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Rain, Rain and More Rain That was Village Day



Puff, the Magic Dragon - by Dawnnay Playgroup

Some say that it was the wettest Village Day ever. Whether or not this is true, it was dreadful weather. Stall holders turned out from 8 am to set out their master pieces in pouring rain, and paper decorations, so patiently prepared, soon looked very sad. Lots of plastic sheeting saved the day and as the photographs show, the stall holders did us proud.

Last year we thought that Village Day was Children's Day. This year we had even more children with an additional two entrants in the procession. When the first were entering the Old Barn Hall, the rear were still at the crossroads. It rained and then stopped raining for a while during the procession, but the little ones didn't seem to mind even though many were soaked. Such is their resilience! The almost impossible task of choosing the best entry was the responsibility of Councillor Tony Moore. He awarded the Peter Hancock Cup to the Dawnay Playgroup. Congratulations, but it must have been a very close thing between the other 10 groups.

Jean Preston went around looking at all the stalls to judge the best-dressed before performing the opening ceremony. This again was a difficult and close run contest with many outstanding entries on the theme of Fantasy Worlds. Jean was very complimentary to all those who had made such a great effort in dressing both their stalls and 'stall holders'. The winner was the Garden Society with their superbly dressed stall entitled Chelsea Gold.

This year young people were involved to a greater degree than in the past and performed many events in the arena. The Surbiton British Legion Band, who led the procession,

played in the ring in the rain. The Tudor Dancing of the Dawnay School, the more modern dancing from the Howard of Effingham School, and the Line Dancing in the rain by 'Interaction' was greatly appreciated. In charge of the events involving children, Jane Gorecka, deputy head of Eastwick Junior School, arranged a first class production. The final event was the Tug-of War which was won by Dawnay School. In spite of the rain these events were watched by a sizable and good humoured audience.

David Harding chaired the sub-committee who worked long and hard for months before the day. A big thank you is also due to all others who helped. Stewards who put the procession together, marshals who kept the motorists at bay during the procession, the refreshment staff who were almost run off their feet. Many others contributed to the success of the day in this typical British weather.

THE PROCESSION

The following took part in the Village Day procession:

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| Bookham Toddler Group | Nomad Theatre Group |
| Bus Stop Playgroup | Peter Pan Playschool |
| Dawnay Playgroup | Rainbow Playgroup |
| Eastwick Infant School | South Bookham School |
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 4th - Bookham Choral Society's "Come and Sing" Open Evening - United Reformed Church Hall, Eastwick Road - 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Sunday 9th - Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society Autumn Show - Old Barn Hall - 2.30 pm.

Friday 21st - The R.N.L.I. Open Evening (speaker to be announced) - Harrison Room - 8 pm.

OCTOBER

Saturday 13th - Hallelujah Hands Puppet Team in St Nicolas Church - 3 pm. Phone Sarah Loynes on 450709

Thursday 25th - Bookham, Fetcham & District Garden Society Dinner and Social - Old Barn Hall - 7.45 pm.

Tuesday October 30th - A G M of the BCA, 8.00 pm in the Old Barn Hall

NOVEMBER

Saturday 10th - Bookham Choral Society's Autumn Concert - to include music by Howells, Finzi, Britten - St. Nicolas Church - 7.30 pm. Tickets available - 01483 285229.

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 8pm. Tickets from Anne Anderson on 454790.

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

What do I say about Village Day? Better to refrain from comment on the weather but praise all those who braved the relentless rain and made the day a success. Special thanks are due to Mums, Dads, Teachers and Toddlers Leaders who went to so much trouble preparing costumes for the procession. Their ingenuity was very striking. Harold Hopkins, of the Bookham Camera Club, again took photographs, a selection of which appears in this edition.

Village Day, as we know it, started in 1948 with the opening of the Old Barn Hall under BCA management. Records show that it was a glorious day and attended by about 1000 people, the profit being £54. This year there seemed to be a thousand children in the procession alone and we made a profit of £4700 thanks to the enthusiasm of stallholders and the team who served refreshments all day.

The galling thing is that the rain stopped after we shut down, and Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre, celebrating its 50th year, had the best weather that I can remember and perhaps the kindest ever. For the first 20 years or so, only a Shakespeare play was performed. This was gradually expanded to include a play and a musical, and then a Fair was added on the final Sunday followed by a concert. This year there were five concerts, all well attended, two of them having an audience of more than 3000.

