

Bookham Bulletin



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Spring 2022



To mark Remembrance Day and celebrate UK Disability Month, The Grange held a "Living History Day". We dressed up in 1940's outfits and stepped back in time to World War Two. Staff and the people we support enjoyed a singalong reliving some of Vera Lynn's classics and a tea dance in the ballroom hosted by a professional dance teacher. Thank you to our Heritage Team who created this special day and gave us a chance to hear stories of how The Grange was impacted during WW2. If you are interested in finding out more about our



fascinating history come along to Simply Scones on a Tuesday afternoon and visit The Grange Lottery Funded Heritage Room.

In December we were delighted to be able to enjoy our fabulous Christmas Concert at The Menuhin Hall again. The event is always a real highlight in The Grange's calendar and even more so this time as we were unable to host our concert in 2020. Thank you to all that were involved in the night, it was a truly magical evening.

We would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who has supported The Grange during 2021 by volunteering, visiting our shop No5 in Bookham, enjoying a cream tea at Simply Scones or helping us by donating. We feel so lucky to have such amazing supporters, you really make a difference.

Future Grange Events

Simply Scones every Tuesday 2 - 4pm
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Cuppa & Cake every Friday 10 - 11.30am
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www.grangecentre.org.uk/events

Platinum Jubilee

Having been part of the Bookham community for over 80 years and linked to the Royal family for much of that time, The Grange is keen to invite local people to join its celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this summer. The first date to put in your diary is Sunday 5 June, when there will be a Big Lunch in the lovely, eight-acre grounds of the charity. Bring your own lunch, but expect plenty of Grange-made cake and hot drinks to buy. There will be activities for all ages – along with the opportunity to dress in your finest royal regalia and plenty of bunting! There's no charge for admission. Timings tbc but around 11.30am to 3pm. For be kept up to date, add your name to their mailing list using the form at the bottom of the webpage www.grangecentre.org.uk

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Planning permission has been granted for Matter Architecture's design for a new outdoor learning centre for people with disabilities at The Grange Centre in Bookham, Surrey. The proposal is for a series of new and retrofitted buildings that will provide flexible learning spaces and workshops for horticulture, woodwork and pottery activities. It also includes covered outdoor areas, new greenhouses, a shop selling Grange-made produce and a cafe with a training kitchen.

The new facilities will improve the experience of those participating in its Skills for Life training programme. The café and shop will provide much-needed work placements, and opportunities for interaction with the public.

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From the Chairman

We are looking forward to this year with, we hope, events going ahead as before and with the extra celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. By popular demand we have changed the theme for Village Day to 'Jubilee'. Many of our groups want to continue the celebration, and we are only two weeks after the main event!

We look forward to a really colourful parade and lots to see, to do, to eat and enjoy on the Old Barn Hall Field.

I am sure that many of you will be enjoying street parties with your neighbours and friends, or going along to The Grange – see details of what they are doing on the front cover page.



Keith Stark

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Bookham Village Day

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WHITE ELEPHANT STALL & SALES

In spite of Covid, by having three sales in 2021, The BCA White Elephant stall made over £1800! Margaret Pankhurst wishes to thank her team of marvellous helpers at each of these, Roger Musgrove who was so patient and helpful in setting up the hall, the many generous donors and the generosity of the people of Bookham who bought the goods.

Thank you Margaret, and Richard, for all of your efforts over the last few years.

We now need someone else to "take up the baton" to run it next year. Margaret will be happy to give the benefit of her many years of experience but whoever takes it on will no doubt have their way of working

Next Edition of the Bookhams Bulletin

Deadline for Summer issue:

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bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com

Polesden Lacey Infant School

It seems a little while ago now, but we enjoyed inviting parents and carers into school to watch the children perform their Christmas productions. It was a very emotional experience, particularly for those watching, as we had not been able to host 'live' performances over the past couple of years. Although there were plenty of nerves prior to the shows the children were absolutely amazing. They had learnt all their lines, knew the songs off by heart and needed very little stage direction, as they entertained their audiences. Their smiles at the end of the



performances beamed from ear to ear, it looked like they were all a few centimeters taller by the end, full of pride for their achievements and knowing that they have overcome their nerves.

It was not only the Christmas shows that we were celebrating in school. We were also extremely proud of the Year 2 children who had been working really hard on their reading and phonics. All the children passed the Phonics Screening Check (a national assessment that helps to identify those who need additional support with reading). Obviously, the children need to take the majority of the credit but our staff and families have also been involved, so a huge well done and thank you goes to them as well. Being able to read is such an amazing thing: it opens windows on our world; takes us on adventures; provides information; questions what we think and believe and exposes us to new possibilities. Our pupils are one step closer to



being competent readers – well done to each and every one of them.

We know how special books are and at school we invite parents and grandparents in to share a book with their child's class. We call them 'Mystery Readers' (it's a secret who will be coming into school to read the story on a Friday afternoon). It is wonderful to see the look of delight on the pupil's faces when they see the guest reader and get swept away whilst listening to the story.

Churches Together in Bookham



Christmas activities amongst Bookham Churches

In December our Golden Years group, made up of our more senior members from the 3 churches met for a buffet lunch. Precautions

were taken with social distancing, ventilation and food was served at the tables. Lavender Catering provided the food to a group of about 45 people.

This was followed by a short Carol Service in the church at Eastwick Road led by Rev. Gill Hawkins from Bookham Baptist Church.

On the Saturday before Christmas members from the churches came together to sing carols outside The Crown in the centre of the village with snow appearing from an upstairs window!

All the churches were pleased to offer church services to celebrate Christmas this year. We look



forward to a New Year when we will be able to gather more easily and serve the community.

Churches Together Committee

Sue Ferguson



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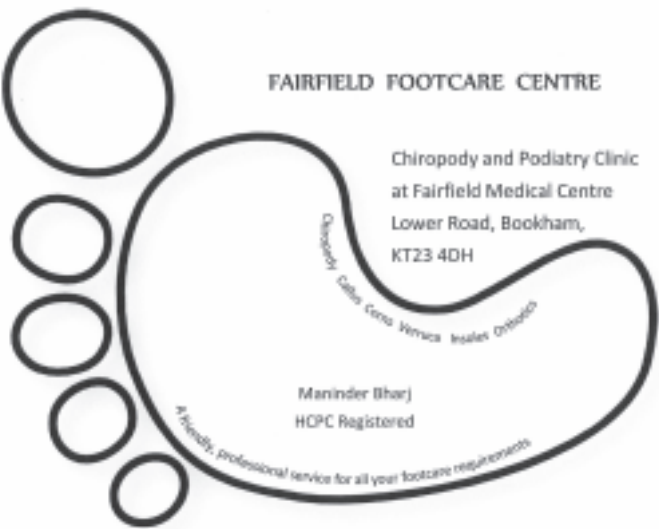
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The club offers 10 different types of run each week. From a 5k beginner run and walk group to a 10k continuous run. Running from venues

such as Bookham Common, Norbury Park, KGV in Effingham, Denbies and Dorking Halls. The focus is always on enjoyment, so there is never any pressure on pace. There are both morning and evening runs, there really is something for everyone, all supported by a great team of run leaders.

2021 saw members achieve a huge number of personal goals, whether that was achieving their first 5k, running 10k continuously, earning their first medal, running in fancy dress, running their first marathon or even an ultra marathon. The club is incredibly supportive, with the members really cheering each other on and helping each other to achieve their goals. There have also been lots of fun activities like Bingo challenges, pub runs, fancy dress runs and Christmas lights tours.

If you are looking to get into running in 2022, come along and give it a go, you'll find us to be a very friendly group. For more information follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/MoleValleyRunners or have a look on our website www.molevalleyrunners.co.uk



Bookham Bowling Club

Although Covid hasn't gone away yet, we as a club have conformed to the rules and regulations of the Government and Bowls England. We now have robust rules of our own to keep our members and guests as safe as possible.

