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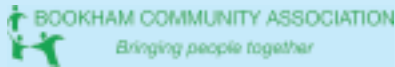
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From the Chairman

Helping the environment

We are delighted that BCA has been approved as a Plastic Free Bookham Community Ally, meaning we have moved away from single use plastic items for our kitchen and cleaning supplies.

- All crockery and cutlery provided to hirers is reusable and does not include single use plastics.
- We buy all supplies in bulk and refill soap dispensers etc. We do not provide washing up liquid as this should be provided by the hirer. Our dishwasher uses bulk bottles which can be refilled. Our paper towels come in paper wrappers inside a cardboard box. Hot air hand driers are provided.
- We provide drinking water in the kitchens and also at 2 marked taps outside to allow people to refill their own bottles.
- We are encouraging users of the hall to consider their use of plastics in their activities.



Dealing with increasing costs

As with everyone we are finding our outgoings increasing. Maintaining a comfortable warm environment in our halls means our energy costs are substantial and will be going up considerably. We have maintained our hiring fees at 2019 levels and, thanks to Government help, reduced fees for our regular users to help them restart after Covid. We have, however, had to make the decision to increase our hiring fees by 15% for the year commencing 1st January 2023. The new rates are available from Roger and on our website.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of members and representatives of Affiliated Organisations of the Bookham Community Association will be held in the Harrison Room at the Old Barn Hall on Wednesday 7th December 2022 commencing at 8pm.

All members of the community are invited and, in accordance with the constitution, affiliated organisations may appoint a representative to attend General Meetings of the Association.

Nominations for the Management Committee or matters to be raised formally at the meeting should be passed to the Hon Secretary, Veronica Hurren 451790 or veronica@hurren.org by 1 December 2022.

Those attending are invited to join us for a glass of wine or soft drink following the meeting.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and happy and peaceful New Year.

Keith Slark keithslark@tiscali.co.uk 01372 457375

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Eastwick Schools

At Eastwick, our Library is at the heart of our school – the children love visiting with their classes and have already borrowed over 1,000 books in the first four weeks of the Autumn Term. Mrs. Brooks, our librarian and learning support assistant and Mrs. Cobb, our French Teacher and ELSA, also run a weekly Book Club which is hugely popular.

Their first session involved turning the Library into an Italian Bistro – complete with table cloths, LED candles, roses and atmospheric background music – where the children were



given book menus and asked to sample different genres at each table.

Based on the children's feedback, the following week saw the Library transformed into Hogwarts for a Harry Potter Theme. Book Club. Members received personalised invitations via Owl Post to attend their session via Platform 9¾, which now covered the doorway to the Library. Once inside, where there were lots of activities for them to choose from, they were greeted by Professor Brooks and Professor Cobb, as well as a special



Magical Creature (Penny the therapy dog).

The following week, Platform 9¾ magically disappeared but was replaced with a doorway of hanging ivy for the children to slip through as the Library became a jungle for wild animals. Tropical butterflies, cuddly gorillas, orangutans, crocodiles and tigers all hid amongst the foliage and books about Rainforests, Reptiles and other Wildlife. The children made butterfly origami and decorated monkey cupcakes whilst Mrs Brooks (dressed as a tiger) read from *The Jungle Book*.

The Library continued to be a fun jungle for the whole of the school to explore for the rest of the week. However, it will keep changing; future themes include Space, Mystery Crimes to Solve and Under the Sea. We are very lucky to be supported greatly by our PTA, The Friends, in keeping our stock updated! We are delighted to see the children engage so enthusiastically and love hearing their excitement when they talk about their Library.

If your child is due to start in Reception or Year 3 in September 2022, please visit our school website (www.eastwickschools.uk) and book

Peter Pan Playschool



At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to our school leavers with our sports day party and picnic and also held our 30th birthday party! We had a bouncy castle and lots of fun and games and it was great to see some past staff members and families popping in to join the celebrations!

In the autumn term the returning children and new starters settled back in really well, and we were straight back into learning through play and building strong relationships with staff and

each other.

We are very fortunate to have strong links with Eastwick Road Church, the home of Peter Pan Playschool, and Lesley led a short harvest service for us which linked really well with our learning about growing and change. Lots of the families brought in donations which the church have taken to the charity Leatherhead Start, and the children were very keen to take their donations into the church.

To develop our learning of growing and harvest further, we made bread rolls, carrot cakes and went to visit Layton's greengrocer in the village where we saw a huge variety of fruit and vegetables. We each bought one to take home and we bought some extra bits for us to eat together at snack time.

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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

We accept Government FEET and FEE funding as well as the extended 30 hours funding. To find out more about us please take a look at our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool and our website www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk Alternatively you can send an email to peterpanplayschool@gmail.com or call us on 07908 018924 and Louise and the staff team will be happy to answer any questions. We are already really filling up for September 2023 so please get in touch soon to arrange a visit.



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The main area is available for event hires such as birthday parties at weekends. However, it also offers an extensive range of indoor activities for all ages; from TinyTalk and baby massage, to children's dance, a wide variety of Pilates classes for all levels of ability, Pole Fitness and Yoga. When hiring you will have access to a well-equipped kitchen and toilet facilities, and we can also provide chairs and tables for up to 60 people. We now have limited download WiFi throughout the building.

The Outer SPACE is a floodlit multi-use games area which hosts fitness sessions, tennis, 5-

aside soccer, netball and basketball. There is access to male & female changing rooms with showers and we can provide goals, nets and hoops.

The new Social SPACE extension is large enough to accommodate meetings, classes and social events for up to 12 people (depending on format), with kitchen facilities and a balcony overlooking the Outer SPACE. The Social SPACE facilities include a stairlift to the first floor and a hearing loop to encourage full accessibility. It is equipped with a projector and interactive whiteboard as aids to teaching and coaching.

We welcome new regular activities. Please see our websites hiring page for further details of the facilities we offer and our prices. Have a look at the calendar pages for availability, then contact us to secure your place.



To find out more about the activities hosted at SPACE please see our website www.southbookhamspace.org.uk. If you would like to hire a venue for your next party, event or meeting please email us hire.southbookhamspace@gmail.com We look forward to you joining us.

Natasha Matthews

Bookham Residents' Association (BRA)



BRA becomes a Plastic Free Bookham Community Ally

The BRA is delighted to show their support for the Plastic Free Bookham Project (PFB) by becoming a Community Ally. Normally such allies would pledge to remove three pieces of single use plastic but, since they do not have any to remove, they have achieved

accreditation by:

- Hosting the PFB generated 'Reduce, reuse and recycle around Bookham' search tool

<https://recycle.bookhamresidents.org.uk>) and providing the IT development and support behind it

- Promoting PFB and Refill activities via their twice yearly newsletter and social media
- Organising the monthly litter-pick in the village.

If you run a local organisation or business and would like to join PFB on their plastic free journey, have a look at their website plasticfreebookham.org.uk to see what is involved. Contact them at pfcbookham@gmail.com or Facebook (@plasticfreebookham)



The Meeting Place



Our Coffee Shop becomes more popular and busier on Saturday mornings with up to 40 people coming through the doors between 10am and 12 noon. There is a great atmosphere and we try to have time to talk to our customers. Alongside this the Ukrainian Support Group meets most Saturdays in the lounge. There are still new refugees coming and they meet up with others from their own country as well as get support and information. As a team at coffee shop, we can be quite stretched and would always welcome new people to join us. Come and see us!

The Language Hub After some informal classes for Ukrainians in the summer break the new term started in September. Beginners Classes meet at Mole Valley Skills Hub in Leatherhead on Tuesdays. Classes are 11am-12.30pm and 1pm-2.30pm. The Intermediate also meet on Tuesdays on Zoom 10.00-11.30am. With extra classes running the Language Hub would be

interested in hearing from any qualified ESOL teachers who would like to volunteer with us, as well as anyone happy to help in the classroom.

Lipreading restarted on Monday mornings 9.30-11am on zoom with our professional teacher. There is space in the class for new members who would like to learn or brush up their skills in lipreading.

The Anna Chaplaincy and Anna Friends put on a couple of wonderful days in August entitled "Holiday at Home". These were fantastic for older people unable to get away on holiday



and there was a great atmosphere of being at the seaside.