The Polesden Lacey Festival, as it is now known, contributes substantial sums to our local National Trust. They use this for improving local facilities including extending the walks in the grounds. We are indeed fortunate in having this magnificent property and grounds on our doorstep. Andrew McElwee, a good friend of Bookham who has given interesting and very amusing talks to many of our Associated clubs, and to an open BCA Meeting, has retired as Property Manager. We were very sorry to hear of the death of his wife, Sue, shortly before his retirement. She had bravely fought an illness for a long time and we send Andrew our condolences and our best wishes as he retires to Kent.

Eric Lloyd Jones

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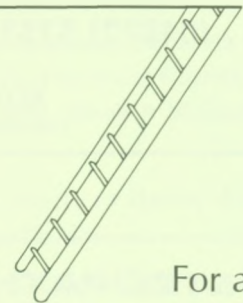


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As I write in this Autumn Issue of the Bulletin, Village Day seems firmly in my mind and I am sure that others will tell me otherwise, but in the seven years that I have been involved with Village Day and Village Week I cannot remember a day with so few dry spells in between the showers. From the very beginning of the day well before 8.00am when the stallholders were arriving it was raining, although you would not have been aware of it by the look of determination on their faces that nothing would put them off setting up their pitch in good time well before the judging took place. In fact the looks were almost saying is it raining. Only the British react in this way and will not be beaten by the weather. As usual the procession of many children led by the Surbiton Royal British Youth Marching Band marched down to the Old Barn Hall in torrential rain and at the very front the familiar 1929 Yellow Austin Seven with the flag of St. George. As usual many parents and schools supported the entries in the procession with the theme of Fantasy Worlds. The Judges had a difficult task in the rain and all credit to Tony Moore and his wife who had to select a winner. The Dawnay Playgroup won the Peter Hancock Cup for this year but a big thank you to all who put in a lot of time and energy to create ideas for the children and retained the enthusiasm in the rain. In addition my thanks go to all the road marshals who risk life and limb, not to mention abuse from motorists, to ensure that the children cross the main road and Lower Road safely.

The day was opened officially by Jean Preston who has served the Bookham Community Association over many years and we were delighted that she was able to start the day for us. Jean had the difficult duty of judging the best dressed stall and this year, she selected The Garden Society for the cup and our congratulations go to them. Jean also

presented the prizes to the winners of the cover design of the Village Programme. This year there were three and they were Natsasha Maddison, Rebecca Cornish and Laura Johnson all from Eastwick Junior School. As in previous years over forty stallholders gave us good support on the day, and although our total was a little down on last year the public support on such a day was more than encouraging. During Village Week we had many events commencing with the Open Air Service, followed by the Garden Society celebrating one hundred and twenty five years with an exhibition of memorabilia on the Monday. The Quiz night was on Tuesday where twenty teams competed and the Winemakers won the Keith Preston Memorial Cup. The Craft Club, Bingo Special, the Sequence Dance Club, the U3A Bridge Evening, all contributed to the success of the week which was rounded off by the Jazz Night on the Friday. Prior to the week the Afternoon Bridge Club had already done their fundraising day with great success.

We thank all those that supported on the day and during the week for all their hard work and time and the Management Committee appreciate all the effort which has been made to help preserve the halls and keep up with the various improvements which are necessary in today's world. We also thank the Traders of Bookham for all the support that they have given by way of advertising in the Village Week Programme and also for all the raffle prizes that they have so generously donated for Village Day and Village Week. Finally we thank all of you who weathered the storms to come and spend your money which we hope was well worth while. My thanks go to the Village Week Committee who planned the events many months ago led by David Harding.

David Wilkins

VILLAGE WEEK 2001

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Mary Holden

It was a very sad day when Bookham lost one of its leading residents with the death of Mary Holden. She touched so many people via all kinds of organisations in Bookham, that there can hardly be anyone who has not crossed her path in one way or another. Her achievements are many but underlying the list stands out her abiding aim to help - be it people or buildings or organisations. Bookham has much for which to thank Mary and to remember her with affection.

Amongst her responsibilities were being an active member of the PCC, the Churchyard Maintenance Committee, member of the Credo House Group and also a member of the Friends of St Nicolas.

She regularly cleared the Churchyard as well as having a kindly yet authoritative word with any youngsters loitering in the Church porch. Before the gates were installed the porch was a regular meeting place for a certain group of youngsters who were wont to get up to mischief there. They respected Mary's authority and she found she was able to talk to them, and persuade them to go elsewhere. This must have saved the Church exterior from much graffiti etc although at the time the damage was bad enough. She was also very generous financially to the Church which has been much appreciated.

Mary instigated the CAB one afternoon a week in the Old Barn Hall as well as setting up the Monday Teas for the housebound people, giving them the chance to meet each other and borrow books.

