

Bookhams Bulletin



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Winter 2019

Garden Developments at Polesden Lacey

In 2018 we received a very generous legacy specifically for use in the grounds at Polesden Lacey. We have the opportunity to develop some of the lost areas of the garden so that we can continue to provide access to beauty and nature for as many people as possible.

We are speaking with lots of charities and local organisations to find out how they use Polesden and what they really cherish, but also what is missing, or what would provide access to these beautiful spaces for new groups of people.

Polesden Lacey has always had a golden thread running through it, being fit to entertain royalty, but also a place for leisure, laughter, and a beautiful setting to bring people together. Anything we do must tie in with the spirit of Polesden – it must be visually stunning, and of the highest quality.

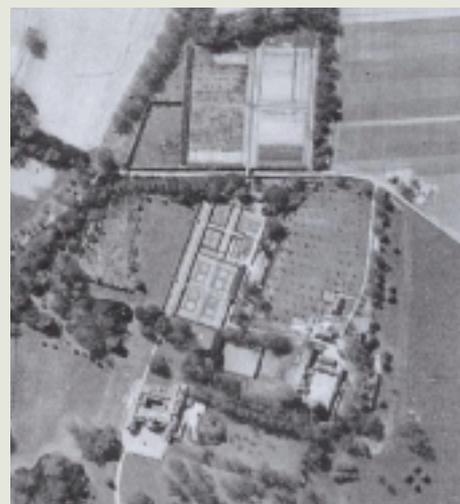
Some of the initial ideas revolve around the Kitchen Garden beyond the thatched bridge.

This 4 acre site supplied Mrs Greville's kitchens at Polesden and in London. The image is from 1947.

The upkeep of the kitchen garden could not be maintained and so a Christmas Tree crop was planted in the 1960's which was replaced with lime and wild cherries in mid 1970's. Below the Kitchen Garden is another 1 acre area with impressive views across the valley where stone viewing platforms once stood. We are also considering perhaps expanding our small Winter Garden by extending planting down towards the Rock Garden and the Upper and Lower Sunken Gardens.

There are many possibilities and options across the garden, but we want community benefit to be central to our planning.

We are keen to hear if you are involved with local groups who would like to input into how developments within the garden may best serve them, or those who are unable to enjoy Polesden in its fullness and how improvements may enable this. If you have any ideas please email me on alex.wigley@nationaltrust.org.uk
Alex Wigley (Garden and Outdoor Manager)



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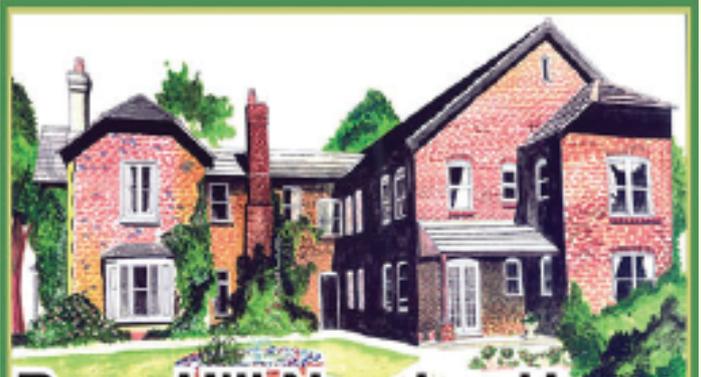
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From the Chairman DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS - 2018/19



We have had a quiet year as far as large spending is concerned having spent over £280,000 on major improvements over the last four years. We have also been reviewing expenses and saved £2,000 on our insurance costs.

We had some water entry in the main hall from the roof and this was traced to one of the gable windows. All five gables have been refurbished with new lead and tiles replaced and reset which seems to have dealt with the problem.

We had intermittent loss of lighting at the front of the hall and have replaced the lanterns on the gateposts and over the entrance door and, as a bonus, this also lights up the Old Barn Hall sign.

Hiring Fees – these only went up in line with inflation last year and will do so again for the 2020 year. We have also reviewed our Hiring Agreement for next year in order to make it easier to follow and understand. We introduced our Hallmaster on-line booking system earlier in the year and this is working really well. By clicking on the button on the home page of our website you can check availability in each of the three halls. You can then place a provisional booking which will be confirmed by Roger when in the office.

Supporters – distribution of our Bulletin and collection of our Member's donations depend on over 200 volunteers and we are very grateful to them all for their time and effort. We still do not have an Editor for the Bulletin and would love to hear from anyone who feels that they could help with this.

Community Entertains- at the beginning of this year Lizzie Crawford from Action Theatre Club produced our first Community Entertains for some years. It was an entertaining and inspiring evening with a great variety of acts from all ages. Thanks to all who took part.

Village Week – despite some rain this year we had a very successful Village Week.

The Village Day theme was 'All at Sea' and this was interpreted in many different and colourful ways by both our Parade groups and the stalls on the field. The opportunity to highlight plastics and the like in the oceans was taken up by some whilst others featured the colourful creatures to be found. Thank you to all our sponsors and supporters as well as to our Village Day Committee who make it possible.

Many thanks to the Bookham Open Gardens Committee who again put on a tremendous day and to the organisers of the Bridge, the Quiz and the Silver Band night during the Week.

Whilst on thanks I would like to thank all our Management Committee for their work throughout the year and our Manager, Roger, and his assistant, Rob, who do so much for us and our hall users.

Financials – our overall balance at the end of the year shows an increase in reserves of £21,000 which reflects the lower outlay but also the excellent results from fundraising and donations this year.

We have increased the advertising revenue from the Bulletin this year but production costs are still around £5,000 more, covered from Members' donations. Our Hiring charges are close to basic running expenses, but we are dependent on other income to be able to refurbish and improve. Our Hiring charges for 2020 will see a small increase in line with inflation. Affiliation fees will remain at £30 per annum.

Full accounts can be seen on our website bookhamcommunityassociation.org

Keith Slark, Chairman

What's Happening

November

20th	Transition Bookham meeting 7.30pm	p13
22nd	All Saints & St Lawrence Friends talk 7.30pm	p19
25th	BF&DGS AGM and talk 7.30pm	p8

December

5th	Bookham Late Night Shopping evening 6-8pm	p9
6th	L&D Local History Society talk 7.30pm	p21

January

17th & 24th	Pose Pantomime 7.45pm	p12
18th & 25th	Pose Pantomime 2.30pm and 6.30pm	p12

June

20th	Bookham Village Day - Bookham on Safari	
21st	Bookham Open Gardens	
27th & 28th	Polesden Lacey Shakespeare	p19

July

4th & 5th	Polesden Lacey Shakespeare	p19
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Regular Events at the Old Barn Hall

Mondays	– Afternoon Bridge Club 1pm
Tuesdays	– Bookham Toddler Group 9.45-11.30am
Thursdays	– Afternoon Bridge Club 1pm
Fridays	– Country Market 10.15-11.30am
Sundays	– Jazz Club, check programme

Monthly

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The Arts Society	– 4th Tuesday 7.30pm

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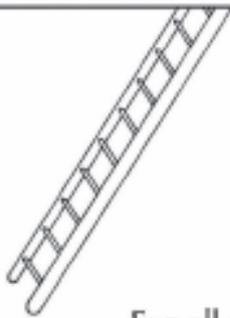
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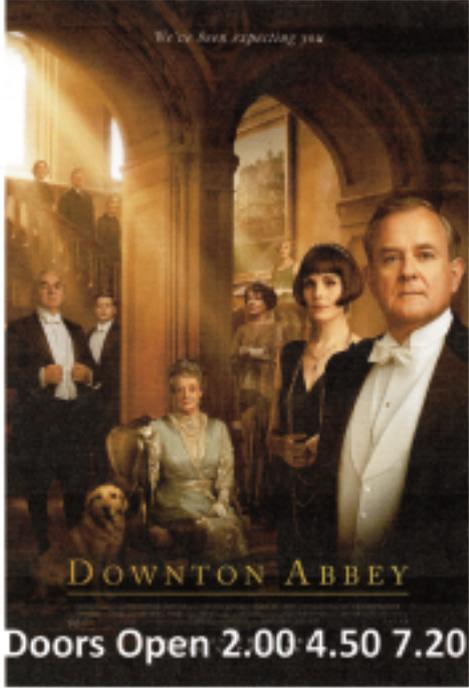
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At 9.30 on an early September, sunny Sunday morning, 16 players from Bookham Tennis Club gathered at the courts to take part in the annual American Tournament. This is where eight men and eight women play mixed doubles in short sets (first to four rather than six), changing partners and opponents after each set. The overall winner is the player who has won most games by the end of the day.

