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From the Chairman

We can see light at the end of the tunnel and, if all goes well, a summer without all of the restrictions we have lived with for over twelve months. There are lots of provisos so we must tread carefully but the halls will be reopening as shown below and plans are proceeding for other events. Unfortunately, **Village Day** on the 19th June is too early to go ahead and, with the uncertainty with regard to social distancing and large events, we have decided to move it to **August Bank Holiday Monday - 30th August**. It will be a little different to our usual Village Day without a parade - more details will be in the May Bulletin.



Bookhams Open Gardens, however, is on **Sunday 27th June** and, hopefully, **WILL** be going ahead.

DONATIONS

We are very grateful for all of you who responded to our appeal for donations which have ranged between £10 and £1,000 and also to the wonderful members of **Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club** who raised £1,950 from two special Zoom Bridge afternoons. Thank you all very much. It is much appreciated as our grant application towards the £32,000 costs of replacing the heating system was not successful.

Details of how to donate are shown on page 7.

We look forward to welcoming you back to our halls and seeing you at our events. If you would like to help with these please contact me on keithslark@tiscali.co.uk

Keith Slark

THE OLD BARN HALLS – REOPENING

The Government's Roadmap for lifting Covid19 restrictions mean that we can plan for reopening the halls in stages (and subject to any changes announced later!)

Step Two: 12th April

- Village halls and community centres can re-open. While a full range of activities will not yet be permitted smaller activities should be able to take place within the hall's secure COVID-19 capacity e.g., trustee meetings, craft groups, weight loss groups etc.
- Funerals continue with up to 30 people; wakes and weddings will be allowed up to 15 guests.
- All indoor children's activities can open, including dance classes, musical activities.
- Parent and child groups can open indoors -parent and toddlers, with up to 15 attending plus under-fives.

Step Three: 17 May

- Film shows, plays and concerts can take place, subject to social distancing.
- Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions, funerals and wakes. Christenings and bar mitzvahs will be allowed.
- Controlled indoor events can take place with up to 50% capacity.

The main hall and the Harrison Room will be open from these dates for the activities allowed with full Covid19 Special Conditions of Hire applying.

Step Four: 21st June

- All legal limits on social contact are removed.
- Dancing is permitted.
- Restrictions on numbers at weddings and funerals are abolished

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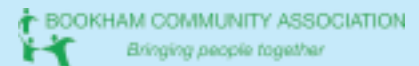
Usual stalls and games
Fancy Dress Competition
but **NO Parade**.
More information in May

BOOKHAM OPEN GARDENS
going ahead on
SUNDAY 27th JUNE

Full details in May
See article on page16

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Polesden Lacey Shakespeare

2021 is a very special year for Polesden Lacey Shakespeare. We will be celebrating our 70th anniversary.

Our production scheduled for this year is the same as the very first Shakespeare production on the Open Air Stage at Polesden Lacey: A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The production will be directed by Gary Andrews, with a very talented and loyal team assembled.

Obviously, with the current conditions, we cannot, at present, give a lot of details, we are planning to go ahead, in accordance with whatever Government regulations and the National Trust at Polesden Lacey permit at that time

70 years ago, an intrepid team, from the Bookham area, led by the legendary Elsie Green, constructed the open-air stage and the dressing room beneath and produced A Midsummer Night's Dream as part of the 1951 Festival of Britain celebrations. Following her retirement from directing, a long and distinguished list of people followed, including, Peter Hahlo, Ros Rokinson and the equally legendary Margaret Hunter. Productions developed into a week-long festival, then a fortnight-long one, including concerts, opera, musicals; festive craft fayre, country dancing and the customary annual Shakespeare production. In 2009, the National Trust withdrew funding from the festival and Margaret Hunter gathered together a like-minded, very experienced and well-connected

group of people, who formed Polesden Lacey Shakespeare as a charitable trust, a completely independent entity from the National Trust, in order to be able to continue the, by then, extremely popular Shakespeare production in such a beautiful setting. Polesden Lacey Shakespeare has continued since then, with support from the National Trust in allowing the use of the theatre lawn and its preparation and in offering volunteer stewards. The main production usually takes place at the end of June and beginning of July, over two weekends, as matinee performances. In 2013, Pop Up Shakespeare: short Shakespearean extracts around the formal gardens, was also introduced, free, for visitors to Polesden Lacey. This normally happens on the two weekends preceding the main production.

The projected dates for A Midsummer Night's Dream this year (2021) are 26th & 27th June and 3rd & 4th July. Preparations for this were already well in hand before auditions for last year's show, Romeo & Juliet even took place. That production had to be cancelled due to Covid, but we produced an online audio version...like a radio play... with individual cast recordings being woven together and sound effects added by our talented artistic Director, Gary Andrews. You can hear this, streamed free on our website, as below. We will be streaming films of a few recent productions, also free, on the website, so keep a look out for those!

Once again, we are hoping to see some interest from local Bookham Community, so, please do get in touch (via press tab on the website), if you feel you might like to be involved in some way.

Please keep an eye on our website, www.polesdenlaceyshakespeare.co.uk and on our social media Polesden Lacey Shakespeare on Facebook and @pl_shakespeare on Twitter, for more details and also for auditions notices, if appropriate.

We really hope to be welcoming you back...for this magical show.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Hopeful New Year!

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Due to current restrictions we are unable to screen films in the Old Barn Hall

We shall be returning in September

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Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club



'Your local indoor bowling club moved into the New year with a full membership and a full programme of challenges for our members in 2020.'

The opening lines that we were able to report a year ago – how different this year, after a period that we all have suffered in one way or another and missing so many friends.

The New Year holds new promises and we must all hold that in our minds. There will changes but with the will of our Bookham members and other members from all around the Mole Valley area - bowling at MVIBC will return.

At the time of writing the Club remains silent under Covid Level 4 restrictions and the Leatherhead Leisure Centre closed. Everything is ready and fully maintained under the latest guide lines for bowling to commence SAFELY as soon as allowed - as we all follow the Club guide lines. MVIBC members - watch your emails.

With all that important subject in mind, and nothing new to report from the last period that hasn't already been said in so many ways by so many dedicated people, it seems a good opportunity to reflect on some of the activities that we all enjoy and maybe some faces of special characters that we sadly miss.

These photos have been published previously in the Bookham Bulletin - so enjoy those

moments again - the bowls may not be rolling now but those grey will be ticking and hopefully smiling.

Remember that when bowling returns internal league matches will run regularly in the morning, afternoon and evening each week, and for new members there are free coaching sessions available as required.

If you would like to find out why indoor bowling is so popular and share the benefits available, details can be found on our website at www.mvibc.co.uk . You can also email mail4mvibc@gmail.com or talk to our Membership Secretary on 01372 289873 for more info.

Michael Mackie

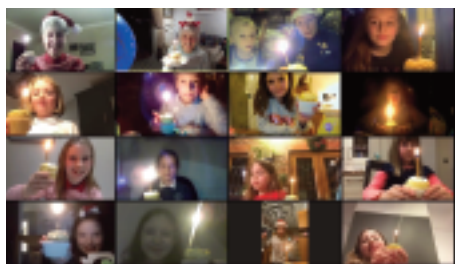


Leatherhead Division Girlguiding

A Brownie unit and Rainbow Unit in Bookham each celebrated a big birthday in the run up to Christmas, with wonderful virtual celebrations uniting young members across the village.