The Management & Playing committees have been busy throughout the club's downtime to make our club a better place to be a member. The Men's changing room roof has been replaced. New updated electrical circuits have been installed within the club house with a new heating system installed. The Ladies changing room has also had a huge makeover and decoration.

The Jolly Bowler Bar area has new equipment and lighting installed.

The Greenkeepers have ensured that our playing area has not been overlooked during the winter and regrowth is on track for the "Opening Drive" on 23 April and our recruitment "Come and Try" weekend on 30 April & 1 May.

The club has already allocated matches throughout the season as well as in-house competitions, The Captains Charity day and much more. Last year's Charity Day raised over £1500 for the Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance. A fun day for all outside of the serious side of bowling.

Bookham Bowling Club very much hope you'll take a look at our website www.bookhambowlsclub.co.uk to see what else we do as a club. We have a varied programme throughout the year and a beautiful setting inside The Chrystie Recreation ground just off the Dorking Road on the way up to Polesdon Lacy for our friendly club.

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Bookham Stamp Club



The Christmas meeting was attended by 35 members, a good turnout considering the circumstances. They enjoyed some wine and the usual superb buffet lunch supplied by Harrington's.

The Membership Secretary supplied a wonderful PowerPoint/video presentation running in the background for all to enjoy. It included our previous 20th and 25th anniversaries and Christmas meetings. We enjoyed non-philatelic talks from two of our members on the 'Charity Post' that has sadly ceased and 'Bishops Move'. A very successful, enjoyable and fun afternoon.

In November Bookham Stamp Club were delighted to host the Federation of Surrey Philatelic Societies AGM and the yearly award-winning displays. Our chairman Patrick Reid FRPSL presented the awards.

Bookham Stamp Club, founded in 1993, meets every 4th Tuesday of the month (except for December) at the Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham and our very popular trading tables start opening at 1.30pm, with displays commencing at 2.15pm.

Our programme includes visits from an impressive list of visiting speakers, members' displays and also auctions that are held twice a year. We also have a packet exchange through which members can buy and sell stamps.

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Our next few meetings:

Tuesday 22nd February

Brian Sole – Guernsey – Occupation to present

Tuesday 22nd March

John Bushell – Antarctica

Tuesday 26th April

Christine Earle - Memorial Display

Tuesday 24th May

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We welcome experienced stamp collectors and newcomers and look forward to seeing you.

Barry Feltham, Hon. Secretary

Rotary, Bookham & Horsley



A Big Thank You!

Santa's Sleigh and the local street collections at Christmas are a very important part of our fundraising. Having missed 2020 because of COVID it was great to be back on the streets of Bookham, Effingham and East Horsley during December.

The welcome from everyone we met was just fantastic and the look of wonder on the faces of the young children who came out to meet Santa brought back lovely memories of our own children and grandchildren when they were young.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone we met, we managed to raise over £4,000 which was an excellent result and has enabled us to help many local families who otherwise would have



struggled over the Christmas period. We know from the feedback we received that, because of your donations, the people helped were able to enjoy a happier time than otherwise would have been the case.

We are now working on our fundraising plans for 2022, a year in which the Club celebrates its 50th birthday, more details to follow over the coming weeks.

Bookham & Horsley Rotary continues to support The Grange.

One of the questions we are asked is "what exactly is Rotary, where does the money you raise go and who do you support?"

Throughout the 50 years since the Club was created, we have supported The Grange in Bookham in wide ranging ways both financially and providing help. A good example is the project recently completed in Bookham working with The Grange in refurbishing the garden at the rear of The Acorns where 8 people The Grange supports, live in individual flats. When the property was built funds weren't available for the rear garden to be landscaped.

After many years of saving and via donations by The Grange, sufficient money was available for the work to be done. Not only did the Rotary Club make a financial contribution, but also committed to provide volunteer labour to work alongside Moore Creations, the Contractor employed by The Grange to design,



project manage and carry out the more technical hard landscaping required in the garden. To help keep the costs down, Rotarians provided around 70 hours of labour. We cleared and levelled ground, cut back vegetation, dug footings for paths and walls, laid matting and wood chippings, erected and painted the summer house. All physical, hard work but the 10 Rotarians taking part had good fun and fellowship doing it.

The refurbishment is now complete so it can not only be enjoyed by the residents, but it will also help them to be more involved with their neighbours and the wider community.

Rotary is the largest service organisation in the world with over 1.4million members, nearly 33,000 Clubs in over 200 countries. Anyone can join, but we also have a number of people, whilst not Rotarians themselves, are happy to join in with events and projects.

To find out more Google "Bookham Rotary" or call Mark Secker on 07776282246.

Mole Valley WI

The ladies of Mole Valley have had an interesting time in the last three months. On a lovely sunny day in October we held our first ever Artisan Bazaar. It was so lovely to see people chatting and enjoying themselves. There was a wonderful mix of interesting stalls.

John Lane, our October speaker, gave an entertaining and educational talk on the magic and mysteries of the Andes. Sadly, our planned visit to Faversham and Canterbury and our December meeting were both cancelled. However, our sub sections are still doing well.

Our rambles are out and about, and our

allotment ladies are preparing for winter and next spring. Scrabble, knit and natter, ambling on, bridge and badminton have all been meeting.

We meet in Fetcham Village Hall on the 2nd



Tuesday of each month and always welcome new members. Please look at our website which is updated regularly, particularly in the current situation www.molevalleywi.chessck.co.uk

June Webb



Great Bookham Belles WI

The Autumn term felt relatively normal at Great Bookham Belles WI, our October meeting saw members enjoying a hugely interesting and passionate talk by Tom Hart-Dyke. He is an author and plant hunter who was kidnapped in the Columbian jungle during a plant hunt in 2000. His sense of humour obviously helped enormously during his captivity and his accounts of his time then, and his setting up of the World Garden at his home in Lullingstone Castle, had us all greatly entertained. We plan to organise a coach trip to visit the garden in the summer.

Our November meeting was our Annual Meeting, and we were delighted that Amanda Edge agreed to continue to be our President for an eighth consecutive year, aided by our enthusiastic and hard-working committee. During the evening members also heard a very

thought-provoking talk by Suzette about Modern Slavery which is prolific even in our area of leafy Surrey.

December was our Christmas meeting, with festive music, mince pies, prosecco, Christmas jumpers and everyone making wooden decorations for their Christmas trees. Early in December lots of our members enjoyed a day coach trip to Brighton Christmas market.

Our programme for our monthly meetings for the next year is now planned and has an exciting variety of speakers, craft evenings, a quiz and social evenings. Our subgroups are also back in force and members are enjoying belonging to book clubs, a craft group, walking netball and a cinema group. The new year also sees a new gardening group being set up and our Cleaning Ambassadors



continue to clear litter from the streets of Bookham on a monthly basis.

We continue our charitable efforts, members helped man the refreshments stall at Cherry Trees Christmas Fayre, and our amazing Craft Group raised over £2,700 for Cherry Trees selling craft items they had made over many months. We are planning a Murder, Mystery Evening in May in aid of our charity for 2022 which is Leatherhead Theatre.

Bookham Flower Club



Catching up for lost time, Bookham Flower Club, had two Christmas themed demonstrations and a workshop during November and December 2021.

Kate Thomas of Funky Flowers gave us an idea for a Christmas present, an arrangement in a Christmas pudding bowl including foliage and flowers to represent the ingredients of the pudding. A large Advent wreath followed which was constructed from a circle of twisted

vine into which were inserted test tubes to take foliage and flowers around the centrally placed candles.