As so many of the games were close, play didn't stop until nearly 5pm and the winners

were finally revealed as Janet Harrison and Daniel Bourne.

Despite being a long day there was much socialising, eating and drinking between sets and it was good to see lots of support from friends and families.

Although it's now winter, most members still play regularly as long as the courts aren't wet or icy. If you'd like to join this friendly club please visit the website www.bookhamtennisclub.org.uk



Effingham Golf Club Juniors Section

Effingham Golf Club has a thriving Junior Section of boys and girls providing a progressive programme from new starter to accomplished player. To find out more about playing golf at Effingham go to: <https://www.effinghamgolfclub.com/juniors>.

Since the last report the Junior Golfers have been very busy and have enjoyed a glorious summer on the links.

Junior Club Championships - Bookham boys win top prizes

Junior Captain, Marc Bignell, led from the front winning the prestigious Scratch Medal and being crowned Junior Champion 2019 with Lucas Townend winning the Net Stableford with a tremendous score of 43 points.

James Lewis won Rookie Stableford, a

category designed to provide entry level golf to up and coming youngsters, on countback from James Catling and Max Byers. The Prize Giving BBQ, attracted over 100 guests with prizes presented by the Lady Captain, Lynn Aylward.

Holiday golf

Club Week was the start of lots of golf activity with new member Luca Williams winning the Lopez and McIntosh Bowls for his medal & scratch round. Freddie Dougherty won the Warren Trophy for the best Stableford score. Pleasingly there have also been successes in external competitions for Ned Cox, Rowan Noble, Jack Joyce, Max Foster, Thomas Beadle, Harry Hall and vice-Captain Tom Sutherland.

Throughout August a weekly evening Junior Roll Up was organised to encourage general

'non-competitive' play. Following its success the same is planned again for next summer holidays.

Team success at Royal Wimbledon

A number of Matches and Team events have also been competed for and in July the Effingham Team won the prestigious 'Adult and Three Juniors' competition at Royal Wimbledon GC. Ably supported by Committee Member Paul Brown; Tom Sutherland, Freddie Dougherty and Max Foster with the trophy and the spoils of victory.

All of the players are local and you can find out more about getting involved by contacting our PGA Professional:-Robert Daw: 01372 452203 or email: rdaw@effinghamgolfclub.com

Bookham Residents Association



Mole Valley District Council Local Plan Timetable Update

The MVDC Local Plan was due for public discussion by early summer but was delayed as there was a change of the political makeup of the Council with the Liberal Democrats taking control. A new date for October was agreed and this too has been put back because an election could occur in the middle of the consultation process. The consultation date is now scheduled for 3rd February to 16th March 2020. Why does this matter? MVDC must be able to demonstrate they have a land supply for five years to build the number of

houses each year required by the current plan. This they do not have with just over two years land supply available. The impact means that developers can come forward seeking permission to build and may succeed where previously their claims would have failed.

As with many planning applications approval or non-approval is determined by a variety of planning regulations. Without a five-year land supply Government has told Councils that any balance between approval or rejection should be "tilted" in favour of the developer. This because Government want new housing stock to go ahead rapidly. Just last week the BRA attended an Appeal against a MVDC rejection of building approval when this argument was deployed. We now wait for the Planning Inspector's decision to see the impact of this "tilting" argument. As we anticipate that when the MVDC Local Plan is published a significant percentage of the 2000 or more dwellings that MVDC say will have go on green belt land will be built in Bookham.

There is concern that without a plan, proposals will come forward from developers before this plan is agreed. Because of this we have expressed our disappointment over the delays in publishing the Local Plan through our Councillors.

Regular updates to the Local Plan are posted on our web site: www.bookhamresidents.org.uk

Peter Seaward Chairman – Bookhams Residents' Association

BRA Pre-Owned Bookstall

Would residents please note that the BRA has decided to discontinue with its fund raising pre-owned bookstall. There has been less interest in pre-owned books during the last few years and we have been unable to find any volunteers or suitable storage since the previous volunteer had to resign due to poor health. Therefore we not accepting any further book donations. We do however thank you for your donations in the past years.

Bookham Fetcham and District Garden Society



A big thank-you to all who entered or came along to our Annual Flower Show at the beautiful 15th Century Tithe Barn in Manor House Lane, Little Bookham KT23 4EN. It was a wonderful occasion and if you did miss it this year, make a note to come along or enter next year on Saturday 11th July. Our thanks again to the Nicholls family allowing us to share this precious venue.

The fruit and vegetable sections had appetising examples of local produce. It is not until you have tried to match up 4 identical potatoes or 10 strips of redcurrants that you have really looked at produce in detail.

The flower section was stunning with



generous pots, troughs and vases of flowers and carefully selected specimens which were so colourful and dressed the barn beautifully.

Such care and artistry goes into the flower arranging with vases of flowers, floating bowls of blooms and buttonholes. I was impressed by the arrangements depicting "A Summer Meadow" and also delighted to see so many entries from the Grace and Favour Home.

It was very encouraging to see such creative entries in the Children's Sections and so many new entries in the Craft Section with beautiful handicraft and many paintings and photos.

We really do have some amazing cooks and

bakers and the entries in the Domestic Section looked both beautiful and mouthwatering as did the Men's Carrot Cakes.

When the show opened to the public, everyone was eager to see results and enjoy the display. Then, what could be nicer than to sit in the sunshine in the garden enjoying delicious home-made cakes and tea from beautiful china cups.

Perhaps you would also like to join in our other activities. Our meetings are in the Harrison Room at 7.30 on the last Monday of the month.

Monday 28th October – The History of Squires Nurseries given by Sarah Squire

Monday 25th November – AGM and floral and material wreath making.

To join us or for more information please contact Angela Stevens on 01372 456713 or craigjstevens@aol.com

Jennifer Smitheman.

Bookham Butterflies WI

Bookham Butterflies have enjoyed a wonderful summer of outings and activities, with many very close to home!

A group of members and guests visited Dorking Caves on South Street. The caves, which were dug out by hand using pickaxes and are on two levels, date back to the 17th century, but might be older. They were used for storing wine – up to 700 bottles, up until the early 1960s. We also descended several flights of stairs into what was called the "mystery chamber, thought to be a secret meeting place, or a folly.

Dorking was the location of another interesting trip to The Dorking Gin Kitchen, where we enjoyed an evening of sampling! The Gin Kitchen was set up by two friends, Kate and Helen and we heard how the first gin they created – Gutsy Monkey – proved a hit when it was sold in Dorking pubs and stores.

Further flavours followed, including Dancing Dragon Tail and Blushing Monkey Pink Gin. We sampled all three!

We also kept it local for a wonderful paper folding flower course with Sarah Betts from Granary Crafts. Sarah showed us how to make paper roses, colourful six petal flowers and finally daffodils.

Our Exploring Gardens group enjoyed wonderful weather for its visits to Shamley Wood Estate, Tilford Cottage and Stuart Cottage in East Clendon. A very eclectic selection of speakers have entertained us at our monthly meetings. Singer and guitarist Steve Poole has supported the Jubilee Sailing Trust for many years; BBC gardening expert John Negus talked about "Twelve months of colour". Finally, Galit Mersand, a professional belly dancer and teacher performed as well as talked about "The transformative power of

Belly Dance"!

We are looking forward to a busy schedule over coming weeks and months, including a visit to the theatre in Woking to watch Dolly Parton's "9 to 5", a return visit to Appletree Studio in Horsley for a "Pots and Prosecco" evening and our annual Christmas wreath making workshops.

