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What's Happening

MAY

Thursday 23rd - Bookham Help Your Neighbour Scheme Coffee Morning - St. Nicolas' Church Room - 10 am to 12 noon. All welcome.

Saturday 25th 1 to 5 pm and Sunday 26th 10 am to 4 pm - Bookham Flower Arrangement Group present their show 'Celebrations' - Old Barn Hall. Refreshments and Exhibition of Arts and Crafts in The Waterfield Room.

JUNE

Saturday 15th - 20 Year School Reunion for pupils who left Howard of Effingham School between 1982 and 1984. Staff will be attending also. Finger style buffet and DJ at a hotel @ £25 per person. Contact Patricia Rykiel (maiden name Dodd) for more information:

Patricia.Rykiel@Btinternet.com or phone 01444 253702.

Sunday 16th - Golden Jubilee Garden Party at The Grange Centre. The Queen will be represented by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey. Free tickets obtainable from The Grange on 452608. Further details included in this Bulletin.

JULY

Saturday 6th - Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society - Open Garden and Coffee Morning at 116/120 Cobham Road - 10 am to midday.

Saturday 6th - Bookham Choral Society 75th Anniversary Concert - St. John's School Chapel, Leatherhead - 7.30 pm. Schubert Mass in G plus Mendelssohn, Brahms etc. Admission by programme £7.50 at the door or contact 375664.

Sunday 14th - Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society Summer Show - Old Barn Hall - 2.30 pm.

BOOKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bookham Community Association was established in 1947 to advance education and provide facilities for the leisure time of the communities of Great and Little Bookham and the immediate neighbourhood. This is achieved by encouraging organisations with various interests, managing the Old Barn Hall, publishing Bookhams Bulletin four times a year and organising the annual Village Day and Village Week. See page 22 for full details.

EDITORIAL

I was preparing this edition of the Bulletin, in which the Queen's Golden Jubilee is the focus of many activities, when we heard the sad news of the death of the Queen Mother. She paid many visits to Bookham and Leatherhead and an appreciation is given on page 5. The photograph is one which was taken during her visit to Keswick Home in 1984, an account of which was given in the Winter 2001 edition.

Brian Godfrey, Record Secretary for Leatherhead & District Local History Society, has lent me Bulletins for the year 1952, in which celebrations for the Coronation are described. I am sure many of you will be interested in the excerpts, especially if you were in Bookham at the time. 50 years of Village Day also makes interesting reading. Thank you David Harding.

The Scouts and Guides are voluntary organisations which get little help from Council or Government - in spite of the fact that our Queen was an active Guide during World War II. They are undoubtedly the foremost organisation for developing the character of young people, boys and girls. Many continue to contribute to the good of society as adults. Thirty or so years ago the Guides built their headquarters in Keswick Road, and this has been well used by members of the movement. Now the Scouts want to build a permanent Centre and the article by John Tiffney and Geoff Tranter deserves serious consideration by individuals and businesses in our area.

Village Day and Village Week are being held in June. They are very important events for raising money for the BCA so that we can maintain the Old Barn Hall in pristine condition and keep on improving the facilities as described by Keith Slark.

'The Polesden Lacey Experience', which was previously known as 'The Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre' (PLOAT) was started by the BCA and has its 51st production this year. Brief details of the programme are given in this edition.

Thank you for taking note of my plea for some contributions of a different nature. Articles on what you are doing to help other people are especially welcome and receive a good response from readers. Shirley Neish appeals for volunteers for Help Your Neighbour Scheme. Gill Allen and Roger Kershaw are cycling across Russia to raise money for Scope. Considerable interest has been shown for the Aquabox scheme, described in the last edition. All very encouraging.

Eric Lloyd Jones

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Bookham United Reformed Church Rev. Brian D. Treharne, Christ Church Manse, Epsom Road, Leatherhead KT22 8ST (372968)

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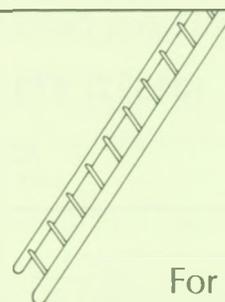
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

My main recollection of Village Day last year was standing in Lower Road in a downpour as the procession made its way down to the Old Barn Hall. Group after group of young children - the youngest with mothers and fathers in tow - dripped past. The costumes were wet, as were the faces, but all had a great big smile and were so proud to be taking part.

