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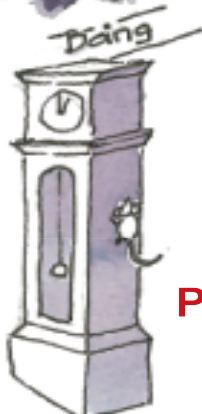
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## From the Chairman

### HALLS REOPEN

We are delighted to confirm that the changes announced by the Government on 12 July enable us to return use of our halls virtually back to normal. We are, however, extremely aware that the pandemic is not over and that we must ensure that the halls remain a safe environment by following all the appropriate Government guidance.

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The responsibility for keeping safe moves to individuals but **organising groups must take into account the guidance in organising events and in their risk assessments.** You should also take into account that your members will have different views as to their safety.

Please note new office email for Roger – [office@bookhamcommunityassociation.org](mailto:office@bookhamcommunityassociation.org)

### THANK YOU

We continue to be grateful for the tremendous support we have received from both individuals and organisations over the last 18 months. Bookham Open Gardens raised a massive £7,000, the Hardy Plant Society donated £2,000 from the proceeds of their plant sale at Anthea Sokell's and Bookham Recorded Music Society donated £1,290 on winding-up the Society.

### VILLAGE DAY

Full details are on the front cover and we look forward to seeing you all there.

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## What's Happening

Early days but we hope the next edition will have much more in here!

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**1 October 2021**

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# Bookham Food Festival

**Bookham Food Festival - 11th September 2021**

A group of local residents have come together to launch a new and exciting event for the village that is intended to revitalise the spirit of the community after the lockdown. Bookham Food Festival will be a day of street food, local produce, craft beer and gins, live cookery demonstrations and great music in the sun (or under cover in the marquee).

The Founders of Bookham Food Festival commented "After such a traumatic year for so many people, we wanted to create an event to bring the local community together, celebrate and support our local businesses and help put Bookham on the map with fantastic food, top chefs and great entertainment for all. We are keen to engage with local businesses and are looking forward to welcoming people from far and wide to enjoy the festivities".

For those people looking for more than just great food and local produce the festival will also have family-friendly fun and games, DJs, cooking demonstrations from BBC Masterchef winners and local food heroes and above all, provide a unique opportunity for the community to come together and have some good old-fashioned fun.

There are a variety of ways for local businesses to get involved and the organisers are actively seeking sponsors and volunteers.

To find out more and register your interest in a free ticket, please visit

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# Girlguiding - Leatherhead Division



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7th Bookham Brownies celebrated the Queen's 95th birthday in their own unique way! Rather than marking Her Majesty's milestone in a more traditional fashion - making crowns or having a cream tea - the girls were instead inspired by the story of "The Queen's Knickers" by Nicholas Allen.

Brownies and adult leaders were surprised with their own pair of knickers to decorate and

held a fashion show to show off their creations (pictured). 7th Bookham have also been working towards the River and Canal Trusts Challenge Badge, looking at pictures of canal boat artwork and creating their own, playing pooh sticks while going for a walk along the River Mole, making posters highlighting what is best to feed the ducks and learning about water safety.

4th Bookham Guides collected four bags of rubbish from the areas around the Bookham Guide Hut for the Great British Spring Clean. The unit has also enjoyed orienteering at Bookham Common with Effingham Guides and tie-dyed socks for Father's Day.

1st Bookham Guides will be 100 years old in November 2021 and to celebrate they are time travelling across the last century. Their journey started via Zoom in the 1920's, with the Guides discovering the beginnings of cinema through clips of silent Charlie Chaplin movies. In the 1930's, the Guides were shocked to discover that houses didn't have inside toilets!

The girls then learnt from historians how Guides helped during World War 2 in the



1940's. Face-to-face meetings had resumed as the time travelling journey reached the 1950's, with Guides hearing stories from Trefoil Guild members who were Guides themselves during that decade. The unit then enjoyed a fantastic evening with a guest who brought along her toys from the 1960's - the Guides didn't realise that Barbie was that old! 1st Bookham Guides have also been learning navigation, knotting, lashing and fire lighting skills!

For more information about Girlguiding in the Leatherhead Division, and to volunteer as a leader for one of the local groups, contact Dax Patel [ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com](mailto:ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com)

## Polesden Lacey Shakespeare

Long ago, in 1949, the Bookham Community Association (BCA) organised a pageant at Polesden Lacey called Merrie England, which inspired Betty Harrison, secretary of the BCA, to propose the idea of producing one of Shakespeare's plays for the Festival of Britain in 1951 and performing it in a new permanent open air theatre! It was an enormous challenge, but through enthusiasm and the hard physical effort of volunteers from the village, the present stage was built. A Midsummer Night's Dream was performed on the 30 June 1951.

In 1953 the stage was prepared for Elsie Green's, directorial debut: no set or lighting, just hessian wings & amplification... but with the whole Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra! Her first production, As You Like It, was set mainly in a forest. After that, she directed Shakespeare's plays at Polesden for 36 years as Resident Director.

Polesden productions' reputation gradually grew. Plays were re-staged locally as well as in Chichester Festival Theatre. Audiences increased and the best actors, from far and wide came, maintaining a very high standard.

Starting in 1971 two productions each summer were produced, one Shakespeare and one "Classic" and in 1979, there was an added concert by The Spinners folk band and folk

dancing. Sets became more elaborate, involving professional designers and builders, and evening performances were introduced. In the 1980s, there was a wide range of productions, including Gilbert and Sullivan operas, musicals, orchestral and big band concerts, with a covered stage and bars.

In 1986, "Polesden Fair" was established as part of the two-week festival, which became a permanent and important fixture in the calendar, expanding to three weeks in 1999, with more than 20,000 people attending.

Sadly, revenue generated by the Shakespeare productions gradually fell. Performances of Shakespeare at the Open Air Theatre seemed under threat.

Enter Margaret Hunter! Whilst in hospital, she heard of the Trust's decision; despite her predicament, putting together a group of enthusiasts to underwrite performances: "The Friends of Polesden Lacey Shakespeare". To bring costs under control, Margaret went back to minimal 1950s sets and an inexpensive sound system. Evening performances stopped, avoiding high costs of lighting on and off stage. The first production in 2009, under her management, was a great financial success and the charity, Polesden Lacey Shakespeare was created. In addition to the Shakespeare play each year, some profits are



used to fund visits to schools by a professional company, (including our alumni), to perform child-friendly versions of the Bard's plays, and run workshops demonstrating the joy of Shakespeare.

Additionally, the company funds Pop-up Shakespeare: short scenes from Shakespeare and child-friendly versions of his plays, performed around the grounds of Polesden Lacey, free to all visitors: August 14th & 21st, this year.

Margaret retired in 2012 and 2013 was Gary Andrews' first year as Artistic Director and this year he produced A Midsummer Night's Dream, the last production, under present management. Ways of putting on Shakespeare productions in the future are being actively considered so, hopefully, they will continue in some way at Polesden Lacey.



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With the latest Government road map and the positive progress of the ongoing vaccination programme, we are planning to have our annual recruitment drive on each of the Saturday mornings in September.

We look forward to hearing from all our

Bookham members again and particularly potential new members from Mole Valley and the surrounding districts who would like to find out more about indoor bowling, and join us for the new winter season. Some restrictions may still be advised - to which bowling at MVIBC will continue to follow.

### Summer League - MVIBC v Sutton

Although the restrictions reduced the number of bowlers that could attend and the number of lanes in use, it was still fantastic to be able to complete the first game of the summer season with our friends from Sutton. MVIBC managed to secure a very tight win on the day, but the best result was being able to have the game at all, and show that indoor bowling is back, safe and still competitive for all!

Further inter-club matches are planned for the remaining summer season, and weekly roll-up sessions continue as normal.

Photo shows the MVIBC team dressed for the day.

Our free **Open / Come and Try** days will be held on each Saturday morning in September 10-00 to 1-00. Get out of the 'rut' – head for our entrance from the free car-park at the rear of the Leatherhead Leisure centre. Come, look and try – you will be surprised

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Mike Mackie



As we draw towards the end of the Summer Term, it is a time for reflection. We are sad to be saying goodbye to all the children who are moving on to 'big school' in September. We know they will have a wonderful time in their Reception Classes and embrace all that school life has to offer. We are very proud of the children for all that they have coped with and achieved this year. The children celebrated the end of their time at nursery with a fantastic Sports Day and Graduation Ceremony. The participation, enjoyment and atmosphere were superb! We wish all of the children the best of luck for the new chapters in their lives.