For more information about our WI, visit our website www.bookhambutterflieswi.com or our Facebook page Bookham Butterflies WI.



Bookham Help Your Neighbour Scheme

The Bookham Help your Neighbour Scheme was first formed more than 40 years ago, to provide help, in various forms, to residents, who live within the Bookham parish boundary.

It ran for several years but by 1976 the scheme was running out of volunteers while requests for help grew. The launch of the Good Neighbour Campaign by the then Secretary of State for Social Services, reinforced with

national publicity, helped recruit more helpers.

The scheme continued to grow and in 2011 Surrey Community Action helped us to transform The Bookham Help Your Neighbour Scheme into its present format, providing transport for local residents to medical appointments.

We have nearly 80 volunteers, who either man

our mobile phone or transport our clients. They give as much time as they choose and are not tied to any regular commitment. The Duty Volunteer's job is to answer the calls on our mobile phone and ring round our team of volunteer drivers to fulfil the appointment.

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

Bookham Bowling Club

We completed a very successful year with a closing drive on 29 September. From the Come & Try weekend in May to supporting Village Day in June we have been very busy. Our 'Western Dress' charity day in the summer raised over £1,000 for Horsley & Bookham Riding for the Disabled Association.

We had our President's Day, Fortescue Australian Pairs Competition and hosted a Disability Day which was won by Leatherhead Swans team - receiving their trophy in the photo. All of this alongside Friendly matches played each week during the season

Our weekly Roll-Up days and Internal Leagues are complimented by all the Internal competitions that result in the Finals Weekend held in September. Congratulations to our 2019 men and ladies champions David Wing and Gill Tucker.



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Polesden Lacey Playschool



This term we have been thinking 'All about me'. The children have had huge amounts of fun creating skeleton pictures and singing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes'. We have been expanding our skills including balancing, singing, cooking and drawing. We now know that every one of us is special and unique. We are all talented at something and that is why our playschool is so amazing. We are learning how we can make a difference in our wider community of Bookham too.

Some of our favourite times this term have been when we explored using our senses. It is a wonderful thing to do, to stop for a while, be mindful of what is happening and really

experience your surroundings. Making popcorn, for example, was a great exercise to help us experience sound, smell, taste, touch and sight.

Another thing that we have learnt is that it is important to help others as well as ourselves. Whether it is helping with the tidying or working as a team at the water table to create something amazing. We are learning and practising how to communicate effectively with others. We have also discovered that the people that help us most are our friends and family, especially our Mummies and Daddies.

Christmas is approaching and the children are practising their songs for the show, whilst their wonderful grown-ups have been finding costumes. I know family and friends will be impressed as the children show off their singing and dancing talents, all the while explaining the Christmas story. Our budding artists have created beautiful Christmas cards for our family and friends. These amazing creations are stunning and I know how lucky

people will feel to receive one.

A huge thank you to the Staff and Committee who work hard to keep our brilliant little playschool running.

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Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club

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It's all about indoor bowling at Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club (MVIBC), and with the help of our Bookham members during the recent recruitment campaign our membership has reached the maximum of 300 for the new 2019-2020 season.

Names taken from the waiting list, initiated at our final of four open mornings in September, have a good chance of being signed up as winter ills catch up with some members who may not continue bowling but enjoy watching matches and socialising.

Our team of "welcomers" put new visitors at ease making sure the initial experience

(particularly those new to bowling) is enjoyable. Suitable bowls are provided, then onto the green where the Club coaches and other members give visitors a good insight into the fun and challenge that is available from indoor bowling.

The new season started on Friday 27th September, with an opening drive on Sunday 6th October. Matches from the club's Fixture List commenced along with the preparation for members who have entered club, county and national championships.

Sessions organised by the club captain focus on team development and selection for Surrey League matches. MVIBC improved their points in the Surrey League table last year, and hope for further improvement this season.

The weekly roll-up sessions continue, and club internal league matches start plus coaching sessions for new members, all making it a busy time again at MVIBC whatever the weather outside.

So let's all follow the new national initiative of

keeping fit, healthy and happy through the dull days, and fill those "quieter" moments. Get off the couch and have a look at what MVIBC can offer - a place that has a warm and sociable atmosphere (with a bar), and provides friendly challenges with a level of manageable exercise.

If you would like to know more about MVIBC please visit our website at www.mvibc.co.uk or email: mail4mvibc@gmail.com or phone 01372 289873. Look in at the Leisure Centre and check in at the bowls club, somebody will be ready to help.

Michael Mackie



Bookham Library

Curl up with a good read this winter, Bookham Library has a wonderful selection of books for you to choose from. We have the latest best sellers and new titles and ever changing themed displays to help you make your choice.

Coming up soon is the theme of 'Games in the Library'. Good old fashioned board games that is! Borrow a book from our game-themed display and you will go in to the prize draw to win a fantastic Monopoly board game.

Do you enjoy a jigsaw? Don't forget we have a wide selection of Jigsaws which can be borrowed for free.

Getting ready for Christmas and looking for inspiration, the Library has a fantastic selection of cookery and craft books.

Back by popular demand Rudolph Requests are returning to Bookham Library. Rudolph will be taking requests for a book surprise. This year adults are also able to make a request. Fill

in a short questionnaire and Rudolph will select a book for you based on your criteria. What will he choose for you?

The Bookham Library Team will be at the Village Shopping Night on 5 December, please come to see us. We will have a selection of our unusual stationery items, eco chic bags and seasonal sticker and colouring books for sale.

Keep up to date with our activities by following us on Facebook and Twitter.

Mole Valley Women's Institute (WI)

Mole Valley WI members have enjoyed the summer weather with several outdoor activities. Our annual picnic meeting in August was well attended and we were entertained by Jeff Rozelaar who gave us a fascinating account of growing up near the Tower of London. The garden party took place in Maureen's garden in glorious sunshine on one of the hottest days of the year. On both occasions there was a sumptuous spread of sandwiches and cakes!

Margaret Arnott's talk about the history of the National Garden Scheme was very interesting. It was started in order to raise funds for district nurses in 1927. Margaret told us that those gardens that offer tea and cake are very

popular - with the most popular cake being coffee and walnut!

In October a sightseeing outing to see Essex villages including lunch, afternoon tea and two vintage bus rides, was planned.

There is our annual Quiz Night to look forward to as the nights draw in along with a theatre outing to see '9 to 5: Musical' at Woking.

The gardening group has proved so popular with members that a second group is to be formed. Our evening rambles have finished for this year and the last one was on Ranmore Common but day rambles of about 5 miles are continuing throughout the autumn and winter months.

More details of Mole Valley WI meetings and groups are to be found on our website 'molevalleywi.btck.co.uk'.



Bookham Rifle Club

A summer of accuracy and precision!

We have had some great results from our intrepid shooters in a variety of disciplines over the summer. The club continually attracts new people who easily pass through probation onto competition shooting. They acquire new skills when holding aim and shooting at targets.

Our members start at all ages in a sport that is gender neutral and open to disabled people. Disciplines are Air Rifle or Pistol, a Lightweight .22 Sporting Rifle, HST or Prone Rifle – we even provide opportunity for archery. Members just find their own niche. We provide all the equipment needed plus some great coaching to get you going. Bookham is one of the most inexpensive clubs to join and has fantastic facilities on our magnificent seven ranges.

We have some national champions to give the club some deserved celebrity status which attracts more people to just come and try it. Look out for our Open Days on the Bookham Rifle Club web site.

We recently hosted some local visually impaired shooters who use audio-target finding equipment and continue to support Dyscover, a charity supporting people recovering from aphasia (a communication disability caused most commonly through stroke).

We welcome visitors to our range or find out more from our website. Those Surrey competition results show how successful a club we are, and right on your doorstep!

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Mole Valley Runners

We recently organised our first community Plogging event in July and it was a very successful outing on the streets of Bookham. There were many volunteers attending and various members of their families, including children which is always great to see. Litter was collected as part of a fun run event from King George V fields, surrounding streets and on to Lower Road Rec.