During the autumn there will be some Wednesday meetings in Bookham Library where professionals will be available to give advice. On 7th December there will be a simple carol service for older people who would prefer a short service, starting with refreshments at 10.30am

The Community Fridge continues receiving fresh goods to prevent them going to landfill. The fridge runs at St Mary's Fetcham 10-11am on Mondays (excluding Bank Holidays) and at Bookham Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays 11:15-12:15 and Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am.

For more information on all areas of our outreach in the local community either ring our mobile, 07425 133431, go to our website www.themeetingplace.org.uk or facebook page www.facebook.com/The-Meeting-Place-Bookham-373334882842124



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The last big change was in 1885 when the Victorians remodeled it to suit their style of worship. However, we are now in the 21st Century and parts of it 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 inflexible.

We are excited to build on what we have inherited and create a building which better suits the needs of today's church and community and that:

- Is warmer in winter – with a new, more efficient heating system that reduces our carbon footprint.
- Is accessible to those with restricted mobility and anyone with children in pushchairs.
- Is a flexible space – with comfortable chairs rather than pews so that it can be used for a wide range of church and community events.
- Has a better located font, reduced in height to make it safer and so that children gathered round can see the baptism.
- Respects the history of our ancient and much-loved building. Key elements of the church's past will be preserved. We will retain the Victorian chancel, the memorials,

the organ, the ancient screens and the fragments of Jacobean carving.

It is our aim to make everyone in the village feel that this is a space that they can use. If you belong to a village organisation that might like to use the church for an exhibition or community event we would like to hear from you at btff@stnicolasbookham.org.uk.

We have the funds in place to pay for the initial building work. However, we need help to complete the transformation of the interior, with redecoration of the walls and, potentially, the cleaning of our beautiful stained glass windows. If you would like to contribute financially you can make a donation or 'sponsor a chair' at £250 each, either on your own or with a local group or with friends. All donors will, if they wish, be recorded in a special book rather than on plaques.

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Polesden Lacey Infant School



We got off to a wonderful start of the new academic year in September. Our new Reception children had had an opportunity to spend four afternoons with us in June and July getting to know our school and their teachers. This makes everything seem a little more familiar once they begin. It is amazing to see how quickly the children settle, make new friends and learn. One of the highlights of their week is their Forest School afternoon in the

school's wonderful woodland and orchard. It is not only the Reception class that benefit from a weekly afternoon in the woods. All of the children pull on their waterproofs and wellies to go up into the trees and meet around the fire hexagon (site of fires and hot chocolate at the end of many sessions). Our Forest School leader inspires, challenges and guides the children to explore, work together, problem solve and take risks whilst having fun outside in the woodlands.

During the autumn term, we not only settled into the rhythm on being back in school but also had some fun baking apple crumble, being super heroes, scientists, engineers and artists. Just before half term, we held a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths week. Our children in Year 1 and Year 2 were able to build and programme Lego models to make a fair ground. It was amazing



to see how quickly they learnt what they needed to do and to see the joy in their faces at what they were able to achieve.

We are looking forward to see what the next few terms bring for us and our children at Polesden Lacey Infant School.

If you want to know more of what we do please check out our website: <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/>

Mole Valley WI

Mole Valley WI has had a busy summer with plenty of opportunity to enjoy the fabulous weather. Of course, in all our activities home-made cake has been a feature!

Our garden clubs have been "out and about" including a visit to a private garden in Westhumble and a guided tour around Plant Passion (a local sustainable flower farm). It has been a productive time on our allotment which is tended by members of the groups.

The rambling group has been walking weekly

enjoying our beautiful Surrey countryside.

Our meetings have been varied and entertaining. We have had tales of mythological Kings and Princesses (some with an unexpected twist), a summer picnic where we were entertained by a local guitarist and heard about life as a paramedic.

Our Autumn Bazaar was on 8th October in Fetcham Village Hall.

Mole Valley WI meet on the second

Tuesday of each month in Fetcham Village Hall and visitors are always welcome. You can find out more by visiting our website at www.molevalleywi.chessck.co.uk.



Bookham Stamp Club



www.bookhamstampclub.com

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

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

Sell your stamp collection

We are interested in purchasing unwanted collections, but at the moment there is a temporary suspension of this "service" until a replacement is found for our former Trading Secretary who has retired. Nevertheless, please contact the Secretary Barry Feltham for the latest by email and he will return your enquiry: secretary@bookhamstampclub.com

Become a member

If you are new to stamp collecting or want to renew your hobby come along to one of our meetings, you will be warmly welcomed by up to 50 plus members that attend each meeting. But if you wish to find out more before attending contact our Membership Secretary Fred Mitchell on 01372 374614, or look at our website www.bookhamstampclub.com

Our recent meetings

In July our speaker was David Sumpter displaying his collection of Gibraltar telling us the brief history through a collection of a variety of covers, airmails and stamps, from the

first issue in 1886 up to the 1950s.

Forty members had an enjoyable August meeting where they were asked to display up to 5 pages of anything to do with 'Air Travel'. The judging for this display and November's will go towards the new Roy Gilbert Cup that will be handed out in December. September brought us Tony Hickey (photo) and his superb display on German Propaganda from 1919-1939, with some wonderful material. October brought us our annual auction.

Our upcoming meetings

Tuesday 22 November – Members' Displays – Most Interesting Item

Wednesday 21 December – Christmas Meeting, including Lunch and Raffle.

Tuesday 24 January – TBA

Tuesday 28 February – Fred Hoadly - Switzerland

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

**Barry Feltham
Hon. Secretary**

Great Bookham Belles WI



The summer term came to a lovely finale for Great Bookham Belles WI with a social event in the beautiful grounds of Manor House School. Our members had the opportunity to have a taster of some of our very successful subgroups and to sign up for some newly created groups.

The walking netball group Netbelles encouraged members to take part in a goal shoot out competition with the winner being presented with a bottle of fizz. Netbelles did some amazing fundraising for Deborah James' Bowel Babe Foundation during the summer term and with their efforts plus very generous refreshment donations we have raised over £600.

During the evening our President, Amanda Edge, also presented Tim Caffell, the CEO of Leatherhead Theatre our charity of the year, with a cheque for £2,050 following our incredibly successful Murder, Mystery evening fundraiser.

Our choir Decibelles also entertained us with several songs they had been learning during the term. Members were also invited to join several new subgroups – a new book group and a second craft group, a cycling group and a coffee and friendship group. The committee are very grateful to members who co-ordinate these groups, as we are such a large WI many members find these groups are the way to make new and firm friendships.

As a mark of respect to the Queen we cancelled our September meeting due to take place on the evening of her funeral but are now raring to continue our monthly meetings for this academic year. Our programme is planned and

has an exciting variety of speakers, craft evenings, a quiz and social evenings.

Our existing subgroups are back in force as well as the groups mentioned previously. Members are enjoying book clubs, craft groups, a film and cinema group, a gardening group and a walking group. The environment group meets regularly and our Cleaning Ambassadors continue to clear litter from the streets of Bookham on a monthly basis.

We are currently full with a waiting list but welcome visitors to our monthly meetings (usually the 3rd Monday of the month). Please email contactbelleswi@gmail.com for information.



Bookham Country Market



It's your local market - it's thriving and Christmas is coming!

Thanks to all our regular customers, and the new faces we greet each week, your local Friday market is thriving. We are here from 10am to 12 Noon every Friday morning in the Old Barn Hall, and with Christmas on the way now is the time to visit to pick up, or order, some early presents or supplies.

In September we held a MacMillan Cancer Care fundraising day and you did us proud. Together we raised £555 to be donated to the charity through a combination of wonderful cream teas supplied by volunteer cooks and a prize draw of 20 wonderful prizes donated by our suppliers and helpers.

On Saturday morning, 26th November, there will be a special pre-Christmas market. A wide range of high quality hand-made craft products will be available – Cards, Jewellery, Pottery, Wood, Pewter, Decorations and many other articles that have been lovingly created by our highly skilled home craft makers.

If you want some specialty cheeses to make up a present we have some award winning varieties straight from the Dairy. Or you might like to give a bottle of gin made from raw Honey. Our local gin maker, based in Fetcham will be at this market, but is also at the Friday market on the 4th Friday of each month.

On Fridays you can order a Christmas Cake or mince pies to be collected later, and we have artisan breads without any chemicals. There are homemade preserves of all kinds and local Bookham honey, great stocking fillers.

