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LOCAL NEWS FROM BOOKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Summer 2017

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Letter from the Editor

It's official: spring has finally arrived! And what a gorgeous time to be living in a place like Surrey. I don't think I will ever tire of the astounding and immaculate variety of plant life that seems to just 'spring up' (did you see what I did there?) in Bookham around this time of year. The skies are crystal blue and the air wafts with the faint scent of freshly cut grass and barbecues. The whole village seems to be bustling in anticipation of a long awaited warm summer on the very near horizon.



With summer on the way, we have some very exciting things happening in the village. The most important, as many of you may have already guessed, being Bookham Village Day which will take place on Saturday the 17th of June 2017. Preparations are already ongoing for everyone here at the Bookhams Bulletin, and it is looking to be yet another memorable event!

After the resounding success of the "Meet the Makers" feature, I am pleased to announce that we will be adding two more features to the Bookhams Bulletin this month. These features will also be included in future editions.

The first entitled "Community Heroes", will be an in-depth look at those local residents of Bookham who are striving to make an impact within their local community. These will be mentors, teachers, and locals in our community that fit a wide spectrum of demographics. This month, I had the pleasure of meeting up with local resident, Louise Sutherland. Louise's teenaged daughter had to say goodbye to her boyfriend, who had lost his long battle with cancer back in November. Whilst consoling a grieving daughter, Louise has volunteered to take action in the form of raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. She is a truly amazing and inspiring individual.

The second feature will be entitled "Pay It Forward". This will be a short piece about one-off local random acts of kindness that have been passed along to myself anonymously. Writing this piece was such a pleasure, and I hope that readers will connect with the wonderful sense of community we have the privilege of living in.

Yet again, this edition of the Bookhams Bulletin would not have been possible without the amazing support system that is our team. I would like to thank every individual who contributes time out of their busy schedules to help create this wonderful magazine. To our chairman, Keith Slark, for being one of my greatest mentors. To Simon Jordan, Clare Cody, and the entire BCA for pulling together as a united front. To the contributors, thank you for your consistency and love for the publication. And to all of our readers, thank you for your unwavering support. It has been such a pleasure to hear all of the positive feedback about the previous edition, and I am truly grateful and humbled by the experience.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding the Bookhams Bulletin, please feel free to contact me by email at jennifer.rian@hotmail.com or bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com

Jennifer Terry
Editor

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What's Happening

June

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Chairman's Report

Village Week is nearly upon us with fun for everyone - see the full programme and details in the centrefold of this Bulletin.

The theme for Village Day is 'Space Age' so lots of spacemen and strange aliens perhaps? Come and handle the animals at Bocketts Farm stall and try your skill on Di Carlo's & Elio's Bucking Bronco!!!!

Many thanks to The Vineries for generously sponsoring us again and all the traders who help with prizes.

PLEASE!!! If you can spare a couple of hours on Village Day to help with stewarding please let me know on 457375 or by email as soon as possible. To keep everyone safe we need to have plenty and we are few!

Once again our front cover poster has been painted by Richard Pearce who has also designed our new logo. He was asked to come up with a logo which depicted the aims of the BCA to bring people together and to encourage interaction between all members of our community.

Richard has been a committee member for four years with a particular talent for repairs and refurbishment.



He has replaced, with some help from other members of the committee, all of the ceiling tiles in the two main halls and oversaw the refurbishment of the entrance hall and cloakrooms. He and his wife Sue, moved to the coast in December and we will miss his input and sense of humour. They will, however, be back for Village Day to help and with Sue judging the Parade. Very many thanks Richard and Sue.

Keith Slark email – keithslark@tiscali.co.uk

Village Week Events - full details in the Programme

Check out our new website on

www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org

Keep up to date with what is going on around the village.

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

Many thanks to Clare Cody who has worked tirelessly to set this up for us.

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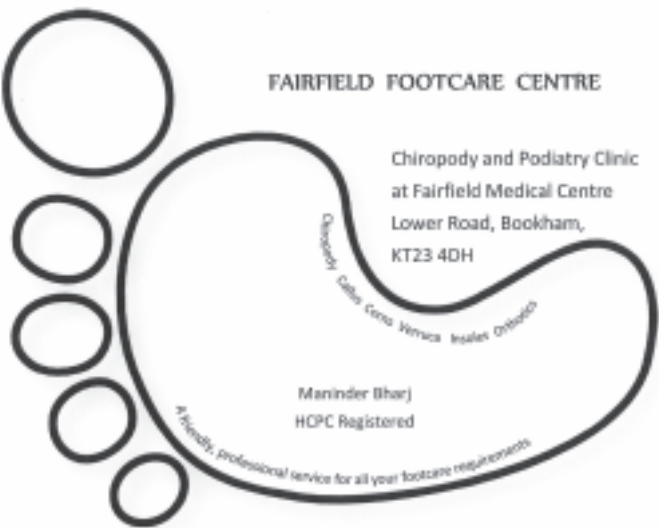
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Community Heroes



When you think about teenage cancer, you never think that it could happen to you. But the fact of the matter is that cancer will touch nearly everyone at some stage in their life; whether becoming affected by it personally, or knowing someone who has been affected by it, cancer will affect us all.

Last year, for Louise Sutherland, local resident,

SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) at Peter Pan Playschool, and mother of two, teenage cancer became a very stark reality. After a lengthy and challenging battle, Louise's teenage daughter, Katie had to say goodbye to her boyfriend Tom Bromley, a Howard of Effingham sixth form student, who had succumbed to his illness in November. Louise says it is "just incredibly sad," and from one mother to another, I cannot begin to imagine how they are coping as well as they are.

But the family is trying to stay positive, and for Louise, this means getting involved and taking action. This year, she is taking on several challenges to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust, the charity who had supported Tom whilst he was undergoing treatment. As Louise often says to people who ask about her running, "of course it doesn't make it better. But it feels like I'm doing something, and if that something can help another teenager like Tom, then I'll keep running!" She is truly an inspiration in her own right.

Her year of challenges began this February, with the Cancer Research London Winter Run 10K, along with the Hampton Court Half Marathon. This was followed by the Lidl Breakfast 16 mile Run in Kingston on Mother's Day. Louise has the Vitality London 10000 in May, a 5K Obstacle Course in June, and The Great Newham 10K run at the Olympic Park in July. In September, she will run the Nuts Challenge, and the Barnes Green Half

Marathon. Louise is hoping to finish the year with a fun 5K Santa Dash, and depending on how 'creaky' she is, will try and run again in October to keep her going!

As many of you may well know, Louise's Father-in-law is Captain of Effingham Golf Club this year, and he has selected the Teenage Cancer Trust as his charity to benefit from the many fundraising events that they hold throughout the year. In addition, her husband, Jamie, has been in contact with the wider golfing community to source some fantastic items to auction and raffle, and has received signed items from Tiger Woods, Justin Rose, "Beef", and many others! Together, they are hoping to raise as much money as they possibly can to support this wonderful charity. Louise says, "it's been just amazing to see how supportive and generous the Effingham Golf Club members have been, as well as family, friends, and the whole community."

To keep up with Louise's amazing journey, or to sponsor her please visit her JustGiving page that she has set up in Tom's memory at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/George-Sutherland3

Louise also has sponsor sheets at both Effingham Golf Club, and Peter Pan Playschool for all who are interested. If you would like to learn more about the events being held at Effingham Golf Club in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust, please email at gs@obanb.com

Jennifer Terry

Pay It Forward

A single act of kindness can change the entire course of a person's life. Today, follow their lead. Pass it on and pay it forward.

"One day I was coming back from the allotment and both of my children decided to have a meltdown, both refusing to get up off the ground and walk. Suddenly, another local offered to help us walk them all the way home, even though she was walking completely in the opposite direction!"

"I used to go for coffee and then visit an elderly man in his house. He was too frail to leave, and

even though I didn't know him at all, I knew he was on his own."

"When we walk into the village, which is quite often, we walk past one house in particular that has a beautiful garden. We often stop to admire, but one day the lady who lived there came out and gave my daughter a potted plant with pretty pink flowers!"

The idea of paying it forward comes from the novel, and subsequent film, "Pay It Forward", which tells the story of a young boy who does

three good deeds for others in need. All the child asks in return is that they pass on the good deed to three other people and keep the cycle going.

Do you have a heart-warming story that you would like to share? Submit your story on the kindness of others and we will add it to our next edition to inspire our readers to spread the word! All of our submissions will be added anonymously. Please submit your stories by email to bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com.

Village Day White Elephant Stall

Don't worry if you have not got a white elephant, just let us have your unwanted bric-a-brac to sell.

We are already collecting for the B.C.A. Please come and visit us at our White Elephants Stall on Village Day in June, we welcome any donations.

Last year, we collected a fantastic sum of £926.39 raised, and it would be amazing if we could top it up to one thousand in 2017!

Please contact Margaret by telephone at 01372 454897 for collection.

Margaret Pankhurst

Bridge Lunch

Join the Afternoon Bridge Club for lunch and bridge on Monday 19th June in the Old Barn Hall. See the Centrefold programme for details.

Bookham, Fetcham And District Garden Society

What an interesting start we have had to this new year! Paolo Arrigo fascinated and entertained us with a taste of Italy, with many stories about the long standing family company, Franchi Seeds. It inspired us to start planting for the new year and gave us an opportunity to purchase some seeds we had never tried before. Barry Newman took us onto the next step with numerous useful hints and tips for planting and growing vegetables. It was lovely to benefit from his vast knowledge and years of practical experience. Hopefully, this will help us as we prepare for this year's Horticultural Show. By the time this is published, we will have also had a talk from Peter Almond titled, 'Plants Have Feelings Too'. We are all intrigued to hear this talk, and our next activity will be our trip to the Saville Gardens.

Our programme is as follows:

24th April 2017 - Peter Almond, 'Plants Have Feelings Too'

22nd May 2017 - Outing to Saville Gardens and the Air Force Memorial at Runnymede

15th July 2017 - Horticultural Show -Manor Farm Tithe Barn, Little Bookham

25th September 2017 - Clare Brown, 'Colour All Year Round'

23rd October 2017 - Practical Gardening

27th November 2017 - AGM

Do have a look at our programme of events, and come and join in the activities! Please make sure that you do obtain a schedule, so that you can start preparing for this year's show. If you do not have one yet, please call Angela Stevens by telephone at 01372 456713 to get a copy.



Jennifer Smitheman

Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club

By the time this article has been published, Bookham bowlers would have been preparing to take part in the Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club Competition Finals that were held on Saturday the 8th, and Sunday the 9th of April 2017. The Finals were held in the morning and afternoon on both days, where Bookham bowlers competed for silverware in the Singles, Pairs, and Triples matches. Stay tuned for the results in the next edition of the Bookhams Bulletin.

With refreshments available from the bar, tea and coffee on hand for the various competitions, supporters would have been very comfortable while watching from the newly laid out balcony. As always, the contestants thrive on and appreciate spectator support. Each day was a full mixture of

matches, with ladies and gents taking part in both single, and mixed finals.

All who attended enjoyed watching all of the fellow bowlers complete a very busy season of indoor bowls, covering competitions with all of the local clubs and entries at National and County level.

Most recently, the Final for the Mole Valley Cup was played between Ashted and Leatherhead in front of a very well attended crowd of supporters. It resulted in a brilliant win for Leatherhead after many years, following a tough and exciting challenge from Ashted.

This year, a MVIBC member recently achieved notice at Surrey County level! Following a very successful win in the Surrey Over 60s Singles,



Chris Jones (of MVIBC) beat off a challenge from A. Binns of Croydon.

