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From the Chairman

You have the dubious distinction of reading the first ever edition of the Bookhams Bulletin not to be printed - and that is since 1937. It has a long and distinguished history and we did not want to be the first Editors to lose an edition. Our distribution of the printed copies, however, depends upon 120 volunteers who are in lockdown at present - and many likely to remain so during May - so we are going electronic.



Despite most of our affiliated organisations being unable to meet many are finding other ways to keep in touch and provide support to each other. I am pleased to say quite a few have provided an article for you to read and enjoy.

These challenging times have seen how people can come together and help others who are struggling, with lots of local small self-help groups, social media sites and the wonderful Community Coronavirus Care group which started with one person and now provides help to all via a freephone telephone number with hundreds of volunteers. See page 25 for more on this.

Our local food shops have been working non-stop to keep supplies coming in and to find innovative ways to serve customers safely and these have been a lifeline for many. Many other businesses are in limbo and will be depending on our support once they are able to reopen and start trading again.

Our halls are closed but ready to reopen once allowed to do so although we are prepared for many groups to be unable to restart for some time if age or number limits are introduced as lockdown eases. Our Halls Manager, Roger, is maintaining the halls in readiness whilst we have furloughed Rob at present. We have had to make the decision to cancel Village Week in June including Village Day but will carry the theme of 'On Safari' over to 2021.

All bookings during this period are cancelled with any deposits paid being carried forward or refunded for one-off events. We thank those organisations who have donated their deposits to us to help us through this period. Advertisements will continue in our non-printed Bulletins but without cost and those paid for will have the period extended by however number of editions we cannot print.

With best wishes to you all. Keep safe and look forward to coming out on the other side!!

Keith Slark

What's Happening

Not a lot at present but sometime in the future

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Thursdays – Afternoon Bridge Club 1pm
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NEXT YEAR

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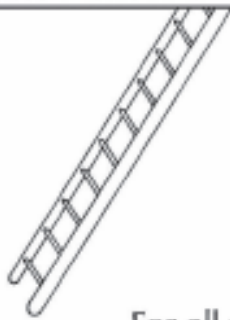
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This group is a volunteer lead community initiative carried out by the good will and the want to help the vulnerable people in our local area to ease pressures on other local services.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have a genuine need and we will be happy to help in any way we can.

 Find us on Facebook: [tinyurl.com/ccs-surrey](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/ccs-surrey)

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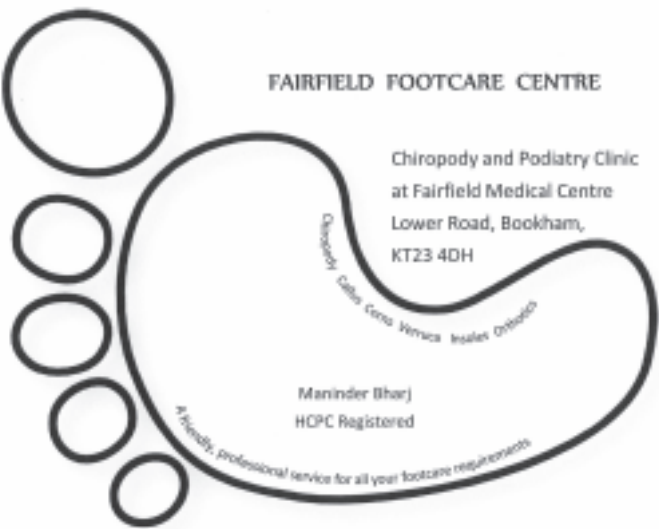


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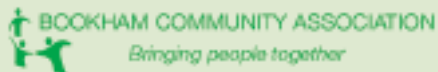
Bookham Tennis Club

As you well know, we are now all in a state of lockdown, therefore activities at Bookham Tennis Club have stopped for the time being (as instructed by the LTA). We had planned for a great summer of competition and tennis, however, when this has all blown over we will just be cramming in as much tennis as we can! The courts will have been cleaned, prepared and gleaming with the summer sun. I hope that exciting matches will be being played. We have planned a host of exciting competitions and events taking place over the summer such as the Mens and Womens Singles and doubles competitions, the mixed doubles, a La Manga style competition that is played on the last Sunday of every month, the American tournament and a classic Whites and Woods tournament. We look forward to welcoming anyone who fancies coming along to watch. The competitions this summer are set to be exciting with lots of new members participating in all competitions across the club.

Over the winter the club has not sat idle. Many members have managed to get out and play between the rain and with the floodlights, this allows the bravest to play after dark. As well as this the club awards night took place on the 29th March with Daniel Bourne and Janet Harrison taking their respective singles titles. The ladies doubles were won by Kate Savin and Caroline Penney whilst the men's doubles were won by Chris Watney and Tim Jones. The mixed doubles were won by Helen Cooper and Daniel Bourne. It was a great evening in pleasant company and was really enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks go to the team that organised and ran the event.

It will be good to see the new SOCIAL SPACE being used in the summer, the balcony overlooking the tennis courts has been used already, but with glorious sunshine and the longer evenings, we expect that it will be getting a lot more use! Who doesn't want a refreshing drink and to watch some great tennis? I know I will certainly be using it over the summer.

Once again, if you ever wish to join such an open and friendly club that can cater for any standard, please do not hesitate to get in touch! Or come down and watch some tennis.



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Bookham Library

All Surrey Libraries have closed from 20th March for the foreseeable future. However, whilst you may not be able to physically come into the library at the moment, there are still plenty of things that Surrey Libraries are able to offer you online.