The 2nd Bookham Rainbow unit, formed 30 years ago, planned a party this summer for past leaders and girls. But after Covid-19 put paid to these plans the unit's Zoom Christmas party was combined with a 30th birthday celebration. Rainbow party bags were delivered to each girl, and over Zoom everyone played games and danced to Christmas music. Rainbows and leaders each lit three candles on a fairy cake (assisted by parents) and sang Happy Birthday!

7th Bookham Brownies marked an even bigger birthday – their 50th. Again, the unit had hoped to hold a physical celebration.



Instead members and current leaders celebrated on Zoom just before Christmas with fun and games. Cakes were delivered to each Brownie in party boxes and a competition to design a commemorative badge was won by Rosie Dunn.

Meanwhile, Bookham shoppers are being encouraged to support fundraising for the local Girlguiding site, Faurefold, a holiday house and campground at Westcott, set in 11 acres of grounds. The site has provided a wonderful haven for local Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Young Leaders since at least 1971.

Due to the pandemic the site had to close in March, and has had restricted opening since. As lockdown restrictions allow, Faurefold has offered a safe outdoor space for units to return to face-to-face Guiding and support girls' physical and mental wellbeing. The committee running the site will continue to support a return to normal Guiding activities through 2021.

With its main source of income being from residential visits, funding for Faurefold has been severely impacted. Local Girlguiding volunteers are delighted that until 23rd October 2021, Co-op members who have

selected the site as their "Co-op Local Community Fund cause" can support it directly, with 1p for every pound spent on selected Co-op branded products and services, going to Faurefold.



Co-op members can select the Girlguiding site as their nominated charity at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/55196>. Faurefold is partnered with the Co-op store on Bookham High Street, but Co-op members elsewhere can still choose it as their charity.

For more information about Girlguiding locally, contact Christine Moss ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com



Transition Bookham

and the Plastic Free Bookham project



2020 wasn't the easiest year to work on a project that aims to reduce local use of single-use plastic, but nevertheless we've managed to make progress towards gaining Plastic-Free accreditation. Mole Valley District Council has pledged to reduce single-use plastic; has authorised two councillors to join our steering group; and in October passed a new Climate Strategy, which amongst many other actions, pledged support for local groups that sign up to

the Plastic Free Communities initiative.

With these three items completed, we've officially met our objective relating to local government involvement. We've also met the two annual objectives relating to steering group meetings and events for 2020.

We had only just started to roll out our plastic-free survey to local businesses when the November lockdown was announced, so we've put that on hold for now. On a more positive note, we're starting to speak to local schools and other groups to progress our Community Allies objective.

We'd love to hear from you if you're involved with organising a local group and would like to get involved with our plastic-free journey. For more

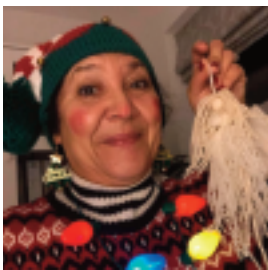
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Great Bookham Belles WI

During the Autumn and Winter of 2020 monthly meetings for Great Bookham Belles have continued via Zoom, although not the same as meeting in person this has created laughter and a distraction from the current situation.

October saw our 6th birthday and unable to celebrate in person Georgia of Georgia's homemade bakes baked 120 cupcakes for us that committee members delivered to every member on the day of our October meeting. Almost 80 members joined via Zoom that evening to toast our birthday and listen to Jo, our speaker, tell us how she had paddle boarded coast to coast along a canal picking up litter as she went.



Christmas armel

Our annual meeting was held via Zoom in November when Amanda was voted back in as our President for the 6th consecutive year. The process was much quicker via the wonders of technology which gave us plenty of time to listen to our speaker Lucy Quinnell, from the Fire and Iron Gallery in Leatherhead, enthral us with the history of her family home.

In December the committee were busy delivering to members again, this time a craft kit which enabled us to make Christmas angels during our meeting, being patiently taught by Jacky again via Zoom. Even the non crafters were pleased with their efforts and many Christmas trees were adorned with the creative results.

During this time Great Bookham Belles WI have continued their charitable efforts, collecting 6 large crates of donations for Epsom food bank and helping to provide bakes and man the refreshment stall at Cherry Trees Christmas Fayre which thankfully was able to go ahead in a Covid secure way before tighter restrictions came in. The committee is very grateful to all our members for being so

generous with their donations of food and bakes and for keeping our spirits high. We look forward to a better 2021.



Going to a food bank



6th birthday cup cake

Eastwick WI

Having kept in touch with all our members during the year with our monthly Newsletters our Committee was delighted when our new Treasurer, Gill Jackson, offered to run our meetings via Zoom, something up until then we had not been able to do. Our programme planning team swung into action and found us some speakers and in October we were able to meet with each other on screen and enjoy a jolly evening.

In November we held our Annual Meeting

when more members had become confident with the system and joined us. At that meeting we were able to thank our retiring Treasurer, Jean Plank, for her 14 years of hard work and dedication keeping our books in order and our President made a presentation of our gift to her, but delivered it the next day!

Our Christmas meeting found us each with our glass of wine and mince pie enjoying a quiz organised by Ann Renn and Jill Elliott – no stress or prizes, just great fun. A raffle was

drawn before several members performed Christmas readings both spiritual and amusing and we concluded by wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and good health and joy in the New Year. We are planning to begin the latter by having our Zoom meetings with good speakers each month until such time as we are able to meet together again, let us hope that will be soon.

Brenda Kent

Bookham Butterflies WI

Members of Bookham Butterflies WI enjoyed their usual Christmas festivities, thanks to Zoom and some careful planning!

Plenty of Christmas jumpers and hats were on display at our December meeting, which doubles up every year as our Christmas party and birthday celebration. This year was our sixth birthday! The evening's entertainment was provided by members themselves – with everything from Christmas poems and songs, stories of Christmases spent abroad, tips on making mince pies and Christmas truffles, as well as a quiz about cheese!

Bookham Butterflies also held their annual Christmas wreath-making workshop, but with a difference due to the pandemic. In normal times around 50 Butterflies gather together over a number of days at a local church hall for a series of social events, with all materials and tuition provided. The current Coronavirus restrictions sadly prevented this, so a number of Butterflies instead collected the material to make their wreaths, along with an instruction sheet, from another member's house. Wreaths were then assembled at home, with some stunning results!

In the build up to Christmas the committee also delivered surprise individual goody bags to all members, containing a seasonal face mask, scented candle, hot chocolate-making kit and a Christmas card made from wild flower seed paper which can be "planted" in the spring.

Monthly meetings are continuing on Zoom with around 40-50 members attending each time. In October, after the election of officials at our AGM, we enjoyed a scavenger hunt in our own homes – finding items including a bell and something with a beak! In November our speaker Marion Dante told us about her life after 33 years as a nun.