Indoor bowling at MVIBC now enters the summer season, and weekly league games will continue to be organised for all members who wish to bowl indoors throughout the summer. Other bowling events over the summer will be highlighted on the club notice boards. For more information, please visit our website at www.mvibc.co.uk. For all other enquiries, please contact us by email at mail4mvibc@gmail.com, or call Guy Tortise by telephone at 01372 374653. The reception desk at Leatherhead Leisure Centre can also help.

Michael Mackie



Bookham Open Gardens

Bookham Open Gardens Day will be held on Sunday 18th June 2017, from 10:00am until 5:00pm. Do come and join us for our annual event, where over 700 people enjoy going round the village, meeting friends and neighbours along the way. Programmes are available in advance, so you can start planning your route!

This will be our 12th year running, and we are featuring at least 10 varied and attractive private gardens, as well as the walled garden at The Grange, Little Bookham Allotments and, for the second time, the extensive gardens of Manor House School (who have kindly provided a minibus). As well as old favourites, we are delighted to feature three brand new private gardens. Why not treat your Dad? It's Father's Day!

Our garden owners will give you a warm welcome, and provide you with the opportunity to pick up ideas for your own garden, answer your questions, or you can simply enjoy the beautiful surroundings. The gardens come in all shapes and sizes, from the formal to more laid back planting, and even some quirky spreads. They show many different planting themes and imaginative landscape ideas. You'll also see different fruit and vegetables being grown, and find out which plants and habitats attract wildlife and help our pollinators. Plants will be available to buy at the Old Barn Hall, the Allotments, The Grange, and some of the gardens.

If you're new to gardening, or have just got your first patch of land, you will be able to get some valuable tips from our openers on how to get started. Be inspired! Remember, everyone has to start somewhere and small can be beautiful, even if you are starting with a planter. Have a go, and don't worry about making mistakes, gardening is good for you!

More information about individual gardens will be in the programme, which will be available at our ticket outlets or can be downloaded mid-May from our new website www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk



Bookham Folk Dance Club

The evenings are light and lovely once again, so if you like dancing or fancy giving it a try, why not come along and join us for a couple of hours? Spend an evening in good company, making new friends whilst dancing. English Country Dancing is very easy, great fun, and even better exercise. We always have a caller and lovely music, whether it be recorded or live.

We meet on the first and third Monday of every month (unless a Bank Holiday interrupts the order), in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall in Bookham. Dancing begins at 8:00pm until 10:00pm, and rest assured that we take a much needed break for a cuppa, biscuit, and chat! It is a cheap evening out, with entertainment among friendly people and will cost just £3 for each evening as a

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Bookham Youth & Community Centre

The Bookhams Youth Project is now under way, and proving a great success thanks to all of the hard work of Oli Bell and his team. The Monday and Friday sessions are already well attended by a mix of young people.

Other Youth organisations continue to use the large amount of space available, together with the much improved supplementary facilities. This allows the groups whom are using the facilities, a large degree of flexibility in the amount and variety of activities within a spacious environment. It is used by other youth and young adult groups such as Disability Challengers, Barnardos and St. Nicolas Church. Each of these groups run clubs in the evenings, and Disability Challengers use the centre during holiday as well. Other groups use the facilities on an ad hoc basis.

Discussions continue to be held with Surrey County Council and Mole Valley District

Council to replace the existing building, which does have a limited life span. Whilst a new community building would be helpful, it would take us beyond the current lease, which expires in 2019. So, the debate carries on.

During term time, Smarty Pants Preschool use the centre and can be contacted by calling the center during term hours. For more information, please visit their website at www.smartypantspreschool.co.uk

The centre is also used by other members of the community for leisure activities using the Sports and Social halls, such as U3A and Fitness classes.

Mondays - 13:45 Pilates with Helen Stevens, contact Helenotway@yahoo.co.uk

15:00 U3A Badminton & Table Tennis

Sundays - 08:45 Circuit Training

10:00 Pilates

Contact Wendy by email at wendy.dodd@hotmail.co.uk, or by telephone at 07801 810665.

We have had very positive comments from people who have used the Centre as a party venue, such as for a 50th Birthday with a band, etc. There is seating for 100 people, and cutlery and plates can be provided for a small additional charge. We also have decorative chain lights to brighten things up!

The Event Rate (6-11 pm) is £100 for Friday and Saturday, and £80 on Sundays and Bank Holidays. This includes private parking on the hard court at the back of the Centre.

If you would like more information on the centre and the activities that take place here, please visit our website at www.bookhamyouth.org.uk or contact our volunteer Booking Manager, Ellen Thomas by telephone at 01372 458019. You can also reach us by email at ellen-thomas@hotmail.co.uk, or bookhamyouth@o2.co.uk. If you feel that you could offer a bit of time as a volunteer and would like to contribute to a vital part of our community, please contact David Cox by telephone at 07825 354763.

David Cox



Bookham Baptist Children's Centre



Bookham Baptist Children's Centre opened as an independent Children's Centre in January 2016. We offer information, advice, and support to local children and families, as well as a wide range of groups and activities.

Last half term, we ran a number of courses including Paediatric Emergency First Aid for Parents and Grandparents, the Talking Teens course, and the Growing Together course all of which were very popular courses. We have also provided outreach support to particular families in our community and can signpost to other organisations, such as Family Support Team, Homestart, CAP debt help, and Foodbank who can provide further support if needed.

This summer, we are running the Talking Teens course again on Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th June 2017 from 9:30am until 11:30am. This is a 4-week workshop for parents of 10-17 year olds and costs just £20, because we all know the teenage years can be challenging!

We are also running the Growing Together course on Mondays 12th, 19th, 26th of June, and 3rd of July 2017, from 9:30am until 11:30am. This is a course for parents of 0-8s and offers useful approaches for engaging with toddlers and children to help them learn and develop, while providing strategies for setting boundaries and dealing with tricky behavior. To find out more information, or to book places for either course please email familyservices@bookhambaptist.org, or phone 01372 811313.

There are also a range of useful evening workshops for parents, run by early years trainer, Rachael Underwood. These include topics such as Building Your Child's Self Esteem, and Supporting Your Child When Emotions Run Hot. For more information, please visit www.RachaelUnderwood.com

Each week we run Noah's Ark Baby and Toddler Group for under 5s, with a parent or carer on Thursdays from 1:30pm until 3:00pm. We also have a free Rhyme Time session on Friday mornings from 10:30am until 11:00am, which includes singing, action making, and Makaton signing. In addition, we also have The Meeting Place Coffee Shop, which is open from 10:00am until 12:00pm, which includes a play area for little ones, is spacious and buggy-friendly. No need to book, just turn up for any of these sessions and you'll receive a warm welcome.

Once a month on a Friday afternoon, we have Oasis from 2:00pm until 4:30pm, which is a pamper cafe with massages, nails, tea and cakes, and even a chocolate fountain! Come and treat yourself. We also have a baby area, toddler activities and Little Haven Club from primary school aged children. It's all free, so come and join us.

If there are any other courses or support you would like, or for more information about any of our groups, please contact us by email at familyservices@bookhambaptist.org, or Rachel Wedd by telephone at 01372 811313.

Rachel Wedd

Bookham Stamp Club

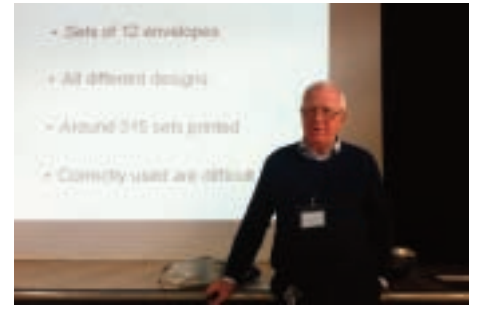
In January, Bookham Stamp Club had their annual Members Day which was attended by 58 members and hosted a variety of wonderful topics.

Richard Stock gave us a fascinating afternoon with the stamps and postal history of Sudan in February. The first section of the display featured early mail to and from merchants, administrators and explorers. The cancellations used at Egyptian territorial post offices were shown together with Interpostal seals and consular mail. Items with letters which refer to postal services, particularly the Sandbach correspondence, emphasised the importance of mail to soldiers on active service. The Second half of the presentation opened with the famous "Camel Postman" stamps, and the display concluded with material from the De la Rue archives. It was a wonderful and entertaining afternoon, and we thank Richard for taking the time to visit us.

Our March meeting brought us Dr. Patrick Reid (pictured) who entertained us with the Postal History, stamps and stationery of Hobart. He opened the first half of his display with Postal History, which included items such as an 1828

newspaper showing the Duty Stamp, to the first handstamp. Patrick displayed the One Penny value stamp, and gave us an in-depth explanation of the 'volcano flaw'. The next section was a comprehensive coverage of the Platypus issue, used for both Postage and Revenue purposes. Some of his items on display included original sketches, die proofs, specimens, as well as the issued stamps both mint and used. Richard then went into stationery, beginning with a set of twelve illustrated envelopes, mint and used, the latter believed to be the only complete set in existence! These were followed by the US Fleet Card of 1908 and a set of postcards telling the story of the Port Arthur Penal Colony, from settlement to tourist attraction. Patrick finished with a very unusual item which he brought back from Tasmania: a complete wooden Shell Oil crate, complete with Parcel Stamps. A wonderful and enlightening afternoon indeed!

Bookham Stamp Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month (excluding December) at the Old Barn Hall and our very popular Trading Tables open at 1:30pm, with displays commencing at 2:15pm. Our programme



includes visits from an impressive list of speakers, members' displays, and auctions that are held three times a year. We also have a packet exchange, through which members can buy and sell stamps. We are interested in purchasing unwanted collections, so if you are thinking of selling, or in need of advice please contact our Trading Secretary, David Bravery by telephone at 01372 452537. We always welcome new members. For more information, please contact our Membership Secretary, Fred Mitchell by telephone at 01372 374614 or visit our website at www.bookhamstampclub.com

Barry Feltham

Bookham Tennis Club



With summer almost here and Wimbledon only a few weeks away, this is the perfect time to start thinking about dusting off your rackets and playing some tennis.

Tennis can be a great all-round work out and with regular play can help to improve flexibility, coordination, speed, balance, aerobic and anaerobic fitness. Research shows that the average calories burned during just 60 minutes play are 338 for a woman, and 416 for a man! Above all, tennis is a fun and sociable sport and is one of the most enjoyable ways of keeping fit.

Bookham Tennis Club is our local, friendly club and welcomes new members of all ages and abilities. The club has two floodlit courts at the Chrystie Recreation Ground on Dorking Road, behind the SPACE building.

Free taster sessions for adults over 18 are held on the first Sunday of every month. Just turn up with your racket between 9:00am and 10:30am and you will receive a warm welcome. Don't worry if you're a bit rusty!

If you decide to join, annual membership is a very reasonable £160 for families, £100 for adults, £30 for ages 11-24, and £15 for ages 10 and under. Coaching is available for all ages.

For more information, please visit the club website at www.bookhamtennisclub.org.uk

Emily von Reibnitz

Bookham Light Operatic Society



"No legs, no jokes, no chance" - the words of producer Mike Todd before the Broadway opening of Oklahoma in March 1943. How wrong he was as the show ran for further 2,212 performances.

The first collaboration between Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II, the production set the standard and rules of musical theatre that are still being followed today. For the first time in American musical history, songs and music were

completely integrated with the dialogue. The plot has real depth, dramatic impact and, unusually for the time, is about ordinary people facing real life situations with a political under-story: the birth of the USA state, Oklahoma.

BLOS will bring this wonderful musical to the stage at Nomad Theatre, East Horsley from 17th to the 24th of May 2017. Once again, under the inspiring direction of Jackie Shearer, the harmonious baton of James Marr, and the delightful choreography of Laura Thompson, BLOS are thrilled to be undertaking this exciting challenge 14 years after they first performed it in 2003.

Set in Western Indian Territory just after the

turn of the century, the spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the backdrop for the love story between Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a beautiful farm girl.