Are you home schooling children whilst the schools are shut and need some inspiration? Please have a look at our fun and educational activities for children and young people. Go to the Surrey Libraries website www.surrey.gov.uk/libraries and click on the links. Topics include Top Tips for Parents, English, Reading and other key subjects.

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We hope to be able to welcome you back in to Bookham Library very soon but in the meantime keep reading, keep learning and stay in touch with updates via Bookham Library's Facebook and Twitter and the Surrey Libraries website.

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Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club



In spite of the rain and winds through January and February members at MVIBC continued playing in comfort through various rounds of club competitions - leading to the finals scheduled for early April. Then in March Coronavirus struck and since 20th March MVIBC has been closed along with the Leatherhead Leisure Centre.

In a lighter vein, one of the successful competitions within the club was the Ladies Captains Day. The ladies selected the Surrey Air

Ambulance as their charity this year to benefit from funds raised from a brilliant raffle (the writer winning 3 prizes!) and a very enjoyable fun afternoon of bowling for everyone. See the winners in the photo.

This winter season has also been marked by significant progress in National and County Competitions, with teams entering a wide range of matches from singles, mixed pairs, triples and fours in both the above categories. Success came at various levels – unfortunately not in the finals but a brilliant improvement on previous years, and carries the standard of bowling at MVIBC forward to greater recognition from

Normally we now talk about the summer indoor bowling season, and the new matches that have been arranged. Unfortunately all plans are now going to be drastically changed but we will return, and bowling at MVIBC with our friends and competitors from other clubs

will continue with a determined spirit that will replace the memory of the current devastation caused by this terrible virus.

When we do return there will be a lot to do in club management, administration, selection of teams and team development, and other areas - all requiring voluntary support. Helping new members, maybe taking up a coaching course or becoming a qualified marker would be a good way to focus new interest after this period of navel watching.. Have a think about getting involved! a very rewarding and satisfying addition to support your club through the recovery ahead.

Remember - if you are new to the game or a seasoned player, and would like to find out more about the club and the facilities – please visit our website at www.mvibc.co.uk or email mail4mvibc@gmail.com or phone 01372 289 873

Michael Mackie

Peter Pan Playschool

During the extended lunch sessions, the children were asking which bin to put their rubbish in – the general waste or recycling bin. To extend their learning, we started looking at the logos on the packaging to help them identify if items could be recycled. We decided to collect our crisp packets, both at playschool and at home, and then we went for a walk together to The Grange at No. 5 shop in the village to take our crisp packets to be recycled.

One of the children asked what the crisp packets were turned into, and the shop lady wasn't sure. So when we got back to playschool we used the computer to find the information. They are recycled by a company called Terracycle, and turned into a type of plastic which they use to make garden furniture. The children found this incredibly

fascinating. To extend the children's learning about our environment even further, we borrowed some litter picking equipment from Bookham Residents Association and went for our own litter pick walk to help keep the playschool grounds clean and tidy.

In line with Government guidance we had to close early due to the coronavirus outbreak, but we're still keeping in touch with our families via our Facebook page and online learning journals. Staff are sharing clips of them reading stories to the children, making pompoms, introducing their pets and lots of other things. We've also continued our weekly newsletter and shared ideas of activities parents can do at home with their children to help continue to support their learning and development and to support and promote



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Bookham Open Gardens Day

Sadly this year's event has been postponed but our gardeners perhaps have more time than ever to tend their gardens. What a shame we can't see them! To try and address this we are now putting regular pictures up on our Facebook page (Bookham Open Gardens) so do pay a visit!



Here are some spring photos shown on there at present.



Bookham Flower Club

Our AGM was preceded by a delicious lunch on 3rd March. The lunch enabled old friends to catch up and new friends to be made. Awards for the past year's competitions, which had been well supported, were presented at the AGM. A small number of members were unable to attend as they were self isolating having returned home from holidays in countries affected by Corona virus.

With the enforced self distancing later in March, because of this virus, and the closing of the Old Barn Hall the Monday afternoon meetings have been cancelled in April, May, June and July with the hope that they can be resumed in September.

Surrey Area NAFAS is encouraging members to keep up their floral art, if possible, by using materials from their gardens. We can continue

our love of the use of plant material to produce beautiful artistic arrangements until we can meet again to share this love. To keep updated go to www.surreynafas.org.uk



Great Bookham Belles WI



Our February meeting was organised and run by our recently formed Environmental Committee, headed by Lesley Andrews. This group arose from the interest shown following our stall at Bookham Village Day last year; the stall had various types of plastic rubbish

pinned to it in order to raise awareness of the plastic pollution in our seas.

The girls did a fantastic job, Adrienne Jones started the evening with a short film giving us ideas and encouraging us to make simple swaps to help the environment. Lesley and Sarah Landers dressed up as bees, and each table participated in a fun environmental quiz throughout the evening, with our two bees becoming quiz masters at the end!

Our guest speaker was Elsje from Fetcham from the Cupboard in Ashted (which also has a concession in Greenwise in Fetcham) which sells sustainable items and bulk wholefoods enabling people to shop packaging and conscience free. Elsje shared with us the stories

of the women who have inspired her to make the choices she has. Her tips included using the search engine Ecosia where a tree is planted for every 45 internet searches

As always refreshments were on hand, this time in the theme of Fairtrade, with some delicious cakes and treats baked and served by our ladies on the Environmental Committee.

The evening ended with a free raffle; all the prizes were made from sustainable products or sourced from local charity shops so giving us an insight into alternative ways of helping the environment.

Photo Katharine Kemp.

Words Katharine Kemp and Gilly Phipps

Transition Bookham

and the Plastic Free Bookham project



At time of writing we had cancelled our planned activities for May. We hope to be able to hold our next open meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 19th August at 7.30pm at the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre.