There was a great team spirit on the day with a strong purpose to clear the local streets and park of unwanted rubbish. You would not believe what can be found when you search far enough. Everybody who attended had great motivation and a common goal to clear

rubbish in the local area as well as a run to help improve their overall fitness.

In other news it has been a busy few months during the Summer for Mole Valley Runners with various races completed including The Bacchus at Denbie's Wine Estate which featured 12 of our runners dressed as vicars and nuns and the day catered for all types of runners over various distances so was fantastic.

As the nights draw in we are insisting on head and waist torches being used as well as hi-vis clothing to stand out more in the dark. There are more classes being put on all the time as the numbers are growing steadily within the

Group. We cater for all types of runners so please come along for one of these sessions and see how friendly and much fun running really is. Our Run Leaders are qualified and DBS checked. MVR is EA affiliated. We are on Facebook and Instagram so please check us out.

Lee Hibbert



Pantomime is coming to Bookham again!!



POSE, the Bookham based drama group have performed a pantomime at The Old Barn Hall for many years – this year presenting 'Dick Whittington' by Ben Crocker.

When Dick Whittington arrives in London to seek his fortune, he finds the city in recession and struck down by a plague of rats. Dick is befriended by Tommy the Cat and proceeds to look for work. Arriving at Fitzwarren's shop just as Alice, the owner's daughter, is bitten by a rat, Tommy goes to work and secures Dick a

job as well as an admirer in Alice. Jack, Fitzwarren's apprentice, who is already in love with Alice is enchanted by King Rat and frames Dick for stealing the wages from Alice's father.

Dick sets out to clear his name and win Alice back – along the way there is a sea voyage, a shipwreck and all seems lost when everyone is imprisoned and sentenced to death by The Empress of Morocco. Can Tommy save the day?

Dick Whittington is at The Old Barn Hall on Fridays 17th & 24th January 2020 at 7.45pm and Saturdays 18th & 25th January 2020 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £10.00 Adults, £8.00 and



concessions are available from the Box Office on 01372 454001 or 01372 458254 and from John Wadsworth Estate Agents in Church Road, Bookham. Group rates are available for parties of 10 and party bags can be arranged for birthday groups.

Transition Bookham



At our September meeting we welcomed a member of Mole Valley District Council's Waste Team who talked about a new project to reduce

single use plastic throughout the borough. The first stage in this project is promoting the national Refill scheme (refill.org.uk), which enables people to find a place to refill water bottles - download the Refill app to your smartphone, then use its location to find the nearest place participating in the scheme.

Several businesses in Bookham have already signed up to the scheme - if you run a business that's open to the public and would like to sign up, you can do so via the Refill website, or contact refill@molevalley.gov.uk to find out more.

At time of writing we were preparing for our annual Christmas card upcycling day, then our final open meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 20th November in the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre from 7.30pm until around 9pm (free entry, donations welcome). We'll be reporting back on an initial environmental

forum hosted by MVDC that's due to take place in October and planning our agenda for 2020.

To keep up to date with our meetings and events - as well as hearing about local and national items of environmental interest - email us at transitionbookham@gmail.com and ask to be added to our mailing list. If you're on social media, like and follow TransitionBookham on Facebook and follow @ttbookham on Twitter. Visit our website www.transitionbookham.org.uk for more information and details of our meetings.

Bookham Flower Club

Bookham Flower Club has been enjoying a very successful year, with a variety of excellent demonstrators and new members joining the Club. The Club meets on the first Monday every month (apart from Bank Holidays) in the Old Barn Hall at 2.15pm. Visitors are very welcome.

In August the Flower Club had a tea party at The Grange in Bookham. We had our first tea party at The Grange in August 2018, and it was so popular it was repeated this year. As well as enjoying tea and cakes prepared at The Grange, members were given a tour including the new Heritage Room, which was most interesting.

In September we welcomed Sandy Bailey whose demonstration entitled "Seasonal Changes" was stunning, and the Club competition titled "Colour Full" was well

supported with some delightful entries. In October Melanie Smith's demonstration was titled "French Delights". By tradition, the November meeting is a members' meeting when the content is a surprise until the day!

The final demonstration in 2019 will be "All I Want for Christmas" by Lucy Ellis. Before then the Club will hold its bi-ennial Flower Show on 19 October at the Old Barn Hall. The show title is "Enchantment" when the variety of class titles should appeal to all abilities and inspire many entries.

Bookham Flower Group is a member of NAFAS - National Association of Flower Arranging Societies and details of what is going on in the area can be found on their website: www.surreynafas.org.uk.

Anne Webb



Melanie Smith demonstrator

Great Bookham Belles WI



This has been one of the busiest years for the Belles, with meetings ranging from Rappers to Bread Baking and dresser to the stars to Celebrities themselves! We have had an array of trips including a Trip to Parliament, Behind the Scenes and lunch at Wimbledon Tennis, lunch at The Clink in HMP Highdown, Strictly Costumes trip & a Gin & Cheese tasting

evening; as always something for everyone.

Our groups - Walking, Cinema, Decibelles (Choir), Pub & Theatre have been very successful and members have been enjoying all that those have to offer. Our Walking Netball team 'Netbelles' have been going for nearly 3 years now and they are going from strength to strength - competing in festivals and winning medals, they have now become a host Walking netball venue, making us very proud.

Our charity this year was Bookham Girls Project, supporting young girls locally and our Mamma Mia 2 Fundraiser was a huge success and we raised £1477 for the charity which will ensure that the girls will get more support during their sessions.

Village Day was another superb event for the Belles as we won the trophy again for 'Best Dressed Stall' and we continued our #BellesAgainstPlastics campaign throughout our summer holidays. Belles took to the beaches in Scotland, Spain, Cornwall, Cumbria & Majorca to litter pick whilst on their holidays and sent in photos to share with the group.

We are about to celebrate our 5th Birthday which is amazing and time has flown by but our enthusiasm and fun has not dwindled in the slightest and we look forward to more fantastic times to come. If you are interested in our WI please have a look at our website www.greatbookhambelleswi.org

Amanda Edge

The Grange



People with learning disabilities at The Grange can now get out and about more thanks to a new mini bus donated by the Dennis Wise in the Community charity – including to local football matches.

‘When we asked people at The Grange what they would most like to see here in future, one of the requests was for a bus,’ says Grange Chief Executive, Eloise Appleby. ‘I can’t quite believe that the Dennis Wise in the Community charity has now granted this wish. We are enormously grateful to him and his fellow trustees.’

‘Our donation to The Grange will be the 22nd minibuses to be donated,’ says Dennis Wise. ‘We are very lucky to have worked with wonderful charities over the years as well as having some amazing supporters.’

One of the first trips will be to Dorking Wanderers Football Club for which The Grange holds several season tickets kindly donated by the club.

‘Adults with learning disabilities generally don’t drive and are on restricted budgets,’ says Eloise Appleby. ‘This gift will open the door to new possibilities, enabling us to arrange more trips, holidays and activities and to provide affordable transport for those who find it difficult to access our services, including a planned Grange Exchange with a similar charity in France next year.’

The minibuses was donated and presented by Dennis Wise in the Community with the

support of Inland Homes and Stonegate Homes. The organisation aims to donate 100 minibuses to charities, schools and organisations.

Any charities, schools and organisations who would benefit from a minibuses are encouraged to email Dennis Wise in the Community for an application.



60 Years of Scottish Dancing in Bookham

It was on the 20th February 1959 that the Bookham Scottish Country Dancing Club was inaugurated in The Old Barn Hall, when 76 people enrolled. This was no doubt due to the popularity at that time of TV programmes such



as “The Kilt is My Delight” and “White Heather Club”. We were instructed each Friday evening in the intricacies of Reels, Jigs and Strathspeys, in the Old Barn Hall, before any extensions and improvements were made and the Club was very active in fund-raising for these.

Over the years our display teams have performed at summer fetes, village days, weddings, charitable events of all kinds from gardens to playgrounds, at the Paddocks at Epsom Racecourse and the Festival Hall. Certificates have been gained at Dancing Competitions.