'Oh What a Beautiful Morning', 'The Farmer and the Cowman', 'People Will Say We're in Love', and 'Poor Jud is Dead' are just a few of the musical gems to be found in this sparkling production. Don't miss out and come and join the fun!

For tickets, please contact the Nomad Book Office by telephone at 01483 284747, or visit their website at www.ticketsource.co.uk/nomadtheatre

Pat Barnes

Bookham Recorded Music Club

Our meeting on the 9th of February was presented by David Bishop, who devoted the evening to the composer Elgar. David chose his works in chronological order, informing us of his life as a composer and musician. At the age of 10, Elgar composed music for a play which forty years later, he orchestrated the works "The Wand of Youth 2nd Suite", and from which David selected 'March', and 'Butterflies'. Elgar is best known for his five "Pomp and Circumstance" marches, which were composed between 1901 and 1930; David selected his second march. We listened to 'In Haven', and 'Sabbath Morning' from "Sea Pictures". Elgar's remaining work, the "Cello Concerto" did not achieve wide popularity until the 1960s, when it was recorded by Jacqueline Dupres. David ended his programme with the 2nd movement from "Symphony No. 3".

On the 23rd February, Michael Crimmen presented "A Through to M". "Candide

Overture" by Bernstein, is an operetta based on a novella by Voltaire. Bach's "Oboe Concerto", was followed by "Symphony No. 3" by Roy Harris, who was strongly influenced by his home state of Oklahoma. Albinoni's "Adagio for Strings", was followed by the fourth movement from "Symphony No. 8" by Dvorak. The magnificent trumpet introduction gives over to sweeping strings. Dennis Brain, who was tragically killed in 1957, played the "Horn Concerto No. 3" by Mozart. Duke Ellington composed "Melancholia" in 1953, and "Sonnet for Caesar" in 1957, the latter of which is played by the Duke Ellington Orchestra. "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring" by Delius, was edited by Sir Thomas Beecham. The final movement of "Symphony No. 1" by Brahms, has comparisons with Beethoven's choral symphony. However, it is a masterful work and concluded Michael's programme with works from "A to M".

As in all past programmes, Martin Le Ray's "My

Choice for You Part XI" began with an overture - "The Mountain Sylph" by Barnett. Elgar composed "The Young Flirt" - Five Quadrilles. Martin selected the fourth movement from the "Symphony in C Sharp Minor" by Kraus, and the 3rd movement from the "Sonata for Violin & Piano" by Hummel. "From Foreign Lands" by Moszkowski, Martin selected three movements - Russian, Italian, and German. Mendelssohn's "Concerto for Violin, Piano & Strings" was followed by Korsakov. The penultimate work was the 'Tarantella-P' resto' from Liszt's "Venezia e Napoli", and finally, the "Concerto in D Major for Flute and Orchestra" by Mercadante.

If you are interested in joining the Bookham Recorded Music Club, please contact Mary by telephone at 01483 283507, or by email at lyncombe@btinternet.com

Mary Brooks

Polesden Lacey Infant School

Can you count forward in 3's, count backward in 2's, multiply, divide, weigh, tell the time, AND sing all at the same time? Well, you would have been right at home in a maths lesson at Polesden Lacey Infant School this spring! The parents and carers from each year group were given an amazing opportunity to go back in time and attend school with their child. They were able to experience the excitement and wonder as they were shown how young minds are so creatively stimulated when an understanding of maths is nurtured.

The children made further use of their

weighing skills during Fairtrade day, when they cooked up a storm producing mouth watering muffins, using Fairtrade chocolate, sugar, and bananas. It is encouraging to know that the children are so aware of the importance of treating other people fairly and can apply this on a global scale. The children enjoyed taking part in a Fairtrade treasure hunt around the school's woodland, reinforcing their knowledge and awareness of the range of Fairtrade produce. On returning to their classrooms, they enjoyed their baked creations along with a cup of Fairtrade hot chocolate!



With sugar being a key ingredient in their cookery, the children have also conducted their own investigation into just how much of it can be found in many drinks that they were familiar with. By weighing out the sugar content listed on each container, the resulting display served as a very clear reminder of the best way to stay hydrated as well as healthy.

With this in mind, the children and staff of Polesden Lacey Infant School were really proud to receive the Silver Healthy Schools Award. This is the result of a combination of a school day that is filled with healthy exercise, combined with a positive approach to healthy food and nutrition. And to top this, during the recent fundraising events for this year's Comic Relief, the parents were also invited to participate in 'morning wake and shake' exercises. Whether promoting a love of learning, or a love of living well, Polesden Lacey Infant School does it all!

Julie Welby



Bookham Butterflies WI



Bookham Butterflies WI has started 2017 with a busy schedule of charity events, group activities, and outings which is set to continue over the coming months!

The Butterflies organised a fun Quiz Evening at the United Reform Church for family and friends, with all the teams named after butterflies found in Bookham Commons - Red Admiral, Purple Emperor, Brown Hairstreak, Speckled Wood, Ringlet, Comma, Small Copper, and Peacock. Team Red Admiral were the winners, with the victorious team holding aloft their special egg cups! A raffle raised £188 for the Concert Club, a local charity supporting entertainment events for visually impaired adults and those with learning difficulties.

2017's busy and varied programme of outings is also well underway. Twelve members travelled to London to see an entertaining recording of the ITV show "Loose Women". The Loose Women panel for that episode included Ruth Langsford, Coleen Nolan, Janet Street-Porter, and Nadia Sawalha. One of their guests was 78-year-old Diana Moran, the Green Goddess fitness guru from the 1980s, who had the entire audience exercising in their seats!

Over the coming months, we will also be visiting, amongst others, Highclere Castle, the Globe Theatre, Temple Bar, and Royal Courts of Justice in London. We are taking a coach load

of members and guests to the Hogs Back Brewery for a fun behind-the-scenes tour (tasters are understood to be 'generous'). We will also be visiting the Mayfield Lavender Fields and attending a 'Creatures of the Night' session at Nower Wood.

Our packed monthly meetings continue with some excellent and inspiring speakers. Eileen Reynolds made us laugh and cry in equal measure, during a hugely entertaining talk alongside Icarus, her Canine Partner Assistance Dog. Canine Partners is a charity founded in 1990, which provide dogs to disabled people to help improve their lives. Eileen spoke emotionally about the difference Icarus has made, helping her out with many jobs around the home. Icarus demonstrated a number of his skills, before taking a walkabout along the rows of adoring Butterfly members.

Bookham journalist and author, Monica Weller, gave us a very interesting talk about her ghost written book, "Ruth Ellis, My Sister's Secret Life". Village fishmonger, Ron Fowler was interviewed by Monica at the start of her journalistic career and put her in touch with Ruth Ellis's sister, Muriel Jakubait, a former customer of his. Monica then ghost wrote Muriel's autobiography. The book was published following many interviews and



longs hours of painstaking detective work over a period of three years. Monica concludes that Ruth Ellis, the last woman in the UK to be hanged, was set up for the murder of her lover and should not have been convicted.

Between monthly meetings, we also have a number of very active groups - walking, cinema, theatre, book groups, a Supper Club, a Ladies Who Lunch group, Mah-jong group, and a Exploring Gardens group.

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

Jen McAllister



Bookham Library

Did you know that you can get free one-to-one computer help in your local library? Bookham Library is very lucky to have two friendly volunteers with whom anyone can book a session. Their aim is to support you to use computers, laptops, or tablets independently. This includes providing guidance on:

File management - opening, closing, editing, saving, and printing files.

Navigating and searching the internet.

Using email and attachments.

Basic use of Microsoft Word.

Understanding online forms.

This service is completely free and available to everyone in the Bookham area. Do you know anyone who might benefit from this service? Drop into the library and have a chat with the staff, or reach us by telephone at 0300 200 1001 to book a session.

We're also excited for this year's Summer Reading Challenge! Every summer, the Reading Agency invites children across the UK

to read 2, 4, and 6 books in exchange for fun incentives. The theme this year is 'Animal Agents' - with illustrations from the brilliant Tony Ross. You may recognize his artwork from the "Horrid Henry" series.

The challenge is a brilliant way for children to keep reading through the summer holidays, inspiring them to read for pleasure and establishing a habit that will last a lifetime.

Eve Collyer Merritt

Bookham Choral Society

It's been a busy start to the year for Bookham Choral Society. The Leith Hill Music Festival is really important to us, and our members have been busy rehearsing all the set pieces for several weeks now. Our competition day is on Saturday 8th April 2017, so by the time this article goes into print, we shall know whether all our endeavours will have paid off! This is the first year that our new Musical Director, Jonathan Willcocks, has taken the helm and he is very excited to be leading the festival. We have some lovely pieces to sing in the competition, including Bookham's own choice, 'The Ground' by Ola Gjeilo. The two main works that we are singing in the evening concert are the 'Little Organ Mass' by Haydn and, in contrast, a sparkling contemporary piece, 'Benedicite' by Andrew Carter.

Fifteen members of our choir also joined the

Leith Hill Choir to sing the 'St. Matthew Passion' by Bach on Sunday 12th March 2017. Both the audience and the choir were profoundly moved by the beautiful performances by the choir and the truly amazing young singers.

It isn't all singing in the Choral Society, however; our annual Coffee Morning was held on Saturday 4th March 2017. We welcomed visitors with a splendid array of cakes to eat with their coffee. They were also able to browse some really exciting stalls selling everything from jewellery to plants. As ever, Helen Webb provided some really lovely background piano music.

After a welcome short Easter break, we will be recommencing weekly rehearsals on 2nd May 2017, in Eastwick Road Church Hall at 7:45pm. This summer we will be working towards our Summer Concert, on Saturday 8th July 2017,



in St. Nicolas Church in Bookham. Our main concert piece will be 'Mass in Blue' by Will Todd. Do come and join us for some lovely music and a glass of wine. Tickets will be available from Cascade in Bookham High Street.

For all information about the choir, do visit our website at www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk

Cheryl Mendham



Quilters Guild of the British Isles

The Quilters Guild is an educational charity aiming to offer ways of learning about patchwork and quilting for beginners with a keen interest of any age. For the past two years, a small group of dedicated volunteers have offered 'taster courses' at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham, for people who have little to no experience with quilting or patchwork. Over 30 people have taken part in these three week taster courses and some have now moved on to learn more advanced skills in

quiltmaking. These courses are a wonderful introduction to quilting and patchwork, and provide a foundation of skills that become invaluable to anyone who is new to the craft. One of the first tutorials we participated in outlined how to make a cushion in from a traditional 9 patch pattern.

Every year in September, The Quilters Guild host Surrey Regional Day at the Old Barn Hall. We have two speakers who display contrasting

styles of work, traders, and a small show of quilts by a local group. There is also a raffle draw, and occasionally a challenge to participate in! Refreshments are available, but please assure to bring your own lunch with you.

This year, Regional Day will be held on Saturday 23rd of September 2017, and will open from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Please Come and join us for a wonderful day of learning and fun! For all details and booking arrangements, please contact Janet Hall by telephone at 01483 572720 or by email at jhallferretsend@hotmail.com

The Guild also offers affiliation to quilt groups who meet in halls, or wish to host exhibitions with help insuring these events. For more information about the organisation and what we offer patchworkers and quilters, please visit The Quilters Guild of the British Isles website at www.quiltersguild.org.uk.



Jan Godding

Bus Stop Preschool



To our delight, this year started off very cold and snowy! Luckily, Bus Stop Pre-School stayed open every day but one, and the children got to play out in the snow! They had great fun investigating the frost and ice, and it was lovely to hear them talking about what they had done over the holidays, and what Santa had brought them on Christmas Day.