We are excited to be welcoming new children to

The Howard Nursery in September. We look forward to getting to know them and their families. We also hope to enjoy the benefits of the restrictions being lifted by reintroducing local walks, visits to the library, Gracewell Residential Care Home and Forest School in the next academic year. We also hope to be able to meet with our adopted 'church granny' once restrictions have eased.

We are a small nursery, with a dedicated and caring staff team. We are committed to training and continuously developing our knowledge to ensure



we deliver the highest quality education to the children. We are excited to say half of our team hold a degree level qualification in Early Years practice which helps us in 'Bringing out the best'. Between all the staff we have over 45 years' experience working in Early Years. If your child is aged 2-5 and you would like them to be part of The Howard Nursery School, we have spaces available for September and would love to hear from you. For more information, please call 01372 453832 or email [info@thehowardnursery.thpt.org.uk](mailto:info@thehowardnursery.thpt.org.uk). Please visit our website on [www.thehowardnursery.org](http://www.thehowardnursery.org)



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**See you soon!**

# The Plastic Free Bookham project – Transition Bookham



Our project has continued to be on hold in recent months, but we have carried on doing some background work to help reduce local waste. You might be aware there is a Surrey recycling search tool and app, which allows you to check by postcode and item whether you can recycle an item at the kerbside, at the recycling centre, or whether it needs to go in your black bin. You can search items and/or download the app at the Surrey Environment Partnership website in the section What to do with an item ([www.surreyep.org.uk/what-to-do-with-an-](http://www.surreyep.org.uk/what-to-do-with-an-item/)

item/). There's also lots of other useful information on reducing waste.

What's missing from the Surrey search tool is information about local recycling schemes, such as those within the TerraCycle programme. Nor does it clearly cover the 'bring' sites such as the recycling banks at the Lower Shott car park or the newly enhanced soft plastic recycling at Sainsburys and Tesco (selected stores only).

Thanks to the technical skills of Les Huett from Bookham Residents' Association, there is now a search tool on the BRA website covering schemes in Bookham and the surrounding areas. Visit [www.bookhamresidents.org.uk/terracycle-drop-offs-near-bookham](http://www.bookhamresidents.org.uk/terracycle-drop-offs-near-bookham). We'd like to keep this as up-to-date as possible, so if you know of anything that we haven't included or find that a scheme has been discontinued, please let us know by email at

[pfcbookham@gmail.com](mailto:pfcbookham@gmail.com).

The Mole Valley District Council Environment Forum continues to meet (online) quarterly. A community lottery has recently been launched to help raise funds for local good causes, with 10p from each ticket going to the Environment Fund. You can buy tickets or find out about how to register your local good cause at [www.molevalleylottery.co.uk/](http://www.molevalleylottery.co.uk/).

To keep-up-to-date with the Plastic Free Bookham project please like and follow PlasticFreeBookham on Facebook. You can find lots of useful information about reducing single-use plastic on our website ([www.plasticfreebookham.org.uk](http://www.plasticfreebookham.org.uk)). We also share items of environmental interest on the Transition Bookham Facebook page and Twitter account @ttbookham.

## Great Bookham Belles WI

We have all been looking forward to the summer and the hope that normality will come again soon but this hasn't stopped the Belles from getting on with restrictive life as we know it.

May saw over 60 of us making fabulous mosaics for our garden over Zoom, which was a feat in itself, but all were delivered and brought back to Denise (our lovely mosaic tutor). We are all looking forward to receiving them back when we finally meet up in July for our summer social, where they will take pride of place in our gardens ready for the summer sunshine!!!

Our Environmental Group continues to thrive and grow and being the innovative group that

they are, organised a litter picking brigade as part of the 'Big Litter Pick' and many of us have adopted our roads and beyond to keep our Bookham roads free from litter.

In June a few of the Belles took to Lower Road Recreation Ground for the afternoon and collected over six large bags of trash, including several portable BBQs and an artificial Christmas tree!!! In July our cleaning ambassadors, or WomBelles as they are affectionately known will be taking on The Splash in Fetcham!!

In September we will be taking part (we hope) in Manor House School centenary celebrations picnic on Heritage Day. We are looking



forward to our summer social in July, where after 17 months we can finally be together again, doing what we do best... enjoying ourselves and learning new things in the company of our friends.

## Bookham Flower Club

**The Club has a national show winner**



A first prize was won by club member Sue Slark in the National Association of Flower Arrangement Society's first Virtual Show, entitled "Springtime". Sue entered the class entitled First Blush of Day.

Her design was two linked tall upright arrangements of different heights constructed from delicate

twigs rising from a base of grey foliage with a touch of dark red. Graded pink cyclamen flowers, in test tubes, were attached to the twigs. Wisps

of fine grey wool near the top of the 'trees' gave the impression of dew/frost with pale pink light coming through trees in the early morning mist.

Her comment on the difficulty of taking the photograph reflected those of the members who had submitted photographs for the club's pop-up shows over the last 15 months. Congratulations Sue for not only a beautiful winning arrangement but also a great photograph.

Some club members celebrated National Flower Arranging Day on 7th May by putting flowers in their front gardens. One member organised with a few others to decorate with flowers the letters naming the day, which she had home-made with floral foam, and these

were stood on her front lawn making quite a statement especially as they lasted nearly two weeks. This brought enjoyment not only to those taking part but to those invited to see them and enjoy socially distanced tea and cake in the garden, and to people passing by.

Monthly meetings have continued on Zoom with floral art demonstrations and a fascinating talk on Coco Chanel whose exclusive rose is used in creating her perfumes.

The club is planning to resume its first Monday in the month afternoon (2pm) meetings in the Old Barn Hall in September, conditions permitting. New members welcome. Email: [bookhamflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:bookhamflowerclub@gmail.com)



# The Grange

## New Embroidery Hub

The Grange has long been known for its embroidery, and enjoys strong links with The Worshipful Company of Broderers. Thanks to another generous donation from The Broderers' Charity Trust, we decided to make embroidery a stand-alone enterprise with its own hub in the main house.

Enterprise Tutor Viv Amet and the team have all the latest technology to hand to make branded merchandise for businesses and beautiful bespoke gifts. If you are looking for a special gift take a look at our <https://www.grangecentre.org.uk/online-shop/> or pop into our shop@No5 Church Road, Bookham.



## Remembering Tess

During the pandemic we purchased two 'Care Domes', which allowed for safe outdoor visits by family and friends, regardless of weather conditions. One of them is positioned outside Group Living, so we asked our residents to choose a name for it. They unanimously decided to name it after a former resident and a dear friend to many here, called Camilla "Tess" Kerr.

On what would have been her birthday, we held a naming ceremony at which we reminisced about past times and recounted stories of Tess who was very much larger than life. The "Tess Dome" is here to stay and will

continue to be available after the pandemic as a space to relax, chat or read a book.

## Walled Garden Shop

We recently re-opened our Walled Garden Shop. It has been lovely to welcome back customers. We have a fantastic selection of bedding plants and fresh produce, and it's excellent training for people we support to serve customers and handle payments. The shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to noon.

## Grange Events

The Grange Heritage Day – Saturday September 11, 2021

If you are interested in finding out more about the history of The Grange come along to our Heritage Day.

Simply Scones and Cuppa & Cake returning September 2021, please register on our website to make a reservation.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support.

# Bookham Rifle Club

As we eagerly wait for more guidance from the government and also the National Small-bore Rifle Association (NSRA) on how much we can go back to what we like to remember as 'normal' we wanted to remind everyone in the area that our shooting ranges are there for everyone and anyone who would like to try out their target shooting skills.

We are tucked away near to the Leatherhead Leisure centre and we would be happy to arrange for a visit and a look around - plus answer any questions you may have. We have a lot of interest from families where Mums and Dads join together with their children (both young and adult ones!) and can both share the challenge and develop skills in the almost pure

art form of keeping a rifle or pistol steady enough to score that elusive Bull!

Please contact us via our website and send us your contact details so we can arrange a visit for you. We look forward to seeing you soon. [www.bookhamrifleclub.co.uk](http://www.bookhamrifleclub.co.uk)

# Bookham Seniors Computer Club



If you have a smartphone you will probably be familiar with emoji – a visual representation of an emotion, object or symbol – which are used in modern communication apps such as Facebook and WhatsApp. Emoji have been around since the mid 1990s and as of September 2020 there were over 3,500 standard emoji. They have become a popular way to send funny and clever messages, phrases and sentences, such as the name of our club, above: Book, Ham, Senior, Computer, Club!