She was a loyal and hard working member of the BRA, firstly as Membership Secretary and later as Chairman. During this time she recruited many new members to the BRA and was a source of many new ideas which could benefit Bookham.

Mary worked tirelessly to ensure the cycle path was constructed to the Howard of Effingham School and battled in vain to get a Community /Doctors' Centre built on the old Braithwaites site next to the Old Barn Hall. This area is now called The Moorings. She would have rejoiced at the news that the latest BRA campaign has had more success with a new Medical Centre to be built on the Dawnay School land.

During her working life she was a Maths Teacher at The Rosebery Grammar School in Epsom, and in her youth she played cricket at Lords. She cared for her elderly parents and therefore never got married.

Mary was always willing to help those less fortunate than herself and even let out her property at below market rent, thus helping young couples to get a start in life.

The BRA and many Bookham residents will always be grateful to Mary for her kindness and diligence. She will be sadly missed.

Brenda de Bruin (Chairman BRA)

HEADMISTRESS RETIRES

After 9 years as headmistress at St Teresa's Preparatory School, Mrs Mary Head is taking early retirement at the end of the current term. Mary has made a significant contribution to the education of many girls and boys during her 20 years teaching in the Mole Valley.



Receiving gifts from the children

'I have seen a number of changes during this time,' says Mary. 'For pupils expectations are now much higher, and they have to cope with more pressure than before and at a younger age. They are also maturing earlier both mentally and physically and schools have to respond to this change.'

'Teaching continues to be a very rewarding profession, but there is no doubt that the workload has increased significantly and the role of Head has become a more demanding position. This is particularly in terms of the paperwork and management, which makes for much longer working days and shorter holidays! The inspection process has also become more thorough and all aspects of a school are now accountable.'

What Mary is looking forward to in her retirement is the flexibility of managing her own time and, in particular, allowing more time for her husband and family. She is looking forward to becoming involved with Cherry Trees, a local charity offering respite care for handicapped children.

Mrs Anne-Marie Stewart, current Deputy Head will succeed Mary in Autumn 2001.

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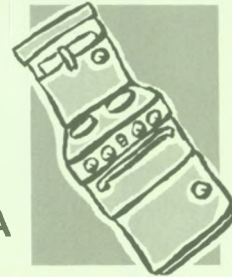
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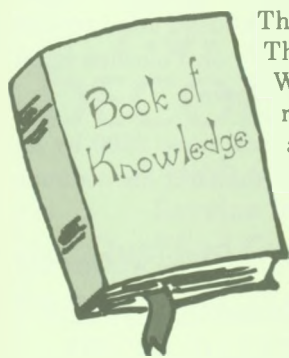
THE ECSTASY AND THE AGONY

June 2000. Barn Hall Quiz Night. As the evening draws to a close the scores are close. Eastwick WI members, in competitive mode, are determined to win. The tension grows as the scores are posted and, ecstasy!, they've won! First winners of the Keith Preston Cup, beating twenty other teams.

In the light of the following morning, the agony set in as they realised that the 2001 Quiz Night will be their responsibility. No problem, except that it will be the night before their 31st Birthday Meeting when the 85 members traditionally celebrate with a home produced meal. And it will be only three days after Village Day, when Eastwick always runs a stall! What a busy time in store!

Soon after Christmas a team was set up to organise Quiz Night. BCA organisations were invited to participate and twenty teams were entered. Some Eastwick WI members offered to compile questions on their favourite subjects, others volunteered to make sandwiches and cakes. Our computer buff created fancy jokery, answer sheets and even team logos for each of the tables. As the hall filled up the final preparations were made. A washing line was hung across the front of the stage to display the scores visibly. Marathon rounds and answer sheets were put on the tables and we were set to go. Nerves set in. Was it going to work? Were the questions too hard? Would the score keepers keep up? Would the question masters freeze with nerves? Would there be enough food?

Worries were unfounded and the evening unfolded. This year's teams were much more aware than Eastwick had been of the consequences of winning the quiz, and cheers went up from the teams who were second and third.



The Winemakers won - in silence! They didn't want to win. Don't worry, Winemakers! Eastwick WI have really enjoyed organising the event, and are sure that you will too, and that the 2002 Quiz Night will carry on the tradition of being one of the highlights of Village Week in which a great mix of villagers participates.

Sally Dampney

Jazz Night

Once again the Barn Hall was full on the last evening of Village Week for Jilly's Jazz Night.

The name has become associated with the fact that Jill Barrett (aided in no small way by husband Malcolm) has organised so many such successful evenings in the past. This year was no exception and it is a testament to her work and enthusiasm that it is as popular as ever.