At our February meeting we enjoyed a talk on the subject of

forest gardening, which involves creating sustainable conditions for a low-maintenance garden. This proved popular and it was good to see some new faces.

We attended the second Environment Forum hosted by Mole Valley District Council – you may have seen an article about the Forum in

the Leatherhead Advertiser in March. The report on MVDC's carbon footprint is now available on www.molevalley.gov.uk (search for "carbon footprint", article "How we're tackling climate change").

We've also put the Plastic Free Bookham project on hold until such time as it is appropriate to restart it. Surfers Against Sewage, who run the accreditation scheme, are looking at how groups can continue to promote the scheme online. However we have made good progress on the groundwork for talking to our local organisations and businesses. We've held our first steering group meeting, and MVDC have provided us with minutes as evidence of their resolution to reduce single-use plastic. There is now a project website – www.plasticfreebookham.org.uk – on which you can find information about the

project objectives, alternatives to plastic and plastics recycling.

The underlying objective of the Transition movement is to create sustainable and resilient communities. Our local businesses that have been able to stay open in recent weeks have done a fantastic job of keeping the community supplied with essentials. Please continue to shop locally and support our local businesses.

You can keep up-to-date with our meetings, events and news items of environmental interest by emailing us at transitionbookham@gmail.com and asking to be added to our mailing list. More information on our website www.transitionbookham.org.uk. You can like and follow TransitionBookham on Facebook and follow @ttbookham on Twitter. We also now have a PlasticFreeBookham Facebook page and Instagram account.

Mole Valley Women's Institute (WI)

We have had three very different meetings so far this year. In January we heard about the life of a barrister and his time at the Old Bailey. Our birthday meeting was a hugely enjoyable event. We had cake, Bucks Fizz and a wonderful live entertainment. Our March meeting was more sobering as we were told about Surrey Search and Rescue a voluntary organisation who aid the services in searching for vulnerable people when they go missing.

Mole Valley joined other local WI's in the Barn Hall in March and made mosaics for the garden. It was a super day with a lovely fish or chicken and chips lunch.

Our smaller groups had been continuing but currently all meetings and groups are cancelled. We have an excellent web site which is updated regularly so if you would like to know more about our very happy and successful WI please go to 'molevalleywi.btck.co.uk'.



Bookham Butterflies WI

All physical meetings and events were suspended on 17th March due to Coronavirus. During this difficult time we have set up a Butterflies care team, to help members having to self-isolate. We are also able to continue some activities in the safety of members' homes.

One of the last organised events before lockdown was a fantastic session for our Craft with a Heart sub group. We learnt how to make "Pom Pom Bears", with the idea that we would sell them at the now sadly cancelled Village Day. There's always next year! Members who attended have continued crafting at home.

Jill Jackson, who runs the group, also created a very striking Pom Pom rainbow (see picture). Jill was given the idea from the Facebook page of Bookham business Grace and Cable - owner Jo used to teach knitting and crochet at Granary Crafts in the village. The pattern for the Pom Pom rainbow can be found at

www.kerryjaynedesigns.com

Members of Bookham Butterflies are also being sent a weekly quiz to keep them occupied and one of the two Butterflies book clubs is due to hold a meeting on Zoom.

We are relieved that one of our members, Trudy and her husband, finally made it back safely from a cruise of South America, 17 days later than planned. Their ship wasn't allowed to dock in Chile and had to sail a further 5000 miles to San Diego to catch the flight home!

Before lockdown, the Butterflies had enjoyed a busy start to the year and we look forward to the time when all our activities can start again! The speaker at our January meeting was Gordon Stein, our very own Janine Stein's husband. Gordon treated us to a fascinating talk about his once in a lifetime expedition on foot to the North Pole in 2004. In February we heard from Mimi Bogelund, a professional organiser.

We also had a trip to Ripley for a FRIT workshop (crushed glass) with Jo Downs and raised £528 at our annual quiz night for our chosen charity, Horsley and Bookham Riding for the Disabled.

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





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RNLI



Lifeboats

Some time ago when I had just taken charge of a unit in a London medical school my staff all walked out of the office. I asked one of them what was going on and they told me that a bomb had just gone off close to the hospital and they were all going to donate blood.

I was reminded of this when the nation decided to say a big thank you to the NHS workers working so hard to save the victims of coronavirus.

There are many other people risking illness to help us.

Our Lifeboats are still ready to launch to rescue people in danger even though it is not possible for crews to remain the required distance from each other on a boat.

One very large group of people who are vital to our wellbeing is those working in our food shops. Not only have they carried on working they have done so very well.

We really do owe them all a big thank you.

I hope that by the time you read this things are a lot better for us all and that reminds me to say thank you to the Bookham Bulletin for keeping us in touch with each other.

Leisure Learning Current Affairs Classes

Leisure Learning has been running in Bookham for 13 years and we have had a very busy season with many different speakers talking about their own special subject which have included Europe (and inevitably Brexit), China, the US, climate change, Israel, social changes in the UK and drug problems in Surrey. We have heard some really stimulating lectures followed by entertaining discussions.

Before Christmas our long standing lecturer Jim Chrystie led the talks for seven weeks then in 2020 we held nine out of the planned 13 remaining lectures until mid March when our last four lectures were postponed until the autumn due to our decision to self-isolate ahead of the Government's official instruction.

Our attention is now focused on next year which (once we have held the four classes over from the 2019-20 sessions during October) will start at the end of October and run until early

April. A new schedule of highly qualified speakers will talk about their special interest and will include the US Election, Iraq and Canada. I am sure we will also now include a session on how our lives will be changed by the current pandemic.