Our first topic this term, was 'Curly, Whirly, Wiggly' and we had loads of activities to do. The children made ribbon sticks and followed Kate in the 'Write Dance', as well as doing lots of curly, whirly, wiggly dancing with Julie in our Music and Movement sessions. Of course, our topic wouldn't be complete without some cooking, so we made spaghetti on our campfire, after which we had some curly whirly chocolate!

At the end of January, we had fun watching birds in our new Bird Garden with the camera we received last year. We put seeds out and

watched on the big screen inside as robins, pigeons, blue tits, blackbirds, and magpies flew down to eat them. Whilst we were hidden away from sight, we had our own treats to enjoy at snack time. February saw a big congratulations to Kate, who is now a fully qualified Level 4 Forest School Trainer, and also to Suzanne who passed her Level 3 Forest School Assessment. In March, we did a lot of activities centred on the stories, "The Gruffalo", and "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". There were lots of opportunities to use rhyming language and role play, and we had fun in the woods using our bow saws to make wooden Gruffalos. We also did Gruffalo activities inside, and made both Gruffalo biscuits and model Gruffalos out of clay. At the end of March, we made some beautiful Mother's Day flowers from egg cartons and wrapped them up in a

cone to look just like a real bouquet.

Lastly, Easter is a great time for crafts and our Easter Egg Number Hunt in the woods. We did observational drawing of daffodils, made chocolate nests, Easter cards, and some fabulous Easter crowns which the children wore for their parade. Thank you to all the friends and family who came to listed to our Easter Song Time. Hopefully, we raised enough money on the raffle for our ongoing contributions at the Maternity Unit at Epsom General Hospital.

For more information on Bus Stop Pre-School, please contact either Kate or Kelly by telephone at 01372 879712, or email us at busstoppreschool@aol.co.uk.

Abby Haran



Jo Jingles Music & Movement Classes



We have had a fantastic start to 2017, welcoming lots of new and familiar faces to our classes. Jo is now looking forward to the warmer, sunnier weather as well as new class themes, including Dinosaurs, Sports Day, and Holidays!

Jo Jingles Epsom2Leatherhead are fun, educational classes run by Viv Hunt, who has more than 11 years experience teaching informal and friendly age specific sessions in a safe and secure environment. All themes are educational, and children have access to a

wide variety of musical instruments. These sessions are a great way to introduce routine and structure to preschool aged children.

"A child is more confident, usually speaks early and gains an early grasp of the rules of communication if started early in clapping games, group activities, and musical games." says Dr. Miriam Stoppard, Child Psychologist.

This philosophy is at the core of Jo Jingles, and has helped to establish it as the UK's leading provider of music and singing classes for children aged from 3 months up to 5 years old. More than 15,000 children around the country now enjoy our interactive and educational approach to musical learning on a weekly basis.

Jo Jingles classes are targeted at specific age groups, and teach children a better understanding of music. By exposing a child to music from an early age, they can benefit from a better understanding of language, numeracy, concentration and listening skills,

self-confidence, independence, physical coordination, and social skills. For the earlier ages, this includes exposure to rhythm, tempo, pitch, and timbre. In the older classes, we use a fun game based approach and teach children about all of the various styles of music and instruments. Our extensive range of music has been developed in consultation with professional music and educational specialists, including Eileen Diamond. Our programmes include exclusive material, produced and presented by Brian Cant (Playdays), and the BBCs Jonathan Cohen.

Above all, music is fun and should be enjoyed as a part of our daily lives. For further information, please visit our website at www.jojingles.com/epsom2leatherhead. To find out more about Jo Jingles classes available in your area, or to book a party, please contact Viv Hunt by telephone at 07751 438943, or by email at vivhjojingles@aol.com

Vivienne Hunt

The Dawnay School

At The Dawnay, it is our intention that we give all children the opportunity to be involved in as many different events as possible. We aim for our children to be confident individuals and responsible citizens, which may not necessarily be achieved by sticking to conventional curriculum subjects or even conventional school activities (although these are important in their own right). The opportunities we afford our children are in the sporting field, the musical field, all things creative, and academic.

We take part in numerous events and tournaments, both for teams and individuals. A snippet of some of the events we have taken part in so far, are as follows: netball, football, tag rugby, indoor athletics, cross country, public speaking, The Rotary Club Young Writers, Maths competitions at Christ's Hospital School in Horsham and The Raleigh in Horsley, Choir festivals, concerts, and the list continues to grow!

As far as music goes, we contribute to the Dorking School's Music Festival and our confederation infant Music Festival (made up of 11 schools). In addition to our participation, we have partnered with the choir of St. Teresa's for The Royal Marines Charity Concert at Dorking Halls. We produce a musical play with



our drama club every year, and along with our 'Dawnay Players' (a group of children who play instruments), the two groups come together each week to play and perform. 1 in 4 children learn a musical instrument in school, and all children across the student body contribute with great enthusiasm to singing.

We have a clay club, and an art club, and both regularly contribute to art competitions. One notable success was our entry into the Dorking Allotment Holders Association's Annual Pumpkin Show. We won prizes in the children's section for both for the creative use

of pumpkins (Harry Potter themed), and in the art competition.

Our latest venture is the development of Forest Schools as a part of our curriculum. We are training four members of our staff to carry out Forest Schools activities to Level 2, and plan to extend to Level 3 training for two members. This means that we can take full advantage of what the Forest Schools style of learning has to offer, allowing children to use tools safely within the outdoor environment as a part of their learning.

Children at The Dawnay foster our 'Team Dawnay' ethos, and are keen to represent the school accordingly. At the end of the day, we all work as hard as we play, and you can see it in our photos. Our academic achievements, such as those in English, Maths, and Science are as important to us as our reputation for being a school that acknowledges a child's developmental stage, rather than their age. We try to foster and develop the individual talents of each child as an individual, and aim to ensure every child reaches their full potential. It is important to develop character and creativity for future success, but not without having a little fun along the way!

Gail Hard



Bookham Craft Club

Early this year, we had a lesson from a very talented local resident and she taught us how to make homemade, hand crafted greeting cards pictured in the photo. The bee was carefully attached and can actually 'fly' across the card! It was a wonderful, magical morning, and we look forward to the upcoming workshops later in the year.

In March, we had a Beading Workshop followed by a Floral Brooch making lesson in April!

Bookham Craft Club meet in the Harrison Room at the back of the Old Barn Hall in Bookham. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and run from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Why not come and join us? The second Tuesday is 'Free Time', so don't forget to bring something crafty with you to occupy your time. The fourth Tuesday is a 'Workshop'. Sessions are £1 per morning. Refreshments and biscuits are provided.

Sylvia Giddings



Transition Bookham



2017 got off to a good start with our annual review and planning meeting in January, which generated plenty of ideas for future activities. Our main event in the early part of the year was in March, when we welcomed National Trust ranger, Ian Swinney, as our guest speaker and enjoyed an excellent talk about Bookham Commons. By the time this article is published, all being well, we will have also held a 'Make Do and Mend' evening, set up an information stall at Bookham Country

Market, and held a plant swap.

We will be at Village Day in June, then the following week on Wednesday the 21st of June 2017 we will be making the most of the long day with a gardening session in the St. Nicolas Pastoral Centre garden. It will start from 7:30pm and will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome, please bring weeding and pruning tools if you have them, but no power tools! If the weather doesn't cooperate, refreshments will start much earlier! We'll be taking a break from meetings in July and August, and will be back at the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday the 20th of September at 7:30pm, to explore what goes into setting up and running a repair cafe.

If you're interested in joining in any of our events, or have suggestions for future activities and open meetings, please contact us by email at transitionbookham@gmail.com. You can find out more about us on our website at www.transitionbookham.org.uk, like and follow TransitionBookham on Facebook, and



follow us on Twitter @ttbookham. We send out a regular email newsletter with information about our events and other items of interest, please contact us if you would like to receive it.

Win Magyar

Eastwick WI



After 47 years in existence, Eastwick WI at last has its own banner to display at meetings. Embroidered by a team of members, it has an oak leaf theme. A centre panel of Spring Grove Ponds embroidered in stumpwork, was created by Jennifer Strong. Eight separate oak leaves depict the various activities of Eastwick WI, and these were embroidered by Julia Brookman, Jill Elliott, Margaret Madge, Ann Renn, Pat Saunders, and Jenny Strong. Sally Dampney embroidered the name of the WI. The dark green and turquoise colours match the WI tablecloth, which was made in 1973.

After a year in the making, the banner was presented to the Eastwick members at their February meeting.

Meanwhile recent speakers at Eastwick have talked about Henry VIII's wives, setting up an exhibit at The Chelsea Flower Show, and walking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.

The Camera Group had lunch together at The Rubbing House on Epsom Downs and photographed the Grandstand in front of a stormy sky. At a later date, a few of them took photos of lambs and baby alpacas at Bocketts Farm. The Mah-jong Group celebrated Chinese New Year with a meal at Thai Pinto in Leatherhead, and the Walking Group enjoyed a circuit of Epsom Common. The other extra

groups met together on a regular basis, giving members a chance to get to know each other in smaller groups.

Plans for the summer include creating our stall for Village Day and making up the questions for the Village Week Quiz which, having won last year, we now have to organise!

Eastwick WI meets on the third Wednesday of every month, from 7:30pm at St. Mary's Annexe, The Ridgeway, Fetcham. Visitors are always made very welcome. If you would like to know more about this busy WI, please take a moment to browse through our website at www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk

Sally Dampney



Howard Of Effingham School

To celebrate National Careers week from the 6th - 10th of March 2017, and National Apprenticeship week from the 13th - 17th March 2017, a number of career based events have taken place at The Howard.

Students in Years 7 and 8 listened to an interesting and thought provoking assembly given by Miss Spires on careers in the future. This included information on possible new jobs such as Drone Standards Specialists, and roles within Personal Rapid Transit System (PRTs), both which may become a reality in the not too distant future.

Year 9 students heard about apprenticeships and the value they have as an alternative to



traditional academic and vocational study courses in another assembly.

Year 10 students were visited by Mr. Gary Lock, who works for Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd. Gary is a former Howard student and told our students about his work as an engineer, which included Engineering consultancy on a number of projects, such as the design of the Ferrari F1 hospitality complex (pit side), aircraft engines, and nuclear power stations.

On Wednesday 15th of March 2017, all students in Years 8-13 were invited to attend a lunchtime Careers Fair in the hall. The event was extremely well attended and students were able to talk to employers about the different job roles available in their companies, as well as qualifications and training required. They also discussed typical working hours and salaries. A huge thank you to all of the employers and companies who gave up their time to attend: The Army, Navy, Marines, UKSA, Unilever, NET mc and their robotic arms, IET, Disability Challengers, Omni Beauty Academy, the NHS, Fulcrum Design, Waitrose, Curchod & Co, Chartered Surveyors, Pet Doctors and Lucy the dog!



We are always on the lookout for parents who would like to help support career guidance within school. This could include offering work experience placements to students within your companies, coming into the school to deliver specific career information, talks, assemblies, and attendance at future Career Fairs. If you think you could offer help with any of the following, please do not hesitate to contact the school at howard@thehoward.org

Helen Barber

Bookham Wine Club

Following an initial visit in April 2014, the club was delighted to welcome back Carla Bertellotti, from Wines of Uruguay UK, in February to present a new selection of wines from her home country. Although small in size, Uruguay is emerging as one of the most exciting wine producing countries and is also breaking new ground. We learned that by 2018, it will be the first country in the World to have 100% trace data on its wine production, also known as georeferencing. Carla had chosen some interesting wines for us to taste, including a Chardonnay produced using a temperamental Italian grape originating in Piedmont, called Arneis. In fact, it turns out that the producer of the wine is the only one in Uruguay brave enough to do so!