The normal line up of the Brian White Magna Jazz Band was slightly different this year, in that Brian and trombonist Jeff Cole were unable to attend due to a long standing engagement elsewhere. However, the band was ably led by Ben Cohen (trumpet) with style and humour and the two guys standing in, Jackie Free (trombone) and Goff Dubber did very well. Indeed not only could Goff play clarinet but also saxophone with the added talent of an excellent 'Satchmo' take off when singing 'What a wonderful world'. The remaining line-up was as usual, Richard Lyons (bass), Rex Bennett (drums) and Alan Dandy (piano). All superb musicians.

It was a wonderful evening for anyone who enjoys their Jazz live, with foot tapping numbers from start to finish. There was, at times, a slight move away from the normal New Orleans style, notably with the introduction of Duke Ellington's 'Take The A Train'. A nice innovation.

Those who wished to dance, as well as just jazz listeners, all looked to be having a great time, confirmed by all the happy, smiling faces and in conversation with many people as the night was finishing. The fish & chip supper via Michael's in Bookham also went down a treat, completing yet another terrific Jilly's Jazz Night. A big thank you should be made here to those Bookham traders who provided the raffle prizes. The bonus is that there was a record profit from the evening, adding nearly £700 to the BCA funds for the upkeep of our lovely Barn Hall.

Malcolm Jordan

VILLAGE WEEK TAKINGS

In spite of the appalling weather, the takings for Village Day, allowing for expenses, amounted to just under £4,700. This included a very generous donation from T.W.White & Sons, who sponsored the Day. Many of the stalls made over £200 and Flower Arrangers a magnificent £367. Refreshments and bar raised £730, so the Catering Team must think it was worthwhile being almost run off their feet!

Village Week, which has activities every day, made over £2400, raising the overall total to over £7150. The Afternoon Bridge Club raised a fantastic £750, whilst the U3A Bridge Night added another £330. The Quiz Night, run by Eastwick W.I. raised £485 and the Jazz Night just under £685. The Bookham & Fetcham Garden Society, the Bingo Club, the Sequence Dance Club and the Bookham Craft Club raised more than a very welcome £450.

The BCA Management Committee is delighted with this important contribution to our funds. It means that we can continue to improve the facilities of the Old Barn Hall.

Three Literary Giants in Bookham, part 2...

Libby Matts continues her history series, on the history of Bookham with a continuation of her article from the Bulletin 259, about Fanny Burney, Richard Brinsley Sheridan and Jane Austen's connections with our villages.

Jane Austen writes, 'The Cooke's place seems of the sort to suit Isaac, if he means to go into service again and does not object to change of county. He will have good soil and a good mistress and I suppose will not mind taking physics now and then. The only doubt which occurs to me is whether Mr Cooke may not be a disagreeable, fidgety master especially in matters concerning the Garden.'

1806 Sheridan acquires Vinnaces (Phoenix Farm from Elizabeth Withall and Mary Martyr and is Treasurer of the Navy and a Privy Councillor. The name 'Lacey' is added to 'Polesden'.

1808 Timber felled at Chapel Farm raised £1203 to pay for Yew Tree Farm. Polesden saw lavish but slap-dash house parties. When not a pat of butter was to be found one breakfast the host explained, 'This is not a butter county.'

1809 'I shall be nearer to Bookham than I could wish, in going from Dorking to Guildford,' writes Jane. She was in Bookham April 4-11th 'to be with our friends' but was determined to leave by the Croydon road. It was the Guildford road she hated.

1810 Mr Lock of Norbury Park died. The D'Arblays had no deed or title to the land on which their cottage was built. Mrs Cooke has published Battleridge - an historical novel based on fact.

1811 Fanny seriously ill with breast cancer, which is removed without anaesthetics by Napoleon's surgeon. The Cookes put off a visit to Chawton as they were not well enough. Jane wrote, 'I am very sorry for Mary - but I have some comfort in their being two curates now lodging in Bookham, beside their own Mr Warneford from Dorking, so that I think she must fall in love with one or other.'

1812 'As to Williter' (tenant of Chapel Farm) 'he has been plundering me ever since I bought Polesden, beyond anything you can form an idea of, so much so that it is my intention to file a bill against him for an account.'

1813 Mr Sheridan has recommenced the rebuilding of his

seat at Polesden. 'I am entirely determined to build a thorough good House near the spot where the Shameful ruin stands for which I paid I believe a Shameful price.' He had defaulted on his rates of £58 but was staying with Mr Grimstead in his mansion at Leatherhead. Hecca was very partial to the spot of Barnets Cottage and envious of Miss Delancey's making it the very prettiest cottage in the country. Jane's scheme was to take in Bookham on her way home for a few days, but Jane decided, 'No my Bookham visit may go hang.'