At our early December meeting Robin White, a freelance florist, presented "Floral Festivities", starting with a white woodland scene of amaryllis, roses, carnations and cabbages, giving us several helpful tips as he worked. A rather different colour scheme for Christmas of purple and pink was his next offering using purple sprayed and glittered (biodegradable) foliage and lotus heads with pink roses, germini and carnations. Copper, orange, yellow and red were the colours of an arrangement topping and following the lines of a crescent shaped pedestal which Robin finished by adorning with large shiny copper coloured balls. The last two arrangements were a Christmas tree shape in shades of green, incorporating a beautiful cymbidium orchid, a new green rose, lisianthus, green

carnations and green balls with the shiny one at the focal point, and a traditional red arrangement of flowers and berries with gilded leaves. Raffle winners were delighted to take home beautifully fresh flowers which would last until Christmas.

Our workshop, run by our member, Sue Slark, gave us the opportunity to have fun making our own hanging star-shaped decorations. We were well prepared for a floral Christmas!



Bookhams Residents' Association Tree Warden reports:



Hurrah – at last - The Garstons Triangle Takes Shape!

Some two years ago we all feared that the triangle might be lost to development, posing a threat to Village Day and Bookham's public outdoor events. Through the combined action of local residents, Bookhams Residents' Association (BRA), Bookham Community Association (BCA), and liaising with both Surrey and Mole Valley Councils, we have now secured this area as a public space complete with benches and plantings.

Just before Christmas two benches were fixed onto concrete bases, adding to the shrubs and trees which were planted earlier last year. Covid managed to intervene throughout 2020/2021 causing supply shortages and delays through illness. But through a concerted effort we managed to both secure

the land by getting it recognised as an asset of public value and designated as local green space on the Mole Valley Local Plan.

Doug McCann and Angela Benny acted as local road co-ordinators, liaising with residents in both The Garstons and Mead Crescent, and getting teams stuck in to raking when the long growth was cut back in November. Thanks go to the Pyatt and Mickova families for their raking and their baking – not only did they get stuck into raking up the long grass, but they also raised £110 from a bake sale to go towards tree planting in Bookham. BCA's Keith Slark and BRA's Peter Seaward helped push progress in numerous Zoom meetings over two years.

Thanks also go to Angela Smith who has donated one of the benches in memory of her husband, former Councillor Jim Smith, who served Bookham for many years. Near to her home, we hope that she will be able to enjoy these benches in the years to come.

The changeover to frequent mowing by Mole Valley District Council at the same time as the

Old Barn Hall fields (from the previous Surrey County Council less frequent longer cuts) the whole area should become a seamless part of the Old Barn Hall fields, ready to host Village Day, Food Festivals and indeed be used for recreation by the residents of Bookham.

While the Garstons Triangle is still taking shape we hope that within a year or two it will look and feel like the old and much loved Willow triangle – a lovely green space for the people of Bookham. A great example of people working together for the common good.

Frances Fancourt



Bookham Rifle Club

This pandemic and the numerous lockdowns have brought us many new experiences. It is surprising how popular people baking their own bread has become or knitting/crocheting - just doing something that they might never have thought of doing before!

It seems that you can add Target shooting to that list as we have recently had a busy period of bringing on new members at Bookham Rifle Club. It's lovely to see new people who are

genuinely enthusiastic to practice shooting on our 5 outdoor ranges (25 to 100 yards) and the extensive indoor Air Rifle and Air pistol ranges 6, 10 and 20 metres. We provide all the equipment needed for people to shoot and have coaches on hand in the club who lend their considerable experience and skill to getting people taking part in a safe and controlled environment.

If you were thinking of trying something new

and want to test your skills in some of the target shooting disciplines, then now is a good time to join us at what are the best facilities around - and right on your doorstep too! Just by Thorncroft Manor and up a windy little road where you will find a friendly welcome. Why not come and visit and have a look yourself?

You'll probably find someone trading a sourdough yeast recipe as well!

<https://www.bookhamrifleclub.org.uk/>

Bookham Seniors Computer Club

It was with great pleasure that in September Bookham Seniors Computer Club's (BSCC) was able to resume holding its regular Friday morning meetings in Little Bookham Village Hall again after an absence of 18 months. The autumn term started with its AGM on 10 September and, after 11 weeks, concluded with its traditional Christmas Party on 3 December 2021.

During the term topics covered included Windows 10, using iCloud and OneDrive, email, using the camera on a smartphone or tablet, transferring photos from tablets or phones, using Paint, Christmas uses of your computer and using Microsoft Photos to make a video.

Unfortunately, in early December the Omicron variant arrived in the UK. Consequently, the

club decided that it will hold its meetings during January 2022 using Zoom video-chat. At time of writing no decision has been made on when meetings will resume in Little Bookham Village Hall, but it will be kept under regular review. Details of where and when sessions will be held, as well as details of the term's programme, can be viewed on our website bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk.

The club meets during school term time on Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00 either at Little Bookham Village Hall or at the current time via Zoom. Annual membership costs £20 and there is no charge for attending any of the sessions which includes tea, coffee and biscuits which are provided during a mid-morning break.

The club also runs no-need-to-book drop-in

clinics which are free to members and held on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month (except August) from 14.30 to 16.30. These are also held at Little Bookham Village Hall when possible.

The committee also provides help to its members by email, telephone and occasionally by remote connection with answers to questions, advice and solutions to computer related problems. It also keeps its members up-to-date, including details of the term's programme, via email and its website. The club welcomes new members. If you are interested in finding out more about the BSCC then phone Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604 or visit our website bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk.

Little Bookham WI



During Autumn 2021 we listened to a detailed and thought provoking talk on, 'Britain's Traditional Feasts and Seasons' by Joanna

Bogle. We also enjoyed an interactive meeting when members brought along treasured valuables so that antiques expert, Michael Laikin, could tell us the history behind our items and also what they might be worth.

Our Christmas meeting in December was a very happy and convivial time with a quiz, Christmas stories and the left, right parcel game. Following mince pies and stollen we held a Christmas parcel tombola and everyone went home with a Christmas present.

We are starting 2022 on a positive note with a

games afternoon. The committee have been scouring their cupboards and shelves for a variety of games to play. Then later in the spring we are going to hear, amongst other talks, about the continued restoration of Clandon Park after the devastating fire. If Covid restrictions allow, we are also planning a visit to Hampton Court Palace and Arundel Castle.

Our friendly W.I. meet at Little Bookham Village Hall at 3pm on the 3rd Wednesday each month.

Fay McGregor

Old Barn Hall Jazz Club



We have been successfully running our traditional Jazz Club at the Old Barn Hall for 9 years now and it is considered one of the best in the country. Amongst our regulars we have many people from the Home Counties who just love our Sunday lunchtimes.

We always have the best Jazz Bands the Country can offer, plus a professionally run kitchen with hot and cold food including tea and coffee. A friendly atmosphere will greet you as you walk through the doors.

So, any of you Bookham people that have been smitten with the Jazz Bug are all very welcome to give us a try, with no membership fee, just £12 at the door. However, don't forget to bring your dancing shoes and any drink if required.

2022 Sunday Calendar of Events 1pm to 4pm

Feb 6th Golden Eagle Jazz Band

Feb 13th Southern Revival New Orleans Jazz Band

Feb 20th New Orleans Jazz Bandits

Feb 27th No Jazz Today

Mar 6th John Maddocks Jazzmen

Mar 13th TJ Johnson and his Band

Mar 20th New Orleans Heat

Mar 27th Gambit Jazzmen

Apr 3th Golden Eagle Jazz Band

Apr 10th Sussex Jazz Kings

Apr 17th Thames Valley Quintet

Apr 24th Hugh Croziers' Hot Quintet

May 1th New Orleans Jazz Bandits

May 8th Reeds United

May 15th John Maddocks Jazzmen

May 22th Golden Eagle Celebration Five

May 29th Sussex Jazz Kings

June 5th Gambit Jazzmen

For more info: Mick Welstead Tel: 01444 243745 or mickywelstead@gmail.com

Bookham Bees WI



Well, 2021 has come and gone, a year that has been like no other. However, nothing stops Bookham Bees WI from buzzing, be it over Zoom or face to face.