One of our popular presenters and qualified wine educator, Richard Bost, visited again in March to share his knowledge of Asian wines. What an enlightening evening it proved to be. With his inimitable style assisted by an excellent slide show, Richard provided us with 6 very different wines to taste and an informative overview of wine production in Japan, Thailand, India, and China. Somewhat surprisingly, we learnt that there is evidence of grape growing in India as far back as 1,500 BC. However, it wasn't until 1982 that wine

production really took off. It's a similar story in China, but now the country boasts the world's second largest (after Spain) vinyard area, and was the eighth largest wine-producing country in 2014, with more than 450 wineries. Despite being relative newcomers to the table, members were pleasantly surprised by the quality of all the wines tasted.

In April, we will welcome back Angela Bawtree with whom we will spend the evening exploring wines from some of the lesser known wine producing areas in Spain. This should be a real treat as Angela is a leading wine educator, and has provided us with a number of excellent presentations in the past. Our May meeting also promises to be entertaining and informative as Keith Grainger, wine tutor and presenter, will take a look at the process involved in today's wine production in a presentation entitled "Vine to Bottle".

Looking a little further ahead, our programme comprises the following:

June: "A Fortified Festival" - led by club members

July: "Languedoc's Best" - led by Heather Dougherty

August: "Albury Vineyard" - led by owner Nick



Wenman

September: "New from Croatia" - led by Mislav Kapetanovic

If you enjoy wine and would like to learn more about the different grape varieties, producers, and wine production, please drop us an email at membership@bookhamwineclub.org.uk. We'd be more than happy to welcome you at one of our future meetings. For more details about the club and our forthcoming meetings, please visit our new website at www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk

Frances Saunders

Great Bookham Belles WI

Great Bookham Belles started the new year with a fantastic 'swishing' event for their first meeting of 2017. Following the voting of our resolutions and other WI news, members enjoyed a 15-minute browse of the fabulous delights as the hall was filled with pre-loved clothing, shoes, and accessories. 'Swishing' enables you to get rid of the items that you no longer need, no longer wear, unwanted gifts, and unmitigated fashion disasters! We were able to improve our wardrobes by exchanging items, all without spending any money.

Many members had requested to a speaker to give a presentation on First Aid, and we were very glad to introduce Karen Wheatley, a member of the Royal Life Saving Society and swimming teacher at our February meeting. Karen was able to deliver a very clear and informative speech on life saving, CPR, defibrillators, and choking accompanied by well laid out slides and videos. We even had

audience participation, and putting yourself in the recovery position whilst standing on one leg was quite the sight to behold. Members were very positive about the talk and commented afterward that they felt they had learned valuable information, and would be more comfortable should the need arise to put that information into practice.

Our guest speaker in March was the owner of The Little Honey Bee Company, Michelle, who gave a humorous insight into the life of a bee keeper, and the bees they care for. Refreshments for the evening were made by members, who thoughtfully created delicious honey-themed biscuits and cakes. Our members were also treated to a debut performance by the Belles newly formed Choir, 'The Decibelles', under the leadership of Hazel Hannam. The Decibelles sang their hearts out and received a standing ovation from members.

As well as our monthly meetings, members have enjoyed trips to the local theatre, and a return to The Simple Scones Conservatory at The Grange for afternoon tea, which seems to be becoming a regular occurrence! In March, over 40 members visited London's glittering West End to watch Gary Barlow's award winning musical comedy, "The Girls". Based on a true story of Yorkshire's own Calendar Girls, members of the Belles were captivated from the start of the show, which takes you on an emotional rollercoaster with bucket loads of laughter. At the end of the show, Joanna Riding, who plays the lead role of Annie, joined the Great Bookham Belles WI for a photo.

The Great Bookham Belles WI meet on the third Monday of every month, from 7:30pm at Manor House School. For information, please visit our website at www.greatbookhambelleswi.org or email us at contactbellestri@gmail.com

Sallie Jenns



Rainbow Playgroup



All preschool settings need to meet the statutory requirements laid out in the document 'The Early Years Foundation Stage' or EYFS. The EYFS states that, during their preschool years, children should have the opportunity to develop the characteristics of effective learning. In other words, it is not just important that children learn, it is important that they learn how to learn. This requires that adults working with young children have a sound understanding of their role in supporting children's early development.

The staff at Rainbow Playgroup are committed to enabling children to develop positive attitudes towards learning, which will equip them well as they start the more formal phase of their education. They will carry this attitude with them throughout the entire adult lives.

When education experts have looked closely at the characteristics of effective learners, they have found that effective learners explore and find things out, they are willing to 'have a go' and are not afraid of making mistakes. Effective learners have their own ideas, and can make choices about how they will do things. Effective learners concentrate, show a high levels of involvement in their chosen activity, and are able to persevere and enjoy the feeling of achievement when they have done what they set out to do.

The staff at Rainbow Playgroup know how to support children to solve the problems that they encounter in their play. They know how to interact with children and give feedback in such a way that children become intrinsically

motivated. During Rainbow's Ofsted inspection last year, the inspector noted that 'children are exceptionally well prepared for school' and that they become 'highly confident, independent and capable learners.'

We are very lucky in Bookham, to have so many excellent early years settings. If you would like to come and visit Rainbow Playgroup, and see how we work with young children, please contact Heidi Watson by telephone at 01372 811313.

Rachael Underwood





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Jason Wright's vintage Austin 7

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Taking part in the Parade:

Bookham Toddler Group

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Dawnay Playgroup

Peter Pan Playschool

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Rainbow Playgroup

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Manor House Nursery & Junior School

Eastwick Infant School

Polesden Lacey Infant School

The Dawnay School

In the arena:

12 noon Presentation of the trophies to the winners and runners-up for the best group entries in the parade and the BCA, Vineries and BRABA cups for the Best Dressed stalls.

12.10pm Brian White's Magna Jazz Band.

12.35pm Polesden Lacey Infant School.

12.45pm The Dawnay School Infants & Juniors

1.05pm Eastwick Infant School.

1.15pm Belly Dances by the 'Dancing Roses'

1.35pm Bookham & District U3A Tai Chi Group

1.50pm The Stomping Nomads

2.45pm The Natalie Goodacre Trio

3.05pm The Stomping Nomads

4.00pm Event closes.

• Various groups from the Pantastics Steel Bands will play during the afternoon in Calypso Corner at the entrance to the field.

• The Downsmen will perform in the main hall at 1.30pm & 2.30 pm

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Tickets at the gardens or the Old Barn Hall

Details from Tina Hutton on 457598

Monday 19 June

11.30am for 12 noon lunch

Bridge Lunch with the Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Two course lunch with wine and soft drinks. Fun Quiz and Raffle during lunch.

Enjoy Duplicate or Chicago bridge from 1.15pm to 4.45pm with 15-minute tea break.

Details and tickets from Lawrence Penney 01372 457363

(lawrence.penney1@btinternet.com) or Kate Castree 01372 376334

(kate.castree@gmail.com) Double ticket £25.

7.30pm for 8.00pm

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Tuesday 20 June 7.00am for 7.30pm

Village Week Quiz Night

Local teams test their knowledge. Presented by last year's winners, Eastwick WI.

Teams from BCA affiliated organisations can compete. No casual admission on the door. Details from Julia Tribe 07741 019154 e-mail jools@diamondtiger.demon.co.uk

Friday 23 June 7.30pm NEW EVENT

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Inner Wheel Club of Bookham & Horsley



The Inner Wheel Club of Bookham & Horsley have had a most enjoyable winter, with some excellent speakers at our monthly dinner meeting at the Effingham Golf Club. Back in February, the club helped to host a Charity Bridge Supper at the Old Barn Hall.

More recently, the club has hosted a Grand Cream Tea with a record turnout of ladies, nearly 125 people, sitting down to tables laden with gorgeous tiered cake stands, plates of cream and jam scones, and a variety of tea breads at the Old Barn Hall. There was a well patronised homemade card stall, and a knitted goods stall both selling and sending to those in need home and abroad. The raffle raised over £450, thanks to all of the generosity on behalf of our guests.

The charity we were supporting, Mary's Meals, is a Scottish charity whose aim is to provide one meal a day to school children in deprived parts of the world. Mary's Meals began in a very small way in Malawi, and now serve over a million children worldwide. The founder has kept it simple by utilizing the mothers of the children. The mothers store, cook, and serve the meals in each school. All of the ingredients are bought locally, so that once their setup is properly up and running, it is also self-sufficient. This only excludes the purchase and delivery of ingredients, which is done by

agents of the charity in the locality itself. Not being hungry means that these children can then have the energy to learn and grow properly. We are absolutely thrilled to have raised just over £1,400 for this amazing charity!

If you would like more information on the Inner Wheel of Bookham & Horsley, whether joining us for dinner, a theatre outing, walks, and charitable events, please contact Jane Bishop by telephone at 01372 452090.

Jane Bishop



Leisure Learning

Leisure Learning has now been running for ten years! Last year was very exciting, with a staggering number of unexpected political developments taking place globally. The chief topics amongst these, of course, was the Brexit vote and the election of Donald Trump as US President. While these events have featured highly on our list of lectures and discussions, other important topics such as ISIS, China, India, and Putin's Russia are also on the rise within the programme.

We have been extremely fortunate after the retirement of Guy Arnold (due to ill health), to have obtained the services of Jim Chrystie. Jim has graciously found time in his busy schedule to run 20 classes for us! His detailed lectures, presented in an informal and entertaining style, have proved very popular with our

members. Both classes have enjoyed record numbers this year.

Our attention will now focus on the next year which, for us, will begin in November and run through to April. Although Jim will be limiting his number of lectures to 7 before Christmas 2017, we are delighted that the experienced Alan Burnage will take over the remaining 13 after the Christmas break. Alan is widely travelled and has lived and worked in Saudi Arabia for 10 years, after which he studied for a degree in Islamic Studies, followed by an MA in Russian Studies.

Each of the classes lasts two hours, and there are identical sessions in Bookham on Thursday mornings and afternoons. The format of the classes will continue as before. Both Jim and Alan will select a relevant subject for the week

and show a presentation to the group, which will last approximately 45 minutes. After a tea break, members of the class can then take part in a discussion amongst the group on the subject which was previously presented. Despite the content of the classes, the social aspect is not neglected and we hold many buffet outings for members.

Because we run the courses ourselves, we have low overheads and have been able to hold the cost for the 20 classes at £100 since we started 10 years ago. To find out more about the classes, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Terry Hulme by telephone at 01372 454223, or by email at terryhulme@outlook.com

Terry Hulme

Eastwick Schools

The musical and dramatic talents of Eastwick children have been much on display recently. At the beginning of the year, the Eastwick Junior School choir travelled to the O2 Arena to take part in Young Voices, one of the largest school choir concerts in the world. Young Voices gives school choirs from all over the country the opportunity to come together and perform to capacity audiences of friends and family, developing their understanding of music and musical performance. The children were accompanied by a live band and backing singers. This year, jazz and soul artist, Natalie Williams, X Factor's Tabby O'Callaghan, The Beatbox Collective, and Urban Striders were there to perform with the school choirs.

Eastwick Schools music teacher, Mrs. Hill, was behind the planning and organisation of the 47 children from years 5 and 6, who travelled to the O2 Arena to perform with a total of 7810 choir members! Mrs. Hill described the day as an outstanding experience, "the concert was outstanding, and an event that the children will never forget taking part in."

However, it's not just the choirs at Eastwick who have a chance to perform. All year, groups take part in regular assemblies and seasonal productions, and the Junior School children have recently performed their annual, all-singing, all-dancing productions. Years 3 and 4 performed "Ali Baba and The Bongo Bandits", and garnered many laughs from the audience at their production. Years 5 and 6 performed "What a Knight" at their show, and were equally wonderful. As with the Lower School, the costumes were incredibly professional, the lighting was dramatic, and the children performed with confidence. At both productions, the gags were many, there was thunderous applause, and both the children and staff had an amazing time showing off their many talents.