We have further speakers and activities planned for virtual monthly meetings in the near future, talking about subjects as diverse as cabaret, playing the spoons and foraging.



Christmas goody bag, delivered by the committee to all members of Bookham Butterflies WI

As pandemic restrictions continue members are also being kept entertained by a regular winter quiz, with questions set by our resident quizmasters, member Linda Rockett and her husband Warren.

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



Member Jan Lewis with her homemade Christmas wreath



Member Linda Rockett with her homemade Christmas wreath

Bookham Seniors Computer Club

Throughout the autumn term Bookham Seniors Computer Club (BSCC) has continued to hold regular Friday morning meetings via Zoom video-chat. These have been well attended, usually by about 25 members, and have covered a variety of topics including Word Fields and Templates, Word Headers and Footers, Working with Contacts for Email, Making Payments over the Internet, Google Earth, Christmas Labels, Synchronisation, Using Whatsapp and Downloading and Uploading. On the first Friday of each month the club has held a general meeting which also included a quiz.

This year the club held its annual Christmas Party via Zoom. Attendees dressed for the

occasion with some suitably Christmassy headwear and brought along a joke or funny story. There was also the traditional Christmas and technology related trivia quiz.

At time of writing it looks unlikely that the club will be able to meet in Little Bookham Village Hall until the summer. Consequently the club will hold its spring term programme using Zoom video-chat. Courses will start at 10:00 on Fridays and run for about one to two hours. On the first Friday of each month the club will hold a general meeting starting at 11:00 via Zoom and provide a general update and other news as well a short quiz. The programme can be viewed on our website at bscc.btck.co.uk.

The committee will continue to provide help to its members by email, telephone and occasionally by remote connection with answers to questions, advice and solutions to computer related problems and will keep its members up-to-date, including details of our spring programme, via email and its website at bscc.btck.co.uk. Note that our website host is closing this service on 24 May 2021 so keep an eye out for our new website address during the New Year.

If you are interested in finding out more about the BSCC then phone Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604 or visit our website. New members are always welcome.

Bookham Flower Club

Although we have enjoyed our monthly shows of our photographed floral arrangements and interesting quizzes we have missed getting together to watch live demonstrations on how to produce novel and beautiful designs in flowers by experts.

This was, as near as possible, rectified by the offer of a live demonstration on Zoom by Area Demonstrator Alison Gillot, who lives locally. Her title was "Zoom, zoom, zoom" and she was assisted by her husband, Nigel, who was the administrator of the Zoom session at the beginning of November.

The demonstration from Alison's dining room was of designs which we could copy as gifts and Christmas decorations ranging from picture canvasses with attached test tubes containing flowers, to a group of different sized and shaped jars covered with balloons. These were placed on a platter and filled with flowers to complement the colours of the balloons. The session ended with groups of the 44 attendees meeting in chat rooms which meant that we could see and speak with other members.

This "meeting" was followed in December with Graham King presenting "Live from the Shed"

on Zoom again hosted by Nigel Gillott. Forty-six members attended Graham's presentation from his shed, where he had spent time during lockdown creating new containers from wire, wood, twigs and dishcloth cotton which were works of art in themselves.

These he filled with wonderful flowers and foliage suitable for Christmas in different colour schemes. Graham sent photos of his designs which were sent out to all the members so those unable to join the session could appreciate them. These two meetings ended the year on a high note.

Bookham Bowling Club

We have disassembled the remains of our disastrous 2020 year due to Covid and using the best pieces have created a brighter (we all hope) 2021 playing season.

Following our Zoom AGM on November 5th we now have a newer management committee, a newer playing committee and a strengthened resolve (if allowed by the Govt.) to get the Club back on our green in 2021.

The green has had its extreme winter makeover and is already looking playable.

So if interested in "Giving It A Go" we are

holding a free trial weekend in April - see the website for details - at the club which is located inside the Chrystie Rec off the Dorking Road on the way to Polesden Lacey. We are right behind the football pavilion.

Our new secretary Paul Barrett alongside our new captains Jane Fiducia & Steve Mullins would be pleased to hear from you. All you need is a flat soled pair of shoes or trainers, a great dollop of humour, a face mask and come along and say hello.

We provide the bowls, coaching and

refreshments for the weekend. Snow clearing maybe optional!

We continue our quest to support our chosen Captain's charity: Air Ambulance Surrey, Sussex & Kent as well as the Bookham Village Day.

Thanks for reading and hope to see you soon, Happy New Year,

Richard Sealy (press officer). 01372456280.

Our website is: [Bookham Bowls Club home page](#)

Churches ready to help people with money problems due to Covid19

Bookham Baptist Church, along with other local churches, are encouraging people impacted financially throughout the pandemic to seek help now. The Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre is offering FREE HELP to local people, across the Mole Valley area, who are facing money problems due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Jennie Coles, Mole Valley CAP Debt Centre Manager, said: "We know that many people wait as long as three years before finding help with their debts. At first it may seem like you can manage a drop in income but when bills start to get missed debt can rapidly build up until it becomes unmanageable. Getting help as early as possible can make a big difference. We want everyone in our area to know that our service is here, completely free of charge. We don't want anyone going through 2021 worrying about how they'll manage."

Since the pandemic hit, the CAP Debt Help service has adapted to follow social distancing guidelines to stay safe whilst still offering its award-winning debt help, along with unique support, across the local area.

This support includes helping clients with practical things such as linking up with local food banks, arranging emergency fuel top ups, support, encouragement, and a friendly voice at the end of a phone.

CAP client Jude said: "Being in debt was awful. I dreaded the postman. Every time he came it was just debt, debt, debt. I was completely alone and there was no one to talk to. I had to cut back a lot, skipping meals and going without different things. Then I got in touch with CAP. It was amazing. You get these lovely people who are prepared to help and do whatever they can. "They're so kind. Because I was going without meals, they brought me a

big bag of stuff from the food bank. At last someone was here to listen to me and help me. I could finally breathe."

Jennie added: "It doesn't matter whether people have reached the desperation Jude faced, or whether they've just begun to struggle. We are able to help!

If you are struggling with debt and need help, get in contact with CAP today on

**0800 328 0006 or visit [capuk.org](#).
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Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

I find myself looking at the many positive aspects of this last year. A walk around the neighbourhood shows beautifully tended gardens, perhaps where previously there had been little interest or time. People of all ages have been out walking, running or cycling in the countryside, at the local National Trust properties or at Wisley and have been seeing the changing seasons and observing nature. A visit to the nearby allotments shows every plot occupied, productive crops and socially distanced gardeners enjoying the companionship and the exercise of working the soil.

Perhaps one of the greatest advantages has been having a bit more time. Our abundant allotment produce is certainly due to this, but we have also had time to see more. I think we have always been rushing, but now we have observed carefully for the first time.

Our holly berries in the front garden come and go but it was not until this year that we stopped to look at the abundant crop and then saw who was enjoying them. Until Christmas Day the holly had a sparkling, scarlet crop and then the Redwing Thrushes (*Turdus iliacus*) arrived first singly and then in a flock. It was wonderful to watch them coming and going and feasting and in two days the bush was completely stripped. I

certainly don't resent them their Christmas feast.