Each speaker gives a presentation for around 45 minutes then after a tea/coffee break individual members can put forward their questions or views on what has been said. If you want to learn just by listening to the discussion and answers to the questions, that's fine.

Despite the serious content of the classes, the social side is not forgotten. In a normal year we hold Christmas and Easter buffet get togethers for members. If you want to know more about what is going on in the world, this group of classes will appeal to you and though we currently have a short waiting list to join in 2020-21, it is always worthwhile registering

your interest in case there's a space after renewal invitations have gone out in July.

Each of the 20 classes lasts two hours and there are identical sessions in Bookham on Thursday mornings and afternoons. There's no paperwork and you're in a comfortable environment listening to expert commentary on domestic and world events followed by a healthy exchange of views.

Because we run the courses ourselves, we have low overheads and so have been able to hold the cost for the 20 classes at £100 since we started 13 years ago. If you do join us, you will be assured of a warm welcome from existing members.

To find out more about or even join one of these classes, call TERRY on 01372 454223 or email terryhulme@outlook.com

Terry Hulme

Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

We had an exciting start to the year with one of our members, Gail Diprose, giving us an extremely inspiring talk on self-sufficiency and treating us to a wide range of produce she has grown and prepared herself. Little did we know how much we would draw on that knowledge and those ideas in the months that followed.

Our second talk was given by Simon Richards on Richmond Park and the Isabella Plantation. We have all known about Richmond Park, and some have walked or driven through it, but not known the layout details or history behind it. I certainly was not aware of the beautiful 40 acre garden inside the park known as the Isabella Plantation. This was planted in 1830 and first opened to the public in 1953. The emphasis is on colour with spectacular displays of rhododendrons, camellias and the National Collection of Azaleas collected by Ernest Wilson in 1920. The Plantation has been recently restored and is an organic haven for wildlife.

Then we all know what happened. Our programme, meetings and possibly even our Summer Show are on hold, but that does not mean gardening has stopped. Many of us are having far more time to garden in this beautiful spring weather and we are seeing so much activity. Gardens are looking so attractive and tended and I am sure there will be spectacular summer displays as we walk around our neighbourhoods. It is an opportunity to enjoy our homes and gardens, courtyards, balconies, windowsill gardens or houseplants and tackle those outstanding gardening jobs, prepare for summer planting, try new techniques, produce our own food and just stop and absorb our lovely surroundings.

This is a year for initiative. Get out those seeds and start sowing and pass excess seeds and seedlings around as there may well be shortages. Use any containers and sieved garden soil if you don't have compost or pots. Divide up your own plants to increase your

stock and tend whatever vegetables, herbs, fruit or flowers to get maximum production.

Pop in some quick vegetables for eating or try sprouting lentils, beans, sunflowers or pea shoots for salads. For those mums who want to encourage and be creative with kids, try growing carrot tops, watching beans grow, make a cress head or grow one of your potatoes.

The one luxury we have is time and this is the best season to use it in the garden. We will see when things return to normal and then we can resume our programme. Do continue to prepare for our show on the 11 July which will hopefully go ahead.

July 11th – Summer Show.

September 28th – Steve Bradley on Making the most of bulbs.

October 26th - Paul Patton on Autumn Inspiration - Looking forward to Spring.

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

Jennifer Smitheman



Grow beans and carrot tops with the kids



Grow beans and carrot tops with the kids



Split up one pot of plants to make many new healthy ones. Sisyrynchium in this case



Gail Diprose with her wide range of home produce and preserves

The Meeting Place



Even though The Meeting Place Coffee Shop, Language Hub and Lip Reading classes are currently suspended, we are still busy behind the scenes. Trustees are meeting virtually, and the finance and admin teams are carrying on with "housekeeping" as much as is possible.

The Community Fridge Team, however, is active and extremely busy. After a brief lull when there was little surplus on the supermarket shelves, the team are collecting food from the supermarkets that would otherwise go to landfill and taking it to the

Community Fridge. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, people are not able (as before) to drop by and see what is available. However, with proper social distancing and food handling/hygiene rules in place, we are making up bags for delivery, particularly for those unable to get out or finding their households have greater need (either more people in them or people furloughed from work).

During Holy Week (the week before Easter) we distributed over 550 kilograms of food to more than 100 families in Bookham. It's important to note that our Community Fridge is primarily about reducing food waste so the food is available to all who can use it.

The last time many of us met together was at our AGM on 14 March which was well attended. We did not offer our usual soup lunch because of the virus but surely next year we will! We welcomed David Ryder to the team of Trustees. We miss seeing everyone at our various activities and look forward to resuming them - we might have to celebrate opening again with a party!

For more information or to get in touch with us, please go to our website <http://themeetingplace.org.uk>. You can email us at info@themeetingplace.org.uk or call the TMP mobile 07425 133431 to leave a message. You can follow us on Facebook too!

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



On 14th March we were entertained by Mark Jennings to an evening of virtuoso classical guitar music entitled "the Spirit of Spain". Mark played pieces by Barrios, Albeniz, Tarrega, Rodrigo, J.S. Bach and others. Light refreshments, including a glass of wine, were served during the interval and the audience enjoyed an evening of enchanting music.

Sadly, our programme planned for the summer has been eradicated by the Covid-19 pandemic. On Sunday 19th April we were planning a Big

Curry Lunch, but this had to be cancelled and hopefully will be rearranged for later in the year.

Our big event of the summer was to have been on Saturday 6th June when the Surrey Show Choir was due at Manor House School for a bonanza entitled Fizz, Fish and "We're Feeling Good", but again this has had to be cancelled.