Emoji can be used as the basis for a quiz and the Bookham Seniors Computer Club (BSCC) decided to marry this idea with the theme of Bookham Village Day and create a quiz of

nursery rhyme titles made with emoji. The quiz, with answers, will be posted on our new website [bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk](http://bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk)

The club's weekly sessions provide help on using desktop computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones and applications such as Windows 10, email, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, WhatsApp, YouTube and Zoom. These were some of the topics covered during the club's summer term programme which ran from an Open Day on Friday 16 April until Friday 2 July 2021. The club also held general meetings on the first Friday of each month that provided updates and other news as well as a short quiz. These one to two hours sessions were held via Zoom video-chat. Occasional meetings were also held during July and August.

The autumn term will start with its AGM at

10am on Friday 10 September 2021 which we hope to hold back in its normal home of Little Bookham Village Hall, but this will be confirmed nearer the date. The programme, as well as other information about the club, can be viewed on our new website [bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk](http://bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk).

The committee also helps 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 autumn programme, via email and its website.

If you are interested in finding out more about the BSCC phone Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604 or visit our new website [bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk](http://bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk).

# Bookham Bowling Club

The club has been totally Covid compliant, and the benefits are now showing as more clubs are returning to play against us, safely. It has been a mammoth effort by the Management & Playing committees to ensure that 2021 has not been lost like 2020 was.

While some of the club's major events that required serious catering have had to be cancelled, other internal events have been

inserted to keep the members happy. The social calendar is still disrupted by the government's rules and regulations on gatherings.

Our Come & Try weekend introduced over 20 people to the sport, and several are now playing in the leagues.

Our next major in-house charity event is for

the Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance which is this year's Captain's charity.

The club is also hoping to meet the public at Bookham Village Day on August 30th at our stall to raise money for the BCA..

If you are interested in knowing more about us please visit our website: [www.bookhambowls.co.uk](http://www.bookhambowls.co.uk)



## Bookham Bees WI



Bookham Bees WI has not let the grass grow under its feet over the past few months. Members have been buzzing over regular Zoom coffee meetings organised by one of our Bees, which has helped in welcoming new members

as well as chatting to old friends.

The lockdown has encouraged many new members. Some ladies have recently moved into the area, others just wish to meet new friends. Bookham Bees WI is the place to do that!

Five walking groups are now up and running. Some move at a fast pace, others are gentler with more time to take in the beautiful countryside around us. A weekend group allows working Bees to enjoy stretching their legs and catching up with fellow Bees.

The gardening group is extremely active exchanging tips and photographs over WhatsApp. We have learnt about new gardens to visit only a stone's throw away from Bookham. Another popular activity during lockdown was a jigsaw library.

Bookham Bees have had an eclectic selection of speakers, all of them over Zoom. Our third birthday was celebrated with a fascinating talk from Rosemary Swinfield about her career as a make-up artist in films and on stage. Bee birthday cup-cakes, made by committee members, were delivered to ever member. We toasted over Zoom, singing 'Happy Birthday'. Gosh how we buzzed!

Bees member Bronwen Mills talked on 'The Origins of Pub Names', which captivated all of our interests – we were dying to visit the pubs and sample what was on offer, but government restrictions did not allow.

Further talks were given by Joanna Bogle on English women who helped to save Jews during World War II, and David Allen spoke on 'Manners Dearest Please', an amusing talk on the dos and don'ts of Victorian etiquette.

Since lockdown restrictions have gradually lifted, up to six members have been meeting in one of their gardens for coffee, tea or early evening drinks. These 'Little Garden Parties' have provided the opportunity to get to know some members we might not have known well before.

A picnic is planned for July and in August we hope to have our regular 'Prosecco on the Green'. And the great excitement (we hope) is looking forward to being all together again in the Harrison Room on Wednesday, 1st September.

Bookham Bees WI does not have a waiting list and new members are always made welcome. Please contact: [dianagreenman@gmail.com](mailto:dianagreenman@gmail.com)

## Leisure Learning Current Affairs Classes

Leisure Learning has now planned its programme for the season which will run from October 2021 to April 2022 and will hold its first 10 sessions on Zoom and its remaining 10 lectures on a face-to-face basis with the classes meeting at a Bookham venue in a socially distanced environment.

The programme is as usual very varied and brings together experts from many fields to talk to us on subjects which include Climate Change, Syria, the UK's relationship with Europe post Brexit, Political Correctness and a review of the NHS. After the talk there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker

and to have a class discussion.

There are two separate groups which each meet for two hours on Thursday mornings or afternoons with identical content in each session. If you are interested in joining either of the groups to learn something about world and/or domestic issues, please contact Terry Hulme in the first instance on 07570 133838 or email him on [terryhulme@outlook.com](mailto:terryhulme@outlook.com) for further information.

These classes have now been running successfully for 14 years with most people returning year on year, but there are occasional vacancies so enquiries are

welcome. There's no form filling or preparation needed and the level of active participation is up to individuals.

Because we run the courses ourselves, we have low overheads and the projected cost for the year ahead is now £75 for the 20 sessions – less than the cost of a glass of wine for a two-hour class. If you do join us, you will get a warm welcome from existing members and learn much more about subjects which are so important to all of us.

I look forward to hearing from you

**Terry Hulme**



# Bookham Butterflies WI

With the easing of lockdown restrictions Bookham Butterflies members have started to meet again outdoors for some of their activities – as you would expect, gardens have been a key theme!

A new Gardening Group held its first meeting, with 15 members (pictured) meeting to share gardening tips and knowledge and exchange plants. The group is a mixture of novice and experienced gardeners who all love to garden. They will also be welcoming speakers to future meetings.

Twenty members of the Bookham Butterflies "Garden Explorers" group enjoyed their first outing since lockdown with a visit to Bardsey in Hazelmere. This is a beautiful hidden garden of two acres, revitalised after Maggie and David Boyd moved there in 1995. It has an abundance of pink, purple and blues with alliums, lavender, giant flowering poppies and huge rhododendrons. The group was served delicious tea and home-made cakes on the garden's raised terrace, with £200 collected for

Maggie and David's chosen charity.

Meanwhile across the gardens of Bookham, the race is on to grow the tallest sunflower and the largest flower head! Butterflies received a small packet of sunflower seeds back in April, in their Easter goody bag. Our Supper Club also recently met outside in a member's garden, for the first time in a year.

Monthly meetings are continuing on Zoom for the moment, with an excellent selection of speakers. Stinging nettles, dandelion, sweet violet and silver birch sap were on the "menu" as we enjoyed a very interesting Zoom talk about foraging. Wendy Paton (pictured) shared tips and recipes with us for using a whole host of plants.

From foraging – to quiz shows! At our May meeting Faith Powell shared her stories of being a quiz show contestant, on programmes such as The Weakest Link, The Chase, Ready Steady Cook and Going for Gold. In June, we heard from Sian Fox about her life as a home

economist, working with Jamie Oliver and the Calendar Girls, as well as (intriguingly!) cooking on the radio.

For more information about our WI visit our website [www.bookhambutterflieswi.com](http://www.bookhambutterflieswi.com)



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## Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

It is very exciting to be able to start meeting together again. We are starting carefully with outdoor activities, the first was the visit to Stuart Cottage, beautifully described and photographed by Gail.

This we will be followed by two more outings and then we should be able to return to indoor activities as listed below.

26 July Introductory tour of Painshill Park 3pm

23 August Visit to Plant Passion, Clandon 4pm  
(please book via email - judymoney39@gmail.com)



27 September 7.30pm Talk by Peter Almond - 'Plants that changed the courage of history'

25 October 7.30pm Gail Diprose giving us a talk on 'Growing for health'

22 November 7.30 AGM and Stella Phipps demonstrating Christmas decoration.

To join us or for more information, please contact Angela Stevens on 01372 456713 or [craigjstevens@aol.com](mailto:craigjstevens@aol.com)

### Outing to Stuart Cottage.

The weather was sultry but dry as about a dozen of us enjoyed a picnic in the field, the sky larks were singing and the M25 noise just couldn't make it to the leafy fields of Clandon. Peace in the countryside.

At 2.30 prompt, we were joined by others and given an introduction to the half acre garden, then let loose to enjoy it at our own pace. The only original plant from when the garden was designed was an old plum tree in the lawn, everything else was the hard work of the owners.

Plenty of colour zones and height differences added charm, the rambling roses on the lovely old brick walls and arbour were truly lovely. Added interest was the vegetable garden

developed in 2001, triangular raised beds, all plants standing to attention with companion plants adding colour.

We all enjoyed choosing plants to buy and take home.

Then with the clouds threatening but only managing to squeeze out a few drops we enjoyed tea and cake in the various seating areas in the garden.

Gail Diprose.



# Bookham Country Market



## It's your market - Use it or Lose it!

The market, which is open from 10am to 11.30am every Friday morning in the Old Barn Hall, first opened on 1st October 1976. Since then it has been 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 its' customers.

