



Bookham Bulletin

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Autumn 2019

All aboard Bookham Village Day

Bookham was swept away by the All at Sea Village Day Parade wave on 15th June. Local playgroups and school children had turned into jelly fish, mermaids, star fish, rainbow fish, sharks, sailors, scuba divers, whales and even a giant purple octopus!

First came Jason Wright in his vintage Austin 7 that could have been called the yellow submarine (following the theme), and the Steelonium Steel bands who drummed up a rhythm while the sea creatures chanted their own sailor songs. The Leatherhead (sea) Lions mascot also made an appearance and added to the music.

It was humbling to see that many of the school groups chose to promote the plastic pollution issues in our oceans; their costumes including swaddles of rubbish bearing signs of 'plastic never goes away' and 'swimming in plastic'. The parade down the High Street finished in the Old Barn Hall field in Church Road where the Band from the Pub was waiting with a lively rendering of 'We all live in a yellow submarine' as the judges decided which group had the best costumes and which were the best dressed stalls.

The prize for the best pre-school group went to the Rainbow Playgroup and runners-up were Bookham Toddler Group with their giant purple octopus. In the schools group the prize went to Polesden Lacey Infant School dressed as scuba divers. Runners-up were The Dawnay School sharks.

The cup for the best dressed stall went to Great Bookham Belles WI who very cleverly covered their canopy with rubbish. Runners-up were Bookham Bees WI with their coral reef design and blue tutus! Inside the Old Barn Hall the winners were Bookham, Fetcham & District Garden Society.

There were so many things to see and do thanks to over 50 stalls, many of them run by local organisations and charities such as the Grange, who sold a selection of delicious fudge, cards and mugs that were all skilfully hand-made by the people that go there.

Many people had a go on the surf simulator or Waverider that proved to be a lot trickier than it looked. A big thank you to Elios & Di Carlo's Hairdressing who provided it, and the Adventure+ climbing wall supported by John Wadsworth estate agents and Churches



Together. The Punch and Judy show and Bocketts Farm's were very popular; as was the novel Poopla game at the Guides stall.

In the arena the crowd was entertained with song and dance routines by Polesden Lacey, The Dawnay and Eastwick Infant schools, St Lawrence Musical theatre group. Action Theatre and the Dancing Roses belly dancers and the Natalie Goodacre Trio. The open-air bar served mouth-watering specialist real ales that could be enjoyed with a burger from the BBQ.

Despite a couple of short showers later in the afternoon, these did not dampen anyone's spirits as inside the Old Barn Hall there was also plenty to look at including Mole Valley Quilters who decorated the stage with their beautiful patchwork. Bookham Stamp Club presented a collection of historic photos of the area that were appreciated as were delicious cakes home made by Bookham Butterflies WI and all the refreshments served in the hall.

It was heart-warming to see young and old come together to celebrate the ties of our close knit community – with even a passing visit from the Red Arrows. As Louise Sutherland from Peter Pan Playschool said: "I think this year's theme really brought everyone together as the groups were largely similar but with a different twist and it really showed a united Bookham which was lovely to see."

Thank you to everyone who took part to make the day such a success and to the main sponsor The Vineries Garden Centre.

From our Roving Reporter, Emma Heapes



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From the Chairman Village Day 2019



With our theme 'All at Sea' it was perhaps appropriate that water – in the form of rain – figured in the afternoon! Luckily it did not last long and it certainly did not dampen proceedings too much - there were still plenty of people on the field and in the halls after 3.30pm. There are lots of pictures and words about the day in this edition - how lucky we are in Bookham that so many people are prepared to make the Day – and Week – so happy and successful.

We had over 55 stalls and displays arranged and manned by our affiliated organisations and other local businesses plus those working on refreshments, the bar and the white elephant stall as well as the stewards we need for health and safety. Many hundreds of people giving up their time to make it such a great day for the thousands who joined us. Thank you.

The Parade this year was spectacular, and masses of work had obviously gone into all the costumes and sea creatures as well as lots of thought provoking plastic waste! Well done to all the groups and to all our performers in the arena with Action Theatre continuing through the rain!