If you want that special joint from our range of grass fed lamb, pork or beef, just tell us now

and we will have it available for collection later.

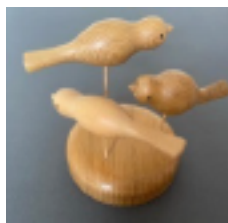
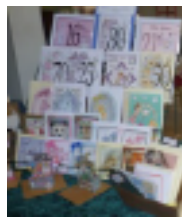
Having done your shopping, relax in the coffee shop, maybe with friends, and enjoy a Fairtrade coffee or Teapigs tea with a slice of homemade Cake



The market is run by volunteers and is a valuable community activity providing a venue for social interaction, income for the BCA to help the upkeep of the Old Barn Hall and a source of high quality, locally produced products for its' customers.

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

Contact us at bookhammarket@gmail.com
07836 646456



Bookham Bees WI



Well, Bookham Bees WI has been very busy buzzing around this summer. We have entertained several extremely interesting speakers, including a talk from an ex-flight captain telling us about

his adventures around the world and how air traffic control controls all those flights criss-crossing in the sky.

Despite the holiday season we still met in August but with a more casual approach – 'Prosecco on the Green'. We had an amazing turnout when we played games, chatted and enjoyed nibbles and a tippie together on the field behind the Old Barn Hall. It was a

delightful warm summer's evening and we all watched the beautiful sunset as the evening ended.

Another talk was from the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service entitled 'Home and Fire Safety'. A real eye opener for every one of us and delivered with so much passion. We all went home, switched off our appliances at the plug and now close all the doors before going out!. A talk to which everyone should listen.

During the summer we met up for picnics, had many garden visits and lots of walks. Bookham Bees is a very active group with five walking groups, some longer than others, some faster than others! But the Bees also have a few physical activities to which everyone is welcome.

Every week there is some activity or other being organised by one of the Bees' groups. Coffee mornings, pub evenings, walks, bridge, sewing, knitting and crochet, family history, theatre visits and gardening.

The Garden Group had an especially challenging summer but within the group guidance and help was on hand with a very

active WhatsApp group. Once vegetables and fruit were being harvested lots was distributed to other members as well as to The Community Fridge, so nothing went to waste.

The Bees look forward to a busy season ahead with fascinating speakers booked for 2023, along with many theatre visits and lots of other exciting plans.

New members are always welcome. Bookham Bees WI meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 for 7.45pm in The Old Barn Hall, Bookham.

Further information from
dianagreenman@gmail.com



Prosecco on The Green



A Visit to a Bees' Garden With Tea and Cake!

Bookham Baptist Church



women leader visitors of Sal da Terra Noventa church, Goiania, Brazil enjoy the best of Surrey Hills

We have been blessed as a church to welcome a number of newcomers throughout this year, some of whom joined other regulars and completed the membership course to become a member of Bookham Baptist Church.

Our youth continue to enjoy annual beach days, bouncy castle events, Summer festivals and wide games nights throughout the year and look forward to a Christmas secret Santa shopping day this December. All year groups 7 – 11 are welcome each Friday plus there is a smaller group of year 11 – 13s who meet up at 'The Hub'

in a variety of locations each Monday. Email youth@bookhambaptist.org for further details.

As proud winners of the A Rocha Eco Church Bronze Award this Autumn we celebrated The Great Big Green Week – a UK wide celebration of community action to tackle climate change. We enjoyed two special 'Climate Care' services and also invited the church community and local schools to 'Repurpose a Heart' for Climate Change and to take part in a community clear up. The children of Rainbow Pre-school created some beautiful pieces which helped our building stand out like a great green beacon.

Bookham Baptist Church has a number of strong international partnerships. This season we have been fortunate to welcome 12 lady leaders of Sal da Terra Noventa church, Goiania, Brazil. The group stayed locally with church family members and enjoyed the best of Bookham, sharing their own stories of faith and encouragement at an evening service.

As the nights draw in and temperature drops we begin to look towards Christmas and all of the celebrations it brings. We look forward to four special services here at BBC the first of which is our popular Contemporary Carol Service at 6pm on 11th December. Then there is our more traditional Carol Service on 18th December at 7pm; Our Holy night Mass at 11pm on Christmas Eve and finally our Christmas Morning Celebration Service at 10am. Visit our Website for a full list of services and events www.bookhambaptist.org.



Community clear-up for Great Big Green Week

Cancer Chat Cafe



Cancer Chat Café was launched in May this year by Nigel Lewis-Baker and Chris Boughey as a local support group for anyone with a cancer experience or interested in knowing more about cancer and current research. We previously created Topic of Cancer that has since grown into a large charity based in Guildford raising awareness and funds for our own research team as well as fitness classes

and a choir. CCC meets three times a month in varied venues and times to try and provide access for people in consideration of their work commitments and interests.

On the second Wednesday of the month we meet at The Old Barn Hall between 3-5pm for refreshments and general chat with others who fully understand where we are coming from, and an opportunity to share experiences, with an occasional guest speaker. Nigel is able

to reflect on his own 18 year journey since diagnosis and the wonderful career it opened up for him. No booking required and no entrance fee, although donations are always welcome. The third Wednesday sees us at the bar in The Plough in Effingham from 7.30pm and the fourth Wednesday afternoon is held back at The Plough from 3pm for a cream tea courtesy of George and Ewa for which we are so grateful. We have a limit of 20 places so book early at chair@cancerchatcafe.org.uk.

Bookham Butterflies WI



The winning team "The Pixies" at the charity quiz.

In September Bookham Butterflies held its first big charity quiz night since before the pandemic, raising a magnificent £782 for The Princess Alice Hospice. Nine tables of members, family, friends and some visiting WIs battled it out in the Old Barn Hall, with The Pixies (pictured) coming out the victorious team.

A huge thanks to the following local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle on the night: Ken Davey Butchers, Ron Fowler Fishmongers, Layton's Greengrocers, Carolina's Coffee Shop, The Vineries Garden Centre, DiCarlo's Hairdressers, Moody Tom and William Dyer Delicatessen.

Meanwhile the Butterflies are helping to maintain two flower beds on Bookham High Street. In August members planted begonias, which are to be replaced over the coming months with permanent shrubs, perennials and bulbs.

Bookham Butterflies WI plus guests enjoyed a long-awaited visit this summer to the Strictly Come Dancing Costume Department at DSI London in Croydon. The trip was originally planned for 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic. We enjoyed a wonderful behind the scenes tour and learnt how the dedicated team at DSI works very long hours to get the Strictly outfits ready for dress rehearsals on a Friday morning.

Our "Coffee and Chat" group started meeting again during the summer. The simple concept is that members meet up once a month on the first Monday to enjoy coffee and a chat at different local cafes. So far the group has met at Denbies Vineyard, the Vineries Garden Centre, Loolabels outdoor café and Layla's in



Bookham Butterflies WI's Exploring Gardens group visit Knowle Grange in Shere

Effingham. The Exploring Gardens group has also had a busy few months visiting Bridge End Cottage in Ockham, Oaklands Farm in Shipley and Knowle Grange in Shere.

Recent speakers at our monthly meetings have talked about bees, growing up in London's East End and travels in a campervan! In the run up to Christmas we are looking forward to celebrating both the festive season and the Butterflies' 8th birthday, with a party at the Old Barn Hall.

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

Bookham Flower Club

Bookham Flower Club's busy programme for the year continued in July, when there was a demonstration by Jennifer Thompson, a MasterFlorist, entitled 'Moments in Time'. She produced a varied collection of floral art illustrating particular moments in time including a hand-tied bouquet framed with diamond-cut wire and a metal clock face surmounted with an arrangement of flowers.

Also in July two members, Stella Phipps and Ann Lillywhite, placed their arrangement in the Lady Chapel of Guildford Cathedral on behalf of the club. August brought members



Guildford Cathedral arrangement by Stella Phipps and Ann Lillywhite

together at a cream tea party in a member's garden on a beautiful hot day.