The Club celebrated in June with present and

past members at a Supper in Little Bookham Hall, where we now meet, and a Dance in the Old Barn Hall was held in July which included members from many Clubs in the area, dancing to the live music of The Craigellachie Band.

We meet every Friday evening in the Little Bookham Hall, Little Bookham Street. from 8 pm-10.15pm.

New members (preferably with a little previous experience) are very welcome to join us for this sociable and healthy activity. Contact Jean Preston 452605, or Dianne Delaney, 01306 884936.”

Leatherhead and District Twinning Association



The Friends of Triel have been busy in the last six months promoting our twinning with Triel-sur-Seine. One highpoint was a weekend exhibition in the Leatherhead Institute when visitors were welcomed to Café Triel where they could relax with a cup of coffee or enjoy cheese and a glass of wine while learning more about our twin town.

Our social life has included lunch and a guided tour around Wisley. Wisley is a great favourite

with the Triellois when they visit us and next time we will be introducing them to Wisley’s very own teenage dinosaur! 14th July is the French National Day and we celebrated with our “Quatorze Juillet” Garden Party, enjoying a delicious lunch while listening to the jazz melodies of “Moodswing”, a local band who are keen to support our twinning.

Our French twinning has led to friendship with the German town of Seligenstadt, a beautiful old town on the banks of the River Main. A group of us joined their four-yearly Geleitsfest which celebrates their history with an extraordinary custom of drinking wine from gigantic spoons!

We now have a regular French conversation

afternoon, chatting in a relaxed way over tea and cakes. Hopefully our rusty French will improve!

We are now taking bookings for our 2020 visit to Triel from 21st to the 24th May. The cost is only £210 to include executive coach travel, full board while staying with French families as well as visits we make to places of interest. We ensure that even if you speak no French you will be welcomed by English speaking hosts. We welcome families and anyone under 18 only pays £160. Please contact us if you are interested either via our website www.friendsoftriel.com where you will find membership and booking forms, or phone 01372 452845 for more information.

David and Elaine Crutchley

The Dawnay School

Following actions taken last year, we start the 2019-20 academic year with a consistent Executive Head and Head of School in post. We are already hard at work embedding the school improvements that were started last academic year with our teachers and middle leaders.

We are pleased to announce that the actions the school took during the 2018/19 academic year significantly improved attainment and progress across school at both Key Stage 1 and KS2. In 2019, 73% of the Year 6 children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths which is a significant improvement on 33% in 2017. We also improved our 'greater depth' on the results seen over the last two years and over half of our Y6 children (53%) achieved the greater depth standard in maths. This is significantly above the national figure. We are very proud of the achievements of our children as there

are many positives to celebrate in attainment and progress, however we recognise there is still more to be done to ensure this improvement is sustained in 2019/20.

Last year we worked hard to ensure all teachers and support staff were ensuring that all children received the best quality teaching possible. Throughout the year we worked hard to ensure every classroom showed greater consistency in learning objectives, pupil differentiation, learning and planning all aimed at improving pupil progress and attainment. This has been clearly evidenced in our end of year outcomes.

As recognised by Ofsted, we are very proud of our pupil's attendance, personal development, behaviour and welfare. Our pupils have a good attitude to their learning and apply themselves in school with good levels of engagement. Last year we started a review of our behaviour policy to refine the systems that

underpin how we reward and sanction pupils during the school day. We successfully made changes to our celebration assembly, the recording of behaviour at break and how we deploy our Emotional Learning Support Assistant (ELSA) to support pupils.

Kayleigh Hewitt-Lee, Head of School

Summary of Provisional School Performance Data

EFFS	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/2019
GLD	70%	71%	80%	88%
Star 1	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/2019
% of children that passed the Phonics check	57%	67%	75%	88%

Year 6	Assess	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/2019
Reading	ARE	72%	68%	67%	82%
	GBS	28%	12%	30%	46%
Writing	ARE	98%	98%	67%	88%
	GBS	21%	8%	12%	18%
Maths	ARE	88%	88%	69%	88%
	GBS	18%	18%	34%	57%
VGS	ARE	82%	82%	69%	87%
	GBS	13%	18%	30%	48%
Combined	ARE	96%	97%	67%	77%
	GBS	18%	8%	6%	18%

The Meeting Place



Our Coffee Shop (based in Bookham Baptist Church) will continue to run throughout the Christmas period on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings. We offer great coffee, cakes from The Grange and a listening ear, as well as signposting to local help services. We'll have some delicious seasonal treats available at Christmas time too!

The Meeting Place also runs a Language Hub

for those whose first language is not English. The Tuesday morning group has grown considerably in recent months, and we would like some extra help. If you were interested in gaining an ESOL qualification (or maybe you already have one), please get in touch for an informal discussion about getting involved.

We have started a lip-reading course for people affected by hearing loss. These classes operate in term time, and they are taught by a professional Lip-reading tutor. The cost is

subsidised by The Meeting Place.

The Meeting Place is dedicated to reducing social isolation in the local communities. We want to enable people of all ages and situations to meet and feel supported. For more details please look at our website or contact us via email or phone.

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Eastwick WI



The Eastwick WI enjoyed a busy summer of events and outings. In July our 49th birthday celebration was held at one of our member's gardens on a balmy evening, where a wonderful variety of tasty morsels were enjoyed whilst having a go at some quizzes.

There have been a variety of speakers over the past few months: the creator of the award-winning TV series *Who Do You Think You Are?* recounted stories of the various celebrities she'd met, and a lady who was brought up by her grandmother during the war shared her tips and recipes from the era.

The visit to Greys Court included a look around the Tudor house owned by Lady Elizabeth Brunner, who played an important part in the establishment of the WI's own college, Denman. The ladies also went by coach to Chichester where they explored the town and watched a lively performance of *Oklahoma* at the Chichester Festival Theatre. Closer to home they've enjoyed cream tea at The Grange and saw the new Heritage Room.

The walking group have ambled over Epsom Downs, Horton Country Park and Holmwood Common and the Camera Group went to Wisley, but unfortunately the weather made them take shelter in the impressive Welcome Centre, so nobody saw much of the gardens. Thankfully their trip to the Rural Life Centre near Farnham was brighter, and the group took a ride on a horse drawn narrow boat along the river.

Looking ahead, Eastwick members will be

visiting the D Day Museum and Portsmouth Harbour as well as a hearty supper with entertainment at The Old Barn Hall in November. The Christmas meal is in planning-venue to be announced!

Eastwick WI gives a warm welcome to visitors at the meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Annex, The Ridgeway, Fetcham. See more information on our website www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk.

Sally Dampney



Polesden Lacey School Headteacher Interview

Meet Mrs Mole



On a wet Thursday afternoon, I drip dried in the reception area of Polesden Lacey Infant School and waited to meet the new head teacher Mrs Mole. A classroom to my left was buzzing with activity as pupils gathered around iPads to program little Lego models to move in certain directions. The school is known for its environmental ethos but there seems to be a seamless knit between outdoor education and modern learning, so the pupils experience the best of both worlds. The collection of commendations on the wall is evidence of that.

Rebecca Mole took over after Mrs Rosie Keedy retired. "I don't live in Bookham but everybody has welcomed me into the community. It is so

lovely to feel part of such a nurturing and supportive tribe and that is something I want to carry forward, by continuing events such as the Grandparents Tea party, local school trips to Polesden Lacey and the Toy Museum in Guildford."

"Polesden is a lot smaller than my previous school so getting to know all the pupils and parents has been a lot easier." Rebecca pointed to a board on the wall behind me in her office, where pictures of pupils who have been recognised for exceptional work have been displayed.

Mrs Mole started out as a swimming teacher and horse riding instructor in the 80s before traveling out to Peru to teach in local schools. "Apart from coming into school every day I enjoy being outdoors just as much as the children: open water swimming, walking and running. I completed the London Challenge recently which involved a 2-mile swim, cycling the Prudential ride and completing the London marathon – although not in one go!"

Rebecca took me on a tour of the grounds and a peek into some of the lessons. It was heart-warming to see such enthusiastic staff and pupils interacting together. It was clear to see everyone was having fun whilst learning; it made me want to be back at school!