Full accounts are on the website but in summary are:

Village Day	£10,574
Field events	£4,786
Hall activities	£2,927
Donations	£2,861
Bookham Open Gardens	£7,216
BABC Bridge Tea	£965
MV Silver Band Concert	£225
VW Quiz Night	£1,089
Total Village Week	£20,069

Very many thanks to our main sponsor to both Village Day and Open Gardens, The Vineries Garden Centre, and to John Wadsworth and Churches Together for the Climbing Wall and Elios & DiCarlos for the Surfrider.

On Sunday, Open Gardens also started with heavy rain but this cleared, the people came out and the end result was within a few pounds of last year's record amount. Thanks to all the committee and contributors to that.

VILLAGE DAY 2020

The date next year is Saturday 20th June and the theme will be 'Bookham on Safari'

If you have any ideas or would like to be involved in planning next year please ring me on 457375.

EDITOR

We are still looking for an Editor for the Bulletin and would love to hear from you if you feel you could take this on and want to discuss what is involved.

Keith Slark

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What's Happening

September

6	Rotary Charity Race Night 7pm	p19
10	Curzon Cinema 'Fisherman's Friend'	p21
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14&21	Barnes Wallis exhibition at Tithebarn	p23
21	Cherry Trees Barn Dance 7.30pm	p 5
28	Surrey Police Band 'A Night at the Proms'	p19
28	Quilters open meeting	p30

October

4	The Grange Bridge Tea	p14
4	Rotary Bridge Supper 7.15pm 01372 458918	
9	Curzon Cinema 'Green Book'	p21
12	Auricula & Primula Society 'Alpine Plants'	p26
19	Bookham Flower Club Show 'Enchantment'	p13
19	Transition Bookham card upcycling day	p13
26	Hardy Plant Society talk	p21
26/27	Bookham Fetcham Art Group Exhibition	p14
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November

1-2	Bookham Light Opera 'The Mikado'	p9
23	Bookham Choral Society 'The Pearl Fishers'	p23
23	Hardy Plant Society talk	p21
30	The Grange Christmas Concert	p14
30	Quilters Stash Sale	p30

December

5	Bookham Late Night Opening evening	p19
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June 2020

20	Bookham Village Day – theme 'Bookham on Safari'
21	Bookham Open Gardens Day

Regular Events at the Old Barn Hall

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

Monthly

Bookham Flower Club	– first Monday 2pm
Bookham Wine Club	– 2nd Monday 8pm
Bookham Stamp Club	– 4th Tuesday 2.15pm
The Arts Society	– 4th Tuesday 7.30pm

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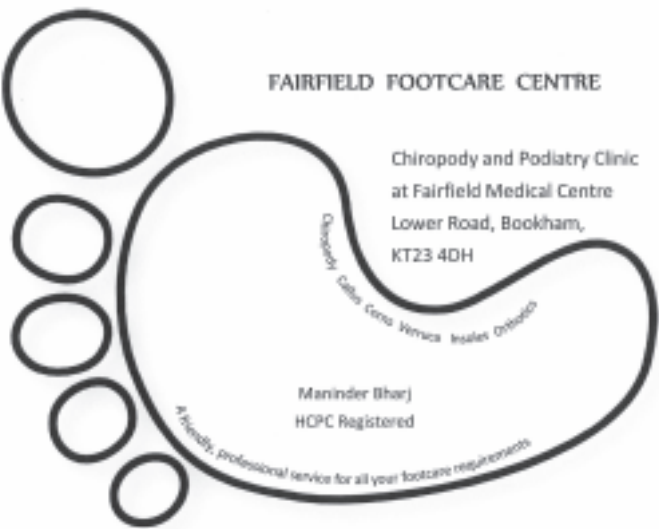


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The standard of women's tennis at Bookham Tennis Club is at a high at the moment. The ladies team were promoted to the next league

up for the 2019 season and at the time of writing have won the first two matches against other clubs. The photograph shows four of the regular players about to take part in a league match. The men's and mixed teams are also doing well and they too have been promoted in the last couple of years. The veterans team, although not promoted, play in a fairly high league anyway. For a small club we certainly punch above our weight.

This year a lot of effort has gone in to raising money to help fund the new South Bookham SPACE extension. This will be of particular

benefit to the tennis club and will incorporate a first floor meeting room with a kitchen and a balcony overlooking the courts. Building work is underway and completion is due at the end of October. Fund raising events organised by the club this year included a quiz night at the KGV hall, a golf day at Guildford Golf Club and the Black and White Ball at the Old Barn Hall which was attended by over 80 guests in June.