COVID lockdown closed it in March 2020, and only now has it been possible to open it again. It re-opened on Friday June 4th. Needless to say, with COVID restrictions still in place, it re-

opened with quite a different feel and modus operandi, and it may well be some time before it can return to the previous format.

Meanwhile it needs your support.

There are lots of goodies on offer. Free Range eggs from Collaroy Farm are delivered fresh each week, as is high quality grass fed lamb, pork and beef directly from Hill House farm in the Surrey Hills.

A variety of cow, goat and sheep milk cheeses direct from High Weald dairy provide some exciting new tastes and go well with the artisan sourdough and focaccia bread provided by PAN surrey.

Then there are ready meals and other baked goods provided by home cooks, as well as preserves of all kinds and local Bookham honey. Garden produce in season, along with

plants and cut flowers are available at very reasonable prices.

The range of hand-made craft products is extensive – Cards, Jewellery, Pottery, Wood and many other articles are readily available.

But the market needs your custom. Without your support, like so many other retail outlets, it is difficult to see a long term future. Come and explore, buy and enjoy the high quality local produce at the best of prices.

Or would you like to become a supplier? We particularly need cooks to enhance the choice available. Just a few items would give our customers a wider selection. Find out more by visiting the market and talking to the Market Manager, Lita Rayner.

See and read more at:  
[www.bookhammarket.wixsite.com/mrkt](http://www.bookhammarket.wixsite.com/mrkt)

## Polesden Lacey Infant School

We had a fantastic end to our school year in July. We began to welcome our new Reception children into the school with our unique 'Summer Club'. On the four Fridays before the end of the school year, the new Reception children were invited in to have stories in our orchard or on our playground bank, have a treasure hunt around the school's beautiful outside spaces and explore the classroom that they will be in when they start in September. Their parents joined them for the first two sessions and then, as they became

more used to the teachers they stayed for a short while on their own. I am always amazed to see how, with the right support, children can be so courageous, curious and resilient that they feel confident to say bye to their adults and go and explore with new their friends and adults. We definitely see the benefits when the children start in school in September as they settle really quickly and are able to get stuck in to learning and having lots of fun too!

We were also able to hold our first Sports' Day for two years. Although the look of it was very different, to cater for guidelines on social distancing, both the children and the parents appeared to have a fabulous time. There were smiles, cheers, whoops and a wonderful sense of community and inclusion for all.

At the time of going to press we are also hoping to say an in-person goodbye to our Year 2 pupils who are moving on to local junior schools and their families. It will be an outdoor



performance and we have our fingers crossed for some good weather (Just in case it rains we will video the dress rehearsal; we like to plan for all eventualities at Polesden Lacey Infant School!!)

The children continue to have the most amazing time at their weekly Forest School sessions. There has been den building, wand making, mini-beast hunting, exploring and always fun. If you want to more of what we do please check out our new website: <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/>

## Bookham Help Your Neighbour Scheme

The Bookham Help your Neighbour Scheme is planning to restart its service on 1st August 2021 following its suspension due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We provide transport to local medical facilities for elderly and vulnerable residents of Bookham when no other means of transport are available to them.

As a result of the pandemic, we regret that we must introduce some constraints on the service we offer:

- Please give 5 working days' notice if possible and we will not be able to accept requests closer than 2 working days beforehand.

- Clients must have had 2 Covid vaccinations, wear a mask and be able to get in and out of a vehicle unaided.
- We can no longer accommodate walking frames or wheelchairs.
- We regret that we are now unable to accompany a client into a medical facility so they will be set down at the door and collected afterwards. This means that they must be able to reach their clinic unaided and be able to contact their driver for collection using their own mobile phone or by requesting that staff make a call for them

### Could you help?

Help Your Neighbour is operated by volunteers who either man our mobile phone one morning a month or drive our clients to their appointments. They give as much or as little time as they choose and are not tied to any regular commitment. We urgently need more volunteers to make the scheme a success.

If you feel you would like to spare a little time to help please ring Heather on 01372 454403 or Ann on 01372 457204 to find out more.



# The Dawnay School

## All change at the Dawnay!

The Dawnay School is under new leadership. Mrs Fiona O'Neill has been designated the Executive Head of the school along with The Raleigh. Mrs O'Neill has led The Raleigh in Horsley, an outstanding school, since September 2007. The appointment will ensure a sustainable, long term future for The Dawnay school with strong leadership and a clear vision whilst maintaining the nurturing, inclusive ethos of the school.

If you are looking for a Reception or Year 3 school place for your child for September 2022 start or even considering an in year transfer to any year group, please ring or email the school office to request a personal tour with Mrs O'Neill.



The Dawnay has a lot to offer your child. It is a welcoming, caring, inclusive community school with single age-range classes across the whole school. Class sizes are small in most year groups all taught by friendly, approachable, supportive staff with high expectations for behaviour, progress and attainment. Children are happy and enjoy their learning and are encouraged to all take part in the extensive art, performing arts, music, drama and sport clubs.

The school benefits from a dedicated ELSA (Emotional Learning Support Assistant) and a huge range of peripatetic music teachers. The school is based on an extensive, accessible single-storey site with great facilities that include: IT suite, library, art studio with kiln, well stocked music room, 2 school halls, 3 playgrounds, outdoor learning areas for all EYFS and KS1 classrooms, huge school field, pond, forest, allotment and polytunnel.

The Friends of The Dawnay School are a very supportive group of parents from all year groups across the school. They work hard to raise money for the school through fun events throughout the year and regularly serve refreshments at most parent meetings.

The Dawnay School has a popular playgroup on site and is a feeder school for the Howard of Effingham. For working parents, we have a



breakfast club that opens at 7.30am and an after school club until 6pm.

Come and see for yourself what our school has to offer. We look forward to meeting you.

Please call 01372 456774 or email [info@dawnay.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@dawnay.surrey.sch.uk)



## Peter Pan Playschool

We're very fortunate to have a lovely big garden at Peter Pan which we've been really enjoying over the Summer term and it's a great place to learn about how things grow and change over time. We've planted different seeds and seedlings - radishes, beetroot, cucumbers, potatoes and green beans which we've really enjoyed watching grow - although quite a few have been nibbled by friendly caterpillars or slugs and snails! We also had some baby caterpillars, which grew bigger and bigger, until they made themselves nice warm cocoons to sleep in and it took ages for them to wake up but when they did it was worth the wait to see the butterflies emerging! We released them into the garden where several landed on the children before flying away.

Sometimes parents ask how we manage 2 year olds and 4 year olds in the same environment as in other settings they may be kept in separate groups. We find having the children in a mixed setting works well as the 2 year olds learn language, play skills, sharing, self-help skills and a whole host of other skills being modelled by the older children, and the older children learn empathy and gain self-

confidence where they include the younger ones in their play - they can be the leaders, but they learn how to do this sensitively, and they get a lot of enjoyment from helping the younger children with handwashing, putting on an apron, getting resources etc. It's really lovely to see in action.

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. Check out our facebook page [www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool](https://www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool) website [www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk](http://www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk) email at [peterpanplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:peterpanplayschool@gmail.com) or call us on 07908 018924. We're pretty much full for 2021-2022 but have a couple of spaces left on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you're looking for a space for September 2022 and beyond please arrange a visit as soon as possible as it's already filling up fast.



# The Arts Society Bookham



As with all local groups, life continues to be challenging for the Society but, also common to them has been our venture into Zooming. Under the expert guidance of

our Treasurer, Chris Rose, lectures to members continue to go without a hitch. Hopefully, after the August break, it will be possible to join with friends and meet again with live lectures at The Old Barn Hall.

In June we had a special talk given by committee member Edmund Morgan-Warren 'All that Glitters is not Gold -

The analysis and marking of gold and silver are among the earliest examples of consumer protection with references dating from biblical times, and the present system of hallmarking has its origins in the 13th century. Hallmarking is more than simply a guarantee of quality but is a rich source of information about the article.

Members learned about the origins of hallmarking and the four main components of a hallmark as well as marks commemorating notable dates such as the sovereign's jubilee and the millennium. We also saw the rainbow logo mark introduced in 2020 to mark the work of the NHS during the pandemic.

The talk was illustrated by many examples including gold and silver watches, rings, a wartime ARP badge and its hallmark and a silver Armada dish, a reproduction of items made using silver from the Spanish Armada.