We have been fortunate in hosting excellent speakers, starting in January with 'Zumba via Zoom' which had many Bees in their kit at home 'Zumbaring' together! In March we had an inspiring presentation on The Origins of Pub



The Bees buzzing around making Christmas Stars

Names. We were all sad that, due to the lockdown, we were unable to sample any of the pubs discussed!

Our 3rd Birthday was celebrated via Zoom and little birthday cakes were delivered to all the Bees. We dearly hope our 4th birthday this April will be in person.

We had several other inspiring speakers over Zoom and finally met face to face in the field behind the Old Barn Hall in August. We took our own nibbles and tipples and thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many of our Bee friends. It was getting dark by the time we decided we should be going home!

When permitted small gatherings were held in members' gardens over tea or coffee and we also arranged picnic lunches.

Our first meeting in the Old Barn Hall was in September when we were able to spread out and have windows and doors open. Absolutely

wonderful to be almost back to normal! Again, we had some entertaining speakers and December saw the Bees making Christmas stars out of twigs, greenery and lights, under the direction of Heather, our brilliant 'Creative Director'. So, all the Bees' houses were twinkling during Christmas.

2022 sees an excellent programme of activities and speakers. The Bees has many different groups including, Bee Creative, Knit & Crochet, Book Clubs, Coffee Mornings, Family History, Gardening, Jigsaw Library, Pub Nights, Theatre Group and many Walking Groups, all of which are great fun and provide the opportunity of getting to know members in smaller gatherings.

Bookham Bees WI meets in the evening on the first Wednesday of every month in the Old Barn Hall. For further information please contact: dianagreenman@gmail.com

Bookham Butterflies WI



Bookham Butterflies enjoyed a couple of wonderful festive activities in early December, before the dramatic increase in Covid cases. A coachload of members travelled to Winchester to attend the famous Christmas market, held in the shadows of the magnificent cathedral. Undeterred by a morning of very wet weather, Butterflies sampled mulled wine and explored stalls selling an abundance of gift items.

Several members also met at the President's home for our annual Christmas wreath making event. Great fun was had while we learnt how to make a traditional eco-friendly wreath, using a wire frame and moss. It was wonderful to hold this event "in person" – in 2020, the wreaths were made individually in members' own homes.

While we decided not to hold our annual Christmas party later in December, to protect the health of our members, we were delighted that our complimentary raffle for all members went ahead! Three prizes – a hamper, two bottles of wine and a bespoke Christmas wreath decoration were won by Alison Wood, Jen Broh and Lorna Lock. .

We held in-person monthly meetings at the Old Barn Hall in October and November. In October, we heard from retired local dentist André Hedger, who entertained us with lively tales from years of mountaineering, illustrated by a series of photos and videos.

November's speakers were husband and wife team Angela and Graham O'Connell, members of the National Garden Scheme, who first opened their garden "Oakleigh" in Frimley Green to the public 8 years ago. They talked about the history of the NGS and the many beautiful gardens in our area.

Subjects for forthcoming monthly meetings include life on the canals of England and wearing your best colours and styles.

The monthly Supper Club and weekly

Mahjong group have been meeting since the summer. Our Mahjong players enjoyed a festive tippie of mulled wine alongside their last pre-Christmas game! The three Book Groups are continuing to meet on Zoom, as they have done since the start of the pandemic.

For more information about our WI visit our website www.bookhambutterflieswi.com



Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society



Once again we have completed the cycle of another growing year. The joy of a garden is that just when it is at its coldest and bleakest, the first signs of new life start to appear and before we know everything is bountiful again. Perhaps that is why gardening is so good for us and gives us hope in difficult years.

It has been such a joy to be able to carefully resume our society activities last year. We felt the safest way to start with outdoor activities and had three very enjoyable outings - to Stuart Cottage in Clandon, Painshill Park and Plant Passion. As conditions improved we were able to resume our talks held at 7.30 pm in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall, usually on the 4th Monday of the month.

Peter Almond gave us a very interesting , illustrated talk on "Plants that changed the course of History". This was followed by Gail Diprose giving us a very enlightening and helpful talk on 'Growing for health'. We rounded off the year with a constructive AGM after which we enjoyed delicious snacks and a demonstration of making Christmas decorations by Stella Phipps.

So now we are into a fresh new year and hopefully will be able to proceed with an exciting new programme as follows -

- January 24th Michelle Howes
Painshill Park
- February 28th Peter Almond
Birds in your garden
- March 28th Barry Newman
Growing in raised beds
- April 25th Angela and Graham
O'Connor Beyond the Garden
Gate - The National Garden
Society Scheme
- May 23rd Outing to Leonardslee
- July 16th Summer Show at the Tithe
Barn Little Bookham

To join us or for more information, please contact Angela Stevens

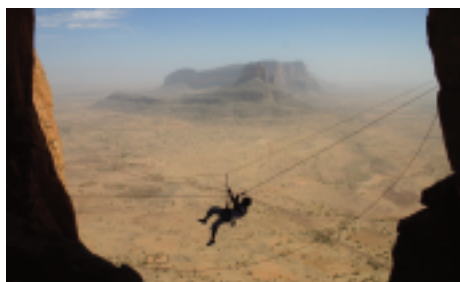
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Jenny Smitheman



The Bookham Crag Rats

Bookham's premier Climbing Club



This Club was founded in 1987 when four of us from Bookham went to rock climb the Old Man of Hoy (a steep and serious sea Stack in the Orkney Islands).

We now have about 60 members from far and wide. There is a wide range of ages, interests and abilities.

We organise weekly evening climbs in the winter months to local Indoor climbing walls.

If anyone would like to join us, they would get a warm welcome and learn from our experienced members if you are new to it. There is no fee to join and the Club has no rules or insurance as it is just a loose group of friends with interests in climbing. We do not instruct or guide or take payment for such; just so you, the reader, know what we are all about.

In the Summer months we make regular evening trips to the local Sandstone cliffs near Tunbridge Wells which are an excellent training ground for the bigger cliffs. A few of

us (the crazier ones) do regular meets to the beautiful, white, south coast Chalk Cliffs where we climb with Ice Axes and Crampons. This is more appropriate for advanced climbers.

We have monthly trips to the further crags and mountains of the UK throughout the year.

Scotland is a good venue for Ice climbing in the winter and in the summer for remote and big rock climbing (although the midges can be a pain). Daytrips to the Peak District are also a regular event for the Bookham Crag Rats for superbly varied rock climbing.

We organise foreign trips further afield annually, and are running a Winter Ice climbing trip at the end of this month to the Alps. Summer trips have ranged far and wide all over the World including Antarctica, Patagonia, Yosemite in America, South Africa, Namibia, Ethiopia, Mali, Madagascar, Morocco, Yemen, Oman, Greece, Sicily, Sardinia, Croatia, France and Spain.

Climbing in all its forms is a strangely addictive sport as it is a whole body and mind activity. Far better than any Gym work. There is a whole social scene with it which makes it really enjoyable and good fun.

If anyone would like to get involved, please feel free to contact me on andre@openwide.biz

Dr Andre Hedger.



The Meeting Place



THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE has moved from the Youth Centre and now has three locations - Bookham Baptist Church on Saturdays 10.30am-12.00,

Wednesdays and Fridays 11.30-12.30; The Grange Centre in Rectory Lane on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 10.00am-12.00 and St Mary's Church, Fetcham Mondays 10.00-11.00. The fridge team have worked so hard over the last year, picking up food, preparing and delivering bags to customers as well as the help yourself table at the Youth Centre. Do continue to support us in preventing food from going to landfill at these new venues.