1814 Wm Locke sells Norbury Park. Camilla Lacey cost £1300, it was sold at a set forced sale price of £1000.

On 21st January, Jane begins Emma and on June 24th comes to Bookham in order to 'gain more knowledge of the District and more local colour.' The story is set in a Village called Highbury, which is most certainly Bookham. There is the Old Crown - with its dirty wallpaper and where the men held their weekly meeting. The Westons, who lived at Randalls, held their dance there and opposite was Jane Fairfax's piano taken up the narrow staircase in Lloyd's Bank? Highbury is seven miles from Boxhill and Bookham is seven miles from Boxhill by the old roads.

Sheridan was now living at Randalls which was owned by Richard Iremonger, so that he could visit the Estate and its tenants while Polesden Lacey was being built. 'Polesden look'd most beautiful today - thank God the three farms' (Home Farm, Phoenix Farm and Carthouse Farm) are not in sight of it. I have two teams at work on Polesden itself and Wood is doing quite right at Yew Trees.'

1815 'Sheridan has 1500 acres and will have 2200 by an approaching purchase. He is going to take out his dedimus to Act as Justice at Leatherhead.'

1816 Sheridan died July 7th, and although he was greatly in debt, Hecca's trust (she died Oct 27, 1817) left her son £40,000

1817 Jane Austen died 18th July in Winchester

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MEMORIES OF EASTWICK HOUSE

One of my first childhood memories is my mother ironing in our crowded, steamy kitchen in Eastwick Road. As she ironed the overhead light would swing in time to her movements, casting moving shadows over the room. This is because the iron was attached to the only plug in the kitchen, which was the overhead light! This electric iron was her pride and joy. She has since told me the history of how she came to own it.

Eastwick House and Estate was taken over by the Canadians during the second world war. The Officers lived in the main house and the ranks had huts scattered throughout the estate. The whole estate was surrounded by a fence. This fence had been systematically demolished by the local residents for firewood. One evening, my mother was pushing my pram along, by the side of this fence and a Canadian soldier came out of one of the many gaps and pushed this electric iron into her hands and said, 'Can you use this, Lady?' Mum was quite overwhelmed - up until this time she had only flat irons that were heated on the gas - to own an electric iron was unbelievable. Apparently the soldiers were preparing to leave England and were getting rid of any surplus items.

She didn't think about the consequences of her action until after she had hurried home with her prize. The Canadian soldiers had assumed a certain reputation amongst the local community - so much so the local Nurse had been heard to comment that the arrival of the Canadian soldiers 'was the best thing that had happened to Bookham in decades!' The influx of fresh Canadian genes did much to improve the 'stock'.

You can imagine how Mum worried about what people might think about how she had acquired the iron - her brother-in-law teased her unmercifully about it. It didn't stop her using it however.

My second associated thoughts about the old Eastwick House, was after the war, when I was growing up in Bookham. Eastwick House became Southey Hall - a boarding school for 'sons of gentlemen'. Every Christmas the boys would entertain the locals with a pantomime. Due to the obvious shortage of women, the boys took enormous delight in dressing up for the female roles - wearing false busts and bottoms and heaps of unnecessary make-up. I remember so clearly the wonderful high ceilinged old Hall,

decorated for Christmas, with the smells of the huge fire not quite masking the musty old school smells. I remember our delighted laughter at the antics of the boys prancing about the stage, looking like made-up overstuffed turkeys.

A later memory was of an old chap who leased part of the old Eastwick Estate to 'farm' George kept a few animals on a small plot and lived in an old shack that estate agents would deem to be 'in need of refurbishment' He was a wonderful character. He had a deep and cultured voice which somewhat belied his Wurzel Gumidge appearance. His hair was wild and unruly and his clothes were amazing - his trousers were always held up with hessian string. He was always very careful to remove his wellingtons however, when he came into the house, even though his odd, holey socks were as dirty as his boots

He had an amazing sense of humour and a fund of funny stories about people he had known. He was brought up with Jimmy Edwards, the old comedian, and he would delight us with stories about his family. Every Saturday night, my parents would ask him in to sit by our fire and he would read the local paper from cover to cover, in between telling us wonderful, funny stories. However, as the evening wore on, the children would be edging away slowly because the smell of cow dung became stifling as George became warmer by the fire.

I can remember him saying to Mum one Saturday evening that he didn't reckon on that 'Old Daft' washing powder. 'I soaked all my clothes last night outside in the cow trough and I tipped in a packet of that old Daft. The next morning, when I took them out they had fallen to pieces!'