We are a small, friendly club, happy to accept new members of all abilities. For more details visit our website www.bookhamtennisclub.org.uk

Bookham Toddler Group



We've had a great summer term enjoying our huge array of toys, books, puzzles and ride-ons. We have had lots of wonderful crafts including St George's Day shields, binoculars for a nature session and bookmarks for when the library visited.

Our regular hairdresser has been back as well as many different concessions. The toddlers were able to get fantastically creative for Fathers Day with a visit from Ceramica pottery painting, making mugs, plates and coasters.

We had a fabulous session when the Fire Brigade returned for their annual visit. There was so much excitement as we made fire helmets and then we poured out into the car park for the arrival of the fire engine. The children loved dressing up as firemen, spraying the hoses and 'driving' the engine.

We've continued to form a partnership with St Teresa's Girls School in Effingham and two groups of year 5 girls visited to read and do crafts with the children. This is proving very popular both with the little ones and their parents/carers who can enjoy a peaceful cup of tea!

Our biggest achievement this term has to be runners-up at Village Day. As far as we know it was the only time we've come close to the title. Our craft team and their family worked incredibly hard with very little budget and only a short amount of time each week to produce a dazzling display including a gigantic octopus! We definitely celebrated hard (with cake) and felt that so many past and present members shared in our success.

Bookham Toddler Group is a large, friendly group run by local mums. We cater for children from birth to pre-school/school age, offering lots of different activities. We meet on Tuesdays 9.45am – 11.30am at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham. New people are always welcome. Your first session is free, then it's £2.50 per child (plus 50p per additional child). Refreshments are included. Full details of the current term's activities/events and general information can be found on our Facebook page or email Hannah at hannah@bookhamtoddlergroup.co.uk.



Mole Valley Women's Institute (WI)

Members have been out and about in recent months. The Gardening group spent a happy, but damp, day at newly opened Leonardslee Gardens. Here they marvelled at the giant azaleas and rhododendrons and even caught a glimpse of the wallabies! The London Safari, with Blue badge guide, Wilf, explored hidden parts of Covent Garden. The visit to The Houses of Parliament was enjoyed despite grey clouds! The outing to Hurst Castle included a boat trip and a delicious cream tea in a New Forest pub!

At our monthly meetings we have had a talk from the Surrey Air Ambulance, which needs £11 million per annum to provide 24-hour

daily cover throughout the year. We have also learnt that it takes 18 months and 500 hours of study to become a Blue Badge guide! Several members have tried the art of quilling. Now that the days are longer, our evening rambles are underway ending with a visit to a local pub.

Jill won the Anne Glynn Trophy for craft with her waistcoat which she designed and made from her own hand-spun wool. Meriel won the Rose Bowl with a peach coloured rose grown in her garden.

We are hoping for good weather for our August Garden Party and for the tour of Essex

villages in September.

Do come along to Fetcham Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm and see what else is happening at Mole Valley WI. Further information and contact details can be found on our website: molevalleywi.btck.co.uk.



Bookham Fetcham and District Garden Society

Despite some rain Bookham Village Day was well supported and fun for all ages. The theme of ALL AT SEA gave scope for attractive interpretations.



Jinny Harvey receives the cup on behalf of the Garden Society

Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society took an ecological approach showing the coastline from deep sea to shoreline with a rock pool with shells and starfish, to sandy



All at Sea - Garden Society's interpretation

beach moving up the beach to pebbles and shingle and then ground cover and thrift. This was supported by a backdrop of informative posters.

This generated a great deal of interest and won over the judges and we were awarded the cup for the best stall in the indoor category. It is interesting how an activity like a Village Day generates a wonderful community spirit and even within each society it is so positive to work on a project such as this together.

Jennifer Smitheman

Bookham Butterflies WI



Bookham Butterflies WI were once again delighted to support Village Day by running the busy refreshments stall in the Old Barn Hall. More than £1,100 was raised for Bookham Community Association.