This is young Bookham and shows that, despite the price of housing, the village is maintaining a mix of ages that is so necessary for our community.

Village Day gives us all the opportunity to come together and enjoy our village facilities and see the organisations making such a contribution to the village life. At the same time it is also the BCA's major money raising event making a substantial contribution to the annual running costs of the Old Barn Hall.

Come along and enjoy the day! My thanks to all of you who put in so much work to make the day possible and a success.

The full programme for Village Week appears elsewhere in this bulletin - there is something for everyone so please come along and support one or more of the events. You will be most welcome.

Our major outlay this year has been replacing the sound systems in both halls with state of the art systems to cater for speed, music and effects. This not only makes the Old Barn Hall one of the best equipped theatre venues in the area but also improves the quality of sound for all meetings. The Harrison Room system doubles up for outside events in the field - yet another reason to come along to Village Day and hear the difference!

Keith Slark

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother



The older ones of us remember the unwanted challenge of becoming Queen after the abdication of Edward VIII in 1936. It was only 3 years later that World War II started and became a terrible burden on the Royal Family. The encouragement the Queen gave to East End Londoners, who suffered so much during the blitz in 1941, has been recalled with great appreciation and affection by some of those who lost relatives and homes. Throughout the war, she raised the morale of the nation by visiting many places that had been savagely bombed.

Widowed for 50 years, the Queen Mother never flinched from putting duty and country first and became a best loved grandmother. Hundreds of thousands filed past her coffin in Westminster Hall after queuing for up to 8 hours, many through the night. A million plus waited outside Westminster Abbey and lined the route to Windsor paying homage to this wonderful Queen. These scenes are never to be forgotten and were a wonderful tribute to the affection that had the nation had for her.

Her connection with Bookham goes back to 1923 when the Duke and Duchess of York, through their friendship with Lady Grevill, spent part of their honeymoon in Polesden Lacey. They worshiped at St Nicolas and a few years later, the Duchess opened Church House on the Lower Road.

In 1935, as Duchess of York, she opened "The Cripples Training College" in Leatherhead. Visiting it again in 1941, as Queen, she asked for the name to be changed to "Queen Elizabeth's Training College for the Disabled". Since then she visited the College on a number of occasions and in 1992 opened the rebuilt headquarters which had been destroyed by fire in 1989.

The photograph was taken when she visited Keswick Home in Eastwick Park Avenue in 1984.



A New Scouting Centre for Bookham

Scouts are one of the strongest groups in Surrey actively supported by many friends and relatives. Over 300 youngsters from 6 year old Beavers to 20 year old Venture Scouts take part each week in activities helping develop themselves for adult life within the area.

Many readers will know the existing Scout huts, in the Lower Road, that have served for many years. Unfortunately they have now passed their useful life and need to be replaced. In 1993 a new site was purchased behind the Bookham Youth Centre in the Lower Road. The area was fenced and a temporary building was erected whilst planning permission was obtained for a permanent centre. Permission has now been obtained and a provisional estimate of £300,000 has been submitted as the cost of the project.

Naturally it is a daunting task to raise such a sum and the Committee has examined many options including the National Lottery (for which we will not qualify) but we are confident that it can be done!

Every household and business in the Village will receive an appeal leaflet. But, in addition to donations, we are hoping that local people will offer their services to assist with the construction of the new Centre. Practical assistance from skilled people could save significant costs. Our initial

thoughts are to engage a contractor to erect the outer fabric of the centre leaving us to organize the fitting out.

We have been delighted with the response to the foreign money collections at Rusts, Cascade and the Church Road Post Office. It's not too late to turn any foreign currency (even the now obsolete European currencies) into a useful contribution towards this very worthwhile cause - the collection boxes are still available.

We believe that Scouting makes a valuable contribution to our Village and develops responsible adolescents.