Susan Shaw was the demonstrator in September, her title being Chasing Rainbows. She told some lovely stories of her experiences of rainbows, particularly at Niagara Falls, and included some mantras and quotes such as "Feel the Fear - and 'Do it Anyway'" - the title of Susan Jeffers' book. Her flowers were beautiful and lasted a long time as the writer, who won an arrangement in the raffle, can testify. She also told us about the Art Trail, staged in Maidstone by the local Hospice, which featured models of Elmer the Elephant beautifully decorated by various artists, one of which featured a rainbow.

The Wisley Show was supported by members who stewarded at the NAFAS marquee and at which Sue Slark was awarded a second place in a class entitled "Where have all the flowers gone?"

The Surrey Area Show, open to the public, was held at the De Vere Estate Hotel, Horsley



Sue Slark's entry at the Wisley Show

Towers on 30th October and several members entered. The club has been pleased to welcome several new members this year and still has room for more. Contact:- bookhamflowerclub@gmail.com

Old Barn Hall Jazz Club

The Old Barn Hall Jazz Club continues to thrive and we would be delighted should you care to visit us one coming Sunday. We meet at the Old Barn Hall, 55 Church Road each Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm, and are highly rated nationwide for having top quality bands available who play New Orleans traditional style jazz.

We draw regular support from both local people and others from around the home counties, some even further afield. Great Bookham is a good catchment area for our

generation of music lovers that followed this style of jazz from the 60s up to the present day and hopefully for other generations as well.

Our local helpers are led by Graham who has recently taken over as team leader following the semi-retirement of experienced organiser Mick Welstead who, together with his wife Irene, has led our group for the past 18 years. Many thanks Mick! There is no membership fee to join our club so pop in any time on a Sunday when the music starts at 1 pm (entrance fee £12).

Sunday Calendar of Events

Nov 27th Jake Leg Jug Band

Dec 4th Southern Revival New Orleans Jazz Band

Dec 11th San Jacinto Jazz Band

Dec 18th Golden Eagle Jazz Band

Feb 5th Golden Eagle Jazz Band

Feb 12th Southern Revival New Orleans Jazz Band

Feb 19th New Orleans Jazz Bandits

For further information please contact Mick Welstead Tel: 01444 243745 or mickywelstead@gmail.com

Bookham Camera Club

The Bookham Camera Club is back in the Eastwick Road Church Hall after a summer break. It almost feels back to normal as members reconnected after two years of Zoom and "Hybrid" meetings. We kicked off the season with a "people's choice" competition, where members brought in a printed photograph of their choice and we all voted on our favourite. Monica Weller, FRPS, also awarded the "Weller Cup" to her favourite image, selecting White Cosmos by Martina Bennelick as the outstanding image of the evening. Gordon Roots, the Club's longest-standing member at 40 years, also awarded a special cup for 'most improved photographer'

to Geoff Martin. A fun and social evening was enjoyed by the members and was a great start to the 2022-2023 season.

So far this season we have featured the Urban Photography of Jerry Webb, who presented his Brighton and South Coast images. A terrific presentation by an accomplished photographer inspired many club members to venture out and try the techniques Jerry demonstrated.

In addition to fun competitions and professional speakers, the Club also offers members 'practical workshops' as we did with our recent Printing your images session.

Members were able to visit stations run by expert club members demonstrating 'getting your digital image ready to print, selecting and using the right paper and printer, mounting your prints for display and producing professional-looking matts to best show off your prints'.

The Bookham Camera Club meets every Thursday evening from 7:45 pm through 10:00 pm. Please stop by a meeting or contact our Membership Secretary, Gary Margetts [gazza294@hotmail.com] if you would like more information about the Club.

Randal Tajer, Chairman, Bookham Camera Club

Bookham Seniors Computer Club



Bookham Seniors Computer Club (BSCC) has been busy refurbishing the club's unwanted laptops and some donated by its members to pass on to refugee Ukrainian families living in Bookham and the surrounding area. The laptops, which prior to passing on are cleaned of all Apps and data files are permanently deleted, will be used to help the Ukrainian families and their children study, work and learn English.

The club started its autumn term programme with its AGM at Little Bookham Village Hall on Friday 9 September 2022 where it reviewed

the events of last year, its accounts and elected officials for the forthcoming year. Members were invited to suggest topics from which the term's programme has been finalised. This is now available on the club's website at bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk along with minutes of the AGM.

Meetings are held on Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00 at Little Bookham Village Hall (except the first Friday in the month which will be held via Zoom). During the AGM it was agreed that annual membership for the year 2022/23 will cost £25 with no additional charges for attending any of the sessions which includes tea, coffee and biscuits during a mid-morning break. The autumn term will conclude with its Christmas party on Friday 9 December 2022 which will include the traditional infamous and fiendish Christmas and Technology Quiz.

The club runs informal sessions where you can get help with any problem you are having or questions that you have about PCs, tablets or smartphones. These are free to members and are held at Little Bookham Village Hall on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month (except August) from 14.30 to 16.30.

The committee also provides help to its members by email, telephone and occasionally by remote connection with answers to questions, advice and solutions to computer related problems. It keeps its members up-to-date, including details of the term's programme, via email and its website.

The club welcomes new members. If you are interested in finding out more about BSCC phone Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604 or visit our website bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk.

Bookham Rifle Club – its origins



In order to keep enthusiasm going, and with the active encouragement of the Territorial Army and War Office, many Home Guard rifle clubs were formed, and Bookham H.G.R.C. came into official being at the first committee meeting held on 26th February 1943 at the Victoria Hotel. The village of perhaps 1500 souls in 1939 had doubled in population with evacuees, refugees, and the Canadian soldiers. The Victoria Hotel then at the village crossroads, became the Home Guard headquarters, and the land on the other side of the Guildford Road was the Grove Estate owned by Madam Haywood. The butts were the walls of an old greenhouse and from memory, there were three firing points in the open. If it rained, one got wet, The Grove range closed at the end of April 1952, and so ended

an era.

In early 1952, an offer of the walled garden of Thorncroft Manor was made by the Leatherhead Council, at a nominal rent, if it could also be used by the other clubs in the area.

The original lease was granted to the Leatherhead and District Rifle Club but, upon the collapse of the Leatherhead club, Bookham Rifle Club stepped in. This was 1953 - and with the help of tremendous locally sourced skills the club was up and running in 2 years.

Over many years of club successes at all ranges and all shooting disciplines, many competition cups, shields and trophies were started that are all able to be won by today's members, just showing how rich our heritage is.

1959 was the point where all ranges were open and County, national and international successes followed. Over the years much construction, rebuilds and extensions took place - suffering floods and storms in between. The biggest development made was from 2012 where a new clubhouse and indoor range was to be built. David Sprigg was

instrumental to this redevelopment, having secured the necessary funding from various sources to enable us to rebuild. The resulting facility is now regarded as one of the best in the south east of England.

The Club were very saddened by the loss of David in 2021, He had been battling cancer for some time. David was such an enthusiastic member of the Club having first joined at the age of 9, then re-joining the Club later in life.

David was passionate about teaching and introducing young people to the sport of shooting. Having founded the Stagecoach school of performing arts and, using that as his model, he co-founded with Jeanette Leviers, The Target Shooting School to teach your people the sport of shooting. It is a testament to David's enthusiasm that the School has grown in a very short time from one venue at the Club to ten throughout Surrey, Sussex and Kent.

In honour of David we invited his wife Dee and members of his family to the AGM in June so that Dee could officially unveil the new David Sprigg Clubhouse

John Buckley



Bookham Bowling Club

The 2022 season has ended with a resounding success for our ladies teams!

The ladies captain Jane Fiducia stated: 'The ladies played Cheam Fields in the final of the "Past Times" competition on September 17th on neutral ground at Wallington BC and we won overall 50 - 34!' The team are pictured with the winner's cup.

"Not only that but the ladies put 2 teams of 9 players into the Surrey Advertiser League and came top and 3rd in our area. We then played the winners in 2 other areas and came third. Just for good measure we have won the Mid

Surrey League for the second year running!"

The men were unlucky in most of the external competitions entered but there is always next year said the outgoing captain Steve Mullins.

The internal competitions held throughout the season produced a new ladies champion – Jane Fiducia and a new men's champion Paul Davis. The trophies were awarded by club president Janice Begent.

Sadly our marvellous green must now be renovated for next year and the club goes into hibernation until April. During this period there will be bridge nights, bingo and quiz



nights and the infamous "cheese straw" darts league. Short mat is also played in the clubhouse on a Saturday afternoon.