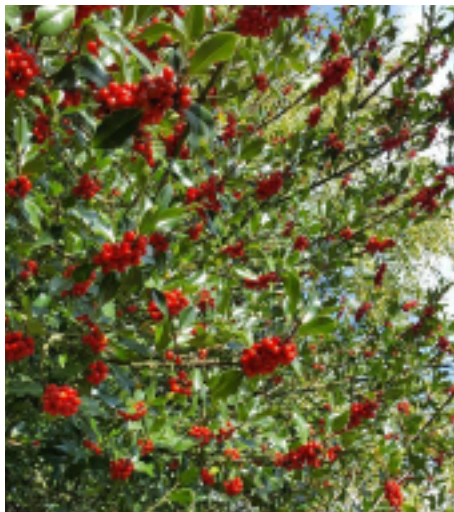
I am sure we can all think of something that this year has enabled us to see or do better, or for the first time. When we can get together for a Garden Society meeting again, perhaps we could exchange new experiences and ideas from this year.

As soon as we can, we will have a programme up and running and hopefully this year we will also be able to hold our Annual Show.

Jennifer Smitheman



Redwing - *Turdus iliacus*



Holly bush on Christmas Day



Holly bush 2 days later

Polesden Lacey Infant School

By the time you read this Christmas will be a distant memory but I couldn't resist including a picture of the school's reception class performing part of our Christmas Nativity in our woods, where our Forest School takes place. Due to the restrictions, we knew early on in the Autumn term that we were unlikely to be able to invite parents in to watch a festive production so we planned to utilize our beautiful grounds to perform our Nativity in (wellies were always going to be footwear of choice).



We were very fortunate to have professional support in the photography and videoing departments from families and friends of our school and amazingly the sun shone so the angels were not too cold! The end result was a Nativity never to be forgotten, teary eyed staff and families able to sit together at home to enjoy a traditional Christmas performance via YouTube with their children.

It is lovely to be able to look back at some of the things that we have achieved but also really important to look forward to things we are all aiming for. As an Eco School one of our passions is obviously the environment, how we look after and develop it, not only to support the learning in the school but also wildlife. With this in mind, we were fortunate in receiving about 150 sapling trees from the Woodland Trust and Surrey County Council. The children got their wellies on, spades out and we had fun planting them in the school grounds.

We have also completed a terraced wildflower meadow (with the help of some parents) that will be ready for planting in a couple of months' time. Both of these initiatives are not



ones that we will see the impact of for a while but we will have the excitement of watching them grow and knowing that, in time, they will provide homes and food for our wildlife as well as making our lovely school even more beautiful and welcoming.



Mole Valley Runners



achievements on the club Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/MoleValleyRunners

At Mole Valley Runners there is no pressure to be a fast runner, the emphasis is on getting outside, doing something that is good for you and having some fun along the way!

As all of the normal club organised runs cannot take place at the moment, the club will continue to provide fun activities to keep people active during the lockdown and to provide a vital place of support, camaraderie and fun through these difficult times.

Throughout the last lockdown club members undertook runs around their garden, on their garden decking and even round their dining room table. There was also a fun daily wheel of doom challenge. During these events the club managed to raise over £4,100 for the NHS Epsom and St Helier Hospitals charity.

Debbie, run/trail coach, founder of MVR & owner of Mole Valley Fitness www.molevalleyfitness.co.uk also offers coaching and online classes to help maintain fitness, improve running and prevent injury.

Please do join us on our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/MoleValleyRunners if you are looking for some inspiration for some exercise.



Mole Valley Runners Bingo fun and members at Mole Valley Runners looked at ways they could continue to maintain fitness, have fun, support one another and stay safe. One member came up with the fantastic idea of the January MVR Bingo challenge, which has been incredibly well taken up.

People go out on their own, with a family member, a buddy, or with members of their support bubble and tick off some of the items on the bingo card.

Over the first four days of January, already over 85 runs had taken place with everyone sharing their photos of their runs and their

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#RUN January Challenge

RUN 5KM	WEAR SOMETHING BLUE	WAVE TO ANOTHER RUNNER	BUDDY RUN	SPRINT FINISH
TAKE A SELFIE WITH A MT SIGN	LONG RUN (8+ KM)	TAKE A PICTURE OF AN ICY SCENE	DOWN A HILL	TWICE IN A DAY
RUN A 2K LOOP 3 TIMES	UP A HILL		SHARE A RUN ON THE MVR FB PAGE	EARLY MORNING RUN (BEFORE 8AM)
RUN A NEW ROAD/RIBBLE	TAKE A SELFIE WITH AN ANIMAL	RUN WITH A PROP	SPELL OUT JANUARY WITH ROAD / SIGN NAMES	STRAVA GOLD MEDAL
RUNNING STREAK 3+ DAYS	RUN OFF ROAD / ON TRAIL	SMILE THE WHOLE WAY ROUND A RUN	TAKE A MID RUN SELFIE	HAVE A POST RUN TREAT



Dawnay School

At The Dawnay School, autumn term ended with many, much welcomed, long-standing traditions; Christingles, Christmas crafts, a message from Father Christmas in the infant Christmas grotto and Christmas parties for the lower junior and upper junior bubbles.

Although the ambience of St Nicolas Church is quite breath-taking and could not be replicated, we still had a very special Christingle afternoon

at The Dawnay. We kept the school tradition alive by making the Christingles in class and then, we lit our candles, listened to Hope of Heaven and reflected on what the Christingle represents.

Exciting news that has thrilled our infant students! During the Christmas holidays we received a very special delivery from, The Friends of the Dawnay School; 'The Dawnay



Express' arrived. The name was voted on by the children, and the train is made out of recycled plastics. We have also started some very exciting ground work in our Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 for Years 1 and 2 outdoor learning areas, which we look forward to sharing soon!

Peter Pan Playschool

We had a really fun Autumn term at Peter Pan Playschool, and were so fortunate to be able to end the term with a short nativity service in Eastwick Road Church where playschool is based. Due to the restrictions at the time, we were only able to have a small audience of one parent per child so social distancing measures could be met, but we shared the service on Tapestry, our online learning journal, so families were able to enjoy it together at home.

The Friends of Peter Pan Playschool continue to support us, and our Christmas raffle raised a huge £151, which we'll use to buy some additional resources for the children to enjoy. Thanks so much to everyone who was able to support the raffle.

To promote early literacy skills and mark making, we enjoyed making Christmas cards, which we then posted in the local postbox when we went out for a walk together. The children were very excited to receive their cards at home, and to "read" to their parents what they had written inside. To extend the children's learning further, we saw Pam one of the local postal workers out delivering letters, and she was very kind and came to talk to us about delivering the letters. Later on we watched a short video clip on the journey of a letter so the children could see what would happen to their card after they posted it.

Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive pre-school setting, which cares for children from 2 years



old until school age. We offer weekday morning sessions 9.10-12.10 during term time, with optional extended hours until 1.10 and 2.40 on Monday, Thursday and Friday. We accept Government FEET and FEE funding as well as the extended 30 hours funding.