For further information, donations or offers of help please contact Geoff Tranter at Maddox Cottage, Maddox Lane, Bookham, Surrey KT23 3BT or phone 454455 or email geoff@maddoxcot.fsnet.co.uk

John Tiffney - President

Geoff Tranter - Chairman

BOOKHAM COUPLE CYCLE FOR CHARITY

Bookham residents Gill Allen and Roger Kershaw are undertaking the challenge of a lifetime. For a week at the start of August they will be joining a group of people from all over the UK, cycling more than 400 miles across Russia to raise money for Scope - the charity that supports those with cerebral palsy (CP).

Cerebral palsy affects 1 in 400 babies born every year. It is caused by lack of oxygen to the brain, during the pregnancy itself or just before or after birth, affecting children in different ways. Some may be unable to walk, others to control their limbs or speech. The charity aims to support those affected with CP to unlock their potential - their SCOPE!

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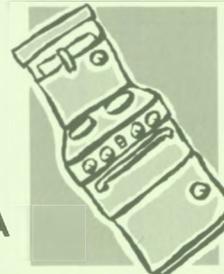
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CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN 1953



MARCH 1953

Mrs Cox has taken over the rather onerous task of Hon Secretary to the Celebrations Committee.

All the children and as many adults as possible are asked to wear fancy dress, to make the procession one to be remembered. Many decorated vehicles are expected to be on show.

A film show of the Coronation will be given free to the over 60's.

All are asked to flag and decorate their houses, and a prize will be given to the shopkeeper with the best decorated window and surrounds.

JUNE 1953

I am very grateful to the Community Association for inviting me to address these few words to my friends and neighbours in Bookham concerning the programme which the Celebrations Committee has arranged in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Tuesday 2nd June 1953.

It will be a great day for the village, as for our Country and Commonwealth, when we shall put aside workaday cares and unite in doing honour to our beloved Queen. The festivities will be a way of expressing our thankfulness for the many privileges which we in this country enjoy under her rule as head of our democratic Government.

My Committee has been at work for many months on the arrangements for the events to take place in Bookham on the afternoon and evening of Coronation Day, and of which full details are given below. All that we need now are fine weather and your cooperation.

I appeal to you all to turn out and support the Coronation Celebration.

God Save the Queen.

T. Kille, Chairman, Great and Little Bookham Coronation Celebration Committee.

The Parade

- 2.30 pm Procession assembles at Middlemead
- 3.00 pm Proceed via Little Bookham and the station to the Barn Hall
- 3.15 pm Children assemble at Barn Hall
- 3.45 pm Procession leaves Barn Hall
- 4.00 pm Arrive at Recreation Ground

Events at the Paddocks Recreation Ground

- 4 to 4.15 pm Service of dedication and blessing.
- 4.15 to 5.15 pm Children's Tea.
- 5.15 to 6.45 pm Sports. (Details of 17 events given).
- 6.45 to 7.00 pm Distribution of prizes by T. Kille Esq.
- 7 pm Country Fair Tableaux depicting a village fair 100 years ago.
- 7.30 pm Comic football, cricket and stoolball matches.
- 8.30 pm Tug of war (if it can be arranged)
- 9.10 pm Dancing on Green
- 10.15 pm Torchlight procession, bonfire and firework display. The route for the torchlight procession will be Dorking Road, High Street, Lower Road, Eastwick Road, and return via Leatherhead Road.

DECEMBER 1953

A pleasant little ceremony took place at Bookham on November 7th, when, to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, a Cedar of Lebanon tree was planted in the grounds of the Old Barn Hall, before a small but representative gathering which included Mr T.F.Devitt, Chairman of the Leatherhead UDC, and a number of other prominent personalities. The proceedings opened with a short speech by Dr N.E.Waterfield, O.B.E. D.L., President of the Community Association. The actual planting of the tree was undertaken by two schoolchildren, Christine Cameron and David Thrush, representing the children of Great and Little Bookham.

Editor's Note

What were you doing on Coronation Day? Something exciting!

Let me know.

AQUABOXES

Rotary and Eastwick Junior school work together.