See our website: www.bookhambowls.co.uk.

Bookham Choral Society

At the beginning of September, rehearsals resumed for Bookham Choral Society. After a long summer break everyone was really looking forward to singing again. It was also wonderful to welcome several new members this term.

We are busy rehearsing for our November Concert, which this year, will be held in The Leatherhead Parish Church on Saturday 12th November at 7.30 pm. Our conductor, Richard Rollins has chosen a programme of works, both new and old, that perfectly reflect

the meaning of the Remembrance Weekend. The title of the concert is 'I Believe in the Sun'. This little phrase was scratched onto a wall in Auschwitz by a Jewish prisoner and is the ultimate expression of hope and optimism. There will also be works by Paul Carr and Brahms, Mozart, Rheinberger and Mendelssohn. For this concert, we will be accompanied by a string ensemble.

Immediately after the Concert, we will begin rehearsals for our very popular Christmas Carol Concert which will be held in St Nicolas

Church, Bookham on Tuesday 13th December. We hope to see you all there, to partake in wine and mince pies and to help us finish the year on a joyful note!

If you want to contact us or are interested in joining us, please visit our website on: <https://www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk/>

May I end by wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Cheryl Mendham

Pantomime is back in Bookham!!!

As things in the community are returning to business as usual, POSE are delighted to announce that WE ARE BACK and we invite you all to Bookham's very own pantomime in January 2023.

POSE is a Bookham based drama group who have performed a pantomime at The Old Barn Hall for the last thirty years – possibly more, but who's counting! We continue to stick with the traditional family pantomime format, suitable for everyone and although the stories we have told recently have been a little different, this year we return to the well-loved story of 'Aladdin' by Ben Crocker.

The story is set in Egypt where Aladdin lives with his brother Sidney and their mother Gertie along with Sidney's monkey Bibi. When they run into the Princess Jasmine in the bazaar, Aladdin is arrested by the Empress for daring to speak to the Princess. The evil Abanazar saves Aladdin but takes him off to the desert to find a magic lamp in The Pyramid That Isn't There! When Aladdin is stranded inside the Pyramid, it's up to the Genie of the

Lamp to save the day and get him back to his family and Princess Jasmine in Cairo.

Please come along and support your local drama group and join us for lots of fun and laughter as we follow our friends into the desert, back to Cairo and narrowly avoid the consequences of Abanazar's love potion.

Aladdin is at The Old Barn Hall on Fridays 20th & 27th January 2023 at 7.45pm and Saturdays 21st & 28th January 2023 at 2.30pm and

6.30pm.


TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW £10 adults, £8 children and seniors, £35 Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children/seniors) – please call the Box Office on 01372 454001 or 01372 458254 or visit John Wadsworth Estate Agents, Church Road, Bookham. Group rates are available for parties of 10 and birthday groups can be arranged.



POSE presents the pantomime

Aladdin

By Ben Crocker
By arrangement with Ben Crocker Pantomimes



Box Office
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01372 468254

At The Old Barn Hall
Church Road
Bookham
On Friday 20th & 27th January 2023 at 7.45pm
Saturday 21st & 28th January 2023 at 2.30pm & 6.30pm

Tickets Adults £10 & Seniors and Children £8
Family ticket £35 (2 Adults and 2 concessions)

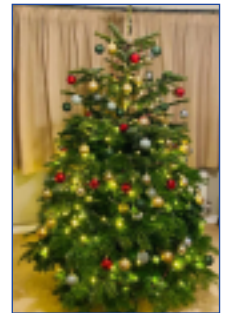
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| WEDNESDAY 14TH | EFFINGHAM 5:00PM TO 7:30PM Norwood Road, Strathcona Avenue, Links Way, Orchard Gardens |
| FRIDAY 16TH | BOOKHAM 5:00PM TO 7:30PM Lower Shott, Newenham Rd, Overton Way, White Way, Beales Road |
| SUNDAY 18TH | BOOKHAM 4:00PM TO 6:00PM Hawkwood Rise, The Lorne, Middlemead Road, Sole Farm Avenue |
| TUESDAY 20TH | EFFINGHAM 5:00PM TO 7:30PM Leewood Way, The Street, Home Farm, Browns Lane, Beech Close |
| THURSDAY 22ND | BOOKHAM 5:00PM TO 7:30PM Barn Meadow Lane, Merrylands Road, Twelve Acre Close, Oaks Lane |

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Dear All...

On behalf of the churches in Bookham, I would like to welcome you to our services over Christmas. As always, our churches will provide a rich variety, celebrating the birth of Jesus with joy, hope and creativity. Come along and take a little time to wonder at the extraordinary gift at the heart of Christmas.

Rev Steve Elmes- Chairman, Churches Together in Bookham

St Nicolas Church

Sunday December 18th 6.30pm A service of Christmas readings and carols reflecting the joy of Christmas
 Christmas Eve 3.00pm Crib Service, especially suitable for those aged 7 and under
 Christmas Eve 4.30 pm AND 6.00pm A service of Carols and Readings suitable for older children and adults
 Christmas Day 8.00am A 40-minute celebration of Holy Communion based on the Book of Common Prayer
 Christmas Day 10.00am An all-age service of comfort and joy with celebration of Communion

For details go to www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk/

Bookham Baptist Church

Sunday, 11th December 6.00pm The Six Contemporary Carol Service
 Sunday 18th December 7.00pm Christmas Carol Service
 Christmas Eve 11.15pm Holy Night Service
 Christmas Day 10.00am All Age Service

Visit www.bookhambaptistchurch.org for details or check out our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/BookhamBaptist

Catholic Parish of Effingham and Fetcham. Christmas Masses

Effingham: Christmas Eve 6.00pm, Christmas Day 9.00am
 Fetcham: Christmas Eve 9.00pm, Christmas Day 10.30am

See website www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk for updated information.

Eastwick Road Church (United Reformed)

Sunday December 18th 10.30am A service of Readings with Carols followed by coffee/tea & mince pies
 Christmas Day 10.30am A short service to celebrate Christmas followed by mulled wine

More details of services available online go to www.bookhamurc.org.uk

St Lawrence Church, Effingham

Sunday December 11th 4.00pm Christingle Service
 Sunday December 18th 6.00pm Village Carol Service
 Tuesday December 20th 7.00pm At All Saints Little Bookham, Blue Christmas Service
 Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service
 Christmas Eve 11.00pm Midnight Mass
 Christmas Day 10.00am At All Saints Little Bookham, Christmas Day Family Service

For full details of how to attend and of more events go to www.effinghamwithlittlebookhamparish.org.uk



Anna Chaplaincy in Bookham and district was launched in September 2021 specifically to provide spiritual support and care to elderly folk who have become isolated through physical and cognitive frailty. Our Carol Service will be held on December 7th at Eastwick Road Church at 11am with refreshments from 10.30am. For more information contact Anne at ac@themeetingplace.org.uk, or phone 07518 735729



Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

Jennifer Smitheman.

Our Summer Show on the 16th July was such a celebration after missing out for 2 years! It was well supported with good attendance and an amazing number of entries, considering what a dry, hot year it had been.

The beautiful Tithe Barn in Little Bookham was once again a riot of colour with attractive flowers, produce, flower arranging, crafts, jams and baked goods. To complete the scene, there were delicious cream teas served in antique crockery.

Thanks again to the Nicholls family for allowing us to use this wonderful venue and also thanks to the judges who give us so much of their time and expertise. It is wonderful bringing together local skills, and is not only beautiful but very inspirational. There are so many things we can learn from others and try ourselves, perhaps even for next year's show.

We conclude the year with the AGM and fun activities on 28th November.

If you would like to find out more about this society and activities please contact Angela Stevens on 01372 456713 or craigrjstevens@btinternet.com



Beautiful produce with Alex Maskell's onions and Gail Diprose's planter which were best exhibits in show.



Floral exhibits.

Girl Guiding – Leatherhead Division



Volunteer leaders from Girlguiding - Leatherhead Division at Scoutabout

The main event for local Guides this summer was the long-awaited chance to go to the Scoutabout weekend at the Ardingly Showground.

Postponed from July 2020, over 100 Guides and leaders from Leatherhead Division

boarded coaches to Ardingly on Friday 1st July. More than half this number was the contingent of Bookham Guides and Leaders.