To find out more about us take a look at our facebook page:

www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool and our website www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk Alternatively send us an email at peterpanplayschool@gmail.com or call us on 07908 018924 and Louise and the staff team will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Bookham Open Gardens Day –

Sunday 27th June 2021

For a great day out looking round gardens, do make sure you put the date in your diaries now. Of necessity we had to take a break in 2020 but hope to be able to run this key village event again this year. Please note we are a week later than normal as for once we thought we would try avoiding Father's Day! Each year we aim to have 10-15 gardens open, some old favourites and usually some new ones too. In 2019 we sold over 800 tickets and raised £7215 towards the upkeep of our Old Barn Hall, so we've a hard act to follow!

We are glad that most of the gardens who had planned to open last year will be opening in 2021 but if you are new to the area and have a garden you'd love to share, please do get in contact.

To make Open Gardens Day successful, we rely not only on our garden openers but also many volunteers who help on the day, selling tickets,



selling refreshments at the Old Barn Hall, driving the minibus, acting as garden stewards, or helping on car park duties.

If you would like to open your garden or help for an hour or two in any other way, please contact Brenda Kent (01372 453952, Email bnb.selworthy@btinternet.com), on behalf of the Bookham Open Gardens Day committee.

Look out for more detailed information in the next edition of the Bookhams Bulletin and on our website – www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk. You can also check out and 'Like' our Facebook Community Page – search for 'Bookham Open



Gardens' to find it – to see pictures from 2019

Let us hope that 27th June 2021 will be a beautiful sunny day – see you there!

Diane Poole



The Arts Society Bookham



As with all local groups, life continues to be challenging for the Society but, also common to the groups, has been our venture into the life Zooming. Under the expert guidance of our Treasurer, Chris Rose, lectures to members have gone without a hitch including post lecture question and answer sessions.

The traditional Christmas lecture this year was 'Rupert – the Anthromorphic Bear' given by Howard Smith to us sitting comfortably in our own homes. Mary and Herbert Tourtel and others created Rupert 100 years ago and his lecture recounted Rupert's fascinating backstory.

We had a special post-Christmas treat with a Zoom visit to London with David Drury (a Blue Badge Guide who specialises in London Tours) for an informative tour. He explored with photos and videos some of the lights, Christmas trees, department store and hotel

decorations, outdoor skating rinks and Santa races and much more.

Programme Secretary Edmund Morgan-Warren has arranged more Zooms for the New Year. In January Ian Cockburn will discuss 'Moorish Architecture - The Legacy of a Vanished Kingdom' including The Alhambra of Grenada, the Great Mosque of Cordoba and the Alcazar of Seville.

'Ravenna and its Mosaics Eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites - the flowering of Arian and Byzantine Arts in the 5th – 7th Centuries'. Our March lecturer, Richard Thomas will illustrate his talk with beautiful mosaics and other early Christian monuments from north eastern Italy. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ravenna>

Unlike in background, temperament and paintings style, the creative geniuses Constable and Turner transformed the art of landscape in the 19th Century. Our March lecture by the independent art historian Nicola Moorby sets them head-to-head and

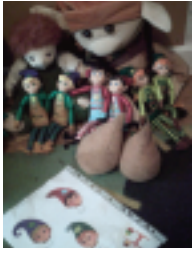
examines their differences, similarities, battles and shared triumphs.

In May, Covid willing, the East Surrey Arts Society has a study day planned at the Menuhin Hall given by architectural historian Dr. Jonathan Foyle on 'Castles – Ancient and Modern, Creating Windsor Castle - A Step-by-Step Guide'. See our website for details

Members will be kept informed but all will depend on how the virus and any government response affects distancing and social contact. Eventually, new members will be warmly welcomed to the Society at lectures at 7.30 on the fourth Tuesday in the month at The Old Barn Hall. <http://theartsocietybookham.org.uk/>. Meanwhile, anyone interested in joining the Society and receiving the Zoomed talks should contact Linda Tickner via the website and she will be pleased to send information by email or in the post.

John Cook

Bus Stop Pre-School Nursery and Forest School



Although the world seems so different now, life at Bus Stop is very much the same as normal.

Our term began with Halloween, making broomsticks and hazel wands down at Freehold

Woods, casting spells in our Potion House and reading one of our favourite stories 'Room on the Broom'. Fireworks came next, the children made model rockets and out in the garden painted giant firework pictures, great for supporting the children's physical skills, creative language and mark making. We also read the 'Frances the Firefly' story which supports their understanding of being safe around fires at home and at Forest School.

Bus Stop was again filled with colours as we celebrated Diwali, supporting the children's understanding of other's cultures and traditions. The children learnt that Diwali preparations are similar to Christmas preparations, as many of us like to prepare by

cleaning our homes, preparing tasty food, decorating our homes and welcoming family and friends. Out in the garden we made clay lamps called divas and made natural rangoli patterns using fallen leaves, chalk and conkers collected from the woods.

At Christmas time Bus Stop was awash with sparkle and lots of singing and dancing. The children made cards, crackers, Christmas lists and much more and took these proudly home in their craft bags. They had lots of fun playing in Santa's workshop in our outdoor building area, using their imaginations to build toys ready to place in Santa's sack.



Every Christmas the children use their Forest School tool skills to make a natural decoration and this year they made a wooden reindeer. They used a bow-saw to cut a disc to make the head and a palm drill to drill two holes to fix in the reindeer antlers. They looked very cute and you can see them on our Instagram page at busstopforest.

In the Spring term the children can look forward to celebrating the Chinese New Year and developing their imagination and literacy skills as our term focus is on Stories.

**Kate Rice, BA hons
Nursery Owner
Forest School Trainer**



Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club entered 2020 on a high. Following on from a successful series of 50th Anniversary celebrations arranged throughout 2019, an informative and amusing Masterclass with the renowned Andrew Robson in December combined with record table numbers for sessions held throughout January and February meant that there was much to look forward to with confidence. Then came lockdown in mid-March and everything changed!

Like all other local groups and organisations we could no longer meet at the Barn Hall. But we were very fortunate- there was a ready-made alternative. Online bridge already existed although the take-up in Britain to date at that time was very limited. We were very fortunate that Club member Lawrence Penney seized the initiative and encouraged a small group of members to give it a go.

On Monday 1 June the Bookham Online Bridge Club was launched. Our first session had 11 tables (44 players). By the beginning of July this had grown to 15 tables as word got around that it was not as scary as some might have thought. We now have between 17 and 20 tables playing regularly every Monday and Thursday afternoon with a new record of 22 tables (88 players) playing on January 18th.

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club has a reputation for generosity towards charitable

causes and playing online has not stopped this. Every November the Club participates in a National event raising funds for Children-in-Need.. The Club raised a total of £1,112, one of only six clubs in Britain to raise over £1,000, and more than four times our normal amount raised.

In December, The Surrey County Bridge Association runs an annual event raising funds for Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People. In 2019 Bookham raised just over £200 but in 2020 an amazing amount of £957 was donated by members and their invited guests.