We discovered later that he had used Dreft - for hand washing delicate fabrics.

Finally, Eastwick House and Estate were demolished and sold off for private development and Eastwick School and Southey Court were built on the land. The history of the Estate is well documented in the various histories of Bookham - this is my own personal memory

This Summer we are going to Canada for a holiday - perhaps we shall find the GI who gave Mum the iron - amazing she wasn't electrocuted!

Ann Stringer

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Meg Hunt receiving the Keith Preston Cup on behalf of the Dawnay Playgroup from Tony Moore. With her is mum Viv who designed the costumes.



Rebecca Cornish, from Eastwick Junior School, proudly shows her certificate as one of the three joint winners for the design of the cover of the village week programme.





*Alan Zoers, BCA President accompanies Jean Preston as she judges the stalls. There was an interval in the rain at this point.
(See page 23 for the winning stall)*



Bookham Afternoon WI stall were the runners up for the best dressed stall.

Bookham Recorded Music Club

Bookham Recorded Music Club ended its 49th Season having enjoyed yet another series of programmes compiled and presented by individual members.

The music we heard from well-known and some lesser-known composers both uplifted, amused and occasionally saddened us; this was especially so with John Tavener's moving Song for Athene.

Considerable thought goes into the preparation of programmes and the mixture of classical, romantic and some modern music, together with the inclusion sometimes of a complete symphony or concerto, manages to achieve a balance which it is hoped accords with members' wishes.

Our Chairman of four years, Mrs Lore Graham, retired in April and John Dicker was elected to succeed her. Another of the Club's stalwarts, Roy Flogdell, brought our season to an end with the last of the charity evenings he will be responsible for organising. His programme, Operetta - from Paris to Broadway was a great success, and all the proceeds were donated to the Bookham Community Association.

Our 50th Season commences on 6th September with a programme chosen by our new Chairman. Our membership, although fairly static, is very loyal and a warm welcome awaits other classical musical lovers who would care to join them for a couple of very enjoyable hours every other week. For further details please contact our Hon. Secretary on 453599

Mary Chandler

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Polesden Venture Scout Unit (Third Bookham South) has over 30 members. This makes it one of the largest in the South East but new members, both boys and girls, are always welcome from age 14 upwards. Although many members have made their way up through the Scout or Guide movements, this is not a requirement.



Weekly meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 8pm at the Scout Hut on the Lower Road. A committee elected at the start of each year runs the unit and organises the activities. The activities vary from preparation meetings for camps to purely leisure activities, which in recent weeks have included a 'Ready Steady Cook' style challenge, climbing on the indoor wall at Surrey University, camp training and ice-skating at Spectrum.

The Polesden Ventures arrange three camps a year. There is a winter camp across a long weekend, which is usually held in the New Forest; a camp over Easter, which in recent years has been in North Wales and Dartmoor, and the main camp of the year in the summer. This camp is about 10 days in duration and popular locations include the Lake District and Scotland. Next summer the Unit is going to Switzerland with preparation well underway. A feature of the summer camp is a 3 to 4 day expedition during which the Ventures are expected to cover around 20km a day and remain completely self-sufficient. These expeditions help the Ventures towards gaining their Venture Scout Award and Queen's Scout Award, which is the equivalent of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Other outdoor pursuits arranged at camp include canoeing, climbing, abseiling and riding.

The camping activities require a considerable amount of equipment and the unit subsidises the camps to make them more affordable. Therefore fund raising is a continuing activity. In the last year the Unit has successfully run quiz and casino evenings, provided stewards for the fireworks at Brockham, and of course held jumble sales.

Additionally the Venture Unit has a marquee available for hire at very competitive rates. It is medium size, approximately 10 by 6 metres, making it ideal for garden parties and events. Included in the hire charge the Ventures will both erect and take down the marquee.

Membership enquiries should be made to Michelle Wilson on 450173. To hire the marquee phone Chris Jones on 453787.

Chris Jones

B.A.T.S Open New Children's Playground

In January 1999, some local parents felt that some playground equipment at the Lower Road Recreational Ground was needed for children aged between about 5 and 14 years to supplement the existing Toddler play area. The Bookhams' Adventure Trail Scheme (B.A.T.S.) Committee, led by Claire Thomas was set up to raise money for the Playground. Fundraising events included a Fair, a Sponsored walking/cycling Nature Trail on Bookham Common, a street collection and the use of collection tins in shops and pubs. By sheer hard work they raised £21,000 and to this was added £20,000 by Mole Valley District Council Leisure Services. This magnificent sum has been used to provide four pieces of Adventure Trail, two small dizzy spins, a pirouette, two swings, an Activity playframe with slide. The whole is on safety surfacing so that children do not hurt themselves when they fall.