The new Monthly Market to be held at St Lawrence Church, Effingham was due to start on Saturday 26th April, and thereafter on the fourth Saturday of the month. This has now been put back to September. This will be from 10.00 to 2.00 and hopefully include a variety of stalls covering Artisan Bakery, Fruit & Veg, Eggs, Crafts, Chocolates, Toiletries etc. Refreshments will be available. This is a new venture so why

not come along and try it out.

The Friends is a secular organisation created some years ago in order to help fund the upkeep of the 11th century All Saints Church, Little Bookham, a key part of our community's heritage. In January 2018 the parishes of Little Bookham and Effingham were merged and subsequently it was agreed that the charitable objects of the Friends would be extended to cover the upkeep of both All Saints Church, Little Bookham and St Lawrence Church, Effingham, another 11th century building.

Membership is £20 p.a. and for further details please contact our Chairman, William Hill at <membership.friends@icloud.com>.

Polesden Lacey Playschool



This term has been different - we were unable to attend our classroom with our friends and teachers, or hold our annual Easter show. However, it didn't stop us having fun and being part of the amazing community we belong to. Instead we used the wonders of technology to keep in touch with each other. We shared our stories, our exciting virtual days out and sang songs together. There were lots of suggestions from staff and parents for activities we could take part in. The children have been drawing and painting, running and jumping, laughing and giggling as they always do. They have been developing their independence, learning to get themselves up and dressed. One child even made sure to put her best foot forward, colouring in her toenails with felt tip pens.

We continued to grow our beans, in fact lots of them are flowering and taller than the children now. We also cooked and baked for our families. Many children have been playing with virtual tigers or visiting zoos on a laptop. Museums have been popular destinations as well.

Some children joined in with PE lessons from home and spent time outdoors scooting, cycling, washing their bikes and watering the plants. Lots of children have been taking part in yoga lessons and meditation sessions. They are beginning to understand the importance of looking after your body and mind. In fact, to cheer up other children, many have created rainbows to stick up in their windows. On a daily walk they can search for them in other's houses and let each other know where they

have found more.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the families at Playschool. They are pulling together, helping each other and doing the best for their children at this strange time. Thank you to the staff to who continue to support them from home as well.

If you would like more information about the playschool, like to arrange a visit once they are allowed or enquire about admissions please call us on 01372 458 145 (for general enquiries/admissions, please leave a message if there is no answer), email us at alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com, or visit our website - <http://polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool>

Natasha Matthews

Leatherhead Division Girlguiding

Girlguiding activities in the Leatherhead Division have been suspended since Monday 16th March due to Coronavirus, but up until that point it had been a really busy year.

In January, adult leaders, Rangers and Guides from units in Bookham and Effingham braved the elements for a fun, challenging weekend at Frost Camp 2020. This annual event at Bentley Copse Activity Centre near Sheer sees hundreds of young people and leaders spend a chilly weekend under canvas, while enjoying a huge choice of outdoor activities during the day. Guides from the 1st, 3rd and 4th Bookham Units, as well as from 1st Effingham, have been attending the camp for more than 15 years. They were once again the only Guides, alongside hundreds of Scouts.

In February, local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides took part in a giant sleepover at St John's School in Leatherhead, to mark World Thinking Day. On 22nd February each year, Girlguiding members globally think of each other and of their commitment to international friendship and understanding. This was the first ever joint sleepover for the whole Leatherhead Division, with 132 girls and 28 leaders staying overnight in the main sports hall at St John's.

One of the last local events before Guiding was suspended was the "Chennai Challenge" Day for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. A programme of Indian themed activities including cooking,



chalk drawing, dancing and dressing in sarees, was organised by Suzanne Kuyser, from The Batemans Trust. The charity works in the Chennai area of Southern India helping transform the lives of local children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The day raised £475 for the Batemans Trust.

Since local physical Girlguiding activities stopped, many are continuing virtually. Bookham Guides held a video meeting and 7th Bookham Brownies have been encouraged to earn relevant Interest Badges during the

lockdown These include Mindfulness, Baking, My Rights, Painting, Grow your Own and Inventing. Nationally, Girlguiding has an "Adventures at Home" campaign on its website, to support children and families during these challenging times.

For more information about Girlguiding in the Leatherhead Division and to volunteer as a leader for one of the local groups, contact Christine Moss on ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk

Rainbow Pre-School



The start of this year has been a busy one, We have had some new children who started with us just after Christmas who have settled in well, and we have been looking forward towards spring and summer, making the most of our outdoor areas at the nearby library garden and the Dawnay school woodland area. At the beginning of March, we had a mobile farm come and visit the children. This was a lovely experience for them. The children had the opportunity to stroke and hold the animals, and hear about how they are looked after and what they eat. We had a donkey, piglets, sheep, rabbits, ducks, guinea pigs and goats. We also visited our local bakers Pearce's. The children

were mesmerised by the different selection of bread, cakes and biscuit's etc on display. The children watched the bread being sliced and chose a loaf to have at snack bar. Thank you Pearce's!

We at Rainbow Pre-school miss our children and are thinking of ways to ensure they still have some continuity and contact with staff and each other by our private email group. Staff are taking pictures and short videos of themselves doing things at home such as cooking, gardening, washing cars and fun things with their own families etc. We are sharing these with parents so that their children can still see all the staff they have built strong relationships with. We will continue to do this through this period, in the hope that when things get back to normal, it will help with the resettling in process. Parents are also sharing photos of their child doing lots of creative and fun activities. Along with these photos staff are coming up with play ideas and activities to help promote all areas of development, these are sent on a regular basis to parents. We are so looking forward to seeing the children again soon and wish all our families a safe, healthy and happy summer.