Our September talk will introduce some of the



traditional tools of the early artist in 'First Catch a Squirrel - historical materials and techniques of painting C15 - C18'. Chantal Brotherton-Ratcliffe will explain how the 14th century artist Cennino Cennini's 'The Artists' Handbook' details some of the surprising materials which any artist had to master before he could begin to paint, such as using the tail of a squirrel to make his paintbrushes.

In September Judy Money has organised a five-day tour of the 'Historic Houses and Heritage of Norfolk' including visits to Ely and the cathedral, the Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts in Norwich and the Sandringham Estate.

Members will be kept informed but all will depend on how any Covid restrictions affects



distancing and social contact. Eventually, new members will be warmly welcomed to the Society lectures at 7.30 on the fourth Tuesday in the month at The Old Barn Hall. <http://theartsocietybookham.org.uk/>. Meanwhile, anyone interested in joining should contact Linda Tickner via the website and she will be pleased to send information by email or in the post.

John Cook

## Howard of Effingham School

### School Diversity Week

As part of our celebrations for Pride Month, the Howard of Effingham participated in School Diversity Week from 21-25 June. The focus for the week was on supporting and celebrating the LGBT+ community through learning, discussions and events. It is co-ordinated by the charity Just Like Us whose mission is to empower young people to champion LGBT+ equality.

There was a fantastic feel to the week, beginning when the students entered the school on Monday to see decorations and displays showing the Pride rainbow colours. During lessons, students learnt about LGBT+ subject role models and discussed the barriers these individuals may have faced.

They listened to masterclasses discussing issues such as "How have LGBT+ rights changed in the UK?" and "How has the UK

impacted LGBT+ life around the world". During their tutorial sessions, students considered how they can be an ally to the LGBT+ community and demonstrate the British values of tolerance and mutual respect. The week finished with Rainbow Friday where our staff wore rainbow colours and students were invited to wear rainbow socks or tights to show their support. The year 7 students raised money for the Just Like Use charity with a very colourful cupcake sale!

The response from our young people was incredibly positive and moving, with students demonstrating The Howard values of respect and consideration in their active engagement with their learning and the events. We are very proud of the students and staff in our community and appreciate the benefits that diversity of all kinds brings to The Howard.

Mrs Freya Wall, Assistant Headteacher





# Eastwick Road Church



Hello again! A few months on into my role, and Church is heading outdoors via our Welcome Garden project. Volunteers are still in the process of weeding and clearing in preparation for the new potting shed and raised borders in the autumn.

This is a general shout-out that you're welcome to join us at any stage. We would love to provide you with a beautiful space for chatting and relaxing while growing fruit,



flowers and vegetables next year. Hopefully the word is getting out that if you are of pre-retirement or early retirement years (55-75) we are particularly looking to provide activities that you will enjoy, to maintain physical, emotional and spiritual health together.

Keep your eyes posted for our Clean Joke evening coming up in the September term, the formation of a retirees' rock band, along with various daytime 'craft-meets'. On a personal level, I am particularly enjoying playing nursery rhymes once a fortnight for the Peter Pan Playschool, with the bonus of many little voices shouting hello and telling me what's on their mind when I walk into the building!

You may have noticed that our roof is currently under repair, to tackle the problems causing damp on inner walls. This should be complete by early autumn. Our thanks to our neighbours for bearing with us through this necessary phase.

Sue Ferguson, our Church secretary, has provided the following report on Golden Years 2020-21:

'For the second summer in a row, Eastwick Road Church was unable to do a strawberry

tea 'in person', so together with Bookham Baptist Church we delivered a cream tea to our more senior members. The Grange provided the scones and with the cream and jam and our regular monthly sheet we delivered them to around 75 members.

All the churches in Bookham have made keeping in touch with our congregations and groups a high priority during the time of restrictions. Thank you to all the pastoral care teams who have been phoning, visiting and emailing or letter writing. As September approaches, we look forward to meeting with people in person!

Lesley Ormiston Church Community Worker  
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## Polesden Lacey Playschool



After a difficult year, we were thankful to finally be able to go on our educational visit to Bocketts Farm and it was fantastic to be able to start getting out and about adventuring again.

The children had wonderful time learning about the farm during a tractor trailer ride, feeding the larger animals and getting close to the smaller animals with a handling session for the bunnies, guinea pigs and a very noisy



cockerel. The farm was really welcoming and had plenty of covid safety measures in place, ensuring we all had a pleasant and safe visit.

For our final fundraiser of the year, the children took part in our sponsored trike ride and raised nearly £1,200 with their efforts. We are so incredibly proud of everyone for taking part and helping to raise an amazing amount of money that will be put towards our new Playschool notice board.

As always we were sad to say goodbye to our Swan children, who will be moving on to their chosen infant schools this Autumn. With government restrictions still in place, it meant we were unable to hold our sports day and so for a second year, our leavers missed out on the farewell from Playschool that they all deserved.

Good luck Swans! We hope you enjoy your 'big' schools, as we look forward to welcoming our new Cygnets for the year.

For further information about the Playschool, please get in touch or visit our new website. If you have any admission enquires, unfortunately we are full for the 2021-22 academic year. If you would like to join our waiting list, please get in touch as soon as



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# Leatherhead & District Local History Society

## WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS YEAR?

Leatherhead Museum is gradually moving towards normal operation this summer after nearly two years of closure because of the Covid-19 pandemic. A trial period is under way with openings of Hampton Cottage, Church Street, on Saturdays only and restricted numbers of visitors. But a formal unveiling of a blue plaque in memory of late L&DLHS president Linda Heath is scheduled in September on the west wall overlooking the garden and this is expected to mark a return to normality as the pandemic fades away.

Volunteers have continued to maintain the Museum throughout its closure and important specialist contract work has also been undertaken. The mid-bay partition on the first floor has been reduced to open up the roof zone to enhance the spatial impact. Electrical improvements have been completed and

certified, heaters repaired, the courtyard re-pointed, a new door added, and signage improved. Current displays include Local Buildings of Interest in watercolours by John Hassell and son (1780-1850). But the call is out for more volunteers to run the Museum as the number has fallen during the closure.

For Heritage Weekend on Saturday, 18 September, the Museum will show a display of local historic maps. This will follow the L&DLHS contribution to 2021 Heritage Open Days on Friday, 17 September - a talk entitled Leatherhead Food - Chips with Everything. Local historian Bill Whitman was once a consultant at the Leatherhead Food Research Association in Randalls Road and will be speaking either on-line via Zoom or back at the L&DLHS's traditional venue in the Abraham Dixon Hall at the Leatherhead Institute. Either way it will start at 7.30pm with public confirmation of the format issued in good time ahead of the event.

Despite the Museum's closure, the Society has also remained active throughout the period with its programme of regular online lectures via Zoom organised in cooperation with Dorking Local History Group. What's on offer changes frequently so it is best to visit the Surrey History MeetUp website to find the latest updates.

Online talks in coming months include the

following:

16 August: Searching for Inspector William Donaldson (1807-55) (Henry Pelham, Inspector Donaldson's great great grandson, talks about the first serving policeman to be murdered on duty in Surrey.)

27 September: A history of Croydon High St until 1901 (Carole Roberts)

25 October: Canal History & Heritage (including Wey & Arun Canal) (Roger Butler)

22 November: Dissolution of the Monasteries-Superstition, Scandal & Dodgy Dealings (Julia Hickey)

31 January: The South at Work, Surrey Glassmaking (Geoff Mead)

21 February: To Journey's End - the Life of RC Sherriff (Pete Allen)

21 March: Quakers at War (in Surrey and elsewhere) (Frances Hurd)



## RNLI Lifeboats

At her retirement party a Met Police Sergeant who had served on the River Thames said to me that I will have saved more lives than she had.

The reason is because of my years spent working with the RNLI Water Education unit. This involves visiting schools, Scouts groups,

talking to children at fairs and Junior Citizen events.

Junior Citizen is a process when children in there last year at junior school attend a central place, (Epsom Race Course was one this year) and are given safety talks by the like of the Police, Fire service, and others. The RNLI is

always welcomed by the organisers.

I'm proud to say that Bookham R.N.L.I provides more speakers than most other branches.

In 2019 I attended 10 Junior Citizens, this year just 2. Let's hope that 2022 will be back to normal.

Richard Bywaters RNLI Tel. 07952 221289

## Bookham Choral Society

Well, here we are at the 'End of Term' and the Members of Bookham Choral Society should be very proud that they have managed to keep going on Zoom for the whole academic year. It has been lovely to see so many cheerful faces each week and to exchange news and views before our Rehearsals.

### Thank You!

Firstly, a huge 'Thank-you' to our Musical Director, Richard Robbins and our Accompanist, Anthony Merryweather, who have persevered through the most difficult of situations to enable us to sing each Tuesday

evening. They haven't heard us, and we haven't heard each other, but it has been a great opportunity to sing some lovely pieces; many of us hope that we will sing them again in 'Real Life' in the not-too-distant future.