Installation started in November 2000. Do you remember the months of relentless rain? After battling with mud the new play area was finished at the end of April 2001. The official opening was performed by Maurice Homewood, the Chairman of MVDC on 19th May in fine weather.



In the photograph, taken at the opening, are from left to right, Dianne Parkinson, Robin Davis (MVDC), Anne-Marie Whiting, Claire Thomas, Julia Dickinson and Catherine Jager. Five other committee members were helping at the Dawnay Fair These were Sue Elliot, Karen Standen, Jeanette Eaton, Christine Norton and Andy Whiting. The Committee wish to thank everyone who has supported the project which will provide many hours of enjoyment for the children (and their carers!) for many years.

Editors note: *The Bulletin* has followed the progress of this scheme from its inception. Many congratulations on your success.

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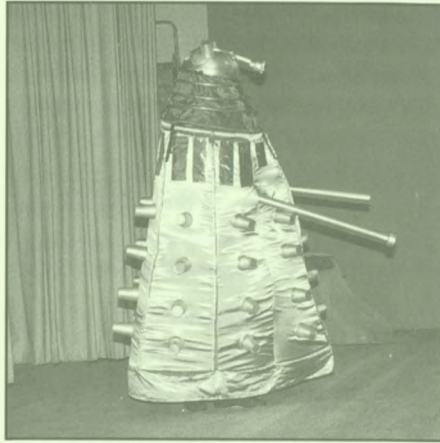
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An out of this world experience was in store for Bookham residents and friends recently in the form of talented local producer, Ann Edwards' latest venture into presenting a show with the Bookham Evening T.G. Entertainment Group. The seed of an idea was sown about a year ago as Ann lay on a sun drenched Greek island beach and mulled over the possibility of creating another production for the usual three days in May reserved for our efforts.



What a show it was! The curtains revealed the opening scene as a spectacle of glittering gold and white to the appreciative applause from the audience as the company vigorously presented the first song of the evening, 'Aquarius'.

The theme was of moon, stars and space with timely interjections from Dr. Who himself, magnificently portrayed by Arthur Gamble, as he moved through time and various destinations and occasionally meeting the inevitable dalek, Thelma Hillman, who did her best to exterminate the entire cast at intervals throughout the evening!!

We met aliens and robots, were introduced to the three men who were to make the giant leap for mankind, landing first on the moon. We visited Rome and then Mexico with all the lovely music from those romantic places.

The King of the seas rose up from his watery surrounds when Dr Who's companion made the mistake of taking him to Neptune's palace rather than the planet. Whilst there the audience had the questionable pleasure of

meeting three of the men who lived in that 'Yellow Submarine' who, wearing precious little other than fins and their cardboard submarine, cavorted to and fro across the stage much to the glee of the audience. We visited a factory of automated workers 'Racing the Clock' and even crossed the path of 'Ernie' who once drove the fastest milkcart in the West and was now making deliveries in that milk round in the sky! He was of course comically played by our resident 'Benny Hill' lookalike, David Lee!

The last scene was a stunning vision of sparkling black and silver bringing Dr Who and his friend back to where they had started a few hours before. A very ambitious show ably handled by the producer and cast alike, with a very dedicated back stage and lighting crew, beautifully dressed by Ann Edwards and Thelma Hillman and, as ever, brilliantly supported by our treasured music men, Reg Arthur and Graham Cannon.

Amanda Lee



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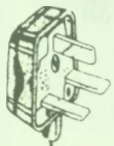
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Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society - 125 years

The Society's 125th year started auspiciously - the weather finally relented and both the quality and quantity of entries at the Spring Show in April maintained the high standard that has been set in recent years. The display of Daffodils and other Spring flowers which filled Fetcham Village Hall lifted the spirits and set the pattern for the year ahead. As a result of the hard work and enthusiasm of a select band of members, who braved the weather, the Society went on to win the cup for the best dressed stall at Village Day.