If you would like to learn more about Rainbow Pre-school or would like to visit us, please contact Heidi Watson (Manager) on Tel: 01372 811313 Email: rainbow@bookhambaptist.org



Howard of Effingham Star in a Spine Tingling Addams Family Show:



It seemed like a different world only a few weeks ago when the Howard of Effingham launched their annual school musical on the Leatherhead Theatre stage. Howard of Effingham's version of the Addams Family – coincidentally including a Friday 13th show – just escaped being cut off by government restrictions.

With a cast including members from Year 7s starring in their first shows (and some newcomers from other years) to Year 13s bowing out and all of the year groups in between, the Howard's Show is always inclusive, but never loses that characteristic quality. Bringing to life the dark, but often humorous, escapades of the titular Addams Family, the cast seemed perfect fits for their roles, expertly characterising every minute detail of how their characters would act.

With her characteristic musical skill, Ellie Humberstone (Wednesday) more than held her own taking on a slew of tricky female solos and duets and pulled everyone in the audience to their feet for standing ovations at

every show. Sophie Grainger brought all of the recognisable traits of Morticia to life in a stunning performance, maintaining composure, impeccable mannerisms and brilliant singing through all of the shows. Another departing cast member is Year 13's Zak Muggleton, who got one of the most recognisable parts in the show of Fester and played it to perfection. He brought the slightly breaking voice, the always overdone facial expressions and marvellous comic lines to life.

Gaining her first principal role, Ellie Cain (playing Pugsley) was given a potentially tricky character to play, as by casting her as Pugsley the directorial team gave her the challenge of mastering a male character for her song – often a completely different vocal range. Ellie, however, was more than up to the challenge, wowing the audience at every show with her amazing solo, and perfectly punctuating her comic lines – definitely one to look out for in future Howard musicals. Rounding off the family – and how could anyone forget this amazing piece of acting – was Bella Grieve, playing the very soul and spirit of the family, Grandma Addams, giving perfect comedic effect to her lines and adding a new dimension to the show: although whose Grandma is she? We may never know... Also in his first musical was Jonar, sorry, Jonah, Webster, bringing to life – or perhaps undeath? – to the ghoulish butler Lurch. Whilst there wasn't always a lot of variation in Jonah's lines (it's hard to do that when all that's in the script is grunting) he somehow managed to create a convincing character from the ever dependable butler, even getting a chance to show off his brilliant singing voice in the final song.

Whilst the title of the musical is the Addams Family, there is also a very important second family – the Beinekes. This group of 'normal' people have to come to terms with the weird and wonderful world of the Addams Family after their son (Lucas – played by James Stevens) falls for Wednesday. James brought

Lucas to life fabulously, capturing the mannerisms and behaviour of a character stuck between trying to be Crazier than Wednesday whilst remaining true to his upbringing – not exactly the impulsive type. Sophie Storey was back again in a prominent role, this time as Alice Beineke, the reserved, poetic mother and wife – until her song that is. With such a difficult song – not made any easier by some unpredictable table stability. A counterpoint to his wife, Ewan Cretney wowed the audience as Mal Beineke – a slightly rigid and standoffish Ohioan who soon learns to come into his own as the second act progresses.

No Howard musical would be complete without the fabulous ensemble, who this year had the slightly different task of turning themselves into a full family tree of ancestors, taking costumes from throughout history, and prehistory in fact, to fulfil one of the most important roles in the show. Without our wonderful Ancestors, anything the main family did would be a little flat, the songs would lose some of their life and the show would be poorer for it, so whilst they do not always get the recognition they deserve.

On a personal level, I absolutely loved being a part of this musical. The chance to bring to life a recognisable musical character like Gomez Addams and have the chance to act and sing some of my newfound favourite lines and songs in musical theatre was one that I would not have missed for the world. As I won't get the chance to do this again, I would like to thank all of the staff who give up so much of their time to put together this musical, all of the members of the band and also the crew, both students and the fabulous people at the Leatherhead Theatre. It's a Happy/ Sad departure, but I am looking forward immensely to seeing what the Howard can get up to for next year's musical.

Head boy Rhys Wallis, 18, who played Gomez Addams in The Addams Family



Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley

Rotary Special Award

Bookham & Horsley Rotary Club had a special award to present to member Keith Slark, who will take over as Club president next summer. Keith was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship (named after Rotary's founder), in recognition of his years of service to the Club and wider Bookham community. Current president Nick Garrett commented: "Keith has given a lifetime of service to the community, ranging from being a scout leader in his early

adult life, to playing a major role in developing the new Scouting Centre in Bookham, and being well-known over many years as Chairman and chief advocate for the Bookham Community Association. Since joining our Rotary Club some years ago Keith has been a constant voice of reason and source of energy and has very successfully organised our Christmas collections for the last two years. I have rarely met someone with such a heart for others; always on the lookout to help those less fortunate than himself".



Rotary Bookham & Horsley *Making a Difference in the Community*

Rotary meeting the challenge of Covid-19

I'm aware of what I write today, a sunny 7th April, may be quickly out-of-date by the time you read this, due to pandemic emergency we are all living through. The world, our village and daily lives have changed so much over the last 4 weeks or so.

'Normal' Rotary events went well in January and February – we had fun and raised excellent charity funds at our quiz evening and bridge nights. Funds went to The Princess Alice Hospice in particular. Our Club meetings were well attended and included a couple of informal pub supper outings, continuing our aim to often meet less formally. Then March arrived...