Arriving on site at around 6pm, with the camp already set up, the festival atmosphere was apparent. Our group had a quick bite to eat, before the evening started with the launch event, when around 5,000 Guides and Scouts came together.

This was followed by a day and a half filled with a huge array of activities from abseiling to caving, archery to kayaking and many crafts and games. A fabulous, if exhausting, time was had by all the Guides and Leaders by the time the closing ceremony came round on Sunday afternoon. We are already looking forward to

the next Scoutabout in 2024!

In other local guiding news - all units have now returned to pre-pandemic activities and made the most of the fabulous weather before the summer break. The number of girls attending our units is growing, but we are in need of new leaders to ensure we can give all girls who want to join us the opportunity to do so.

As leaders, we have fun too and it is a truly fulfilling experience, with everyone making many lifelong friends. This could be you too! Please do contact us on ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com to find out more

Dax Patel

Eastwick WI



Members of Eastwick WI can look back on a happy summer when we took advantage of the long fine days. We visited Leonardslee and enjoyed the beautiful planted hillsides, although the hilly paths were hard work.

The Walking Group toured lesser known areas of Polesden Lacey on one of the hottest days of the year. Another very hot day saw them exploring Headley Heath. It was easier walking on the day they explored The River Wey Navigation.

Also out and about were the Garden Group who had a guided tour of Wisley and a visit to Losely. They enjoyed an afternoon in member Chris's garden, and drove across the county to a stunning NGS garden in Blindley Heath.

Eastwick WI has other social groups. We meet

together to play Mahjong and also Rummikub, we have a book group and a craft group.

We are planning a Christmas lunch at Tyrell's Wood Golf Club, and our Christmas meeting will take place on the evening of Wednesday 21st December.

Eastwick WI meets at The Old Barn Hall at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. You can see details of our activities together with photos of recent events on our website, eastwickwi.chessk.co.uk

Sally Dampney

Hardy Plant Society - Southern Counties Group



Members of the Southern Counties Group all share a passion for plants

and gardens and you don't need to be an expert to join us. We've had some lovely garden visits over the summer and are now starting our 2022/2023 programme of talks on Saturday mornings at The Old Barn Hall in Church Road, Bookham.

Do come as a visitor (£5) to one of our talks and get to know us. We serve free tea and coffee and there is a sale of plants, garden sundries and books.

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| Saturday 19 November (10.00 for 10.45 am) | Talk - Bob Brown will speak on 'Unusual winter flowers'. Fully Booked |
| 2023 | |
| Saturday 14 January (10.00 for 10.45 am) | Talk - Tom Hart Dyke will speak on 'Plant Hunter and Gardener with Passion'. |
| Saturday 11 February (10.00 for 10.45 am) | Talk - Philip Oostenbrink will speak on 'The Gardens at Walmer Castle'. |
| Saturday 11 March (10.00 for 10.45 am) | AGM followed by Talk - Cherrill Sands will speak on 'Women Gardeners of the 20th Century'. |
| Saturday 15 April (10.00 for 10.45 am) | Talk - Andy Pinder will speak on 'Unusual Trees for Small Gardens'. |

For more information, visit our website at <https://www.hps-southerncounties.co.uk/> or email us at info.hps.scg@gmail.com or like us

on Facebook – Hardy Plant Society – Southern Counties Group.

Diane Poole

The Plastic Free Bookham Project



At time of writing we were celebrating just passing the halfway point in our Plastic Free Community Ally project target, with eleven community groups and organisations signed up including the Bookham Community Association!

We're talking to a number of others about things they can do to reduce their consumption of single-use plastic so we're confident of recruiting several more allies in the next few months. If you run a local organisation and would like to join us on our plastic-free journey, have a look at our website plasticfreebookham.org.uk to see what's involved,

or contact us at pfbookham@gmail.com. We're also looking for small-medium independent local businesses to sign up as Plastic Free Business Champions.

We're delighted that Hylands service station has recently opened a refill section selling a range of dry goods, cleaning products and toiletries. If you haven't yet paid them a visit do drop in and check what's on offer. For a wider range of unpackaged goods there's also Greenwise in Fetcham and Eco B in St Martin's Walk, Dorking.

A new business and community-led venture – Dorking Circular Economy was launched in

September with the aim of creating a more sustainable local economy. We're very interested to see how this progresses. You can read about the initiative and the concept of 'doughnut economics' at circulardorking.org.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 (see above). We also share items of environmental interest on the TransitionBookham Facebook page and Twitter account @ttbookham. More environmental information is available at transitionbookham.org.uk

Little Bookham WI



In late summer we joined members from other WI's for the Emlyn Lovelace lunch at Effingham Golf Club. We thank Gill Tutt for once again organising this delightful occasion where we can dine with friends in lovely surroundings without having to worry about the washing up.

This autumn our members have learnt many new skills. For example, to make some

wonderful hats thanks to a marvellous talk 'Hats off to Millinery' by Sophie Fryer. We have also learnt how to jump off a high cliff without breaking all our bones, thanks to Lucy Allen's talk on the 'Highs and lows of a stunt woman's life.'

Our groups have met regularly for knit and natter sessions, flower arranging, coffee and chats as well as some lovely country walks.

The highlight of this season however has to be our visit to Hampton Court Palace. On a lovely warm September day we met our tour guide Sarah Slater for a two hour tour of the palace. Sarah had previously given us a zoom talk about the ghosts at Hampton court and we knew she was an entertaining speaker. We learnt so much! Who would have guessed that in Tudor times the fountain in the courtyard ran with wine not water, amazing! Also that in

the corridor near the chapel where Anne Boleyn heard her fate, many female visitors over the years have felt unwell. In fact one of our members felt faint and needed assistance from the palace first aider. That gave the rest of us food for thought. Once our friend felt better we completed the tour and made our way to the excellent café for lunch. We had time to wander through the lovely gardens and then came across a smart young gentleman in livery. He organised carriage rides through the gardens with the carriage being pulled by two noble, heavy horses. We couldn't resist such a great opportunity to round off a perfect visit.

Our friendly WI meets at Little Bookham Village Hall at 3 O'clock on the third Wednesday of the month.

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
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Rotary, Bookham & Horsley

Lots of activity and events coming up!

Following our very successful Murder Mystery Evening at the Old Barn Hall in September, we had a Bridge Evening in October and the Rotary Bookham Brunch on Saturday 5th November.

We're also arranging two further events, the

Spirit of Christmas in Bookham High Street on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd December and the visits of Father Christmas and his Sleigh that will be taking place around Bookham and Horsley during the run-up to Christmas.

We hope to see you at these events and would like to thank all those who support us, your

contributions enable us to help many people both in the local area and further afield.

For all details visit www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org or contact our secretary Ian Cornwall on iancornwall@aol.com.

Steve Gapper



Father Christmas and his Sleigh coming to a road near you in December 2022

Saturday 3rd Bookham 'Spirit of Christmas' Event 2-5pm

Sunday 11th EAST HORSLEY

Forest Road, High Park Ave, Nightingale Rd, The Ridings

Wednesday 14th EFFINGHAM

Norwood Rd. Strathcona Ave. Links Way, Orchard Gardens

Friday 16th BOOKHAM

Lower Shott, Newenham Rd, Overton Way, White Way, Beales Rd

Sunday 18th BOOKHAM

Hawkwood Rise, The Lorne, Middlemead Rd, Sole Farm Ave

Tuesday 20th EFFINGHAM

Leewood Way, The Street, Home Farm, Browns Lane, Beech Close,

Thursday 22nd BOOKHAM

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

Juniper Hall celebrates 75 years



The Friends of Juniper Hall held a double celebration on 3rd September to recognise the 75th Anniversary of Juniper Hall as a Field Study Centre and to open the new pond constructed with the aid of donations from the Friends.

The event was attended by Friends, invited guests and staff who were treated to an excellent afternoon tea and entertained by a local band, the Surrey Pumas.

The Chairman, Mavis Peart, welcomed guests and reflected on the importance of the Centre

as a place where young people could learn about the natural world. David Streeter, President, also spoke about the history and development of the Centre.

Juniper Hall, at the foot of Box Hill, will be familiar to local residents. It is part of a national organisation – the Field Studies Council (FSC) – which is an environmental education charity providing information and enjoyable opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to discover, explore and understand the environment.