The winning stall

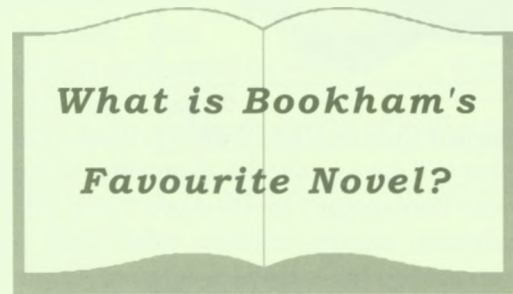
At its meeting during Village week the Society put on an exhibition of memorabilia to celebrate its 125th Anniversary. This included the minutes of one of the first committee meetings held in 1878, press cuttings, photographs and copies of show schedules going back to the 1930s. This was supplemented by a photographic display and historical explanation of the numerous trophies now presented at the Society's shows. The exhibition revealed some interesting aspects of social history - the Show Schedules up until the early 1950s included divisions with classes for Single Handed Gardeners, Under Gardeners, Chauffeur Gardeners and Jobbing Gardeners entirely separate from Amateur Gardeners and Cottage Gardeners. The Schedule for 1941 also included a class for Evacuees.

Fortunately we are no longer constrained by these social and professional divides and everyone competes on an equal footing. We do, however, now have separate classes at our main shows for "novices" to encourage those who are new to exhibiting to "have a go" and the Society is particularly keen to encourage young gardeners with a number of classes for children.

By the time this edition of the Bulletin hits the doorsteps the gardening year will be well advanced but it is not too late to join the Society and participate in the Autumn Show on Sunday 9th September in the Barn Hall. You can find out more about this aspect of our activities by contacting Derek Bean on 01372 458711.

It's not all Show, however, and the Society also holds monthly meetings addressed by speakers on a wide range of subjects - you can join us by contacting the Membership Secretary Christine Hutchison on 01372 452614.

Peter Almond



Thirty-five people helped 'Put the Book back in Bookham' on the 4th June by choosing the village's favourite novel. They gathered, appropriately enough, in Bookham's ever-welcoming library and the light-hearted event was hosted by local writers Edwina Vardey and Chris Leonard, as part of Wordswork, Mole Valley's Festival of Literature. The evening held plenty of surprises - no Jane Austen, no Captain Corelli and no-one chose the same book as anyone else. Heat-winning runners up were Tolstoy's War and Peace, Chaim Potok's The Promise and Joanne Harris' Chocolat. But the overall winner, chosen by long-time Bookham resident Eric Leat, was the only children's book mentioned all evening. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S.Lewis, first published in 1950 is, officially, Bookham's favourite novel. Surprising? It seems that this, the most famous of Lewis' six Chronicles of Narnia, is read and re-read - and 700,000 copies of his Narnia books are still sold in various editions each year.



Writing workshops.

Chris Leonard is leading more of these in Bookham - Thursday evenings during the Autumn term and all day on August - and in Dorking on alternate Thursday mornings from late September. Chris' 12th book, The Heart of Christmas, features contributions from a number of Bookham residents and is published by BRF in September. You don't need to have previous experience to do the workshops, but you might find yourself writing some great stuff for the Bulletin or, who knows what...! If you are interested phone Chris on 458850 or pick up leaflets from the library.



BOOKHAM CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club meets each Thursday from September to May - 7.45 for 8 pm - in the United

Reformed Church Hall, Eastwick Road. The season this year will open on the 6th September with a talk on "Underwater Photography by Dr. Anne Owen FRPS. The Club activities always include talks and practical demonstrations by club members, internal and inter-club competitions as well as several social events. Andy Rouse will again be entertaining us on the 15th November this year and non-members are welcome to attend this popular event as visitors at a nominal charge.

The Annual Exhibition in the Old Barn Hall will take place on Saturday 13th April 2002 (not in May as in previous years). In 2001 it was again well attended and the winner of the competition for the public was Mrs. Shirley Neish. The competition judge gave the Best Print award to Ernie Gates for his "Monument to Bishop Sumner". Best Slide in the Show award went to Simon Garrett's "Sunset - Death Valley".

New members are always welcomed and if you would like further information about the Club, or a copy of this year's programme, please contact our Secretary, Stuart Edmonston, on 01372 275770.

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The Puppets are coming to Bookham



The Hallelujah Puppet Team will be coming to St Nicolas Church on 13th October 2001 at 3.00 pm. Wherever they have performed they have enthralled and entranced children - and their parents. Their production, entitled 'Promises', will include songs and skits, balloon modeling and lots of fun.

If you have children aged between 2 and 11 years, do come and join us. There will be refreshments served afterwards. No charge will be made, but we do want to know numbers so that there will be plenty of tea for all!

Please call Sarah at the St Nicolas Parish Office to book (450709).

AN APPEAL FOR ARTICLES

A few clubs are regular contributors, and I am very grateful to them. However, it takes up to 30 or so articles to fill the Bulletin. Some take up a complete A4 size page, others may be 3 to a page.

I am now finding it a struggle to fill all the pages, so I am pleading with clubs, societies and individuals to contribute, especially if you have not sent me anything before or it is a year or two since you did so.

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