Secondly, a huge 'Thank - you' to you all our members and especially to those who have attended the rehearsals so regularly. We are hoping that we will be able to return to regular rehearsals soon.

The message from the Government is that there should be no restrictions to choir singing in the near future. The BCS Committee is working

hard to ensure the health and safety of all our members by making sure that our rehearsal space is fit for purpose, and we'll be back!

We have some exciting plans for the autumn and it is so encouraging that we still have so many people that want to be part of Bookham Choral Society.

If you would like to join us for the Autumn Term in September, please go to our website:

[www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk)

**New Members are Always Welcome!**

**Cheryl Mendham**

# Bookham Wine Club

Meetings are back and promise to be bigger and better



The Club's outdoor events got off to a great start in May with the first of four holiday-themed garden meetings which saw members 'visit' France to taste three carefully selected wines provided by Lathwaites.

The tasting began with an excellent Cremant made using the champagne method and oak fermented, just like a Krug. This was voted the most popular wine by some distance, but each

party of six also thoroughly enjoyed the Muscadet Sevre et Maine from a Domaine southeast of Nantes and a mature Beaujolais made with grapes selected from the oldest vines of the Le Moulin-a-vent cru.

Members were transported to Italy in June courtesy of VineKing, an independent wine merchant based in Reigate, in their first collaboration with the Club. Those unable to attend an afternoon gathering were able to meet in the evening and luckily the weather didn't let us down. The wines didn't disappoint either!

Not surprisingly, proceedings started with a Prosecco which was followed by a lovely Gavi and finished with a summery Chianti. In July, Majestic helped us celebrate Spain with a fine selection of wines comprising Cordon Negro (featured in BBCs Best Cava 2019), The Guv'nor Rose and a Rioja Reserva from their Definition range.

Next month, we look forward to completing our garden excursions with three wines from our final European destination, Portugal.

The committee are delighted to announce a welcome return to indoor meetings in September when members will be able to meet in the Old Barn Hall itself for our regular monthly events. We will also be welcoming back leading wine educator, Angela Bawtree (pictured) to present a selection of wines on the theme, "Exploring Climate". How and why does the same grape varietal grown in different regions of the world taste so different? We look forward to finding out!

To learn more about the Club and our meetings (past and present) please visit our website [www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk](http://www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk)

Frances Sanders

BWC

## Bookham Open Gardens 2021 was a great success!



After having to cancel last year's event, even early this year we were unsure whether it would be possible to run it in 2021. We needn't have worried as over 600 people bought tickets and an amazing total of £7,000 was raised on Sunday 27th June. It all goes for the upkeep of the Old Barn Hall and is very welcome!

The weather forecast wasn't very promising, but this didn't stop our hardy visitors setting off around the gardens, many starting early in case the rain came in later. In fact, it held off for most of the event. Ongoing restrictions meant we couldn't run the minibuses (hopefully back next year) and at the Hall our team had to be outside providing tea, coffee, cold drinks, rolls and their usual mouth-watering selection of cakes.

We had seven excellent new private gardens to offer visitors, along with eight old favourites. Most had used the lockdown to good avail and added new features. All were full of colour and charm, some had quirky and interesting features too, and some followed the growing trend to gardening for wildlife as well as to look beautiful.



Visitors at one garden were even treated to a dragonfly doing its final larval moult to emerge as a beautiful fully grown adult! We hope our visitors were inspired by the variety of what was on offer and maybe have picked up an idea or two for their own patch. As ever there was an opportunity to buy plants at several of the gardens.

The Grange once again opened their Victorian walled garden, where clients are encouraged to grow flowers, fruit and vegetables ably assisted by the horticultural team. They personalise their own plots very imaginatively and leave some grass to grow long ... and are rewarded with bee orchids coming up. At Little Bookham Allotments plots are tended by enthusiastic gardeners who enjoy a community atmosphere and rural setting surrounded by birdsong. Both edibles and beautiful flowers feature, and there is a wildflower meadow.

Some visitor comments included:

- The gardens were all so beautiful. We felt very honoured to be invited into them - it was wonderful.

- Thank you to all those who allowed us to admire their gardens
- Huge thank you to everyone involved in Bookham Open Gardens today it was lovely to meet so many friendly people. Thank you for keeping this special event going through these very challenging times.

There is a fuller selection of photos of the event on our Facebook page 'Bookham Open Gardens' which we invite you to 'Like'. We'll also be putting them up on our website [www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk](http://www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk). Do let us know via our website or Facebook page if you might be interested in opening your garden in 2022 - we are always on the lookout for new gardens. You can also mail [bnb.selworthy@btinternet.com](mailto:bnb.selworthy@btinternet.com).

The Committee and Bookham Community Association would like to thank everyone who visited and those who worked so hard to make the day so enjoyable and successful and gave so freely of their time. This includes

- The garden openers for putting on such a splendid show.
- All the volunteers involved with making and serving refreshments, selling tickets, marshalling the car parks, and stewarding at the gardens on the day.
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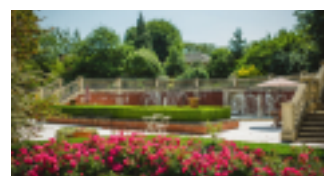
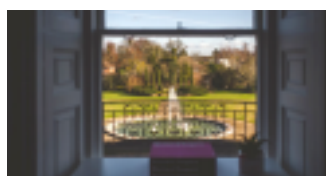
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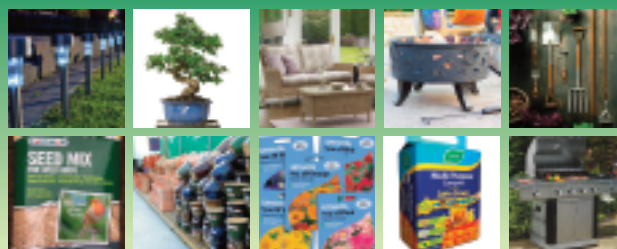
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# Bookham Library

The theme for this year's popular **Summer Reading Challenge** is Wild World Heroes and has been developed in partnership with WWF UK. This year's Challenge is a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment. Wild World Heroes will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer

reading 'dip'. Each year the Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, motivates children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence.

Children have to be a library member to take part, but participation is completely free, and they can collect special stickers and rewards along the way. The aim is to read up to six books, and children can read whatever they like from Surrey Libraries' excellent range,

including eBooks and eAudiobooks. This year the Challenge will be available both online and in our libraries from 10th July to late September.

Bookham Library in Townshott Close, Bookham, KT23 4DQ is open for browsing, PC use, return and borrowing of library items. Please check our current opening times at Bookham Library on the website or telephone 0345 600 9009.

## Little Bookham WI

Little by little things are returning to normality. Our walking group is up and running again. Well, not exactly running but exploring local walks at their own pace. Smaller, socially distanced, coffee mornings are back on the agenda too. At our main meetings we have enjoyed interesting 'Zoom' talks about, 'Weather Lore' – A country guide to forecasting

by Ian Currie; 'Women at War' – The role of women in WW1 by Peter Batty and finally John Lane's talk about 'The Royal Yacht Britannia'. We are all really looking forward to our July talk about, 'Working with the Ghosts of Hampton Court Palace' by Sarah Slater.

In August our hard working committee are organising a cream tea with strawberries for

our members. It will be held in the beautiful garden of one of the oldest cottages in Bookham. Hopefully in the Autumn we will all be returning to our meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 3 pm at Little Bookham Village Hall. It will be lovely to all meet up and see one another again.

Fay McGregor

## Eastwick WI

Roughly one third of our members have been joining our monthly Zoom meetings to enjoy the programme of very good talks given by excellent speakers. We are hopeful that we can all be together in September in our usual hall when Covid restrictions are a thing of the past. In the meantime several of our groups have managed to be active, namely the Book Club and the MahJong Group have been meeting in a socially distanced fashion and the Garden Group has planned a garden visit for late this month.

Our super Secretary, Mary, has continued her detailed Update each month to keep us all connected and informed and at the end of July we are getting together for an Afternoon Tea at the Tithe Barn in Effingham. A tour of the gardens of The Grange followed by their Cream Tea is planned for August. Exercise classes start soon after!!

Four of our members Gill Lovegrove, Mary Cann, Diane Shilling and Brenda Kent opened their gardens for Bookham Open Gardens Day at the end of June, so they had been beavering

away for some time. Their efforts were rewarded, not only by a constant stream of very appreciative visitors but also that they had helped to raise £6000 for the Old Barn Hall funds.