The pond will be a valuable additional resource to this very popular venue which provides a large variety of courses for hundreds of students of all ages each year. The Friends was set up to help raise funds to enhance the facilities over and above what is provided by the FSC who finance and carry out the major works.

The first venture, completed in 1993, was the Coach House project which converted the 18th century building into two new



classrooms with accessible facilities for people with disabilities, dark room, staff room and study rooms. Since then many other projects funded by the Friends have been completed.

The Friends raise money by holding events during the year, mainly lectures including lunches, always a convivial occasion! The Christmas lunch with wine even more so!

We are always looking for new members so please consider joining us. You can find out more by contacting the Friends Secretary, Suzy Hughes by post c/o Juniper Hall, Old London Road, Mickleham RH5 6DA or by email friendsofjuniperhall@gmail.com.

Bookham Litter Picking Group

Our group meets on the first Sunday of every month at 11am at Lower Shott car park. Equipment is provided and places to litter-pick are allocated. New members are warmly welcomed. (You don't have to come every month!) We collect litter for an hour or so.

There are also many "Womblers" who litter-pick in certain areas, often near their homes,

at times to suit them. We are able to provide the necessary equipment. Also, different people help at various times eg students doing their service section of their D. of E. Award, Cubs, Brownies and Guides and members of different churches.

The amount of litter we are finding has really decreased. A huge THANK YOU to all who help

to make the Bookhams such a lovely place to live.

If you would like more information about how you might be able to help with our litter picking, please contact litterpicking@bookhamresidents.org.

Margaret Lawson

Mole Valley Runners



Members at Mole Valley Runners continue to have lots of fun while also keeping themselves fit.

The club has continued to offer around 9 sessions per week. The runs range in ability from plodders to steady to continuous, with distances varying from 5k, to 8k or 10k. The runs go from places such as Norbury Park in Leatherhead, the High Street in Great

Bookham, Denbies Wine Estate in Dorking and KGV playfields in Effingham. There really is something for everyone, with runs both in the mornings and in the evenings.

The club arranged a private evening at the Excel Running Track in Walton-on-Thames over the summer and members were able to run laps of the track with chip timing. Members had great fun and also managed to achieve some wonderful milestones, with people achieving personal best times for a 5k or running their first ever half marathon.

A lot of members from the club also attended the Bacchus half marathon at Denbies in September. The fun event saw members complete either the 10k or half marathon route whilst enjoying a glass of wine every 2 miles. A lot of the members went dressed as Pirates to add even more fun to the day!



If you are interested in joining a running club, we are a very friendly and supportive club. The emphasis is on getting out there and having a run while exploring the countryside and having a good chat with fellow runners.

For more information follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/MoleValleyRunners or have a look on our website: www.molevalleyrunners.org

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The Arts Society Bookham



The Society is now fully settled into pre-COVID mode with familiar monthly meetings at the Old Barn Hali when old friends can meet for a coffee before the lecture. Regular holiday tours to cultural centres are also back.

Following the August break we returned in September to Jo Walton's excellent, full account of the varied 'The Art and Craft of John Piper'. Nostalgia was the implicit theme underlying the October presentation by Pip Burley 'The Sixties: the Beginning of an Era' with many going home recalling old memories of the period.

The Christmas lunch is followed by James Campbell's 'Shepherd's Christmas' the illustrator of The Wind in the Willows and Winnie the Pooh. He uses E H Shepard's own words of much of the magic and joy of successive festive seasons, using many illustrations from the book.

A very different tone is set in the January lecture. Shauna Isaacs 'The Art of the Steal:

Nazi Looting in WW2' provides an overview by setting the scene in Nazi Germany, discussing Hitler's obsession with art and how the Monuments Men recovered art after the war.

A full programme continues with, in February, Peter Medhurst's talk on the music stimulated by 'Mendelssohn's Tour of the Highlands in 1829'. In March 'John Singer Sargent - A Life through Pictures' is the subject of Julian Halsby.

With a lighter tone 'What a Carry On' in April is the theatrical life of Peter Butterworth and Janet Brown presented by their offspring Tyler. The theatrical theme continues in May with John Snelson and 'Much more than Gathering Lilacs - the real genius of Ivor Novello'.

Following a successful visit to Lullingstone Castle in October, Lynne Corbould is planning a full programme for 2023. Likewise, Judy Money, after a comprehensive autumn tour to Glasgow and Edinburgh, has new ideas for next year.

While continuing their work at Guildford Cathedral, Angela Stevens and the Heritage



Volunteering group have also turned their skilled attention to more literary matters. They are cleaning and documenting the vast number of books in the library at West Horsley Place.

New members are warmly welcomed to the Society for 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 the Society should contact Linda Tickner via the website and she will send information by email or in the post.

John Cook

The Grange

There is never a dull moment at The Grange! Since the Summer we have continued with our initiative to make our people aware of their environment, ensuring that each of them are able to determine how to recycle their waste and by taking part in September's nationwide campaign The Great Big Green Week. During that week, you will have seen us selling Grange-made green hearts, of all descriptions, from our Shop@No5 and outside the Old Crown in Bookham. Thank you to all those that supported and helped in highlighting the importance of tackling climate change; it was noticed by the campaign organisers, The Climate Coalition, who contacted us for photos, putting Bookham firmly on the map for trying to protect the planet.

Our Creative Arts department keeps going from strength to strength, with our work being



on display during October in the Daisy exhibition at The Lightbox Woking, and the Sunlight Doesn't Need a Pipeline Exhibition at the Stanley Picker Gallery. Following on with an eco-theme, our Trash Monster - 'Say No To Plastic' installation from the Summer, was put on display alongside a short descriptive video. Talented artist Tom S, from The Grange, will also be holding a solo pop up exhibition. Thanks to a Daisy bursary, assistance from well-known local artist Julie Hoyle and to Tom's love of ghosts, Tom's etchings will be on display on Sunday 20 November, in the very apt venue of West Horsley Place.

Christmas preparations at The Grange are well in place, with our Christmas 2022 range of merchandise, from festive, flavoured fudge to stocking fillers, available from both our Bookham Shop in Church Road, and our online shop: <https://www.grangecentre.org.uk/online-shop/>. Of course Christmas wouldn't be Christmas, without our Grange Carol Concert, which this year will take place in a new venue - St. George's Christian Centre in Ashted - on Saturday 3 December. Tickets are on sale from our website: www.grangecentre.org.uk/events/carol-concert-2022/ or by phone on 01372 452 608.

RSPB & how to clean your nest boxes

RSPB Dorking & District Midweek Walk December 2022

Wednesday 7th December at 10.30am –
Wisley and Boldermere

Park at RHS Wisley and meet outside coffee
shop. Follow signs from A3. TQ068583.

Notes

- Lunch needs to be carried on all walks unless otherwise specified.
- Suitable clothing and footwear should be worn.
- All walks are undertaken at your own risk.
- Please ring leader in the event of bad weather to check if walk is proceeding.
- A charge of £5 is payable by non-members of the Group (refunded if subsequently joining).

Please visit:

<https://group.rspb.org.uk/dorkinganddistrict/>
for information about events and organised walks. Also see RSPB Dorking and District on Facebook.

How to clean your nest boxes

If you have a nest box or two in your outdoor space, you have already done something brilliant for the birds in your backyard. But to help make it safer you should clean it.

Why do we need to clean nest boxes?

The nests of most birds are also home to fleas

and other parasites, which can remain and then harm young birds that hatch the following year. By removing old nests you are helping to give the chicks the best start in life.

When to do it:

The ideal time nest boxes should be cleaned is in the autumn, from September onwards, once the birds have stopped using the box.

You can clean it in the winter, but the earlier in the season the better, to avoid any early nesters. If you decide to do it later in the winter it is best to observe the nest first to make sure no-one has moved in.

What do I have to do?

- 1 First remove your nest box from its location. If you have to use a ladder it is always best to have someone else around to help and to hold it steady.
- 2 Once down, most good nest boxes have a removable lid or a hatch so you can clean inside. Depending on the design, you may need a screwdriver.
- 3 Once open put on your rubber gloves and remove as much of the old nest as possible. Often they come out whole so you can see all the different materials the bird has used to make its home!
- 4 If you find eggs in the box which haven't hatched, these can only be removed legally between September and January (August-January if you're in Scotland) - and must

then be disposed of. Do double check the nest is no longer active as some species can nest right through September.