Geraldine Wood, Headmistress of Eastwick Junior School was approached by David Ridge of Bookham and Horsley Rotary Club to help with the "Aquabox" scheme. Aquaboxes contain water purification kits capable of purifying 1000 litres of water. They are stored ready to go anywhere hit by a natural disaster. The eruption of the volcano in Goma was the last incident, at the time of writing it is the earthquake in Afghanistan, next who knows? Because of the nature of these disasters, victims are often left with nothing more than the clothes they stand up in, so the Aquaboxes also contain clothing and other useful domestic items, something to make the relief tent a home.

The children took on the project and raised £480 for 12 boxes, donating contents from wardrobes, drawers, kitchens, tool sheds and lofts! To raise the money the children were asked to perform a task to help their

parents over half term. Projects ranged from walking in the country without moaning, to how to catch a mouse! The aim was to learn something while "earning" the money.

David Ridge told us "Rotary is immensely grateful to Eastwick and with the help of St. Lawrence school and our own club, we have been able to send off 16 Aquaboxes to date and hope to increase this to twenty". David added "The response for help in the last Bulletin also provided much needed items.

There is now a demand for special Aquaboxes with purification kits to purify 30,000 litres of water. Apparently stocks have been severely depleted due to Goma's needs. Rotary in Bookham and Horsley have pledged to raise £500 which will buy two boxes.

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We are affiliated to the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies and so our members have access to a wide range of activities on offer both locally and nationally. We arrange flowers at Guildford Cathedral and Leatherhead Hospital, we organise and take part in charity fund raising flower festivals. Members participate in local flower shows as well as Chelsea and Hampton Court. This year some of our members will be taking part in the World Flower Arranging Show at Glasgow.

The Group meets on the first Monday afternoon of each month at the Old Barn Hall. Although there is a waiting list for membership, visitors are warmly welcomed to attend. Each month there is usually a flower arranging demonstration by a qualified demonstrator followed by a raffle of the floral designs made and then tea. We have a sales table where you can buy flower arranging accessories at very reasonable prices, a flower arranging publications table and a plants stall. We hold regular workshops for both novice and experienced flower arrangers. We organise group outings and social events.

On May 25 - 26th, 2002 we are holding our biennial show, 'Celebrations', at the Old Barn Hall. You will be able to view the competitive work of our members and there will also be an Exhibition of arts and crafts in the Waterfield Room.

We are a friendly bunch and invite you to come and join us for a most enjoyable afternoon. Further information can be obtained from our secretary Beryl Hopkins on 01372 457362.

Pam Qureshi

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

To celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, there will be a flower festival held at the Church on the 1st to 3rd June, Saturday and Monday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 12 noon to 5pm.

The theme of the festival will be the Coronation held at Westminster Abbey on 2nd June 1953. Bookham Flower Arrangement Group together with the Church Flower Arrangers will be staging the festival to depict the aspects of the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II. There will also be an area in the Church with displays by local children's groups and schools, and music too.

The coronation was an occasion for pageantry and celebration as well as being a religious ceremony. Flower arrangements will depict the scene at the Abbey and represent the congregation assembled for this historic occasion. We hope you will visit the festival during the Golden Jubilee weekend and look forward to meeting you there.

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50 Years of Bookham Village Day

Mirroring the 50 years of the Queen's reign, we thought it would be a good idea to write about Village Day and how it has adapted to changing circumstances over the past fifty years. Village Day is older than the Queen's reign, starting around 1949. We pick up the story in 1952, when Village Day was held in September at the Old Barn Hall. Outside there was a full programme including Olde Tyme and Square dancing going through to about 8pm in the evening, whilst inside there was an exhibition of local industries, ranging from Rentokil to Ronsons. In 1952 there was no mention of Village Week. By 1954 the date had moved to June, but the pattern of Village Day went on in a similar fashion through the fifties and into the early sixties, with the programme being sold for the princely sum of 6d (2.5p to anyone born after 1971).

In 1964 Barnes Wallis (bouncing bombs and the Dambusters) opened Village Day. 1965 saw the first record of Village Week after Village Day. The events included a Youth Church parade, a stoolball competition, Old Tyme Dancing, and a whist drive with a Summer Dance held on the Saturday at the Old Barn Hall, with the entrance fee set at 5 shillings (25p) including refreshments.