Finally, In January the Club raised funds towards the upkeep of the Old Barn Hall. Without this venue for sessions our Club would never have grown in strength to what it is today. Knowing of the financial challenges faced during 2020 by The Bookham Community Association - zero rental income, no village week, combined with significant unexpected expenditures - The Bridge Club Committee decided to hold a fund-raising event on both days during the third week of January. Swelled by numerous contributions from members who are not playing on-line but who also wished to support the Old Barn Hall the total amount raised was £1,975.

On-line Bridge – how does it work?

Bridge is a card game derived from whist. Four players, in two competing pairs, sit face to face around a square card table. The aim of the

game is to bid against each other to decide which suit will be trumps and then to win as many tricks as possible.

Bridge Base is a web based platform which replicates all features of the face to face game by creating a "virtual table". The four players will sit in their own homes and then they will see a "table" on their computer screen together with the 13 cards that they have been dealt. The cards dealt to the other three players are hidden from view. When it is the turn for a player to make a bid or play a card on their computer then that action will be seen and replicated on the devices being used by the other three players. In this way a game of bridge can be created for four players sitting anywhere in the world.

The experience can be enhanced when the four players at the same time share a Zoom call. This means that they can see and speak with each whilst playing the online game of bridge thereby creating the same feeling as if they were playing bridge face to face.

When BABC runs an online tournament then the four players at each virtual table will receive identical cards to those playing on the other "virtual" tables. During the afternoon Bridge base will swap pairs around between the virtual tables and then players can complete against each other to generate the highest score of the afternoon.

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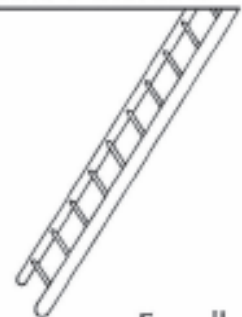
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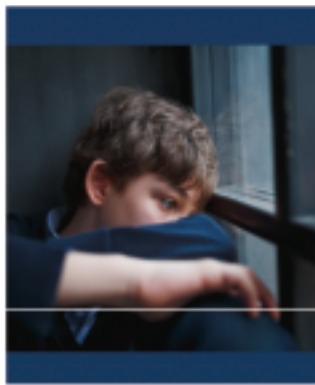
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Who are we?

Leatherhead Youth Project launched in 2005 to provide much needed services for socially and economically disadvantaged young people. Our aim is to help young people be safe, happy, resilient, and able to make positive changes in their own lives and in their community.

We take a relational and positive approach which provides support and skills to young people, helping them to overcome barriers they are facing and build a brighter future. We are a team of experienced youth workers and counselors who care about the local community, and between us we have a total of 60 years of delivering services to young people in Leatherhead and Bookham.

Counselling Support

LYP's Counselling and Emotional Well-Being team was established in 2015 to provide counselling to young people across Surrey. The team work with young people to provide a safe, confidential space for them to feel supported and heard, whilst working through any difficulties or concerns. Our team have all been trained in counselling and between them have been supporting local young people for over 15 years.

Why we need help now?

Our issues are:

- ongoing counselling contracts
 - some work is still continuing online but some young people are waiting until they are able to meet safely face to face again
 - this means our income from these contracts is down by £2,000/£2,500 per month
- cancellation of projects
 - most of our regular face to face work is on hold.
 - This includes some one-off projects at half-terms and Easter for which we have funding that includes contributions towards salaries which will have to be returned, or at least delayed until these projects can be delivered later this year or next.
- In the meantime, we have a regular cohort of around 450 young people with whom we work during the course of a year and many of these are struggling with their mental health during the current crisis. We can support them with one-to-one counselling and small group work within the current rules led by our trained Counsellors as well as individual keywork with our Community Youth Workers. Our team have the time to do this because of the reduction in other services as mentioned above, but we need to replace the funding so we can pay them.
- Our Counsellors have needed additional training to deal with the issues raised by the Pandemic and lockdown, the cost of which has had to be met from a reduced income stream.

Can you help?

Could you help us with a donation to continue, and hopefully expand our support to local young people in this area?

Donations of any amount are welcome via our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/lyp>

During the first lockdown, we asked young people how they were feeling. 44% told us they were lonely, 1 in 2 said their mental health was being negatively affected by the global pandemic and half said they were anxious about what the future holds.

In the autumn we saw a colossal 430% increase in demand for key work support, stretching our team to capacity. Then in the winter we witnessed a 200% increase in need for counselling, receiving 3 months' worth of referrals in one day. Those struggles born in lockdown are growing at an exponential rate.

With young people out of school again, we are now anticipating further demand on all our services. The pressure is at an all-time high and we cannot do this alone. **We need your help now more than ever.**

As we move into 2021, will you help us to bring hope to the lives of local young people like Jake?

Lockdown has been really hard for me. Being left alone with my thoughts I found myself slipping into more and more harmful behaviours. It's really difficult to ignore a voice that is constantly questioning your self-worth.' **Jake, 16**

The World Health Organisation recognises the devastating impact that COVID-19 is having on access to mental health services, which when coupled with the chronic underfunding of services shows the urgent need for increased funding.

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Leatherhead Youth Project (LYP) in Bookham

Since 2016, LYP has been providing regular youth provision in Bookham by running multiple youth clubs a week, group sessions such as 'Girls Group' and 'Explore' and providing counselling and mentoring support to young people.

Since the pandemic hit, our team have been committed to finding ways to continue offering universal youth work in Bookham.

Alongside online counselling sessions, we have been able to run regular group Zoom calls for exploring different topics as well as games nights, online video game sessions and socially distanced picnics back in the summer, all of which have been well received. We've used social media to regularly post ideas, updates and good news stories on our youth Instagram accounts (which when combined

have over 600 young people following them).

During this unusual time, our team have been able to undertake various training courses and plan ahead for future projects. As we adjust to the changing guidelines, we are exploring ways of integrating the beautiful Surrey Hills into our Summer activities, which we can't wait to deliver to local young people soon!

Jenny Coffin

Mole Valley (WI)

Despite not being able to meet together 44 members logged on for a Zoom meeting. Our president had asked members in the regular monthly newsletter to look Christmassy and have a drink and a mince pie to hand. Several members rose to the challenge and wore Santa hats and sparkly jumpers.

On the day the Covid vaccines started in the UK we all wished each other a Happy Christmas. Our gardening club now has an allotment of the Cherry Trees fundraising

Christmas event and of a SFWI Christmas entertainment.

Margaret Watson, a classically trained harpist, then entertained and educated us about the harp. Margaret had her first small harp when she was 14. However the grown up harp she now has is 6 feet tall, weighs 41 kgs and requires a trolley to move it from her van into and out of venues. We discovered that the harp has 47 red and black strings, 7 pedals, and 2 tons of tension.

Margaret played a varied selection of music from Elvis Presley to Bach to Christmas carols including Silent Night which was originally written for the guitar. Our January meeting will be on Family History. Although we cannot plan for future events at the moment our website is regularly updated www.molevalleywi.btck.co.uk with news of our sub sections.

June Webb

Bookham Wine Club

Looking forward in 2021...