"We are midway through Science and Technology week, but we also have an Arts week and celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. We are passionate about using Fairtrade products at school and only stock Fairtrade tea bags and sugar in the staff room."

There is no doubt that the school will grow from strength to strength with such a driven and compassionate person in the headteacher's seat.

We look forward to hearing more from Mrs Mole and the goings-on at Polesden Lacey school as we approach the winter term.

Emma Heapes

Polesden Lacey Infant School



What a wonderful welcome I have received from Polesden Lacey Infant School. I am thrilled to be leading this amazing school, continuing the legacy started by Mrs Keedy.

I was struck by how she had inspired the school to become a community that recognised its responsibility to our world. The children have a passion for wildlife and take every opportunity to ensure that they have a positive impact on the environment. During their weekly Forest School sessions, they relish the opportunity to be outside in the woods, no matter what the weather; learning to identify plants, build shelters from natural materials and simply enjoying the everyday soundtrack that nature provides.

The children have astounded me with their knowledge and understanding of Fairtrade as they celebrated the 25th Anniversary since the first products with a Fairtrade mark were launched. The Fairtrade bananas dipped in Fairtrade chocolate were a definite hit with the children and staff!

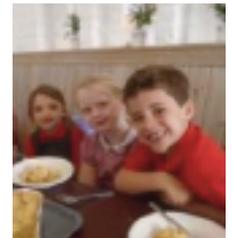
Our new Reception children have settled incredibly quickly which was made possible through our fantastic summer club that took place in June and July. This gave the children an opportunity to make new friends and become familiar with the staff. The nature of the school and its commitment to nurturing the environment as well as the pupils means that they already feel like part of the family.

Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy showing the younger children (and me) how things are done the Polesden Lacey way. Year 1 have been reading Paddington Bear and writing about where different animals live and what they might like doing. My favourite piece of writing so far is about the penguin who, 'lives

in cold places and likes to belly slide and have fun'. Year 2 had a trip to Polesden Lacey National Trust for apple picking and then made the most delicious apple crumble. It was an adventure for all involved and signalled the start of Autumn.

I feel honored to watch our children blossom, guided by the staff and parents of Polesden Lacey Infant School.

Rebecca Mole - Headteacher



Bookham Talking Newspaper

Bookham Talking Newspaper – new website

We are delighted to announce that a new and very informative website explaining this service has been launched. Use it to listen to an example recording, put forward a new listener or volunteer to help! Find us at www.bookhamtalkingnewspaper.org.uk

Bookham & District Talking Newspaper is one of around 500 such local 'newspapers' across

Britain. Set up over 40 years ago by Rotary Club members, today we have over 40 users from Ashted across to Horsley. We would be delighted to hear about other blind or partially sighted people in our community who would benefit, as we are sure the extra demand exists.

This free service is run by volunteers using freepost Royal Mail to deliver a weekly USB drive which users plug in to a special player, provided by the charity. A home visit is made to explain how to use it. Having listened to an edition, the

pen drive is returned to us for re-use.

Please get in touch if you know someone who would like this service. Also, you might like to spend an enjoyable occasional hour or two as part of our friendly volunteer team? Without obligation, please call Martin on 01372 453565 to discuss or visit our website above.

Andrew Smith

Chairman – Bookham Talking Newspaper

Autumn Adventures - the "Bus Stop Way"



The Bus Stop children and team have been out and about regularly over the past few weeks since the start of term. You can see them walking through the Polesden Lacey estate in their distinctive 'high vis' jackets, pulling their 'survival material' on a trolley or two! The older children are great at encouraging and helping their friends who have only recently started at Bus Stop and they've been building dens and making fires in their fire square in the woods,

enjoy rolling down the South Lawn slope, playing in the adventure playground, and visiting Preserve Copse to discover nature's signs of autumn. In the Bus Stop garden they've been harvesting vegetables from their allotment, creating science experiments, and laying new areas of bark.

They spent an entire day up on Ranmore Common discovering the history behind some of the buildings up there. What is most impressive is that the entire group of about twenty pre-school children and staff all walked back from the Common to their Polesden Lacey base with no complaints or stragglers! Quite a walk for the adults, let alone 2-4 year olds (the very small ones were able to ride in style in the all-terrain pushchair!). The outdoor life at Bus Stop certainly develops the children's resilience and their love of the natural environment.

One of the things that you might not know about us is that we are a centre for training and advising other forest schools in Surrey. As a very early adopter of the Forest School approach the owner of Bus Stop, Kate Rice, is an accredited Forest School Leader and Trainer. As well as training individual practitioners of about two a term Kate visits other Forest School settings (and aspirational Forest School settings) to advise on their suitability and devise a plan of approach with them. Settings all over Surrey have Bus Stop to thank for their Forest School set up and many of the local schools have started their Forest School offerings for their Infant classes with hands-on input and advice from Kate and the Bus Stop Team!

When Ofsted came to visit in June they continued to assess the setting as "outstanding". Well done Bus Stop!

Peter Pan Playschool

At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to many of our older children who were ready to make the next step in their learning journey by moving on to school. The returning children have settled back in really well, and we've been joined by many 2, 3 and 4 year olds, and it's already lovely to see new friendships forming and strengthening. At Peter Pan Playschool our ethos is that children learn through play when they feel safe, happy and secure, and our staff team work tirelessly to ensure our environment supports this.

Our weekly theme is based around the children's current interests and experiences – we're currently exploring "The Rainbow Fish" story, and the story supports friendships and sharing which will help to further develop the children's new friendships. We've recently

introduced a cooperative reward system (introduced after a staff member attended the "Henry – Healthy Start, Brighter Future" workshop), where the children and staff give out rewards to acknowledge effort and achievement. When a reward is earned, a bee is placed on the bee hive, and at the end of the session, we all look together to see what a positive day we've had by counting the number of bees. The children will learn empathy and how to recognise and celebrate other's achievements as well as their own, which will really support their emotional development.

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



hours until 1.10 and 2.40 on Monday, Thursday and Friday. We accept Government FEET and FEE funding as well as the extended 30 hours funding. To find out more see our facebook page www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool and our website www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk Or you can email at peterpanplayschool@gmail.com or call us on 07908 018924.

Rainbow Playgroup Summer Term



We are now well into the autumn term at Rainbow Pre-school, and we have enjoyed settling lots of new children. They have settled in beautifully and are busy exploring all our different areas of learning, with the support of our wonderful, passionate staff. This term leading up to Christmas is always an exciting and busy one. We have lots planned, including

daily visits out, to the library and library garden, The Dawnay woodland area and playground, local shops and church. We are also arranging visits from different people who help us in the community, and have already booked our local PSCO to come in with all her equipment, and hopefully police car or van, for the children to explore and find out about her role in the community.

In the summer term Surrey County Council gave permission for Rainbow children to use the spacious library garden every week day morning when the library is open. Here the children can stretch their legs, run, play chase and take part in physical play with different equipment and materials and each other. We plan to add a large vegetable patch where children can use their whole bodies to dig and

grow some veg to use in Rainbow. During the summer we went to the garden when the grass had grown really long. The children enjoyed running through it and picking lots of buttercups, dandelions etc., which they bought back to pre-school and put in vases.

This term we will be exploring all the changes that happen in the autumn and making a natural autumn display for our hall. We will be looking forward to bonfire night and then Christmas.

If you would like to know more about Rainbow Pre-school and/or would like to visit us, please contact Bookham Baptist Church on 01372 811313 and speak to Heidi Watson (Manager), or you can email us at: rainbow@bookhambapist.org Also take a look at our website: www.rainbowplaygroupbookham.com

Howard of Effingham School



On Thursday 26 September Howard held an Open Evening for students to find out a bit more what life in the Sixth Form is like. Students listened to a general talk from Mrs Pennington (Headteacher), Mrs Jeffery



(Director of Sixth Form), Mr Taylor, (Head of Sixth Form) and the Head Boy and Girl.