We are now looking forward to the end of Covid restrictions and a return to normal life, at least by Christmas when we hope to at last be able to celebrate our 50th birthday.

## The Meeting Place



Life moves on slowly but we have still not been able to re-open the Coffee Shop on Saturday mornings as we wish to be back to near normality

before we do so. We should be open by the beginning of August if the situation does not change. Do check we are open and join us for good coffee and tea as well as delicious cakes produced by The Grange with whom we work in partnership. We will be open 10-12am.

The Community Fridge is part of Mid-Surrey Community Fridges and recently received a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This award is for groups and is equivalent to an MBE for charities!! Everyone was so encouraged by this recognition.



The work of collecting food from shops and supermarkets to prevent it going to landfill and then packing bags of food to deliver to those who are lonely or isolated as well as some currently having problems still continues. Less bags are being delivered now and some people come to collect their bags. We continue to operate a Help Yourself table open to anyone at the front of the Youth Centre on Saturdays between 11am and 12noon. We have also started to operate this table from 3-4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our Telephone Befriending service continues to help people who are lonely or isolated and soon we hope this will be something which will be face-to-face. Jane Bellingham who leads the service can be contacted on 07596 837063 to ask for yourself or to refer someone else. More details on our website.

Good news for The Language Hub. We asked in Bookhams Bulletin for a trained TEFL to join

the team. We are delighted a newly trained teacher saw our article and came forward. The Language Hub is now on its summer break and will restart on Tuesday 7th September. Classes for Pre-Intermediate are 10-11.30am, and Elementary level 2-3.30pm. Please contact Kate Dove on The Meeting Place email below for further information.

Lipreading Classes are also on their summer break. Our students are delighted with the way learning to lipread is helping them feel less isolated. Classes are run by a professional teacher and again do contact us for further details.

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# Rotary, Bookham & Horsley



## Bookham & Horsley

A new Rotary year and it's off to a great start!

July 1st marks the start of the new Rotary year and what a great year it promises to be!

Our President for 2020/21, Keith Slark, handed over the Presidency to Andrew Smith who, in turn, thanked Keith for all his efforts in not only running the club remotely for the whole year with charm and efficiency, but in also ending his year with more members than he started, a great feat in a very difficult time. Martin Cannon was appointed President-Elect and will succeed Andrew at the beginning of July next year.



Pictured, left to right, Martin Cannon (President-Elect), Lois Driscoll (new member), Andrew Smith (President), Jenny Ridge (new honorary member) and Keith Slark (outgoing President).

At the handover meeting Keith inducted a new Honorary Member, Jenny Ridge, and thanked her for all her help and support over the years, Jenny has been invited to come along to our meetings as often as she likes.

As his first act as President, Andrew was delighted to induct Lois Driscoll as a member of the Club. Lois has previously been an active member of Inner Wheel and we are very pleased to have her as a member of Bookham Rotary.

Andrew also announced that plans for the Cycle the Surrey Hills event on Sunday 19th September are well advanced and more details can be found on our Facebook page, on our website or at <http://www.cyclesurreyhills.co.uk/>.

If you like what you read about Rotary, why not take a look at our website and/or call us, or simply join our mailing list for occasional updates. Once normal service is resumed, you are very welcome to come along to a trial meeting, we'd love to see you!

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# Bookham Camera Club



As we enter our 75th year as a Bookham institution, Bookham Camera Club looks back on the last two seasons as among our most challenging. After coming 2nd in the Surrey

Photography Association 2019 Inter-Club Competition, we were looking forward to another great year in our regular meeting place at Eastwick Road Church Hall.

Like the rest of the UK, our 70+ members confronted an end to group meetings and other social events in March 2020. Fortunately, our Chairman, Eddie Hyde got the group up and running on Zoom and we didn't miss a meeting! Additional 'help sessions' were added to our normal Thursday night schedule and we carried on with monthly competitions, lectures from renowned photographers and presentations by members. Many members felt this was a bit of a lifeline during the trying isolation of COVID.

Given the persistence of lockdown regulations, we planned our '20/21 season around a Zoom format, increasing the number of external speakers — including 'zoom sessions' with professionals in Iceland, California, and Eastern Europe. Members could sit at their home computers and visit exotic locations while learning improved photography skills from experts.

We recently completed this season with a virtual AGM and award presentations. Photographers from our Club (beginner to intermediate members) and Advanced Classes received recognition for best results over the course of the season as well as top finishers in our annual (again virtual) exhibition. For the first time, we posted our exhibition on the I live in Bookham Facebook group and collected community member votes to select a People's Choice Award.

So we kept busy and engaged throughout the lockdown and look forward — fingers crossed — to returning to Eastwick Road Church Hall this September. We meet each Thursday from 7:30pm (8pm start) to 10pm. If you are interested in joining us to learn more about photography, socialise with other locals with a shared love of photography or simply want to learn how to use that new camera, please contact our Membership Secretary Gary Margetts on [gazza294@hotmail.com](mailto:gazza294@hotmail.com)

Or you can always stop by on a meeting night and have a first hand look yourself.

Randal Tajer

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

We managed to hold our AGM in May, which for the second, and hopefully last, time was by Zoom but at least we are compliant with our constitution.

Due to the pandemic, and lockdowns, all our planned events for the past year or so never happened but the future looks a little more promising and with a bit of luck by the time you read this we will have had a "Fish & Chips" supper at the Plough - albeit outside with the statutory limit on attendees but at least it is a start.

On 3rd December Vivien White will be giving a talk on the Howard Family who were Lords of the Manor of Little Bookham from 1498 to

1635, and the Manor of Great Bookham from 1550 to 1801. Vivien will describe the connections of the family with the two villages and Effingham. This will be held at Manor House School and will include the traditional glass of mulled wine and mince pie.

We are hopeful that we will be able to have a Curry Lunch in September, but the location and date have yet to be determined.

Last autumn the Friends launched the Guard our Garden Appeal following the incursion of the St Lawrence Church Hall Garden by travellers in August 2020. This raised £7,725 which helped to fund a security gate and bollards which are now in place.

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 serving tea, coffee, cakes and selling fresh farm eggs. The market is held on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10am to 2pm.

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

## Mole Valley WI

Mole Valley members have continued to have well attended monthly Zoom meetings. In April we were inspired by a wonderful talk by Callum Russell who is totally blind. Headley Kay, a local singer/songwriter, entertained us in May with music ranging from Chopin to The Carpenters and in June Rosemary Horton gave us a talk on her year in New Zealand.

The easing of the lockdown means that our Knit and Natter (more natter than knit), the second gardening group and the Scrabble group can now all meet again. Work continues on the allotment and the ramblers have been out and about.

We have future dates in our diaries, a summer lunch at Effingham Golf Club and an outing on

3rd September. More outings are planned for next year. We also plan to hold an Autumn Bazaar on the 9th October with lots of interesting items for sale and inevitably some delicious WI cakes. Our website is regularly updated but please note we have a new address. <https://molevalleywi.chessck.co.uk>

June Webb



# Inner Wheel Club of Bookham & Horsley

I took this photo last night at the Effingham Golf Club where the Bookham and Horsley Inner Wheel had their final dinner before disbanding. It was a bitter sweet time, full of reminiscences of happy moments and much laughter. We were of one accord that this was the only possible outcome for our super club. It was, however, agreed that we would meet together every other month for either a meal or an outing of some kind, as the friendships forged over so many years were too valuable to be lost. Dear Betty Crouch was able to join us for the first time in two or three years and was greeted most warmly as our last remaining Founder member. The club is 47 years old.

The club has seen so many splendid times, not least having four members as District Chairman and one, Phyl Fennelly, as the National President!! We used to hold dinner dances for

400 guests in the Dorking Halls together with our Rotarians. the ladies did all the catering for the event. For many years, we have held the Overseas tea parties in the Barn Hall which raised money for many charities which have gone on to great things, such as Kids for Kids, whose founder has just been made a CBE, Mary's Meals, and Sight Savers.

One of the great strengths of the club has been our great working relationship with our Rotary Club with whom we collaborated throughout the years, on so many charity initiatives. We also had great fun doing so with many laughter filled social events which stay in the mind. Many members reflected on the huge pleasure gained from going to the National Conferences down the years and some of the hilarious situations in which we found ourselves!! Not least, some of the weird and wonderful



accommodation given us in the Tiffany Hotel in Blackpool.

So, dear friends in Great Bookham, we will miss you all and hope that you will remember us with affection. We did our best to support the Old Barn Hall, the Scouts, Bookham Space and so many others..

Goodbye from us all.