Despite hopes of being able to hold small socially-distanced gatherings indoors in November – plans were thwarted at the last minute - it was just possible to meet in December for one final garden tasting of 2020! A break in the weather provided dry and calm conditions for ten hardy souls to meet in groups of five one Saturday afternoon, when they enjoyed four delicious wines and mince pies.

The wines, three from Majestic and a Sauternes (sourced by one of the Club's members) were excellent and both groups agreed they were



well-priced. First up was Ventozela Alvarinho, a crisp white wine from the Minho region in Portugal, followed by a second white wine, the Definition Chablis. The Definition range of wines represents Majestic's premium own labels, which aim to provide exemplars of the world's best wine styles

Our red was the popular LB7 Reserva, a smooth wine also from Portugal and was rated highly by our two tasting teams. The Sauternes provided a sumptuous finale to a very pleasant, albeit rather different event to our usual Christmas



themed dinner and wine tasting in the Barn Hall.

Given the current and ongoing situation it is proving almost impossible, at the time of writing at least, to make concrete plans for the year ahead. Nevertheless, the Club's Committee has every intention of organising meetings as soon as it is feasible to do so, and in line with the relevant guidance/procedures. In the meantime the annual subscription is on hold, but we remain in touch with our many wonderful presenters and suppliers in the hope that we can meet again soon ... whether indoors or out.

By the time you read this, it is hoped we will already have plans in place to continue sharing and sampling some great wines safely. If you are interested in the Club you can find out more on our website: www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk

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Inner Wheel Club of Bookham & Horsley

Like the rest of our community, we have been unable to meet in person, since the Summer. However, through the medium of zoom, we have been able to socialise and make sure that all our members are in good health.

Some of our members have busied themselves with crafting. One made a substantial sum for charity by making excellent face masks which were much appreciated by those that bought them. Another member has been knitting hats for newborn infants which were of great benefit to the hospitals.

At times like these, clubs play a vital role in keeping track of friends and acquaintances, who might otherwise be very lonely. As an International organisation, we have raised a huge sum which has been sent to Lebanon to mitigate the dreadful effects of the huge blast in the port region.

This is one of the great benefits of organisations such as Inner Wheel and Rotary, because they can mobilise their members in almost every country in the world. This is also why Inner Wheel sits on one of the most influential committees of UNICEF. This is something of which we are justly proud.

Jane Bishop - President

Fighting for Green Space and a Tradition in Great Bookham

The Old Barn Hall complex in Great Bookham is very well used by many local clubs and societies, as well as for larger events. It is managed by the Bookham Community Association, which gains significant income from the annual Bookhams Village Day when many stalls and visitor attractions occupy the field behind the Hall. Several plots of land that adjoin this field were left as green amenity space for the use of the community by the developer when The Garstons, Mead Crescent and adjacent roads were laid out in the 1950s. At the time, Surrey County Council designated these plots of land as well as the local roads as publicly maintainable highway.



The Old Barn Hall Field on Village Day

The Garstons Plots with Old Barn Hall Field beyond and Mead Crescent Plot (inset)

Last year the plots were auctioned raising high prices. A planning application was later submitted for an inappropriate house on one of the Garstons plots, which was subsequently withdrawn following many objections. Should the Garstons plots be developed, the remaining tarmacked footpath would not be wide enough to permit access for vehicles, putting the viability of Village Days at risk.

Bookham Community Association nominated the Mead Crescent plot and the Garstons plots as Assets of Community Value. The Mead Crescent nomination has been rejected but The Garstons has been successful, with over 170 letters of support. It is hoped that it will help to prevent the loss of green amenity space within a built up area and ensure the future of the Village Days that have been held on this site for over 70 years. Further actions to safeguard the field and access are being investigated.

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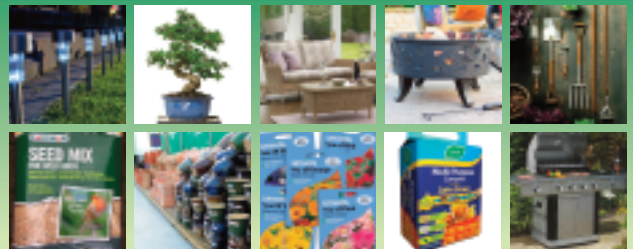
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In tier 4 we are still open but on a reduced level of service. Our hours and days of opening to the public are different to pre March 2020, so do check those too. If we are only open for click and collect of requests and you do not wish to do requests on line or by telephone, please do still visit us during our opening times and we will aim to select some items from our shelves for you or place a request for you.

Items can be requested at any time using the Surrey Libraries App or Surrey Libraries website to access the catalogue. Or if the items are more general you may wish to use the Ready Reads service (by the website or the above telephone number). Library items can

be returned anytime by anyone at any Surrey Library through the letterbox – Bookham’s is on the side of the porch.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Bookham Library staff.



Little Bookham WI

During the autumn and winter months Little Bookham WI, like many groups, have been conducting their monthly meetings via Zoom. The members have participated in the AGM and enjoyed quizzes, discussions, bingo and even a Christmas entertainment. Our January Zoom meeting will be a floral art demonstration.

While many of our members can join in via Zoom, the committee are mindful that some may not be able to participate. The committee are therefore continuing to keep in touch through email, phone calls and socially distanced doorstep visits. Just before Christmas each member received a Christmas card and cheerful pot of daffodils.

At the beginning of the first lockdown in

March our President, Pat Crawford, encouraged us to undertake a new challenge that we might not otherwise have tried. One member started a sizeable vegetable plot reporting that it was quite a battle with the local slug population as to who would eat the most lettuces and sadly the slugs won. Fortunately the cucumbers, tomatoes, soft fruit and runner beans all did well.

Our knitters made wonderful knitted doctors wearing masks to be given out to children who were attending hospital so they wouldn’t be frightened. The piece de la resistance however, has to be the stunning dolls house that our member Gill Tutt created. Gill transformed a shell of a doll’s house into a magnificent creation. Each room has its own character with

intricate and lifelike detail. The more you look into a room the more you discover.

We cannot wait to get back to a bit more normality but, in the meantime, we will make the best of what we have,

Fay McGregor



The Meeting Place



As we write this article we are now in Tier 4 of COVID restrictions and this restricts our activities further. However, behind the scenes we have been

taking some steps forward and looking at new ways of working.

One big step forward is the Telephone Befriending service. This is an opportunity for us to be in contact by phone with people over 65 living in and around Bookham who feel lonely and isolated. We have trained a group of befrienders led by Jane Bellingham. She can be contacted on 07596837063 to ask for yourself or refer someone else. More details on our website.

Sadly our Coffee Shop has had to close until the restrictions alter so the Befriending is an

excellent new service. We will have training sessions for all volunteers, whether new or established, to ensure we all are up to date with COVID restrictions and safety before we reopen. New volunteers welcome.