By 1970, the BCA had become more ambitious and Village Week became a Village Festival Fortnight, with the programme now costing 1 shilling (5p) with a lucky programme prize draw. The Festival events covered Bridge Evenings, sports competitions, a Fashion Show, The Mikado and a Festival Dance with tickets set at 15 shillings (75p). The Festival was shortlived and by 1974, the BCA had reverted to the familiar format .

A continuing part of Village Day is the procession, which once used to have decorated floats, and a Children's Fancy Dress. Nowadays there are no floats and the Fancy Dress is incorporated into the procession through the theme. In 1977, however, the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee, the procession (called the Royal Parade) and the Children's Fancy Dress which had "People of our Past" as its focus still seemed to be separate, and special jubilee plaques were presented to those in full fancy dress. The arena events now featured Tug of War as one of the attractions, with

teams from the Anchor, Royal Oak, The Crown and the Ye Olde Windsor Castle providing the energy and the entertainment. Tug of War eventually vanished from the arena, but last year made a return, with local children providing the muscle; same event different emphasis!

Up until the late seventies, the programmes had been produced on a typewriter with copies made on a carbon stencil without any local advertisements included. This changed in the Eighties, and by 1983, the programme was produced commercially with local companies advertising in it. The cost had become 25p. By 1985, Village Week was now acquiring a familiar feel to it with the Garden Society taking the Monday slot, Tuesday hosting the Quiz Night for the Brains of Bookham, Wednesday shared between

Bingo Special and Sequence Dance, and Jill Barrett organising the second of the Jazz Nites with Brian White and his Band.

The 1990 Village day was sponsored for the first time, and all households received a free programme. Before then, Village Day often had a theme attached to it, but the practice did not really settle down to its present form until the Nineties. The 1991 Village Day featured Bloomin' Bookham as a theme,

very appropriately because that year Bookham was successful in the nationwide competition. Since then there have been themes every year, including "That's Entertainment" in 1992 and "20th Century Travel" to celebrate the Millennium.

All of which brings us to 2002, and our present theme of celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Throughout the past fifty years Village Day has become an ever present part of our Village life, just as the Queen is an integral part of British life. We hope you can see how Village Day has evolved, yet remained essentially recognisable with its counterpart in the Fifties. Its purposes remain the same, firstly to bring people together to enjoy themselves as part of our community, and secondly to raise funds to help maintain and develop the Old Barn Hall as a facility that is available to anyone and everyone within the Bookham communities.





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I am therefore appealing to readers of the Bulletin to consider whether they could help us. We know that everyone has other commitments but our arrangements are very flexible and yes, we do know that people go away

on holidays! All that we expect is that a volunteer would be able to spend say 40 minutes driving someone to and from the doctor's surgery or a morning taking them to a hospital appointment, every 2 or 3 weeks. Obviously, the more volunteers we have, the smaller the demand on any individual.

Let me assure you that working for the scheme is almost always rewarding and often interesting, as the passengers tell you their life history. Remember, the time may well come when you yourself are no longer able to drive and don't like having to keep asking your friends or immediate neighbours for help.

To find out more about the scheme, phone me or come to our Coffee Morning on Thursday May 23rd from 10-12 in St. Nicolas' Church Room.

Shirley Neish 458237



ROYAL GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT THE GRANGE CENTRE

On Sunday 16th June from noon to 5 pm, The Grange Centre in Bookham will be holding a Golden Jubilee Garden Party in honour of Her Majesty The Queen, who will be represented by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Mrs Sarah Goad. The occasion will also complement Bookham Village Week, and the Grange will have a stall and take part in the procession on Village Day.

Our Garden Party will include our own Street Party inside the grounds, The Friary Guildford Brass Band and other entertainment, a bar, a barbecue, children's corner, games, themed costumes and a lot of fun. In addition, we are making available our extensive gardens for picnics parties. Visitors will also be able to see a display of the plans for the redevelopment of many of the buildings at The Grange Centre over the next four years. The first of these, containing two new training flats, is near completion and The Lord Lieutenant will perform the Official Opening Ceremony. Entry to the Garden Party will be by free ticket but donations will be more than welcome.