Jane Bishop President and Past District Chairman

## Mole Valley Girls FC U18s

Leatherhead FC Women are an exciting new team playing in the heart of Mole Valley as part of the Leatherhead FC family. Those of you following girls' football in Surrey will be very familiar with the highly successful 2020/21 Mole Valley Girls (MVG) U18 team. This year team manager Neil Harlow brings his team, comprising many county-level players and coaching staff across from MVG to form the first Leatherhead FC Women's team. The team will play their home games at Fetcham Grove entering the women's game at Tier 7 of the football pyramid and will be looking to replicate the success that has seen them reaching many League and County cup finals over the last 5 seasons. Spectators are welcome, subject to Covid protocols, to watch these local ladies in action.

### Home Fixtures For Pre-Season

25th July Parkwood Ladies  
8th August Burgess Hill  
22nd August Herne Bay Dev

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Check out our new website on

**[www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org](http://www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org)**

Keep up to date with what is going on around the village.

Make sure you keep your organisation's details up to date and  
let us know if you have an event coming up.

*Many thanks to Clare Cody who has worked tirelessly to set this up for us.*

# CENTENARY HERITAGE PICNIC & GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 11 September 2021  
10am-5pm



**Manor House School is celebrating 100 years!** This public event (no need to book) rescheduled from last September, will run from 10am to 5pm in conjunction with Heritage Open Days ([www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)),

**Bring a picnic** or enjoy catering and refreshments from local businesses including a fully licensed bar serving beer, wine, Pimms and Prosecco. There will be **live music** in front of the main house, a number of local craft and small business stalls to enjoy, and plenty to keep the children busy including a **games** stall and two **bouncy castles**.

The day will also offer an opportunity to explore the grounds and the school's history through an **extensive photo archive display**. We look forward to welcoming you on the day!



# Mole Valley Ramblers

As representatives of Mole Valley Ramblers Yvonne Abel and I were lucky enough to attend the launch of a new artwork by James Tunnard called Radius. It is located at top of the Denbies vineyard in Dorking, near the junction of the North Downs Way and the bridle path leading down to Ranmore Road (which is part of the new Leith Hill Greenway).

It takes the form of a bench made from locally sourced oak, the artist James has used the contours of the vineyard slopes and cleverly mirrored the undulating curves of this sculptural seat to reflect the shapes of the surrounding hills and valleys as well as the radial symmetries of growth found in trees and



View from the art installation across the slopes of the vineyard with Dorking in the background

other plant life. The curved form of the seating area orientates visitors towards the inspiring views that radiate out from the hillside.

The front facing panels of the bench are inscribed with beautiful quotations and the reverse of the panels have inscriptions of haiku poetry created by the Mole Valley Poets. The four points of the compass are scored into the seat which has been aligned accordingly.

There are a series of these art works throughout Surrey and another similar series in Kent. They are always situated in beautiful locations and frequently have a spectacular view.

For more details about these art works please visit <https://www.surreyhillsarts.org> where you will find a map and even details of self-guided walks linking some of the artworks.

Chris Hunt, chairman of Mole Valley District Council, made a delightful speech and the artist was presented with a bottle of Denbies best fizz. Having arrived on the little Denbies train Yvonne and I took in the opportunity to walk down through the vineyard slopes to return home.

Louise Stilwell-Stage



The artwork Radius in situ.



Mole Valley Ramblers representatives Yvonne Abel and Louise Stilwell-Stage just before they Haiku'd home.

## South Bookham SPACE

### LONDON MARATHON 40TH YEAR PLACE AWARD TO HELP SPACE GET RUNNING AGAIN!

As a charity that benefited previously from a London Marathon Charitable Trust grant – to help build Social SPACE - we were invited to apply for one of only 40 coveted places in this the 40th year of the London Marathon taking place in October and wonder of wonders we succeeded!

Our Bookings Officer Claire Hoath has volunteered to do the run, and the pic shows her in training.

LMCT encourages us to use the publicity of this place for promotion, and to encourage



people to get active.

So, in addition to featuring our runner Claire, and encouraging everyone to support the facilities at the centre, including the many classes, parties, and sports at SPACE we are launching: GET SPACE RUNNING AGAIN FUN RUN

By asking everyone to take part, wherever and however they wish to, recording how many miles of one run during week 20th to 26th September, with a prize for guessing the total number of miles RUN by all. One pound only to enter to cover incidental expenses.

Full details and entrance forms please email: [terrygluck@ntlworld.com](mailto:terrygluck@ntlworld.com)

Why not dream up how and where and in what costume perhaps that your RUN will happen. This is for the young, the old, the less able, in fact for EVERYONE!

Many and varied activities are re-opening again at SPACE including:

Baby signing, Bridge Club, Japanese Book Club, Theatre Arts, Tap & Dance, Martial Arts, Paracise, Pilates, Pole Fitness, Trybe, Yoga, 5-A-Side football, Netball, Tennis and of course, children's parties!

**SPACE FUN RUN**  
On behalf of South Bookham SPACE  
**20-26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**  
**GET SPACE RUNNING AGAIN!**  
Celebrate our coveted place - one of only 40 LCMT places- in the **40<sup>TH</sup> VIRGIN MONEY LONDON MARATHON** on **OCTOBER 3RD**  
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To keep attracting the wide range of activities, hire charges are being kept down for the main SPACE hall, Outer SPACE and Social SPACE.

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# St Nicolas Church

Sitting in the very heart of our village St Nicolas Church is a beautiful, Grade 1 listed building. There has been a church on this site for over 1000 years and during that period the interior and exterior have evolved to suit the needs of the local community at the time.

The current interior is largely the result of re-modelling by the Victorians and represents just a fraction of its history. The current layout suits Victorian-style worship but does not work in the 21st Century. Parts are not accessible to people with limited mobility, it's cold and drafty in the winter, uncomfortable to sit in for any length of time and completely inflexible in terms of layout.

We are excited to be able to build on what we have inherited and create a church which better suits today and tomorrow's needs. We are planning to create a space for church and community. One that works much more effectively for as wide a group of people as possible and can be used seven days a week.

Our development plan addresses some of the most essential needs, whilst anticipating the use of a more flexible space. We aim to engage a much wider community of local people in our services, events and groups by updating and using the internal space of the church in a more flexible way while respecting our past by carefully preserving the most significant parts of the church's history.

Once we have delivered our plan the church building will:

- Be warmer in winter – with a more efficient heating system and reduce our carbon footprint.
- Be accessible to those with restricted movement and anyone with children in pushchairs



- Be a flexible and carefully preserved space – by redecorating and removing the uncomfortable pine Victorian pews we will unlock the potential of the largest space in the village. Seating will be provided by versatile and more comfortable chairs.
- Have a better located, and more architecturally coherent font and donation box – the font is an architectural mix, so the 12th/13th century bowl will be placed on an elegant bronze stand and the donation box relocated.
- Displaying important historical elements of the church's past prominently – the chancel will remain and the fragments of earlier pews which the Victorians preserved will be included in a new rack to display the embroidered millennium kneelers.

Separate but linked item?

We are also very conscious of our heritage and looking forward to sharing these with the

community during National Heritage Week, which runs from 10th-19th September 2021.

The church will be open each day as usual and will also be holding bookable events from Saturday 11th September through to Sunday 19th September, ranging from a choral evensong to a children's event and a history of the church told through the stained-glass windows.

The theme of "Feed our Soul" will encompass the history of important physical elements of the church building and the activities the church family undertake to nourish themselves. The church is always open from 9am-5pm Monday-Saturday and everyone is welcome to pop in at any time to enjoy the peace, learn more about the building and the church community and/or to take part in one of these our events. More information is available on the church website – [www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk](http://www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

## Eastwick Schools



It has been my pleasure to lead Eastwick Schools this academic year when, under the most challenging of circumstances, I have seen first hand the incredible community that surrounds Eastwick. When things have been hard, there has been support; when things have been good, there has been celebration.

The generation of pupils currently attending Eastwick are demonstrating how they will, I am sure, be known for years to come as 'the resilient generation'. Life has been tricky for all Bookham residents, young and old, but I am continually inspired by how our young people at Eastwick shake off knocks, challenges and changes, however sudden, and thrive with whatever is available to them. Much credit of course must also go to the Eastwick teachers, support staff and our fantastic parenting community; all have shown grit, determination and devotion to doing what it takes to make school life as normal and exciting for the children as possible. Thank you to all who have welcomed me as I have settled as Head of School at Eastwick. I am incredibly

excited about taking the school forward and working with everybody across the Bookham community. I hope everybody can have a wonderful Summer! Keep safe and keep smiling!

Michael Lowes MA (SEN) BEd (Hons) SLE

Head of School





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