The Community Fridge is still operating at the former Youth Centre in Lower Road and we ensure that all our volunteers are kept safe in the airy building. It was a privilege to send out special Christmas boxes to over 150 individuals and families to help them through Christmas with some treats. We also have a table at the front of the Youth Centre each Saturday from 10.00-11.30am for anybody to help themselves so helping to stop food going to landfill. More information on our website



The Language Hub continues to offer classes to anyone who has English as a second language. Classes currently on Zoom are run by a friendly team of TEFL trained teachers on Tuesdays - Pre-Intermediate and up - 10am-11.30am, and Elementary level 2pm-3.30pm. in term time. Details below.

Our lipreading classes on Monday from 1.30-3.30pm continue on Zoom. The classes went well before Christmas and continue for a new 10 week term until the end of March. These help people with hearing impairment who can feel isolated to learn helpful skills. Classes are run by a professional teacher. Contact us for further details.

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Rainbow Pre-school



Here at Rainbow Pre-school we have had a very busy term. Along with welcoming back all our current children and families at the beginning of September we had a number of new starters who have all settled in brilliantly.

Despite the Covid restrictions we have had an enjoyable term and provided lots of new and exciting activities for the children while remaining Covid friendly. We made use of our outside area, with the children exploring different vegetables and herbs in our mud kitchen, mixing mud water and sand etc and decorating our Christmas tree with natural decorations. Our children are always giving us ideas on what they would like to do and we try

to follow their interests. One idea was to set up a pretend pizza parlour where the children used real vegetables to explore in our role play area, with menus, note pads and pencils to write pretend orders.

During the second lockdown when we were unable to use the library garden we extended our physical play area in our large hall which the children loved. They had an indoor climbing frame, slide, trampolines, ride-ons, scooters and more space for physical play. We are very grateful for the use of Bookham library garden and look forward to using it again in the spring, where we will build a vegetable patch for the children to tend along

with space for lots of outdoor games and activities.

Our children had a brilliant time at our Christmas party with a bubble machine in our outside area, a balloon disco and individual picnic boxes. Unfortunately we were unable to invite parents in to see our small show, instead we filmed it to send to our parents to view. The children did so well and at the end of the party they had a visit from Rainbow's very own Santa, who handed out gift bags.

Rainbow Pre-School is an inclusive pre-school rated Outstanding by Ofsted, for children aged 2 to 4 years, set in Bookham Baptist Church's large hall.

To learn more about Rainbow Pre-school please contact Heidi Watson on 01372 811313 email: rainbow@bookhambaptist.org



Rotary, Bookham & Horsley



Due to Tier 4 restrictions, Santa was unable to visit our local area in his sleigh prior to Christmas. He did, however, use the time to get all the presents ready for his big visit on Christmas Eve!

To bring some fun into shopping in Bookham Village we arranged for 20 little Santas, made beautifully by the Craft Class at The Grange, to be placed into the window displays of shops in the High Street, Church Road and Lower Shott. Wellers Hedley provided three goody bags full of chocolate treats for the winners of a challenge to find all 20. Congratulations to the winners Rebecca Cotterell, Katie & Finlay Shine and Jessica Woodman shown here receiving their prizes, socially distance of course!

Despite our fundraising activities being curtailed we were able to distribute food vouchers totalling £2,600 to 49 local families and individuals in need to help them enjoy



their Christmas. We have also donated £500 to Leatherhead Youth Project's Mental Health programme which is so much needed at this time. See their article in this Bulletin for more information.

We are hoping to resume our events this year depending on how restrictions are eased so watch this space!!



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Polesden Lacey Playschool



We welcomed our new Cygnets at the beginning of the year, when we returned to Playschool and began a new theme for our learning, Winter.

We've been walking around the grounds and in The Orchard, detecting signs of Winter and making bird food cakes. We've built an arctic scene out of sugar cubes, with figures to practice our building and counting whilst exploring ice, using different methods to melt it.



As we have had to put our usual events and fundraising activities on hold, the Playschool Committee has taken advantage of the quieter social calendar to work on improving facilities. The broken Playschool notice board has long been a fundraising priority so we've started work on a replacement and are fortunate to have been gifted the time of a local tradesman, who has offered us his 20 years bespoke joinery experience voluntarily to benefit the local children. So a huge thank you to Matt Ede's Gardening Services (you can find him on Facebook) for all your help with our new custom-built notice board. You can now find us on Facebook too! Follow us for Playschool updates and all the latest on this project.

We would finally like to take this opportunity to honour and give thanks to our lovely Mr Legg, who sadly passed away just before Christmas. James Legg has been an incredible addition to the Polesden Lacey Playschool team for more than 5 years, much loved by both the staff and the children. As the only male teacher, he provided the children with an

inspiring male role model to look up to, bringing with him an abundance of fun, laughter and joy to the Playschool room as well as the playground. He added a completely different dimension to the children's learning and we all feel deeply privileged to have had him on board as a colleague and a friend.

If you would like any further information about the Playschool, admissions or to arrange a visit (when we are allowed again), please contact 01372 458145 alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com



At The Howard Nursery School we are delighted to be back after the Christmas holidays, even though we find ourselves in another national lockdown. It is always a joy to hear the sound of children laughing and playing together which helps to fill us with a sense of hope and normality!

Before Christmas we enjoyed putting on a wonderful Christmas Nativity show virtually for the parents. The children embraced the story of the Nativity and enthusiastically learnt many songs for it. As a nursery we have been participating in the local 'adopt a church granny or grandad' scheme and the children have been keen to contribute things for a hamper for our 'adopted granny' as well as draw pictures and make cards for her. This is something we are intending to continue for the foreseeable future. We have also been keeping our links with Gracewell Residential Care home, albeit virtually.

This term we are looking forward to exploring our natural world, particularly all that the weather will have to offer, learning nursery rhymes to help develop their communication and listening skills and discovering the exciting world of 'Traditional Tales!'

If you would like your child to be part of The Howard Nursery School, we have spaces available and would love to hear from you. For more information, please call 01372 453832 or email info@thehowardnursery.thpt.org.uk. Please visit our website on www.thehowardnursery.org

The Bookham Residents' Association

"Wombling" Continues in 2021

Although the monthly BRA Litter Picks have been suspended for the moment, we believe that "Wombling" can continue being part of daily exercise.

Many folk have adopted a road, or two, near where they live, and are Wombling there. They pick up any litter on their "patch" while keeping a safe distance from others, in order to keep the area looking pleasant. I have grabs that you could use if you would like to be a Womblor too. Just get in touch and let me know which road will be on your "patch" It would be wonderful if we could have every road in the Bookhams covered.

A huge thank you to all those who are already Wombling.

You may well ask what is Wombling? For those unfamiliar with The Wombles they are fictional pointy-nosed, furry creatures created by Elisabeth Beresford and originally appeared in a series of children's novels from 1968. They live in burrows where they aim to help the environment by collecting and recycling rubbish in fun and exciting ways. They had their own BBC TV show and Top Twenty novelty hits. Hence the term "Wombling" has been adopted by many litter picking and recycling groups.

Margaret Lawson
BRA Litter Pick Co-ordinator

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Alternatively call our message line: 0300 030 9890.

You can find out more on BRA projects and activities on the BRA website which is updated weekly. You can also get in touch via the website and sign up to our occasional e-mail service.

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