In the months ahead, there are many more exciting events at Eastwick, including our May Fair on Saturday the 13th of May 2017, a Family BBQ, Sports Days, and the Parents Summer Ball, to name just a few! We are a hard federation of Eastwick Infant School and Eastwick Junior



School within The Howard Partnership Trust (a multi-academy trust). Whilst we are two separate schools, we live as one school delivering a singular vision of An Eastwick Education: Ready for Everything. If you are interested in more information about our schools, please visit our website at www.eastwickschools.uk. For inquiries about the infant school, please call us by telephone at 01372 453672 or email us at infantinfo@eastwickschools.net. For inquiries about the junior school, please call us by telephone at 01372 453277 or email us at juniorinfo@eastwickschools.net.

Cathy Liversidge and Mie Thiede-Coombe



Groveside Badminton Club

It has been a mad few months at Groveside Badminton Club! Over the last two months, with the help of the Bookhams Bulletin and online advertisements, we managed to grow our club exponentially. On a more social note, a number of our club members formed a team for the recent Rotary Club Quiz Night!

Groveside Badminton Club are recruiting! We play at the sports hall at St Teresa's, so why not

drop for a game? Our club is a fun and vibrant badminton club focused on the social and fitness aspect of badminton. We're currently running four courts at St. Teresa's. The club prides itself on its friendly atmosphere, and provides an excellent opportunity to make friends and get fit. Although we are a non-league club we play to a good standard.

We play every Tuesday evening throughout

the year from 7:30pm until 9:30pm, and offer "pay as you play" or subscription based membership. Please feel free to contact Ed Carr on 01372 819171, or email us at contact@groveside-badminton.co.uk Costs average between £4 and £7 per session, depending on the term and payment type (Subscription or Pay as you play).

Ed Carr

Effingham Golf Club Juniors

Oliver Wilson, former top 50 player in the world, European Tour winner, member of the European Ryder Cup Team in 2008, and local Bookham resident recently ran a two-hour clinic for the juniors over the Easter holidays. Oliver demonstrated his warmup routine with different clubs, and how to practice different shots. When everyone had tried it themselves, he then went onto bunker play. There was a competition for each level of golfer at driving and bunker shots. He then joined them for lunch and presented prizes to the winners, as well as chatting to all the youth in attendance. Effingham Golf Club is not only grateful to Oliver for making it such a special day for the juniors, but for offering to come along and help in the future, when his professional golfing schedule allows. Oliver says that he had a "fun day with the juniors at Effingham Golf Club" and "if only every club was so

encouraging and supportive of bringing juniors into the game and helping them progress, golf would be thriving." High praise indeed.

Effingham Golf Club boasts a healthy Junior Section (up to 18 years old) of boys and girls, providing a progressive programme from new starter to accomplished player. Why not find out more about playing golf at Effingham in 2017?

If you are either a complete novice or interested in just giving golf a go, the club is keen to help you with its Junior Golf Development Scheme. The club is keen to extend the opportunity of Junior membership to existing young golfers in the local area. Much of the coaching is subsidised by the Club, so as to make it affordable for all. As well as regular monthly competitions, there are also

interclub matches. There is no joining fee for a new Junior member, but there is a modest annual subscription of £100 (under 13s) and £205 (13-18s).

Some young and aspiring golfers may either not have an official handicap, or may not be quite up to the standard for immediate Junior Membership with the playing rights it provides. However, this is not a problem as these can be addressed by the Junior Organisers in a number of practical ways that meet the individual's situation.

You can find out more about joining Junior Golf by contacting our Head PGA Professional, James Gunning by email at jgunning@effinghamgolfclub.com, or by telephone at 01372 452203 (golf inquiries - pro shop).

David Cox



Bookham Decorative And Fine Arts Society



Next year, the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) founded in 1968, by the amalgamation of 11 art societies under the Chairmanship of Patricia Fay, will be celebrating its 50th birthday! Over the years, NADFAS has grown to over 375 branches with members found as far afield as Australia and New Zealand.

To ready itself for its Golden Jubilee and to promote the profile of NADFAS for the next 50

years, NADFAS is changing its name to 'The Art Society', which will include a bold new logo to keep up with its new image sweeping through the national organization.

The Society remains as busy and vibrant as ever, with tours to North Wales and Northern Italy planned later this year. Visits to Brighton Pavilion, Greenwich, and Ightham Mote remain as popular as ever, these trips often following one of the monthly lectures on the subject.

In June, Judy Rudoe will present 'The Power of Jewellery: Adornment and Ritual from Prehistory to the Present Day', a new thought-provoking lecture revealing how jewellery has been worn and used across time. Based on the collections of the British Museum, where Judy has worked for 40 years, this lecture takes you from ancient burial ornaments by anonymous masters, to the big names of the modern world. In July, Carole Petipher will give a lecture on the insights into the characters of

Napoleon and Josephine. Paintings, personal objects, complete room layouts, and some magnificent pieces of porcelain are just some of the things on display from the collections at the Chateau de Malmaison. The lecture will be followed by drinks and nibbles to prepare members for the summer break.

On Village Day, Saturday 17th of June 2017, we will have a stall set up on the field. So if you are a member of Bookham DFAS, or just curious about what we get up to, please come and have a chat with one of our members!

Bookham Decorative and Fine Arts Society meet in the Old Barn Hall on the fourth Tuesday of every month. For more information about us, please visit our website at www.bookham-dfas.org.uk or contact our membership Secretary, Linda Tickner through our website to join us for a taster talk in 2017 for just £5.00.

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Mole Valley WI



Mole Valley WI members have enjoyed a busy start to the year, and still have plenty to look forward to in the coming months. We have had a talk on the history of buttons, which was surprisingly interesting, and we were then entertained by tenor, Paul Weakley. An auctioneer from Ewbanks came and told us how to identify hallmarks on silver, and then

valued various items brought in by our members. Our annual jumble sale was a great success, with mountains of clothing and bric-a-brac being sold. The homecraft group had fun as well, when they wrapped a bottle to make a gift bag.

Later this year, we are looking forward to visiting Bletchley Park to see "Funny Girl". Our Ramblers are enjoying the early signs of spring in the Surrey countryside on their monthly rambles. Other groups like to get together to play Scrabble, badminton, and Mah-jong.

Future meetings are going to be interesting. With one entitled 'Madajazz', and the other 'Naughty but Nice', we are sure to be in for a treat!

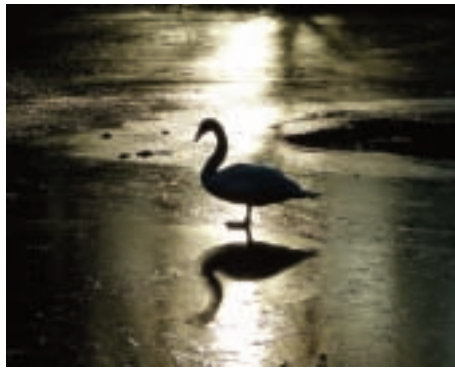
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every second Tuesday of the month for our Mole Valley WI meetings. Meetings start at 7:45pm, so come and find out what we are all about! For more information, or if you are curious about joining, please visit our website at www.molevalleywi.btck.co.uk

Liz White

National Trust Bookham Commons



The people of Great and Little Bookham have enabled us to make a brilliant start to our Friends of Bookham Commons 'Life on the Edge' Project, making great progress with our enhancement of the shady woodland margins from the station to Hundred Pound Bridge, on the way to Downside. Thanks to your fundraising efforts, we've been able to push these overgrown edges back, enhancing the landscape for visitors and providing the dense scrub and diverse plant life that is essential for the great range of insects found on Bookham Commons. This, in turn, attracts the birds that delight us with their song, including increasingly rare migrants such as the nightingale.

Many of the features that heighten a visit to the commons (information panels, leaflets, benches, waymarkers, or the bird hide) have been provided by the Friends of Bookham Commons. In recent years, we've done a great deal for people, and it is very satisfying to return to our roots and help the wildlife that our visitors take delight in seeing.

On first glance, these new clearings may look

a bit stark and bare, however, a closer look reveals new seedlings of grasses and wildflowers that had been dormant in the soil for years before finally being released to the sunlight. No seeding is allowed on the commons as it remains a Site of Special Scientific Interest, so everything that is growing there has been there all along! Our fantastic volunteer team have laid the scrub to provide predator-proof nesting sites, and one or two of the open-grown, well formed young oaks retained as successors to older wood pasture trees. The next few years will see the wildlife thrive in these areas, making lovely scenery for all to savour.

Your donations and membership have made

this project possible. The Friends Committee have worked hard to raise the funds, along with a generous grant from the Surrey Community Foundation which will help us complete this three-year undertaking. My thanks (and a big cheer from all at the National Trust) to all of you, for your generosity and vision in helping us to provide a wonderful and diverse landscape for future generations to enjoy. If you would like to give extra support to the commons, please get in contact with the Friends of Bookham Commons. Find out more about how you can join on their website at www.bookhamcommons.org.uk or email them at info@bookhamcommons.org.uk

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Bookham Country Market

How many village markets can boast of a garden stall where advice is freely available from not one, but two qualified garden designers? One of these is Angela Baker. Although born in South Africa, Angela, the middle of five children, was raised in the Kingston area where her love of gardening began to take shape. From the age of eleven, Angela took charge in the garden, moving plants around and learning to prune the roses.

She trained to be a Primary School Teacher at Homerton College, Cambridge specialising in art, textiles, and biology. She met and married Ian during this time, and they moved back to Surrey with Angela taking up a teaching post in Coombe Hill, where she worked for the next three years. With ideas of family in mind, Angela left to ensure she would not be leaving school mid-term thus disrupting the children's education and she went to teach in the Children's Ward at Kingston Hospital.

When her daughter was born, Angela and Ian moved to Bookham and soon became involved with village life. Having helped to dig the pond at St. Lawrence School, they joined a group of parents who had dug the pond at Bookham First School. This group is still very active to this day with pub lunches, country walks, an annual weekend jaunt, and an annual New Year's Eve get together. In 1989, Angela embarked on a one year Garden Design Course at Burnt Stub Mansion in Chessington, which led to many projects in and around Bookham. Anyone who has visited Angela's garden on Bookham Open Gardens Day can appreciate her skill in design and planting. It is a delightful fragrant mix of both



common and unusual plants growing exuberantly along the length of a quite narrow plot.

Designing a garden for the Chelsea Flower Show must be every designer's dream and Angela did just that for The Hardy Plant Society, when Largely Leaves won a silver award. Angela is on the committee of the Southern Counties Group of the HPS and currently responsible for organising the garden visits which take place throughout the summer months.

Through the HPS and Bookham and Fetcham Garden Society, I met up with Angela again and persuaded her to come to Bookham Country Market, where she regularly helps set up the Garden Stall every Friday morning in The Old Barn Hall and provides a variety of plants for sale. She sees the market as a great service to the community, providing an opportunity for local producers to sell their wares, for residents to purchase handcrafted and home baked and grown goods, and for all to enjoy friendship in the Coffee Shop. Apart from the garden, painting is a much loved hobby. Angela belongs to an art group, and



naturally, tends to paint from nature, using the garden or photos as inspiration. She regularly walks with a group formed from Therfield School parents (where her two children attended), was a member of a book club for many years, trained and worked for the CAB in Leatherhead, is on the committee of the BCA, listens to children read at St. Lawrence School, and once a year entertains a group of elderly people who live alone (Contact the Elderly) with afternoon tea. Angela is definitely a people person, creative, artistic, and caring.

Bookham Country Market takes place every Friday morning from 10:15am until 11:30am in the Old Barn Hall. There are refreshments, free parking, free wi-fi, and a warm welcome assured.