COFFEE SHOP continues to be busy and we were so pleased to welcome more than 20 people the Saturday before Christmas. We gave our regulars a small piece of delicious Christmas cake made and decorated by the catering team at The Grange with whom we have been in partnership for nearly 11 years.

Part way through the morning a group of people who had been Carol singing outside The Crown came in and we quickly set up a special table for them. They sang a carol for us as they waited for their coffee.

2022 brings our 10th Anniversary celebrations (actually 11 years now) Covid restrictions permitting. We will have a large celebratory cake and have invited back many people who were involved in the inception of the Coffee Shop. Great to be able to celebrate in these difficult times.

LANGUAGE HUB and LIPREADING CLASSES continue to be run on Zoom which has proved such a great way of keeping us in touch with the participants of both classes.

ANNA CHAPLAINCY – Our Anna Chaplain led a simple dementia friendly Carol Service in December which was much appreciated by all who attended. Anne was commissioned in January and is working in the local community to build up relationships along with the team of Anna befrienders.



For more information on all areas of our outreach please see our website www.themeetingplace.org.uk or visit our facebook page.

Bookham Scottish Country Dancing Club



Are you looking for a something new, fun and sociable for the New Year?

If you love Scottish music and dancing why not think about joining Bookham Scottish Country Dancing Club

What is Scottish Country Dancing?

Scottish Country Dancing is a type of folk dancing similar in some ways to English Country Dancing and Square Dancing but

with more defined steps and a wider variety of formations. There are hundreds of different dances to try out and enjoy.

If you have been to a wedding or ceilidh and danced 'The Dashing White Sergeant' or an 'Eightsome Reel' you are already familiar with the music and know that dances are made up of a repeated sequence of several formations. Scottish country dances are either lively reels and jigs or more sedate and elegant strathspeys. The music will get your feet tapping and lift your spirits. The basic steps and formations are easy to learn and we can offer extra help for beginners.

Why do Scottish Country Dancing?

It is sociable, fun and wonderful exercise. You don't need to come with a partner as everyone is encouraged to dance with a different partner for each dance. All dances are walked

through before dancing. We all help each other and even with only a little experience you will soon be dancing with confidence.

Each year we hold a couple of dances in the Old Barn Hall, Great Bookham. Dancers from other clubs join us for these events.

Our friendly club would love to welcome anyone to come to a club night and join us. No special dress is required but come with soft shoes suitable for dancing.

The club meets on Friday evenings from 8 - 10.15pm (from mid-September to beginning of July) in Little Bookham Village Hall, Little Bookham St, Great Bookham, Leatherhead KT23 3AF

For more information contact: Dianne Delaney by email: dianne.delaney@talktalk.net

or by phone: 01306 884936

The Bookhams, Fetcham and Effingham Nursing Association Trust

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application form.

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Peter Pan Playschool



We had a brilliant autumn term at Peter Pan, with a huge intake of new starters who all settled really well thanks to the caring and supportive staff who work very closely with families to help get to know the children well.

We were fortunate to be able to go to the Early Years garden at Eastwick School where it was great to see some of our old friends, now in reception, and to have a play at school. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we had to cancel visits to St. Lawrence and The Dawnay schools but hope to go later in the year.

To promote early literacy skills and mark making, we made Christmas cards, which we posted in the local post-box when we went out for a walk. The children were very excited to receive their cards at home, and to "read" to their parents what they had written inside.

We were able to have our Christmas nativity play in the main church at Eastwick Road Church where we're based in the church hall, and enjoyed a short Christmas party lunch afterwards. We also had a super raffle, supported by lots of local businesses who very kindly donate prizes. This is a great fundraiser for us, and all proceeds are used to buy new equipment and resources for the children. This enables us to keep our fees as low as possible to ensure we remain accessible for all families in the local community.

Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive pre-school setting, which cares for children from 2 years old until school age. We offer weekday morning sessions 9.10-12.10 during term time, with optional extended hours until 1.10 and



2.40 on Monday, Thursday and Friday. We accept Government FEET and FEE funding as well as the extended 30 hours funding.

To find out more please take a look at our Facebook page www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool and our website www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk Or send us an email to peterpanplayschool@gmail.com or call us on 07908 018924 and Louise and the staff team will be happy to answer your questions. We're filling up fast for September 2022, so please do get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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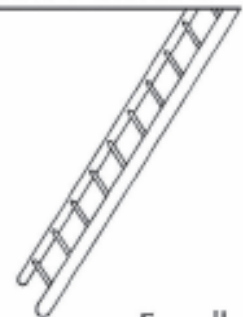
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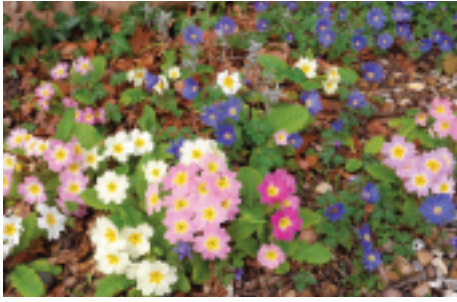
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Bookham Open Gardens Day – Sunday 26th June 2022



For a great day out looking round gardens, do make sure you put the date in your diaries now. We're going with the Sunday of the weekend after Village Day for the second time and each year we aim to have 10-15 gardens open, some old favourites and usually some new ones too. Last year we sold over 650 tickets and raised £7,000 towards the upkeep of our Old Barn Hall, despite not knowing till

the last week whether we could go ahead in anything like normal style!

As ever, we are always on the lookout for new gardens. If you think you might be interested in opening and would like to share your garden with our visitors, you are most welcome to contact us for a chat. The joy is in the variety, from quirky to formal, productive to picturesque. Don't worry if you think your garden is smaller than some of our usual gardens – sometimes it's good to see what can be achieved in a small place. Opening is a great way to get to know people and feel part of the community.

To make Open Gardens Day successful, we rely not only on our garden openers but also many volunteers who help on the day, selling tickets, serving refreshments at the Old Barn Hall,

acting as garden stewards, or helping on car park duties.

If you would like to open your garden or help for an hour or two in any other way, please contact Brenda Kent (01372 453952, Email bnb.selworthy@btinternet.com), on behalf of the Bookham Open Gardens Day Committee.

Look out for more detailed information in the next edition of the Bookhams Bulletin and on our website – www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk. You can also check out and 'Like' our Facebook Community Page – search for 'Bookham Open Gardens' to find it and to see pictures from last year's event.

Let's hope that 26th June 2022 will be a beautiful sunny day – see you there!

Diane Poole

Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club

Getting up and going up



Whatever the problems we have all come through in the last year - the bowling at MVIBC is progressing through the indoor season with good recruitment and teams entering national, county league and inter club friendly matches through-out Surrey.

The ladies have started the season with some very good results and the men's team has also improved their wins this season against some particularly strong clubs.

Less serious bowling took place at the Christmas Triples, a seasonal celebration for all club members – this year seeing a particularly magnificent spread of refreshments that everyone really enjoyed. The bowling on that day

was not quite so brilliant but the exercise was helpful in making space for the refreshments.

This year the club hopes to generate various incentives to support a donation to the Air Ambulance Service. So members are advised (in a light hearted way) to make sure they are wearing the correct clothing, clean shoes, polished bowls and follow the rules - otherwise they may find themselves with a forfeit for a fine to the nominated charity ☹️ be warned!

Many members find that playing in the weekly roll ups and/or local friendly matches provides them with the right amount of involvement to suit their lifestyle. But bowling provides many different levels of challenging competition for all categories, ages and ability. New and

inexperienced members can receive free coaching as required, and for the experienced bowlers who seek the more serious matches - they will find plenty of challenges available. All this takes place in a comfortable and COVID safe environment with the opportunity to make new friends.

To find out why indoor bowling is so popular and share the benefits available – get in touch with MVIBC at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre, we will be very pleased to hear from you and answer questions.

Visit our website at www.mvibc.co.uk or you can also email mail4mvibc@gmail.com or call 01372 289873 for more information.