The rest of the evening was spent in discussion with subject staff where students and parents had the opportunity to find out more and ask questions about each course. The Howard offers 35 courses in the Sixth Form including A Levels and BTECs. Some subjects will be new to the students, for example: Economics, Government & Politics, Psychology, Geology and Sociology.

We once again 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.

HOWARD OF EFFINGHAM SCHOOL FRIENDS



The Howard PTA "The Friends" is as much about raising funds for the school as linking with parents and the local community. We are lucky to have an active and extremely friendly PTA committee.

There are a range of annual events which they organise to raise funds but also to provide a platform for everyone connected to the school to meet and have fun.

Regular annual events include Quiz Nights, HowardFest Music Festival, and Winter Shopping Evening. Our Winter Shopping Evening in November was also extremely popular, with a good mix of stalls selling quality items and gifts.

South Bookham SPACE

'SOCIAL' SPACE EXTENSION TO OPEN NOVEMBER!



The building of this first floor additional SPACE has gone well and is due to open in November. Social SPACE - large enough for meetings, events, and classes for up to 20 people - has its own kitchen and a balcony overlooking the Outer SPACE multi-use games area and

Bookham Tennis Club courts.

To cater for all there is stair-lift access and an audio loop, plus a Smartboard and projector making it ideal for coaching and education.

Huge thanks must go to all those who attended the events organised by Bookham Tennis Club which raised over £8000 towards the total cost of around £135000.

Many and varied activities are currently offered at SPACE including:

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

Now similar classes in smaller groups will be



able to use Social Space and to keep attracting the widest range of activities, hire charges are being kept down for the main SPACE hall, Outer SPACE, and for the new Social SPACE.

For further information visit www.southbookhamspace.org.uk and if interested in hire please email: info@southbookhamspace.org.uk

Bookham Wine Club

Club members have enjoyed an excellent summer of wine tasting, hosted by some of our favourite presenters. Deborah Zbinden's presentation, 'California Dreamin', comprised an interesting and tasty selection of wines from California back in July. In August, Nina Cerullo shared her love of wines from Italy's Campania region, particularly the white wines for which this area is well known. Local varieties, such as Falanghina, Greco Bianco and Fiano thrive in the soils here and are a great alternative to the ubiquitous Pinot Grigio. Marta Mateus-Bowers subsequently shared a selection of some of her current favourite wines from her home country of Portugal, as well as her encyclopaedic knowledge of all

things cork related.

The club's summer event in July proved to be our second successful wine tasting-with-dinner event; a hit with members and guests alike. Regular club presenter and wine educator Heather Dougherty hosted this wonderful tasting of 20+ quality wines from around the world. This year all the wines were listed in the Association of Wine Educators' '100 Awesome Wines', representing a selection of the best value wines as judged by members (including Heather).

So, what's happening this autumn? Following the AGM with Ploughman's supper and blind tasting, courtesy of our very own David

Mendus, we will be joined by Audrey Zarach in November for an evening of Hungarian wines. The year ends with a return visit by Heather who will present 'Wines for Christmas'. Next year's programme has already been planned and it promises to be as varied and interesting as previous ones. By way of a sneak preview ... we will be looking forward to 'Australia's best kept secrets', wines from the Languedoc, Sicily and Spain as well as wines from 'A Mediterranean Cruise', amongst others.

Details about the club's activities are on www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk or contact us on membership@bookhamwineclub.org.uk

The Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley



Rotary local events as popular as ever

Every year your local Rotary Club promotes five or six varied events in the local community which both generate much of our funding to support different, often local, charities, and are also always great fun to attend! This was certainly the case with our annual Race Night in September, with the winners being cheered on by an increasingly enthusiastic sell-out crowd of punters. We had great support from

local companies and all involved, raising over £1,800.

We are always keen to spread information about our activities and objectives and were one of many local community stands at the Horsley Place biennial fair on a very warm early September Saturday. We had a lively stand and added over 20 names to our list of those who are keen to hear from us and engage with what we are doing.

Our planning for the autumn is now in full swing, with an October bridge evening followed by the ever popular Bookham Brunch on Saturday 2nd November, when we welcomed a further full house to our French themed morning at the Old Barn Hall.

Regular club meetings each Thursday continue our new blend of meals with a speaker at Thatchers Hotel, with very informal

pub meetings and one outside games evening at the KGV field in Effingham, plus an interesting visit to Bramble Farm Turkeys – a local Horsley success story.

This year the club has welcomed four new recruits who are enjoying the varied opportunities that Rotary provides. As current president Nick Garrett comments, “a really positive experience awaits you at Rotary – whether as a club member or just if you help out occasionally – for example with our Christmas fund-raising. Do give us a try!”

To find out more, join us at a trial club evening, or simply join our mailing list for occasional updates or to see what’s coming up. See www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org or contact our secretary Mark Secker on 01372 458733 or mark.secker@outlook.com

Andrew Smith

Polesden Lacey Shakespeare



Undoubtedly one of Shakespeare’s best loved plays, next year’s production of Romeo & Juliet, by Polesden Lacey Shakespeare explores the usual themes of thwarted young love and passion, youth, family status, violence and

the inevitability of fate, with some interesting twists in both performance and setting.

Join us in the beautiful surroundings of the

theatre lawn at Polesden Lacey on Saturday 27th, Sun 28th June and Sat 4th, Sun 5th July. Performances at 2.30pm. Theatre lawn open for picnicking from 1pm. Children under 16 go free. Group rates. Free parking with ticket. Tickets available online from January 2020 www.polesdenlaceyshakespeare.co.uk

We shall be holding open auditions on Sunday 2nd. February at the Archway Theatre, Horley and on Sunday 9th February at the Follett Hall, United Reformed Church, Dorking from 3pm – 6pm.

We’d love to welcome anybody from the local

community who would like to audition (also to provide backstage/ FOH help) and would be particularly keen to hear from anyone connected with Bookham Players.

We’re now in the run up to 2021, our 70th anniversary year, when we shall be presenting A Midsummer Night’s Dream, the first play performed on the Open Air Stage at Polesden Lacey in 1951. There are also lots of other exciting plans for this 70th anniversary year. If you’d like to get involved, please go to the website and contact our Marketing Director, Franki Gray, via the press tab at the top of the page.

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

The Friends is a secular organisation created 26 years ago to help fund the upkeep of the 11th century All Saints Church, Little Bookham.

The intention was to give members of the community who were not members of the congregation an opportunity to help in the physical upkeep of this wonderful building.

Over the years the Friends have contributed around £120,000 to the Parochial Church Council which has enabled it to carry out roof repairs, organ restoration works, changes to the vestry accommodation, an extension to the graveyard and much else.

As well as raising funds for the preservation of the church the Friends has built up a reputation for enjoyable social events,

including musical evenings, talks and popular bridge evening. Earlier this year there was a very successful curry lunch at a local Indian restaurant.

In January 2018 the parishes of Little Bookham and Effingham were merged and in May this year a special meeting of the Friends agreed that the charitable objects would be extended to cover the upkeep of both All Saints Church and the equally historic St. Lawrence Church.

The enlarged Friends was launched on Heritage Saturday. At this popular event the Friends once again provided refreshments at the Manor Farm Tithe Barn where the very successful Barnes Wallis Exhibition was held, marking the 40th anniversary of his death.

Our next social event on Friday 22nd November when local historian Vivien White will talk on “Little Bookham in World War One – A Virtual Walk around the Village” at Manor House School at 7.30pm. The £8 ticket includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

Next year’s programme so far includes an evening of guitar music on 14th March and a concert by the Surrey Show Choir on Saturday 6th June.

As there are now two churches to look after, new members are sought. So, if you are interested in assisting with the upkeep and maintenance of these historic buildings in your local community please contact our Chairman, William Hill, at membership.friends@icloud.com.

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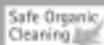
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Leatherhead & District Local History Society



FUN HISTORY LECTURES WITH A LOCAL TWIST

Monthly talks to the Leatherhead & District Local History Society returned this autumn after the usual summer break and are now scheduled throughout the coming winter. As usual they are given at the Leatherhead Institute on the third Friday of each month with refreshments served from 7.30pm and speakers getting under way at 8pm. Non-members are always welcome for just £2.