Ann Tomlinson

Bookham Help Your Neighbour Scheme

The Bookham Help Your Neighbour Scheme was formed more than 40 years ago, to help local residents, who live within the Bookham parish boundary, to access medical appointments. Most of our clients are elderly, many are no longer able to drive. Some of our clients do not have friends or relatives living in close enough proximity to them to offer help.

At present, we have nearly a hundred volunteers! These wonderful people are tasked to man our mobile phone or to drive our clients to their appointments. They give as much time as they choose and are not obligated to any regular commitment. It is the Duty Volunteer's responsibility to answer the calls we receive on our mobile phone. They will

then phone around our team of volunteer drivers to fulfil the appointment.

If you feel you would like to spare a little time to help, or would like more information on who we are and what we do, please contact Heather by telephone at 01372 454403.

Heather Davies

New Neighbours

New Neighbours has been in operation since 1975 and delivers packs for FREE to all new residents into the Surrey area and also into some other Home Counties. Locally we cover Bookham, Fetcham, Leatherhead, and Ashtead.

Our packs are full of information on local businesses, local amenities, information on days out, local events, local clubs, etc.

If you would like a New Neighbours pack, or have not yet received one, or if you would like

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Polesden Lacey Playschool



The children outdid themselves once again, demonstrating their singing and dancing skills in our Easter Show as the term came to a close. The family and friends who came to watch also joined in, helping the children sing some Easter favourites such as 'Chick, Chick, Chicken', 'Hot Crossed Buns', and 'The Bunny Pooka'. The event ended with an Easter Egg Hunt, organised by our fantastic committee.

This term, we are discovering and learning about transport and journeys. We will be looking at the letters and numbers found on number plates, and even making our own junk

model cars. We will discuss the ways people get around everyday, and special modes of transport that aren't as common. We will be making and playing with planes, trains, and even space rockets. In addition, we will be looking at transport throughout the world, finding out that sometimes animals are used as well.

We will be making a memorable transport trip to Ashtead, where the children will buy real train tickets to travel to Ashtead to feed the ducks! When the ducks tummies are full, and our feet are tired, we will endeavour to catch

the bus back to Bookham. It is sure to be the adventure of the season!

We will also be raising money for the playschool this term by completing our annual Trike Ride. The children will take to the playground track with a variety of wheeled apparatuses to speed around the course and complete as many laps as they can in one minute. In previous years, the children have used trikes, pushchairs, scooters, and more to help raise a tremendous amount which goes toward buying extra resources. This year, we are hoping to raise enough to buy special waterproof wooden blocks that we will be able to use to build our own river to sail toys down!

If you would like more information about the playschool, to arrange a visit, or enquire about admissions, please call us by telephone at 01372 458145 (for general enquiries/admissions, please leave a message), 01372 453162 (during session times, only brief conversations please). You can also email us at alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com, or visit our website at www.polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool

Natasha Matthews

Topic of Cancer

The Bookham cancer support group has relocated! Topic of Cancer is a Surrey charity offering local support to groups across the UK since 2009. This was established for cancer patients and their families to meet socially in a relaxed environment to share experiences and discuss treatment options. Occasionally there are guest speakers, including scientists, specialists, therapists, celebrities, patients, and trips out to the theatre or places of interest. There are no booking requirements or charges, and members are encouraged to visit other area groups as well.

Bookham was the first support group set up by Nigel Lewis-Baker MBE and the late John Blackburn, who used to meet at the Preston Cross Hotel. With the hotel no longer there, the group tried out alternative venues, including Thatcher's Hotel in East Horsley, but finally settled on returning to Bookham, where they will meet on the second Monday of every month at the Old Barn Hall in Church Street from 7:30pm.

The charity also supports, and raises awareness, and funds for world leading immunotherapy research being carried out in



Guildford at the University of Surrey. Members get the opportunity to visit the labs to meet the team and see the work being done.

Nigel recently helped lead the BBC Surrey and BBC Sussex 'My Cancer Story' week, after receiving their Community Heroes award for Outstanding Achievement. This has led to plans to open new support groups in Guildford and Woking, and a specialist fitness group in Guildford in the next few months. The events and interviews from the week will be revisited in an hour long programme on both local BBC channels on Easter Day at 4:00pm.

If you are a patient or family member with a cancer experience, have an interest in learning more, or helping please join the group from Monday 10th of April 2017. You can also contact the charity for more information by email at support.groups@topicofcancer.org.uk

Nigel Lewis-Baker



Peter Pan Playschool

The spring term has been full of excitement and fun at Peter Pan Playschool. The weekly themes have been based around several carefully selected books, which have inspired the children to do some wonderful crafting and imaginative play. In March, everybody enjoyed dressing up as characters from their favourite books on World Book Day. A few weeks later, the staff organised a week of extra exciting activities in order to raise money for Comic Relief. The children did baking and cake decorating, which went down a storm!

Our gorgeous garden has been well used in all weather, and with the playschool rain suits donned, the children have been happily splashing about! Signs of spring have been spotted and many a den has been built and enjoyed. Since it has warmed up, we have even managed to get all the water toys out, which

have provided endless hours of exploration, learning, and fun.

We have been piloting a Lunch Club for 3-4 year olds on Mondays, which has proved to be a great success. The children have felt very grown up having their packed lunches together, and then playing in a slightly smaller group. We're currently looking into developing Lunch Club for the next term and beyond.

Peter Pan Playschool is a very friendly preschool located near the Eastwick Schools with an exceptionally experienced and highly skilled team of staff, with lovely indoor and outdoor facilities. We currently have a few remaining spaces for 2 1/2 - 4 year olds available for September 2017, and January 2018, so please get in touch. We also offer a limited number of spaces for Stay&Play, from 9:45am until 11:15am on Fridays during term



time for 18 months - 4 years old and their parent/carers for £2 per session; places need to be booked by 9:00am on the day of the session by telephone at 07908 018924 (call or text). For more information, please visit our website at www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk

Helen Macfarlane

Mole Valley Girls Football Club

Mole Valley Girls Football Club is the only all-girl football club operating in Mole Valley District. The club was founded in July 2010, and offers the opportunity for girls of all abilities to play competitive football in a safe and welcoming environment. The club currently runs competitive teams at Under 11s to Under 18s and a development squad for Under 10s with an ambitious development plan to provide a full complement of age

group teams in the future. The Club is affiliated to the Surrey Football Association and all teams play in the Surrey County Women and Girls League.

The training pitch is located at King George VI playing fields in Dorking during the summer, and on astroturf at St. Johns CofE School during the winter months. The Home pitch is at Meadow Bank in Dorking. However, this is

currently undergoing a major refurbishment programme. Mole Valley District Council has invested £5million in the sports facility, and has also secured a further £500, 000 through the Sport England Improvement Fund towards the provision of state-of-the-art football facilities. The new development is expected to be completed in time for the 2017/2018 football season.

Mole Valley Girls Football Club Under13s are in the Premier Division, and have only lost one game so far this season! They have been successful in their Cup heats and are through to the finals for the Surrey County Cup, and the Surrey County Women and Girls League Cup. Last year, they won the League Cup. The club is rapidly expanding and we are currently seeking new players for next season! The manager for this team is Neil Harlow, please feel free to contact him by email at neil.harlow@btconnect.com. To keep up with news and upcoming events, please visit our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/MoleValleyGirlsFC and our Instagram account at <https://www.instagram.com/molevalleygirlsfc/>

Jacqy Faull



3rd Bookham Scout Group

We would like to thank everyone that supported us in our Christmas tree sales this year. We sold over 350 trees.

The profit from the sales allows us to continue to provide an adventurous and enjoyable

programme throughout the four sections of our group. Look forward to seeing you next year!

If you are interested in joining our team to help support our youth members, any help would

be extremely useful - it does not have to be every week, please let me know

Karen Wheeler Group Scout Leader
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National Trust Polesden Lacey

The house conservation team at Polesden Lacey have successfully completed the mammoth task of conducting an in-depth review into the condition of every single book in the library, a total of 1787 historic books!

The books are cleaned every year by a dedicated team of book volunteers, who use specialist tools. This painstaking task is spread out over the course of the year. This year, for the first time, the house team has carefully examined each book, looking for signs of damage and deterioration in order to create a permanent record and condition report. This condition report marks a significant achievement for the house team, whose duties range from cleaning literally every inch of the historic rooms, to developing new exhibitions to showcase Mrs. Greville's world-renowned collection.

The new report will enable the team to track deterioration more effectively and to focus on specific trouble areas, such as books with torn spines or, in the case of one particular shelf, recurring mould. The shelf in question, which holds both the memoirs of Sheridan and the works of Alexander Pope, was found to have sprouted a fuzz of white mould. This sort of mould is a result of changes in humidity, a



prevalent problem in old houses, and while white mould can be quickly dispatched using only a pony hair brush and a specialist Hoover, white mould that turns an insidious green colour can indicate that lasting damage has already occurred.

Luckily, the house team's timely actions stopped the mould in time and the new condition report will ensure that green mould never has time to flourish.

Mould is just one of the signs of deterioration

the house team have looked for when creating the condition report. The library is also at risk from light damage, environmental factors, and a variety of creepy crawlies. When conditions are poor, museum pests thrive. Culprits include furniture beetles, carpet beetles, and even moths, all of whom like to graze on the cloth bindings on books, leaving behind the paper and cardboard of a naked spine.

But what about bookworms? Conservation Assistant, Charlotte Burford explains: "bookworm is a common misconception. Bookworms are actually just other pests like the death watch and furniture beetles. They prefer wood, but they'll happily bore through some books on their way to the wooden furniture beyond. But there's no such thing as a 'bookworm'."

Explore Mrs. Greville's Library when it reopens on Friday 31st of March 2017, for Polesden Lacey's seasonal programme, 'Mrs. Greville Travels to South America'. To find out more about conservation, please visit our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/polesdenlacey

Camilla Morgan



Mole Valley Lacemakers

Since our last article, Mole Vale Lacemakers have been quite busy! We have already held our Annual General Meeting, which was a very important gathering, considering that our group has already been running for over 34 years! In addition, most of our members have been on the committee for a number of years, some even joining on more than one occasion.

As our group expands (and ages), many of our current members are less willing to take on some of the larger roles of responsibility within the group. Therefore, after a serious discussion, it was agreed that the group will run in its

current format up until January 2018. After this date, we will change our format to more of a self-help style group of lace makers for future meetings. To our relief, a few of our members have also agreed to organise the collecting of subs in order to pay the rent.

At our March meeting, some of our members offered help and advice on how to craft heart shaped brooches, using pearl buttons, and making flowers using a wide variety of different crafting techniques.

Despite the forthcoming changes, we are

always looking for new members! From beginners to advanced learners, anyone with an interest, or wish to learn the craft of lace making will be warmly welcomed at any of our future meetings. Our programme for this year is already packed full of wonderful events, including Dorset Button making in May, and a talk on Danish Whitework in July! For more information on the club and our events, please visit our website at www.surreycommunity.info/molevalleylacemakers.

Stephen and Tina Pedrick

Meet the Makers - Sue Skilton



Perspectives by Sue Skilton

Sue Skilton, local resident, is a keen amateur photographer who has turned her love of photography into a rapidly growing card business. Sue says, "I have always enjoyed walking in the countryside and by the coast, taking snaps on my phone along the way." Who knew that her casual 'snaps' could have led to such a wonderful and bold career shift.

Sue recalls that her friends and family were the first to notice her keen eye and talent for photography. She says "my friends and family began to comment on how lovely my photos were, and that I 'had an eye' for photography." After this, it did not take Sue long to realise that she could easily turn her hobby into a mini enterprise through producing photo greeting cards and photo canvases.

Many of her cards are inspired by nature, and capture all the variety and beauty that the English landscape has to offer. The cards "have proven to be very popular, and I enjoy doing regular table top sales, open house evenings, and craft fairs."