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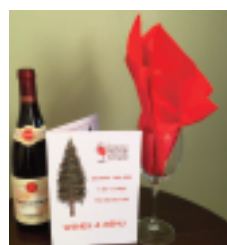
Bookham Wine Club

A year to forget for many, but a Christmas Celebration to remember!

Like many local clubs and associations, 2021 was probably a year to forget, but the energy and enthusiasm of the Wine Club's committee and members, ensured our year ended on a high.

The Club was able to continue with its monthly wine tastings in the Old Barn Hall in September, with a carefully considered seating plan, and other measures ensuring member safety; thankfully, it all worked well. So, the Christmas celebration provided a fitting end to a difficult year, with over seventy members and guests enjoying a themed wine tasting, and a fully catered 4-course supper.

Heather Dougherty, Club President and



professional wine tutor, hosted the evening and presented her well chosen selection of wines for a traditional Christmas setting. Not surprisingly, proceedings commenced with an excellent chilled glass or two of Cava, before we all took our seats for the meal. (full details of the wines can be found on our website.)

With 2022 underway, a number of new members have already been welcomed to the Club, and the scene is now set for a full year of

exciting and informative wine tastings and special events, with our expert wine educators and wine trade professionals taking us through the year.

Here's a taste of what's in store ...

February 14: The Magic of Veneto with Keith Grainger

March 14: Wines of the Medoc with Nina Cerullo

April 11: Discovering Grenache with Pippa Hayward

To learn more about the Club and our wine tastings (past, present and future) visit our website www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk or email our Membership Secretary: membership@bookhamwineclub.org.uk.

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Bookham Country Market



It's your local market - and What a success!

Since our re-opening on 4th June 2021 the Market has gradually got back to being the place to be on Friday morning. We open from 10am to 11.30am in the Old Barn Hall, every week. Since re-opening there have been twenty nine Markets in 2021 and we saw 438 different customers who attended to buy the high quality products that are available. We have a core group of customers who regularly visit the Market and we are very grateful to them.

From these the star performer was Dennis Hicks, who came to every market in 2021. In recognition we thought it appropriate to give him a small reward for this loyalty.

With Christmas on the way, we ran an additional market on Saturday 13th November focusing on Craft and Christmas food. Available was a wide range of high quality hand-made craft products – Cards,

Jewellery, Pottery, Wood, Pewter, Decorations and many other articles lovingly created by our highly skilled home craft makers.

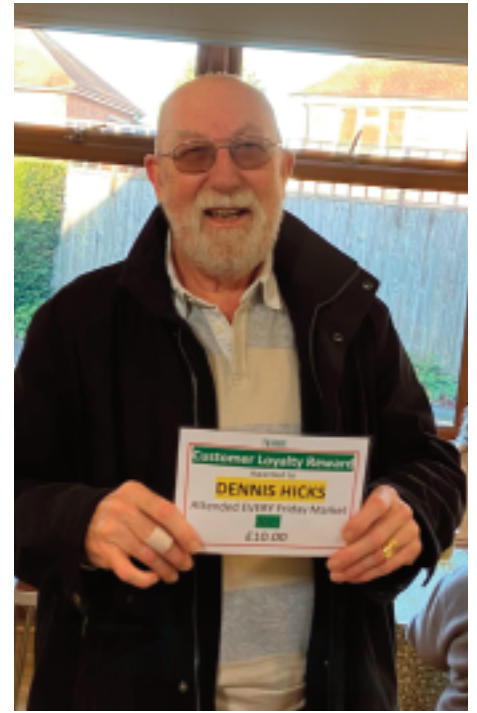
There are speciality cheeses straight from the dairy including award winning ones. You could order a Christmas Cake or mince pies from our home cooks to be collected near the time, and there were artisan breads without any chemicals.

There were homemade preserves – jams, marmalades, chutney - and local Bookham honey.

We hope to run another Saturday market with an Easter theme in April. Look out for announcements and check on our website for further information.

All the products mentioned above, and more – grass fed meat straight from the farm, free-range eggs, books – are available every Friday and after your shopping, relax with a coffee and enjoy a Fairtrade coffee or Teapigs tea with a slice of homemade Cake or biscuits.

The market is run completely by volunteers and is a valuable community activity providing a venue for social interaction, income for the BCA to help the upkeep of the



Old Barn Hall and a source of high quality, locally produced products for our customers.

See and read more at www.bookhammarket.wixsite.com/mrkt

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Leatherhead & District Local History Society

LEATHERHEAD'S THREE COTTAGE HOSPITALS



The first Leatherhead Cottage Hospital was located at 8 Clinton Road from 1893. It had eight beds and ran up a £130 debt. It closed in 1902. A local committee was formed to build a new hospital. Wealthy residents donated funds and land was offered at Fortyfoot Road by

Walter Cunliffe of Headley Court.

The foundation stone of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital was laid in October 1903 and the new establishment opened officially in August 1904 with just six beds and one cot. It cost £2,625 to build and admitted 58 patients in its first year.

At first any qualified doctor might obtain permission to treat his patients at the hospital although this was later restricted to those living within three miles and practising for at least two years. In the absence of free health

service care, patients were expected to pay between half a crown and 10s/6d a week.

Passing years meant increasing demand. The year 1927 brought 381 patients as hospital admissions replaced home treatment for sick children and maternity cases. A waiting room was now required as well as an accident and emergency ward.

Staff numbers rose too. By 1936 there were plans to spend £40,000 on a third hospital building after annual treatments in a single year reached 3,248.

A site had been identified in Poplar Road and Charles Leach, president of the hospital committee, personally bought it for £10,000 to

pre-empt housing development. He laid the foundation stone in May 1940 and the new hospital opened on 26 June 1941 with 24 beds for adults, ten for children and six private rooms.

In summer 1948 with the creation of the National Health Service, the Leatherhead Hospital governing body was abolished and management taken over by the newly formed Epsom Group committee.

In 1960 volunteers founded the League of Friends of Leatherhead Hospital. In the years to come they would raise some £4 million to pay for structural work and equipment. For more information from the L&DLHS go to www.leatherheadhistory.org.



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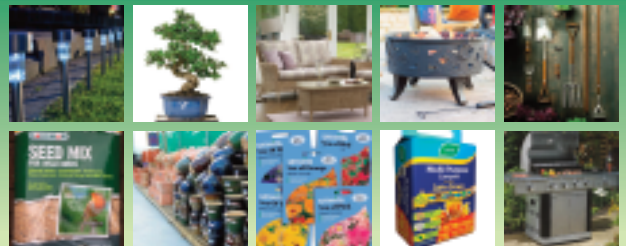
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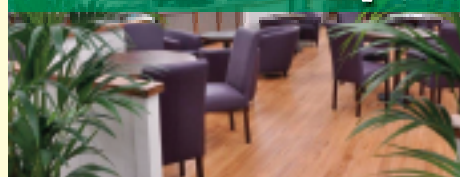


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The Friends of All Saints Little Bookham Church and St. Lawrence Effingham Church

At last we have managed to hold our first fundraising event since March 2020. On 3rd December about 60 people came to hear Vivien White give a very interesting talk on the Howard Family and their involvement with the parishes, and manors, of Great Bookham, Little Bookham and Effingham. This was illustrated with slides of family trees, maps, houses and pictures of the various family members. The audience were enthralled, in spite of being masked and socially distanced, although masks could be removed to enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies.

Our next event is the Big Curry Lunch at the

Great Bookham Tandoori Restaurant on 20th February at 1pm. The cost is £20 for an adult and £15 for t under 16s. All subject to any pandemic restrictions at that time. Numbers are restricted so reserve your place by contacting our chairman William Hill on 01372 458792 or membership.friends@icloud.com.