Archaeologist Ian Betts of the Museum of London kicked off this season in September with a fun talk on bathing practices in 18th century, focusing on the novelty of public baths at the time and their often questionable reputations.

The first baths in England since Roman times were found in country houses such as at Carshalton and Claremont. Some had a single pool, others both hot and cold. In London,

commercial bagnios, as they were known, were established around Covent Garden, a hotbed of creativity with artists, artists' suppliers, booksellers, bookbinders, printmakers, theatres, actors, writers and a booming sex industry. The bagnios were aimed at the rich, with fine furnishings, high-quality tableware and steep prices. They catered for both sexes and upstairs rooms could be rented by the hour or the night.

Hogarth produced a picture of the notorious brothel madam Betty Careless being carried home drunk from her bagnio in a sedan chair. She ended her life in the poor-house but others did very well out of the trade. The Harris List, a periodical of the day listing London's prostitutes, said the bagnios 'provide both sexes with pleasure'. Others promoted a more respectable image, with men and women admitted on different days and some advertised that they could cater for a whole family and their servants.

Spa towns such as Bath, Leamington, Harrogate, Cheltenham and locally Epsom developed separately from the bagnios. They involved drinking health-giving water as well as bathing in it, usually fully clothed. Later, sea bathing also became fashionable with the coming of the railways. Once local authorities began building municipal baths for everyone the bagnios disappeared.

The October talk covers The British Hedgerow - Past and Present with Professor Pat Wiltshire outlining how the hedge came to be and how its management influences local landscapes. On 15 November Jane Lewis of Surrey History Centre will speak on Fashion and Folly, describing the bizarre things that people have done to themselves in the interests of fashion.

On Friday, 6 December the annual Christmas Miscellany will include talks on Commander Denniston of Ashted, wartime code-breaker; recent Test Pitting archaeology at Rowhurst; and a short photo and film programme Walking in Leatherhead shot mainly on the town meadow.



St Lawrence Primary School

Seeking big Ideas from tomorrow's leaders

This term sees the launch of St Lawrence Primary School's philosophy that underpins the education our children will receive. Inspired by the Prince of Wales' 'Harmony' and Grandfather Gandhi 'Be the Change' books, we are taking a fresh look at how we can bring the national curriculum to life through practical experiences for our children.

The motivation behind this shift is to empower our children to use their skills, knowledge and understanding to make positive contributions to others, wildlife and the environment. We will give our children opportunities to share this learning at school, at home, locally, nationally and even globally.

So how will this look? We will learn by enquiries linked to this philosophy. So instead of just studying how water is produced and used, children will take this learning and apply it by conducting a whole school audit of our water use, finding out how we can be using less and helping to look after the environment.

We will showcase our learning in a range of ways outside school, conducting inspiring science experiments and embedding real world context into our teaching. This will culminate each term in each class producing a 'Great Work' to share with the school or wider community, giving each child a rewarding sense of achievement and teamwork.

When developing our curriculum we look at every aspect of our children's learning, not just their classroom time. We are proud of the number and diversity of school clubs we provide, many of them free.

We will bring in resources and experiences for our children, such as the recent West End in Schools whole school workshop, where each class learnt about a different aspect of the environmental impact we humans have on the earth. This learning was shared with all pupils through dramatic interpretation in a whole school assembly.

We will continue to look for new ways to enrich our children's learning and to share the outcome beyond the classroom. Our goal is to enable this generation to flourish both in school and in the future society that they will lead.



Bookham Traders 'Buy in Bookham Day' on 14th September



The High Street and Church Road were filled with music and fun when our local traders celebrated Heritage Open Days with a host of

free activities on Saturday 14 September.

There were classic cars to see, line dancers to watch and music to listen to. There were tastings of pizza and sausages, seasonal fruits and Caribbean rostitis. Both children and adults were catered for with lots of competitions, from guessing how many nails in a jar to locating treasure on a map of the village. A Paw Patrol competition was particularly popular. There were various demonstrations, ranging from skin care to making chocolate. Children and adults alike could join a pop up session with the world's most interesting mathematician. There was the opportunity to



have a shoe shine, be face painted, and learn about bees. It was a great way to appreciate the quality and variety of the shops in our village.

The Downsmen

The Downsmen is a small friendly male barbershop chorus based in Leatherhead. We really enjoy every opportunity to sing together and perform regularly at local charity fundraisers, music festivals and national competitions. In addition we hold a number of social events during the year as opportunities for chorus members, families and friends to get together and have fun.

The chorus has gone from strength to strength over recent years with new members always

welcome! Previous singing experience in any type of chorus would be useful but is not essential and there is no need to read music as recorded teach tracks are provided for all our songs. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings (from 19.30 to 22.0) at the Methodist Church Hall, Church Road, Leatherhead. If you would like to find out more about us do visit our website, (www.thedownsmen.co.uk) or find us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/downsmen>) Alternatively you can contact Allan Scott on 0208 642 8104 - he'd be very happy to hear from you.

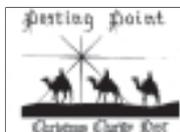


Bookham, Fetcham and Effingham Christmas Charity Post



Once again Christmas is quickly approaching. The popular local Christmas Charity post will be operating again in your neighbourhood for - unbelievably - the 36th year. Nearly 200 volunteers are gearing up to deliver some 12,000 Christmas cards in the villages of **Bookham, Fetcham and Effingham** with guaranteed delivery of correctly addressed cards, **still for just 30p**, saving 31p on second class postage.

You will be able to buy your Charity Post stamps in any of the shops listed below or from one of our house-to-house sellers **from Monday 18th November**. Use them **only on cards to addresses in Bookham, Fetcham or Effingham**. Post them in any of the 13 locations listed below or half a dozen private houses displaying the Posting Point sign until the last posting date - **4.00 pm on Wednesday 18th December**. Our volunteers will do the rest!



Money raised goes directly to charities whose mission it is to help enable third world communities. Last year the Committee distributed £3000 to four charities. Government matching of two projects added another £1500 to the amounts dispersed, giving a grand total of £4,500. If you feel inspired by this scheme, perhaps you might consider becoming a volunteer? If so, please contact our chairman Michael Agius on 01372 456545 or email meaqius@gmail.com for further information.

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The Arts Society Bookham



Over the years The Arts Society Bookham has gained a well-deserved reputation for offering members and guests lectures of the highest quality from some of the country's most knowledgeable experts covering all aspects of the arts.

Chairman Brian Williams reports that what is less well known is the help given to Young Arts within our area. In the past encouragement and financial support for the making of soft sculptures for a school creche, funding and judging a photographic competition by mentally handicapped youngsters and covering the cost of artists visiting schools to show and teach pupils 'new' techniques they can incorporate in their own art work.

This year Bookham joined with our neighbouring Arts Society of Horsley-Lovelace



to fund a session with Adam Aaronson at his glass studio in East Horsley. With 14 young people from the MyTime charity creating their very own unique glass tumbler. MyTime is a small local charity which cares for young carers, some as young as seven, who are the main support for a member of their family who is chronically ill. With Adam Aaronson they were shown how to produce a glass tumbler from a blob of molten glass.

Adam then created a beautiful glass bowl which he gave us to raffle on behalf of MyTime. For more information about MyTime go to admin@mytime4youngcarers.org

Visits and tours during the summer have included visiting the Longstock Water Gardens in Hampshire and the nearby Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery. And in August a visit to Michelham Priory, now in the care of Sussex Archaeological Society. In September there was a five day tour of Northern Spain.

The November lecture is 'A Brief Story of Wine'. David Wright's talk will be full of rich evidence, going back 7,000 years, in the form of paintings, decorated drinking vessels, buildings and literature. It will be followed by

a social gathering with wine and nibbles. The 2019 lecture programme will conclude at the annual Christmas Lunch.

The AGM in October elected a new committee who have planned a full lecture, visit and tour programme for 2020. So why not come and join us. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Old Barn Hall. Anyone interested can pick up a publicity card li from Bookham Library. Or go to www.theartsocietybookham.org.uk.



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