Michael Foster adds: The Grange Centre provides a range of high quality services to people with physical or learning disabilities, offering training in work and social skills, productive work opportunities, supported housing and residential care. The aim is to achieve optimum independence, dignity and fulfilment, while respecting the privacy, individuality and rights of each person. We give professional support to the residents and tenants who live at The Grange and in the local community. Our training sessions help each individual to attain greater confidence in day to day activities including, where possible, gaining work experience and ultimately a paid job.

A BOOKHAM NADFAS?

Many People have heard of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS). Indeed there are local societies in Ashted, Leatherhead and Horsley to which Bookham residents belong.

Initial discussions with friends and neighbours suggest that a Bookham Society would be a very popular addition to the organisations which meet at the Old Barn Hall.

Inevitably, it will take some time to establish a new Society, but one of the first tasks is to establish the size of the potential membership (which should be about 200) to make it financially viable.

I have formed a steering committee and established that the Old Barn Hall is available on a regular Tuesday evening each month.

So, if you are interested in furthering your knowledge of the decorative and fine arts, and contributing to the preservation of our national artistic heritage, why not give John Tiffney a ring on 453332 to join the list of prospective members?

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The media is full of programmes and articles on all aspects of gardening but they all seem to assume that everyone is a keen gardener. It strikes me that whilst most people would like to have an attractive garden they do not necessarily have the time or inclination to work on their gardens or the funds to pay for expensive makeovers.

So here are a few initial tips for the reluctant gardener.

Firstly - don't seek perfection - a beautifully manicured lawn or a totally weed free border involves a lot of hard work. A kind of ordered scruffiness is the best that most of us achieve and this has the added advantage of encouraging wildlife. With the gradual erosion of natural habitats suburban gardens are becoming increasingly important potential wildlife sanctuaries.

Secondly gardening doesn't need to involve a lot of digging - it can largely be avoided and the job of breaking up the soil left to the frost and the worms. You will have to encourage the worms to start with by spreading some well rotted manure on the bare soil at the right time of year - this also helps keep in the moisture and discourages the weeds. There is no shortage of local sources of cheap or even free stable manure. If this sounds a bit too much like hard work then you can invite some friends round for a few beers to lend a hand or get the local scout troop in!

Thirdly grow lots of bulbs and flowering shrubs and some perennial plants (ones that re-grow every year) - they all have the attribute that they regenerate and multiply largely unaided.

Finally the main tip for the next 3 Summer months is just to sit back and enjoy whatever you have got and occasionally mow the lawn - or even better pay someone else to do it! If you'd like to improve what you see then make a note of what plants grow best, where the gaps are that need filling and maybe even take a few photographs. Its also useful to have a look over the garden fence to see what grows well in your neighbours gardens.

Watch this space in the next Bulletin for more tips on what to do as Winter approaches.

In the meantime why not call in at the Bookham, Fetcham & District Garden Society stall on Village Day where you can buy cheap plants or look for inspiration by visiting the Garden Society Summer Show in the Old Barn Hall on Sunday 14th July.

Peter Almond

Big Bands Bookham

While many clubs and societies unfortunately seem to lose members during the winter, because of the dark, cold and wet evenings, and the difficulties of driving for older members, we are pleased to state that out members remain loyal to Big Bands



Bookham and regularly attend the monthly meetings. We have had excellent autumn and winter programmes covering a wide variety of bands, large and small, and vocalists depicting the recorded music of the years from the 1930s to the 1960's. In the Inter-Society Musical Quiz which is organised by Bookham for all the Big Band and Jazz Societies in the South of England we were proud to finish second, only two points behind the winning team, Yateley and Crowthorne. Our special Christmas meeting had an extremely amusing programme provided by Bookham resident and member, Ron Burge which together with an appetising meal proved most popular.

We have a good variety of differing programmes arranged for the Spring and the Summer months, which we hope will suit all tastes.

Our meetings are held on the second Friday of every month at 8.0pm in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Bookham and all are very welcome. Admission is only £1 including tea/coffee and biscuits.