Members of the Friends have continued to be involved in helping manage the refreshment stall at the Monthly Market at St Lawrence Church Hall, Effingham providing tea, coffee, cakes and selling fresh farm eggs. The chairman has established a successful fruit and veg stall collaborating with Layton's in the

village. This is a gathering of artisan food, drink and local crafts stalls provided by local businesses and has proved to be very successful. It is usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10am to 2pm with the first market in 2022 on 26th February.

The Friends is a secular organisation created to help fund the upkeep of the two historic 12th century churches, All Saints Church, Little Bookham and St Lawrence Church, Effingham, both a key part of our community's heritage. Membership is £20p.a. More details from our chairman William Hill at [<membership.friends@icloud.com>](mailto:membership.friends@icloud.com).

Dorking and District RSPB Local Group



Do you prefer exploring the chalk downs of Norbury Park and Polesden Lacey or the woods and ponds of Bookham Common? Do you wish you knew more about the lifestyle of the red kites and buzzards that soar overhead, where the herons breed or the relationships between the ducks and coots?

Over the past two years, many of us have got to know the areas closest to home and wise words have been written about the benefits to our physical and mental health of spending time outdoors, especially in green spaces.



Bookham residents are lucky to have many green areas close to hand with many interesting birds, insects and plants.

Getting to know local wildlife is fascinating but can also be frustrating. Birds fly off as one tries to compare them with book illustrations, dragonflies zigzag out of view and plant growth is affected by the immediate environment. Even with smartphones to hand, taking a useful photo or making notes to investigate back home is often easier said than done. Nothing beats the old-fashioned

way of learning by going out with someone who knows a bit more than oneself.

RSPB Dorking and District local group covers the local area, has regular walks and meetings in person and online to provide the chance to learn more in a friendly way. Check out our activities on Facebook @ Dorking RSPB or our website <https://www2.rspb.org.uk/groups/dorkinganddistrict/>.

And brief answers to those earlier questions? Red kites are scavengers that soar above looking out for carrion and helping to clear up carrion. Buzzards are raptors that mainly live on small rodents but are not too proud to eat worms in larger gardens. Grey herons breed in a colony high in the mature trees on Bookham Common. Gadwall (dabbling ducks rather like mallards with a black rear) let the coots do the hard work of finding waterweed in deeper areas, then diving to gather it; the gadwalls then aim to steal some of the weed from the coots so they get a wider diet.

Joan Bingley

Groveside Badminton Club



2021 was an odd yet successful year for Groveside Badminton Club as we dealt with the Covid challenge and kept our members safe. Once the club was back up and running during the early summer months, the

challenge was restarting the momentum we had prior to the break in play. Well, the good news is we managed it! We also attracted new members to the club along the way.

In December, we held our 2nd annual club tournament, with fundraising for local charities at the core of the fun. Our club members were randomly grouped and blind selected for each court which led to some great team combinations. We asked our members to donate, which was matched with club funds. The two winning members will be announced at our annual club dinner in

January and their prize will be choosing the local charities who will benefit from the funds raised.

A big thank you to the members of Groveside Badminton Club for their continued support of the club!

Groveside Badminton Club is a social badminton club playing to a good standard. We play every Tuesday @7.30pm at St Teresa's School sports hall. If you would like to come along and give us a try, please contact Ed Carr oned.carr@talk21.com or 01372 819171 for more details.

The Arts Society Bookham



Like many societies the Arts Society remains unsure of what the future in 2022 will bring. The highly successful lockdown Zoom meetings managed by Chris Rose continued in the autumn. The return in September of regular monthly talks at The Old Barn Hall have seen good sized audiences with members able to socialise before listening to the speaker. Rosie Francis has taken on Edmund Morgan-Warren's Programme Secretary role with responsibility for the selection of monthly meetings; Zooms may be occasionally interspersed.

The old year finished with an Old Barn Hall Christmas lunch, provided by Elizabeth, followed by Sandy Burnett's account of 'Christmas in Bach's Leipzig'. Later in December we moved from Leipzig to York with blue badge guide Sarah Cowling who took us on a Zoom tour of the city at Christmas time.

January commenced with a Zoom guide 'Street Art' by David Drury including items from Banksie and the Dulwich Village High Street collection. Tim Redmond gave us a fully illustrated guide in 'A Virtual Tour of Big Ben' later in the month. An old friend and past committee member Bronwen Mills presented



a fully illustrated introduction to 'Surrey Pub Signs' by Zoom in early February.

In late February the lecture by Eveline Eaton explores 'The Bayeux Tapestry - The Worlds' Oldest Comic-Strip'. It consists of embroidered cloth nearly 70 metres long depicting the

events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. William, Duke of Normandy, and Harold, Earl of Wessex, later King of England are, of course, the main protagonists culminating in the Battle of Hastings.

'Images of the British Empire' will be presented by Dr John Stevens in March. He will consider a variety of paintings, buildings and objects from across the Empire. The Bournemouth Museum is featured in the April lecture by Dr James Taylor 'Beautiful, curious and rare highlights of the Russell Coates Gallery and Museum'. It will make an interesting comparison with Stephen Duffy's May exploration of 'The Founders and Treasures of The Wallace Collection'. Ian Swankie's June lecture 'Great Railway Stations - evokes a spirit



of romance and adventure'.

Early in May Judy Money has organised five days in the northwest to see 'The Delights of Cheshire, Manchester and the RHS Bridgewater Gardens' with an interesting and full programme. Later, in October, we have the opportunity to visit Glasgow and Edinburgh. Full details of talks and visits can be found on our website.

New members are warmly welcomed to the Society at lectures at 7.30 on the fourth Tuesday in the month at The Old Barn Hall. Check our website for details - theartsocietybookham.org.uk. Anyone interested in joining the Society and receiving the Zoomed talks should contact Linda Tickner via the website and she will be pleased to send information by email or in the post.

Howard of Effingham School



This year's Autumn Drama production was 'Grimm Tales', a play that takes the original folk classics of The Brothers Grimm and warps them in a world of childhood imagination.

This year's cast was our biggest yet, consisting of 83 students from Year 7 right through to Year 12 who undertook a very intense rehearsal period of only 6 weeks.

As theatre was non-existent last year, I really relished the opportunity to do a school production. We wanted to make the performance very mysterious and nightmarish and therefore experimented with lighting and shadow puppets! The overall design was very effective and helped add to the gruesome nature of the tales.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. The production helped raise money towards new lighting equipment which both our GCSE and A Level students can benefit from.

Nicole Hadley-Jessett

Our spring musical this year will be Disney's The Little Mermaid, with performances from 10th to 12th March 2022 at The Leatherhead Theatre.

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's The Little Mermaid is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs

including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World."

Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, wishes to pursue the human Prince Eric in the world above and bargains with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. But the bargain is not what it seems and Ariel needs the help of her colourful friends Flounder the fish, Scuttle the seagull, and Sebastian the crab to restore order under the sea.

The 120 strong cast from all year groups is led by Ellie Cain as Ariel, Joshua Gottlieb as Eric, Ewan Cretney as Grimsby, Hannah Sutherland as Flounder, Harriet Wilson as Scuttle, Ben Black as Triton and Hollie Hopkins as Sebastian.

Tickets and order forms will be available through the school or Theatre - early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

Nicole Hadley-Jessett and Kat Finch



Eastwick Schools – Acknowledging the Eastwick PTA, The Friends



Everyone at Eastwick Schools wishes the residents of Bookham and surrounding areas a very Happy New Year! As we continue to work together as a community to combat the great impact of the coronavirus pandemic on everybody it felt appropriate to acknowledge a

group of Eastwick stakeholders who, throughout the pandemic, have worked tirelessly to ensure that our pupils continue to benefit from the cultural capital gained from the rich experiences offered through community events.