In addition to running a business, Sue also works full time at The Grange, in Bookham. As a retail and cooking tutor, Sue supports adults with learning and physical difficulties, a rewarding role which she thoroughly enjoys. Sue donates a small amount from the profit of each card and canvas sold to The Grange.

The Grange runs two shops, Shop No. 5 in Church Road, Bookham, and Inspirations Gift Shop at 4 Lyons Court, Dorking. These shops were specifically designed to give the people The Grange supports the chance to learn retail



skills in a working environment. Sue is absolutely delighted to announce that her cards and canvases are available for purchase in both outlets. So do pop along to either Shop No. 5 in Bookham, or Inspirations in Dorking and take a look at the wonderful items that they have on display!

If you would like to know more information about Sue and her photography, please visit her [Facebook Page](#) at www.facebook.com/perspectives65/

For all other enquiries, please feel free to contact Sue directly by email at sue_skilton@hotmail.com

Jennifer Terry



Bookham Youth Project



It's been a really busy 2017 so far for the Bookham Youth Project. We are now regularly working in local schools, the community, youth centre and the churches engaging with over 50 young people. Thanks to the support of the community the work is growing and

more young people than before in Bookham are able to access youth work, to find safe spaces, to learn, to grow, to enjoy, to be free and be happy.

Thanks to funding from the Police Crime Commissioner we have been able to employ a youth worker to support and lead some of our community sessions at BYouth. James has been a long-term Volunteer at LYP Leatherhead and has brought great energy and experience to BYouth sessions.

We are looking forward to spring and summer and really are excited about what's in store for young people in Bookham

We have been running BYouth since January at the Bookham Youth and community centre. BYouth is our drop in relational hub. Young people gather every Monday night and Friday evening at the youth centre for an open session. We have loads of activities for them to engage with like sports, games and cooking. With 37 local young people engaging regularly we are really excited to be with them, support them where they are at in life and provide exciting opportunities to help them grow and thrive. We have a fantastic team of 7 local volunteers who are helping BYouth happen. Without them and their skills we couldn't run the great sessions we do.

Leatherhead & District Local History Society



It is 20 years since the death of the remarkable Elsie Green (1904-1997), founder/director of the Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre for 36 years and an inspiration to many budding performers. Interviewed in 1993, her story appeared in the November 2016 Newsletter of the Leatherhead & District Local History Society.

Born in her parents' pub in Marylebone, London, Elsie Green was introduced to the theatre by play bills for the Coliseum and the Met in Edgware Road. Her father took her to see early 20th century performers including Marie Lloyd, George Robey, and Dan Leno. At

the Coliseum, she also saw Diaghilev's Russian ballet and the great dancer, Nijinsky. She attended ballet school, but was let down by varicose veins. Instead, she developed a passion for the theatre, going to the Old Vic every Saturday and seeing the young John Gielgud and Michael Redgrave playing opposite Edith Evans. Desperate to become an actress, she studied at the Guildhall but only passed her final with distinction after a three-week speech training course. Her real talent for directing productions only emerged by chance. A lucky break led to a job as director of plays at the Tavistock Little Theatre, an amateur group of experienced actors working under professional directors. They performed a different play each week at very low prices.

During WWII, Elsie and her young son were evacuated to Epsom where she formed a drama group from the Land Army, which performed in churches throughout Surrey. In 1951 at Polesden Lacey, a performance of Merry England was given as part of the Festival of Britain. The next year, the Bookham Community Association was seeking a more permanent director, Elsie was asked to direct Shakespeare's As You Like It at the first official Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre in the summer of 1953.

There was a space for 2000 people and though without lighting, amplification was installed. By the end of that first production, it was dusk and the surrounding meadows lit up with masses of glow worms. This was just the

beginning of Elsie's magical 36 years of Shakespearean summer at Polesden Lacey.

For the first 21 years, no play was ever repeated. Her audience numbered 1500, but by the time she retired in 1988, the numbers had reached 20,000. It had become an annual festival with Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, ballet, old time music hall, and top concerts as well as Shakespeare.

Elsie loved putting on plays in the open air, always taking the discomfort of rain, midges, and other inconveniences in her stride. Her actors had to use larger and simpler gestures than on a conventional stage, projecting their voices more to compensate for the lack of acoustics. She relished everything, always giving casts the time needed to ensure performances that reflected the glorious surroundings of Polesden Lacey. Several of her proteges went on to successful careers on stage and TV.

Shakespeare's plays were perfect for open air performances, she thought, because that was how the bard intended them. On retiring from Polesden, she founded Evergreen Productions and presented Murder in the Cathedral, St. Joan, and Othello at various venues throughout Surrey. A keen backer of the fund to restore Shakespeare's Globe Theatre on Bankside, her name is now engraved in the foyer there. Plaques commemorate her memory at the site of the original open air stage at Polesden Lacey.

Tony Matthews

Little Bookham WI

Little Bookham WI has most recently held a Bursary Day, which gave members the opportunity to develop new skills. These activities usually require more time than is available at the usual monthly meetings.

In the morning, members tried ribbon weaving. Our demonstrator, Clare Fecher, even showed us how to create a handmade decorative card following our lesson. After our instruction, everyone was able to have a go,

and we were thoroughly pleased with the creative and colourful results! After lunch, we had the opportunity to improve upon our singing skills as well with Anna Tabbush from Natural Voice Network. Anna has a wonderful singing voice and skillfully encouraged us all to sing with confidence and enjoyment. This was a very light-hearted and relaxed session, even the most nervous singers amongst us felt comfortably able to join in on the festivities. Everyone left feeling accomplished and that

they had learned some significant new skills all whilst having fun. We already looking forward to our next Bursary Day!

Little Bookham WI meet on the third Wednesday of every month in the Little Bookham Village Hall. Our meetings start from 7:30pm. Visitors are very much welcomed and encouraged to come and see what we are all about.

Fay McGregor



The Rotary Club Of Bookham And Horsley

Rotary combines the opportunity to really make a difference in the community, whilst enjoying the company of like-minded friends. Late spring through summer has seen a full Club Programme, mixing social and fundraising events as always.

Bookham residents may have noticed our beautiful purple crocus field appear during March, on the grass verge under our new Bookham Village sign, on the A246 at Lower Shott. This is a part of the Rotary Purple4Polio awareness and support campaign, aimed at eliminating polio worldwide. The purple reminds us of the purple dye used to mark the hands of children in the developing world as they are vaccinated. This remains Rotary's highest profile international project, and has been funded by the organisation for several decades alongside the Gates Foundation, the UN, and many others. However, a concerted push for charitable contributions and

vaccinations is still required to clear the last 2-3 countries worldwide of polio.

Closer to home, we support several annual Rotary competitions that aim to encourage youth skills and confidence. A pupil from The Dawnay School in Bookham has won the junior runner-up prize, in a competition for local schools organised by us. Students were invited to write a story or poem, fiction or nonfiction, entitled 'Reflection'. Entries showed imagination and creativity, and won the praise of judge Eve Collyer Merritt, local Surrey Libraries Duty Manager. This competition was the first stage in an annual national writing competition, Rotary Young Writer, with winning entries progressing through to regional competitions, to a national final in May. In addition, several students from Manor House School also performed extremely well in our local Youth Speaks debating competition in February.



Our spring charity social evenings have included our popular quiz and bridge evenings. We also have an upcoming 'Songs from the Shows' Gala music evening on 19th May 2017, at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham. Please come and join us!

Evening talks at our weekly meetings have ranged from the future of the NHS, to an excellent talk about an education charity working in poor Brazilian cities (aprendebrazil.com).

There is something for many of you at Rotary, whether as a Club member or just to help out on occasion, and support us at our events. Why not join us for a trial evening, or sign up to our mailing list? For all details on events and information, please visit our website at www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org, or contact our Secretary, Paul Simons by telephone at 01483 284193, or email him at pandasimons15@yahoo.co.uk.



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Always have fun on our beaches, but remember to be SAFE.

Richard Bywaters



Mole Valley Silver Band



Mole Valley Silver Band is fine tuning its repertoire ahead of the summer season! At our next Old Barn Hall concert on Monday 19th of June 2017, the band will be going back to its roots. From the end of WWII up until 1974, the band was known as the Bookham and District Silver Band. Previous to that, around the late 1880s, it was called the Leatherhead Town Band.

While the setlist is undetermined at present, we do know that it will be the latest of a series of concerts going back over many years as a fixture of Bookham Village Week. The band has always enjoyed the many opportunities to contribute

to the community's activities, and fundraising for the Old Barn Hall is no exception.

Our first performance of the summer was held during the afternoon, in the picturesque gardens of Guildford's historic castle on Sunday 14th May, 2017. The bandstand on the castle grounds hosts several concerts throughout the summer, and the Mole Valley Silver Band was delighted to be one of them.

We are also very excited to take up residence back at Dorking Halls later in the year, hosting a concert in conjunction with the Horsham Borough Band on Sunday 29th October, 2017!

Amongst present numbers, our players come from all walks of life, and include anyone from school children, to teachers, and even engineers. Two years ago, Mole Valley Silver Band formed a training band for novice players of any age. This group is run by three experienced brass players, two of them qualified teachers, to help newcomers play marches, film and television themes, classical arrangements, and popular tunes. The group goes from strength to strength, and most recently ended the term with a concert for family and friends, where pupils got the chance to show off their skills!

Mole Valley Silver Band rehearses in the Reading Room, Fetcham and anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact us. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings. Sessions with the training band are held from 5:50pm until 7:00pm, and the main band rehearses from 7:45pm until 9:45pm. For more information on joining the band, or hiring us for your engagements, please contact our Secretary, Sarah Kent by telephone at 01372 456176. Full details of all our activities and upcoming events are listed on our website at www.molevalleysilverband.org.uk

The Leatherhead & District Lions Club

After a request last year from local resident Chloe, a 21-year-old student from Bookham and former pupil of Therfield School, the Leatherhead Lions were approached for the purpose of possible funding towards an eleven week Raleigh International trip to Tanzania.

Chloe had been selected to volunteer overseas with Raleigh International on an International Citizen Service placement programme. This programme works directly with communities who specifically request their help whilst also striving to inspire young people in the UK and overseas to become active global citizens. With a generous donation on behalf of the Leatherhead Lions, it was a pleasure to see Chloe achieve her goal to make a lasting

difference in a disadvantaged community.

After an eleven week expedition to Tanzania, that began September 2016, Chloe gave the Leatherhead Lions a wonderful presentation, giving members a keen insight into her travels. We discovered that she worked in the remote village of Mbeya in Western Tanzania, a startling twenty-four hours travel by bus from the capital Dar es Salaam. Chloe says, "it was no picnic. No running water or sanitation, no electricity, and I had a rat living under my bed who I named Patrick!"

The purpose of the trip was to educate the community on how to create a sustainable agricultural enterprise. In addition, the women were taught good medical practice to help the community become more self-sufficient in the future. Despite difficult living conditions, Chloe received a warm welcome and came home with many fond memories of her time there. "The children were delightful. So willing to learn and so happy even if they had so little," says Chloe. "It was an experience I shall never forget."

During the presentation, we unexpectedly came across a photo of a little boy wearing a Lion's High Viz Jacket and the group were astounded! As Chloe couldn't have provided it, it must have been a Lions member who had



travelled to a similar location beforehand. In any case, this strange occurrence is still a mystery.

The Leatherhead & District Lions Club always welcome new members. We are a group of like-minded, friendly people who enjoy helping others. We hold two meetings a month at the Police Federation Building in Leatherhead: the Business meeting is every second Tuesday of the month, at 7:30pm; the Dinner meeting is held every fourth Tuesday of the month, from 7:30pm. If you would like more information please about becoming a Leatherhead Lion, or to register as a Friend of the Lions, please contact Jim Malynn by telephone at 01372 274618, or contact us through our website at www.leatherheadlions.org.uk

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