Steve Stratton

GOLDEN JUBILEE CARNIVAL

Leatherhead Leisure Centre

Monday June 3rd 2002

In the last issue there was a preliminary notice about the Grand Jubilee Carnival being held at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre.

Brian Gourley, Chairman of the Steering Committee has informed me that the free vintage buses have unfortunately had to be cancelled. However, all MVDC car parks, as well as that in the Swan Centre, will be open with no car parking charge on that date. All parks at the Leisure Centre will be available but are expected to fill up early.

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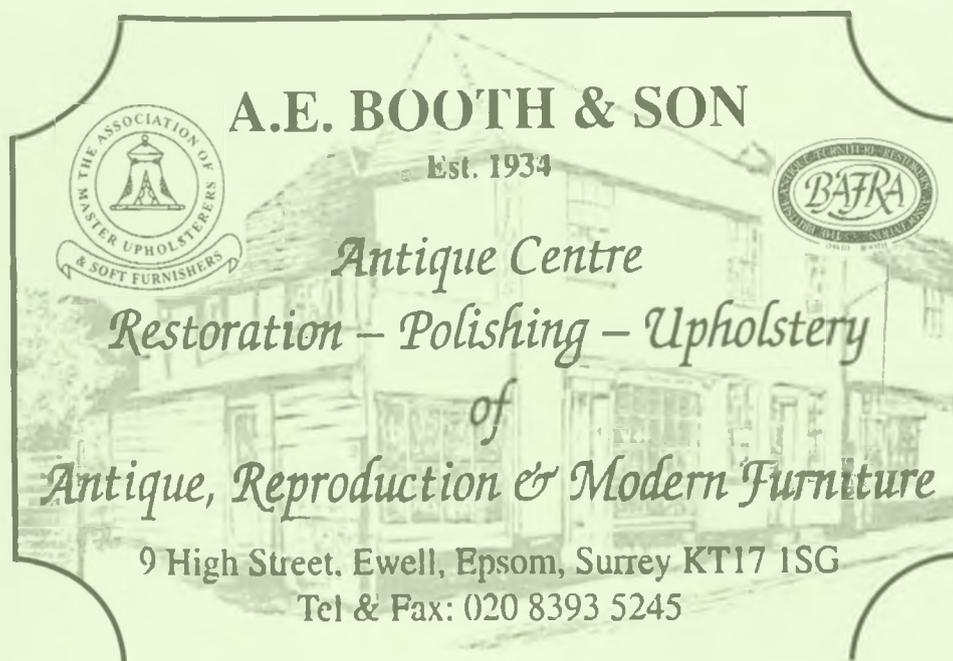
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Founded in 1927, Bookham Choral Society celebrates its 75th anniversary this year and it will be another very busy one. Having already competed at the Leith Hill Musical Festival at the Dorking Halls in April, the choir is now hard at work on the programme for their next event, a special 75th Anniversary Concert which will take place at St John's School Chapel in Leatherhead on Saturday, 6th July at 7.30 pm. The concert will include Schubert's Mass in G, plus a number of other pieces including works by Mendelssohn and Brahms. Admission is by programme (£7.50) obtainable through any choir member or at the door.

We are grateful for the support which we enjoy both in Bookham and in the wider locality and hope that you will join us in this lovely Chapel for an evening of music fit to celebrate this important milestone in the history of the Society. There is, incidentally, no truth in the rumour that some of the original members are still singing - well not in this choir anyway!



Unfortunately, this Anniversary Concert will be the last under the baton of the very popular Nicholas O'Neill. Nick has conducted the choir for the last three years but now finds that pressure of other commitments makes it impossible for him to continue. It is a mark of how far the choir has progressed in recent years that there is a long list of applicants to succeed him! We wish him every success in his future career.

Obviously, our plans for the future will depend to some extent on the new conductor, but it is expected that there will be a further concert later in the Autumn, followed by the ever popular Carol Concerts at the Old Barn Hall in December. Further information about these events will be published as soon as it is available. If you would like to be kept up to date with the Society's future programme, why not join our mailing list by sending your name and address to Bookham Choral Society, Ryedale, Tudor Close, Great Bookham, KT23 3DP.

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