- **EVENTS:** sadly all events have of course been cancelled, starting with our 'get to know Rotary' evening at The Grange on 20th March, and including the gala music evening in early May, to mention but two. Most events will return when our lives are 'normal' again
- **COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** Our charity funding supports many local and global initiatives, as many of you know. During the current emergency we have been in touch with families we support each Christmas time, and helped several acute hardship families. We are in touch with several local charities who also provide funding and practical support. It's fortunate that we live in an area that has a range of charities able to offer such help. The main challenge is being visible to and connecting with families who are in greatest need.
- **OUR CLUB MEMBERS:** Each week we now have Zoom-meetings, with up to 15 members 'on screen' for 90 minutes or so on a Wednesday evening. We have discussed how we are, what we can do to help the community and include lighter-hearted events.

If you would like to know more, why not take a look at our website and/or call us, or simply join our mailing list for occasional updates. Once normal service is resumed, you are very welcome to come along to a trial meeting.

For all details visit www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org or contact our secretary Mark Secker on 01372 458733 or mark.secker@outlook.com

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Bookham Bees WI



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Two years ago I was invited along to the inaugural meeting of the Bookham Bees WI. Established to fulfil the demand for a new WI within the vicinity of Great Bookham. I liked it so much I joined! My Mum still can't believe I did! I'm not her idea of a typical WI member! Not a jam and Jerusalem sort of person, more a Gin and Tonic to be fair!

Well, here I am 2 years later. Still a member and loving it. I have made new friends, real friends, not just friendly acquaintances. People, who I know, in time of need, wouldn't hesitate to help. And have! But that's not the only reason. This group, like all WI's has a regular monthly

meeting, often with guest speakers, plus a whole array of sub groups and other activities. There is a gardening group that visit interesting gardens, hold plant swap days at members' homes etc. The Theatre Group arranges theatre & film trips and "behind the scene" outings to interesting places such as the Globe Theatre. We have pub nights, craft evenings, morning coffee meet ups to name a few.

We also have a Walkie Talkie group. What started as one morning a week, is now three. A brisk, 40 minute walk and talk, rain or shine on Bookham Common at 8am, so people like me can go and still get to work. Sometimes there are 10 or 11 of us, sometimes 4 or 5, and sometimes 2, but there is always someone and I never walk alone. That's probably the greatest underlying principle of Bookham Bees WI; whoever you are, whatever your age, whatever your interests, whatever time you have, be it a lot, or very little, there is always someone or something for everyone, and rest assured you will NEVER walk alone. At this time, more than anytime before, in this time of national and

worldwide need, our communities will never walk alone.

If you would like to know more about Bookham Bees WI do visit www.bookhambeeswi.org or email Bookham Bees WI bookhambees@outlook.com

Michelle Smith



St Lawrence Primary School

'Small But Mighty' Team St Lawrence Pulls Together



At St Lawrence Primary School, we face an unprecedented period in education with the partial closure of schools due to the coronavirus outbreak. Staff have demonstrated true dedication and determination in seeking ways to continue supporting our families as much as possible.

Teachers have been supplying individual class home learning plans on a weekly basis, so parents can help children to consolidate their subject knowledge and progress their

learning.

We have been able to support key worker and vulnerable families by remaining partially open for those children for most of the period to date. We hope to continue this provision in the coming weeks and months.

Many of our staff have continued working in school, with those in isolation working from home to provide additional learning support to families. It has been remarkable to see the staff team working so creatively together, finding solutions to effectively navigate the uncharted waters in which we find ourselves.

We have been touched by the numerous messages of thanks received from families for the learning support they have continued to receive. Head of school Tom Dell remains in regular touch with families, updating them on the current situation for school through our newsletter and via emails. The mental health of the children and their families has been at the forefront of decisions, alongside the safety of everyone in our school community.

We very much look forward to the day when we can once again open our doors to all of our St Lawrence families. In the meantime we have been heartened to see inspiring pictures sent in by parents, showing children enjoying the



home learning activities provided by school. Many families have also taken the opportunity created by an enforced slower pace of life to teach their children new skills.

Parents often refer affectionately to St Lawrence as being 'small but mighty'. Never has this felt more apt a motto to embody the sentiments and attitudes found within our school community from the children, their parents and our staff. We thank you all for your support.



15 Years of Leatherhead Youth Project



With everyone all across the UK currently doing their part to stay home and protect each other, it has presented a new challenge for LYP to continue youth work across Mole Valley. However, it has also opened up new opportunities. We are continuing many of our One-to-Ones, as they are very important in a time of uncertainty. Our Youth Workers are creating interactive activities online daily and we are all catching up on paperwork and networking!

In April 2020, we will be celebrating our 15th Birthday!!

The vision for LYP began in 2003 when three Leatherhead Churches and MVDC came together to provide much needed youth provision in North Leatherhead. In 2005 we opened our doors. Having converted AllSaints

Church into a state of the art youth centre. We employed our first Youth Worker and with a team of committed volunteers, we ran BFree Youth Café for the first time.

By 2008, LYP had 3 full time staff members and ran a range of projects including Freestyle - a residential trip full of activities for 50 local young people and Total Football – a weekly football club. Then in 2012 we became more involved in working with NEET (not in education, employment or training) young people, to help them gain qualifications and work experience.

In 2014, we launched our first social enterprise, Allsaints Coffee Shop. After years of dreaming about being able to employ young people who have the least opportunities, we were able to hire three young apprentices.

In 2015 we were awarded a Surrey County Council contract to deliver 121 mental health support across the borough. In our first year we delivered 350 hours of one-to-one support.