The Friends of Eastwick is formed of a core group, and supported by a wider group, of Eastwick parents and has for some time been led admirably by Mrs Kate Harris, the PTA Chair. The Friends raise lots of money to afford Eastwick pupils additional experiences and school resources that are gratefully received and enjoyed; more significantly, the events themselves do so much more than raise funds, they provide wonderful experiences for the young people of Eastwick.

The past two years has of course presented many barriers to community events and opportunities to come together have been limited. This has not stopped this group of volunteer parents who have, in spite of these barriers, provided many opportunities for our children.

An example of this was our Christmas Fairs, in 2021 and 2020, when it would not have been practical to keep everyone safe had the school welcomed the whole community as would be preferred. But an alternative pupil only event took place welcoming the children in their class groups to enjoy the fair. A huge thank you goes to Kate Harris and her small army known as The Friends of Eastwick!

Michael Lowes, Principal

The Dawnay School



The Dawnay School, in the heart of Bookham, is joining the South Farnham Educational Trust (SFET), a primary-only, multi-academy trust where all schools are outstanding. SFET is one of only 70 Teaching School hubs in the UK and as such delivers top quality teacher training. The CEO is Sir Andrew Carter who is pictured here with Mrs Fiona O'Neill (Executive Head at The Dawnay and The Raleigh Schools). Other local schools already within the Trust are The Raleigh in West Horsley and Wallace Fields Infants, in Epsom.

The school delivers a broad and rich curriculum with music and performing arts as particular strengths. It has wraparound care in its Puffins Club both for breakfast and after-school hours. There is also a playgroup on site for 3 and 4 year old children.

The Friends of The Dawnay is a vibrant group of parents who regularly raise funds through a variety of fun events; the recent socially distanced Christmas Fair raised a fantastic £2000. They hope to be able to hold their, always popular and a sell-out, Snail Race soon when guidelines are relaxed.

Early initiatives at The Dawnay have included:-

- introducing single age range classes (resulting in some small class sizes); all KS1 and K2 classes with full time teachers
- adopting an exciting Trust-wide curriculum
- adopting the SFET faculty leadership model so every subject area has an

enthusiastic leader and advocate

- refurbishing various areas of the school and grounds
- gardening in the school-based allotment and polytunnel with a view to children in every class growing fruit and vegetables and cooking frequently
- welcoming new children to the school across all year groups
- recruiting new governors

So do ring 01372 456774 for a bespoke tour of the school with me, to see the school in action and to hear about all the exciting plans for the future. We are always open and this is a great time to consider these small classes for your children.

Mrs Fiona O'Neill
Headteacher

Royal National Lifeboat Institution

2021 was a busy time for the Lifeboats but income was not as much as we would have liked.

However, one event was one I will remember for a long time. This was the Bookham Village Day in August.

The organizers did a brilliant job and were

really helpful, I would not have been able to put up my gazebo on my own.

We raised almost £500.00 which is a lot of money.

More important, we were able to speak to a high number of children about water safety with our "Spot the Dangers"

Let's hope we can do it again this year.

One major change is the busiest Lifeboat station, Tower on the River Thames, London which is being rebuilt. The original building was put there in Victorian times.

Richard Bywaters
R.N.L.I

Rainbow Pre School



As part of Children in Need this year we had a 'Spotty' session on Friday 19th Nov. Our families contributed a small donation to Children in Need, and children came into Rainbow in colourful and spotty clothes/wild hair.

There was lots of fun (and spotty) activities going on including decorating a large Pudsey bear biscuit with a variety of different colourful, hard and soft toppings. Also creating and decorating their own Spotty Pudsey scarves/head bands out of varied materials and resources, either for themselves or for their teddy bear.

During the last few weeks of term, the children were busily excited in preparation for Christmas. They decorated large paper carrier bags (thank you Bookham Tandoori for supplying these for

all our children), to take home all the goodies they had been busy making.


They had their own Christmas tree which they could decorate anew each day. The children showed their creativeness and imagination designing the tree's decorations from a large array of craft resources, junk modelling, natural resources etc. The children enjoyed making pretend Christmas biscuits/cakes, using ginger and spice dough. We continue to provide home-made stretchy dough and vegetables for the children on a daily basis, which the children really enjoy playing with and exploring.

At the end of term, the children dressed up and performed their Christmas action songs. The songs were shared with parents via a private video link. On the last day we held a Christmas party especially for the children. There were two large soft play and ball pits. (Thank you Alpha Bouncy Castles) A mini disco, face painting and



a Christmas party snack bar. Right at the end we had a surprise visit from Father Christmas who presented each child with their goody bag.

We are looking forward to starting our new term in January! If you would like more details about our Pre-school or would like to arrange a visit, please contact Heidi Watson on 01372 811313



Following a very successful event in 2021, we are pleased to announce that we will be returning on Saturday 10th September 2022.

For more information visit facebook.com/bookhamfoodfestival or www.bookhamfoodfestival.co.uk"



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Leatherhead Youth Project



We ended 2021 with Countdown to Christmas at BYouth. We had gingerbread tree decorating, Christmas crafts, a lot of hot chocolate and a full Christmas roast dinner, joint with BFree (LYP's Leatherhead hub).

In 2022, LYP are now planning trips and residential for the year ahead, including Into the Wild, with a mountain trek in Wales and a self-led 10 mile expedition and wild camping in the Surrey Hills.

To keep updated on all of LYP's work across Mole Valley, sign up for our newsletter on our

website: www.leatherheadyouthproject.com (scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click the link).

Alongside all of this, we will continue running our weekly groups in Bookham, see the flyer below with more details.



LYP is a local charity passionate about helping young people, established in 2005. We offer innovative youth services in Leatherhead, Bookham and across Mole Valley which aim to respond to local needs and help young people to be safe, happy and making positive changes in their lives.

OUR BOOKHAM PROJECTS INCLUDE:

BYouth
4:15-6:15PM
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

BYouth is a drop-in youth cafe for school years 7-11 with crafts, games, cooking, the latest console games, table tennis, table football and loads of other stuff to get involved in.

YEARS 7-11

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JENNY@LEATHERHEADYOUTHPROJECT.COM // 01372303345 // ALL PROJECTS ARE FREE TO ATTEND

Polesden Lacey Playschool



Did you know, Polesden Lacey Playschool is a charity registered with the Charities Commission? We run for the benefit of the children, their families and the community and not for profit. As such, it requires a voluntary Management Committee (Trustees) in order to operate, wholly responsible for the Playschool and its staff.

The Committee consists of parents and carers



of current attendees as well as community affiliates who all volunteer their time to benefit the Playschool and its children.

We aren't just a standard nursery that offers wraparound childcare. Our setting, our sessions and activities are all designed to benefit the children and to support their personal development journeys. Our staff are dedicated and fully qualified to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, whilst our Committee act as the 'registered person' on behalf of the charity. Committee responsibilities include recruitment, staff management, policy making, safeguarding, marketing and social media. We are also responsible for all fundraising activities to provide improved facilities and additional experiences for the children, such as our annual Bocketts Farm trip, offered to all children and siblings at a heavily subsidised rate.

Since we first opened as the South Bookham Playschool in 1991, every child that has passed through our doors, every staff member that has been employed trained and qualified with

us, could not have had that experience without the passion and commitment of the volunteers who went the extra mile for their community.

On behalf of the Playschool I would like to show my appreciation to our current Committee for all their efforts so far this year, as well as every Committee member that has served our Playschool and kept it thriving for over 30 years. Thank you.

Hannah Goldie (Secretary), Jess Mills (Treasurer), Sarah Case (Vice Chair), Caroline O'Leary,

Gurj Sandhu, Kirsten Nayler, Alice Parkinson and Helen Turner

For further information about the Playschool, please get in touch or visit our website. If you have any enquires with regards to admissions or would like to arrange a visit, contact our Admissions Officer, Alison Roberts (Alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com)

Ellie Pragnell

Chair, Polesden Lacey Playschool Committee

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