- 5 Scrape away any remaining debris and then carefully pour boiling water into the nest, to kill any harmful bugs. DO NOT use insecticides or flea powders.
- 6 Let the nest box dry out thoroughly before closing it back up.
- 7 If you have hay or wood shavings available, these can be put into the box to increase birds or mammals using it for shelter over winter.
- 8 Put the nest box back up and look forward to spring, when hopefully some birds will choose it as their new home!
- 9 Make sure you thoroughly wash your hands, arms and any clothes which come into contact with the nest box.

Can I take a peek inside the nest box at any other time of year?

It is best not to. Birds like to be left alone to raise their young, with some abandoning their nest if they think it has been discovered.

RSPB Dorking & District Local Group

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for information about future events and organised walks. Also see RSPB Dorking and District on Facebook.

Great Bookham School



New team and position in Trust set to make Great Bookham an education destination



Great Bookham School, formerly The Dawnay, is experiencing an injection of new talent and investment through its place as part of the South Farnham Educational Trust. Delivering the same outstanding curriculum as all the schools in the Trust, with fantastic grounds and potential for growth, Great Bookham is already benefitting from the Trust's focussed support.

A key part of that mission is the appointment of new Head Teacher, Miss Jenna Allen. During

her 14 years within primary education, she has taught across the entire primary phase and has a wealth of experience in driving school improvement through a variety of senior leadership roles. Her passion for creating school environments which provide inclusive and excellent education for all children regardless of background makes her an excellent leader for Great Bookham School at an incredibly exciting time in its journey.

Already the school has seen the introduction of £120,000 worth of IT equipment and IT infrastructure, having an immediate positive and direct impact on the children. Children now have access to class sets of iPads and laptops which can be used in class for all subject areas. In addition, all children's toilets are set to be fully refurbished this academic year, which will kickstart a range of indoor school environment improvement plans. But there is much more to come! With the

additional guidance of Mrs Fiona O'Neill as Executive Head Teacher of both The Raleigh and Great Bookham, the school is making strides towards its goal of becoming an educational destination in the eyes of local parents and children alike.

The team at Great Bookham School are inviting parents to come and tour the school and meet Miss Allen in person. To date, tours have been extremely successful with a number of parents already showing interest in the school as a first choice.

To book onto a tour please visit our school website www.greatbookhamschool.org.uk and click on the 'Join us' tab.

Alternatively, Miss Allen is open to individual tours for parents who are unable to make the set dates. To arrange this, please contact the school office 01372 456 774 or info@gbs.sfet.org.uk.

Polesden Lacey Playschool

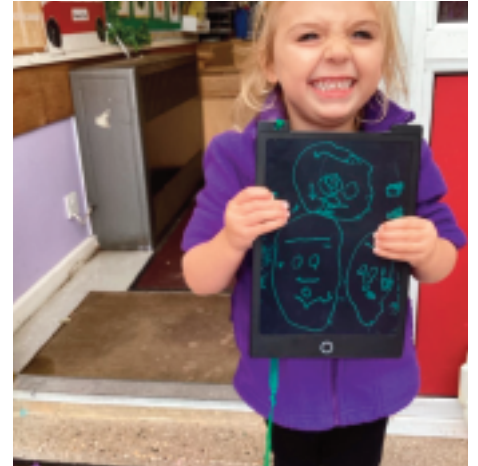


It's a new year at Polesden Lacey Playschool and it's all change in the classroom. We had a good sort out over the Summer and invested some of our fundraising into technology. We purchased four brand new iPads for the classroom, two to assist with improvements in

our communication between our parents and staff and two larger iPads (with two very strong cases!) solely for the children to use with appropriate educational apps and games.

We began the term making the most of the milder weather and getting out and about as much as we could. Picking and enjoying the last of the delicious tomatoes that had popped up on our allotment whilst we dug out the weeds and had story time with our friends in the Orchard. We searched for signs of Autumn, leaves crunching underfoot as we built our dens, before baking yummy oat and raisin cookies in the kitchen to warm us up when the weather began to turn.

Last year, we said goodbye to two of our amazing staff team who have been with us collectively for 42 years! Alison Roberts and Lisa Thompson have both dedicated over two decades each to the Playschool and have taught multiple generations of local families, seeing previous Playschool children walking their own children through our doors. Their length of service is testament to the wonderful staff team we have, who go above and beyond to create a happy, supportive and welcome environment, not only for our children but for



each other. We will of course miss them tremendously, but we welcome Angie Marsh and Caroline O'Leary who bring a wealth of Early Years' experience and enthusiasm!

For further information about the Playschool, please get in touch or visit our website. If you have any enquires with regards to admissions, unfortunately, we are full for the 2022-23 academic year. If you would like to join our waiting list, please get in touch as soon as possible info@polesdenlaceyplayschool.co.uk

Ellie Pragnell

Rainbow Pre School



We have enjoyed welcoming back our existing families and our new children this term. New relationships are growing and blossoming for the children and staff.

Children have started this term by doing some fun autumnal activities. These included using many natural resources they collected with parents help while out and about. These resources were used in our craft area making an autumn display as well as in our outside area and discovery tray.

The children were also proud to make apple



crumbles where they chopped up their own apples and made the crumble mix. With the remaining apples (and other veg) they also did apple/veg printing.

This term we are including 'PLAN DO REVIEW' time in our daily routine for all children at the start of each morning. All staff had training on this last term and straight away could see the benefits this would have on children.

Every morning, as soon as children arrive, they take part in a small group active learning/open ended activity with their Key Person. This activity is carefully chosen to extend children's learning and language.

After small group has finished children will be asked what they 'plan' to do next in the setting. Children may let staff know by a look or gesture to an area especially, if very young, or by speaking to their key person, or even symbolise their idea in a simple drawing. The adult will then note the children's ideas.

Depending on the child's age/stage they may communicate their plan by language/gestures, either or both. This is the 'PLAN' stage. The children will then go on to what they planned to do, the 'DO' part. A little later their Key Person will ask each child how their plan went



and what they did. This is the 'REVIEW' part.

This addition to the session has many benefits for the children. It encourages them to think critically, plan ahead, use their memory, develop concepts of time and order and helps them develop confidence.

If you would like more details about our pre-school or to arrange a visit please contact Heidi Watson on 01372 811313 or email: rainbow@bookhambaptist.org

Howard of Effingham School



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A* - A 47%

A* - B 75%

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On Thursday 13 October The Howard held an Open Evening for students to find out a bit more what life in the Sixth Form is like. There were general talks and the opportunity to discuss specific subject choices and find out more about each course. The Howard offers over 30 courses in the Sixth Form including A Levels and BTECs. Some subjects will be new to the students, for example: Economics, Government & Politics, Psychology, Environmental Science and Sociology.

We had fantastic examination results this summer and know that we can offer an academically outstanding and great experience in the Sixth Form. If you would like to know more please do visit our website: www.howardsixthform.org or contact the school on 01372 453694 or phone direct on 01372 414166.

Celebrating Success at The Howard

The Howard celebrated record results at both KS5 and KS4. Impressively, the school bucked the national trend at both key stages with our results improving on our 2021 outcomes, and putting us among the top schools in Surrey and nationally.

At KS5, 19% of our grades were A*, and 47% of our grades were A*/A compared with 40% in the South East. 92% of our grades were C or above, with the national average being 82%. 10 students achieved 3 or more A* grades at A Level, with one of our students being identified as the top performer nationally in A Level Physics, and another achieving five A* grades. Most importantly, our students achieved the grades that they needed to do

what they wanted to do next.

At KS4, 45% of grades were 9-7 compared to 27% nationally. Our grade 5+ pass rate (considered a 'strong pass') is 80% vs 60% nationally, and our grade 4+ pass rate (considered a 'standard pass') is 90% vs 75% nationally. 6 students achieved 10 x Grade 9s at GCSE, and the vast majority of students 'added value' to the grades which they were predicted across all subjects. Again, students achieved what they needed to take their next steps, with large numbers returning to our 6th Form, and others going on to Colleges or 6th Forms elsewhere.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of all of our students, particularly given the additional stresses of Covid-19 and other events over the last couple of years.





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