2016 was the year we launched in Bookham, in partnership with 3 Bookham churches. Starting in January 2017, BYouth opened as an after school drop in with games consoles, a pool table, sports and cooking. Our Bookham projects now also include, Explore, Girls and Lads, with dinner and small group work.

In 2017, we had a Royal Visit to Allsaints Coffee Shop from HRH The Earl of Wessex, Prince Edward.

Since then we have seen record numbers of young people at our projects! We look forward to celebrating our 15 years this year - starting with one youth worker and an empty building, to now having 9 staff delivering youth services to over 600 young people every year!



Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club



Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club continues to thrive in a competitive but friendly atmosphere. Duplicate sessions are normally held on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Old Barn Hall. Visitors are welcome subject

to availability on that particular day. The Club endeavours to provide a host each session who will act as a spare partner for a visitor or member who is without a partner that day. Club details can be found on the following website: <http://bridgewebs.com/bookham>

Meetings will resume once the current lockdown is lifted.

2019 was a momentous year as the Club, under the leadership of the Chairman, Neil Higgins, held a variety of events to mark and celebrate its 50th anniversary. The final event was a most successful bridge day when the well- renowned Andrew Robson imparted valuable information and tips to a very eager




and receptive audience. Over the past year the Club raised over £4000.00 which was donated to several charities and towards promoting Surrey Youth Bridge.

Club members participate in a number of County and National Competitions. Club trophies are awarded annually and the winners in 2019 were as follows:

- 1) Highest Individual Score: Chris Pullan
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The Arts Society Bookham



The present lack of activity enables us to look back to last September when 36 members enjoyed a trip to Northern Spain. Tours Secretary Judy Money reports that they visited a delightful town called Santilliana del Mar established around a monastery and surrounded by an ensemble of 15th to 17th century golden stone houses. Later they explored a replica cave at the Altamira Museum.

On Day 2 members travelled to the Picos de Europa arriving at the small ancient town of Potes. They enjoyed a cable car trip to see the spectacular panoramic views of the Picos peaks and valleys. On day 3 time was spent in Cantabria's capital, Santander, before travelling to El Soplao Cave home to a spectacular and diverse array of formations. The final day began with a 60 minute cruise to admire Bilbao from a different perspective (see photo)



and a guided tour of the amazing Guggenheim Museum designed by the renowned American architect Frank O Gehry.

A tour of Western Sicily is planned for October visiting the Doric temple at Segasa, Erice and Trapani, the cathedral at Monreale and the Valley of Temples at Agrigento. A very full five day programme that is, of course, dependent on circumstances.

Day visits are planned to Herstmonceux Observatory in July, the Huguenot Museum in Rochester with a boat trip on the Medway for August and in October a chance to view the Home of the Surrealists at the house of Lee Miller and Roland Penrose, the parents of Anthony Penrose, The Boy who bit Picasso, who was due to explain this title at the cancelled March lecture.

The lecture programme is also subject to change/cancellation. The September lecture is the Bayeux Tapestry. Evelin Eaton presents

the historical, cultural and artistic aspects of the Tapestry, which provides a testimonial of people's lives in the late Viking age.

A particular area of enjoyment for our Heritage Volunteers is the conservation of the vestments and fabric at Guildford Cathedral. The fabrics are in many cases old as well as beautiful as the photo of Bookham Arts group working on a chasuble



in the Chapter House shows. We have been working together for more than five years and will be there for some time yet. Chairman Angela Stevens heads the group and the fortnightly sessions will resume as soon as the current restrictions are lifted.

Angela says numbers of the Arts Society here in Bookham are pleasing and attendances in January and February were good despite poor weather. The high standard of our lecturers is amazing for content and professionalism and this high standard is being put to the test while we are unable to meet. We go on the Arts web site to find live lectures. There is also a vast amount online and television for us to enjoy. We will not be meeting for a few months but look forward to normal service being resumed.

New members will be warmly welcomed. The lectures are 7.30 on the fourth Tuesday in the month at The Old Barn Hall. Anyone interested in joining the Society can pick up a publicity card from Bookham Library For membership please contact Linda Tickner at <http://theartsocietybookham.org.uk/>

John Cook

Future Mole Valley Draft Local Plan: BRA and Villagers Respond

Following a great team effort by the BRA, the lliveinBookham.com website team and a host of volunteers the BRA response to the Future Mole Valley Draft Local Plan Consultation was delivered to the Council on Monday 23 March.

In addition to the BRA submission, a campaign to encourage all in the village to respond individually to the consultation was also implemented during March with leaflets delivered to every household by BRA road stewards and volunteers; a website, yourbookham.com, was also set up which gave guidance on the submission process and topics such as the Green Belt and infrastructure that residents should consider when making their response. This guidance was well received by residents and a "thank you" goes to all Bookham residents and

interest groups who submitted their comments to the Future Mole Valley Consultation Draft Local Plan Consultation process which was a very weighty and complex consultation document.

Mole Valley District Council will now take time to absorb ours and all the other responses and will then produce the next version of the Plan document under a regime known as Regulation 19. Again we should have the chance to comment and this will then finally go to the full Mole Valley District Council for agreement before being sent to a Government Planning Inspector for approval or otherwise.

The regulation 19 document should appear much later this year and the Inspector could take up to a year to do his or her job.

The MVDC Cabinet member responsible for Planning, Margaret Cooksey, has repeatedly said that this draft plan is not the one they finally expect to put forward. We will keep everyone in the village informed on what we find out as the months unfold.

BRA AGM Cancelled

Following the Social Distancing directive from the Government, we have cancelled the BRA AGM in May. Depending upon the COVID-19 circumstances we expect to hold the AGM in the autumn. We will advise once the Government guidance is clear.

Les Huett – BRA Publicity

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