1/2 days at temperatures in the thirties through sand dunes in the area of the Atlas Mountains.

The special scanner, which will be the first of its kind in the UK, will relay 'real time' images of the brain to the neurosurgeon during surgery or laser treatment and will enable quicker and safer treatment. It has particular significance in removal of brain tumours, the taking of brain biopsies, early intervention in stroke patients and epilepsy surgery.

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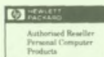


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A new Property Manager for Polesden

Julianne Davis, formerly the Property Manager at Nymans Garden in West Sussex, is the new Property Manager at Polesden Lacey.



Julianne has been a member of the Trust since she was 17. She had travelled from Worcester Park to Polesden Lacey with a school-friend who had just passed her driving test and wanted a decent journey through the country lanes to demonstrate her new prowess! From then on Julianne and her friend would regularly visit Trust properties to enjoy the countryside, have a chat and eat cream teas.

Julianne takes over from Andrew McElwee, who was Property Manager at Polesden Lacey for six and a half years and who has taken early retirement. She had worked at Nymans Garden for exactly four years to the day when she heard she had got the job at Polesden Lacey. 'I'm thrilled to be joining one of the Trust's flagship properties, particularly as Andrew has built up such a happy team over the last 6 years. But I'm very, very sorry to leave Nymans, which I adore,' she said. 'I'm really looking forward to the considerable opportunities and challenges that I will face at Polesden and getting to know people in the local community.'

Forthcoming Events:

Lecture Lunches:

Tuesday 27 November "Gardens & plants at Christmas Time" Stephen Torode, Head Gardener

Thursday 29 November 10.30 a.m. Winter Walk with Polesden Warden, Andy Goodwin

Tuesday 4 December Christmas Craft Fair

Friday 14 December Carol Concert at St Nicolas Church

Further details of all events from Nicola Jones on 452048.

RAIN, RAIN AND MORE RAIN

Arthur Baker writes that the words written by the Chairman in the Autumn issue, "I cannot remember a day with so few dry spells in between the showers", reminded him of the time he was stranded at a small village called Franz Josef on New Zealand's South Island when the road and bridge was washed away by floods following heavy rain. Before being taken by helicopter to Fox Glacier he came across the verses below, which seemed appropriate for this year's Village Day:

*It rained and rained and rained
the average fall was well maintained
and when the tracks were single bogs
it started raining cats and dogs.*

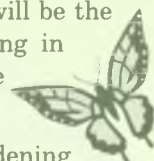
*After a drought of half an hour
we had a most refreshing shower
and then, most curious thing of all
a gentle rain began to fall.*

*Next day was fairly dry
save for a deluge from the sky
which wetted the party to the skin
and then at last - the rain set in.*

Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

The difficulty with writing about something as seasonal as gardening in a quarterly magazine is that by the time it goes to print we have already moved on to the next season. The Society has just held a very well supported Autumn Show, with over 400 entries filling the Barn Hall, and at the time of writing the late Summer flowers are still putting on a brave show and the apple trees are heavy with ripening fruit. By the time this Bulletin is pushed through your door, however, the trees will be bare and only the most intrepid will be out there sweeping up leaves and carrying out other winter chores. The Society will have elected a new Committee and moved indoors for its Monday evening meetings, which cover a range of subjects of general interest.

With the increasing threat to the habitats of many of our familiar wild animals, birds and insects encouraging wildlife is a hot topic and we can all make a contribution, even in the smallest of gardens. Gardening for Wildlife will be the subject of an illustrated talk at our meeting in February. In March there will be a talk on the use of Greenhouses and Cold Frames.



As well as being hard work on occasions gardening can also be very therapeutic and at our meeting in April we will be hearing a speaker from the Grange Centre talking about Horticulture for the Disabled. This is an opportunity to find out more about their "Growing People Project" and the workings of an important local facility which many of you may have visited.

To find out more contact the Membership Secretary, Christine Hutchison, on 452614.

Peter Almond

TRY YOUR HAND AT ARCHERY

Toxophily - or Archery, as it is more generally known, graduated as a sport in Elizabethan times when Roger Ascham, an Elizabethan Don, wrote a book which he called "Toxophilus", which was a treatise on the bow and the exercise of archery in general and he was considered an authority on the subject. Prior to that the bow was used primarily as a weapon of war, or for hunting, and a devastating weapon it was, unique in being able to kill at ranges of up to 200 yards and more.



Nowadays archery is a gentle sport and perfectly safe when exercised on a properly guarded range with due observation of the rules and regulations of the Grand National Archery Society.

The sport was quite popular in this country in mid-Victorian times with both ladies and gentleman, the ladies wearing crinolines and the gentlemen wearing tailcoats and top hats. A well-known archer of the time was Horace Ford who was an acknowledged expert in the mid nineteenth century, using the traditional long bow.

Between the two world wars, interest in the sport flagged but was resuscitated in the late 1940s, beginning in America and Sweden. Britain soon followed and many clubs sprang up all over the country. They compete under various County, Southern Counties and National leagues and open tournaments.

Archery has for some years been accepted for competition in the Olympics which has brought it more to the attention of the general public - particularly those who watch the Games on TV.

There are various types of archery apart from standard target - the more usual being field shoots at three-dimensional targets, catering for all classes of bow (long bow, flat bow, recurve and compound) at various ranges, and clout shoots- shooting at a rag tied to a peg driven into the ground at 180 yards for men and 140 yards for ladies.

The usual target shooting is at reinforced paper target faces

fastened to compact straw bosses mounted on timber frames, at various ranges - normally from 40 to 100 yards according to the type of round being shot.

The bows nowadays range from simple wood or glass fibre for training beginners to highly sophisticated affairs of laminates of wood and glass fibre, and carbon. The arrows are light and hollow aluminium or platinum except for the solid steel point (or pile) at the fore and plastic at the nocking end - or else carbon. The fletches are plastic.

At Steels Lane, Oxshott there is a full sized outdoor range, used throughout the year, at the village Sports Club.

Bookham residents are very welcome. If you are interested in trying your hand at this ancient and fascinating sport, phone John Smith, the Archery Secretary on 01372 842549.

PRESTON CROSS SQUASH CLUB

Many of the residents of the Bookhams will be unaware that nestled behind the Preston Cross Hotel in Rectory Lane, Little Bookham lies a small squash club that is part of the hotel. The club has been in existence for over twenty years and is keen to welcome any new players in the area. The club has two excellent courts that are heated in the winter to provide good playing conditions all year round. All standards of play are catered for from younger members learning the game to those with a competitive edge. The club has two men's teams and one women's team in the Surrey Cup leagues and runs between 6 and 8 league boxes throughout the year. Each year a tournament is held with events for all categories of children and adults including the "golden oldies".

The cost of membership is £110 per year for an adult and £5 for a 40 minute court. There are special rates for children, students and families.

Each Monday is club night when for £3 you can meet other members and play throughout the evening, normally finishing in the friendly atmosphere of the hotel lounge. This occasion is ideal for anyone who is thinking of joining but wants to dip their toes in the water first. Come along and meet some of the members before deciding if this is for you. The actual courts are at the back of the car park to the right of the hotel entrance.

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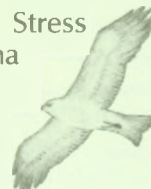
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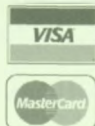
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