To fit in with this year's Village Day All at Sea theme we decorated our serving area to highlight the national WI resolution to end the "Plastic Soup" in the world's oceans. Decorations included sea creatures made out of recycled aluminium cans and fish created out of plastic bottles. The can creatures were

produced during a special course run by Sarah Betts from Granary Crafts in the village. We sold crocheted and knitted sea creatures and held a raffle to win a hamper. We once again entered a team in the fun Village Week Quiz, finishing a very creditable fourth!

Our Exploring Gardens Group has been running again since the spring and members have enjoyed interesting visits to Caxton House, Reigate, Ockham Mill near Ripley and Westways Farm, Chobham. Our walking groups have a varied programme of outings all year round and recently had a wonderful walk around Peaslake, followed by delicious pub lunch at the Hurtwood Inn.

A group of Butterflies went on a fascinating trip to the Mary Quant exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Members enjoyed displays including miniskirts, hot pants, vibrant tights and make

up - feeling nostalgic about the amazing clothes which we aspired to in our youth!

Our speakers over recent months have been the usual eclectic Butterflies mix! We heard from Pam Goodall, who cycled solo round the world at the age of 59; Jane Muddle told us about the colourful bags and hats she sources from Madagascar. And if hearing about cycling, bags and hats wasn't enough we also had a talk from Rosemary Horton about cheese!

Our trips for members over coming weeks and months are hugely varied too. We'll be visiting Dorking Caves, the Gin Kitchen in Dorking and watching a performance of Dolly Parton's 9-5 musical in Woking.

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

Polesden Lacey Playschool



As another academic year draws to a close we look back on the amazing time we have had. All of the children at Polesden Playschool have grown so much in confidence and independence, none more so than our swans who will be moving on to school in September. They are an incredible group of children and their new schools are lucky to have them.

The sun is shining this term allowing us to take advantage of the beautiful grounds we are lucky to share with Polesden Lacey Infant

School. This term we have been looking at mini beasts. We have spent many hours exploring, running, climbing and jumping in the woodland area and on our climbing frame searching for them. The children and staff have been carefully looking after our allotment, planting seeds to encourage bees and mini beasts to visit us more frequently. We cannot wait to use the vegetables we are growing in our cooking sessions.

We have recycled all of our paper, boxes and plastics to make flowers, mini beasts and if you look carefully you may even see our balloon bees buzzing around. In one session the children explored snail trails, creating their own with glitter and glue.

This term we have held also our annual trike ride and have raised lots of funds to buy new equipment for the children. The children were eager to help create a 'shopping list' for staff

requesting a variety of dressing up costumes and toys. We raised enough for all on their wish list and purchased them immediately! Thank you to all who contributed.

Village Day was a highlight for us. Wandering down the high street as jelly fish in the sea proved to be lots of fun. The children enjoyed wobbling down the high street singing 'Jellyfish in the sea'. A huge thank you to everyone who took part, especially those who helped with costumes and organising the children.

For more information please call us on 01372 458 145 (for general enquiries/admissions, please leave a message if there is no answer), 01372 453162 (during session times- brief only please), email alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com, or visit our website - <http://polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool>

Natasha Matthews

Mind the Gap

A new youth group has just launched for young people in Bookham and surrounding areas. This project is free and there is no need for a professional to refer you. It is great opportunity for branching out and to work towards what you want to achieve.

If you are interested in taking part or know of someone aged between 18 – 25 who might want to get involved don't hesitate to contact Hannah Sheppard or Christine Schauerman.



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Bookham Wine Club



In my last report members were eagerly waiting to hear about the new style of wines being produced from some of the younger Spanish wine-makers.

Accredited Rioja educator Pippa Hayward had chosen a wonderful selection of wines made from indigenous grape varieties grown in the north east (Catalunya) and the north west (Galicia) of the country. Oak ageing is out, and biodynamic techniques are in, as younger drinkers are opting for more interesting and locally-made "wines without make-up".

This was followed by presentations from Angela Bawtree ("Current trends in the world of wine"), Richard Bost ("A taste of modern Lebanon") and Irina Hriplivi ("What! Moldovan wines?"). All speakers provided us with some fascinating insights; starting with Angela, who highlighted the trend for greater sustainable production and shifts attributed to climate

change, while both Richard and Irina made claims for the oldest site of wine production in the world!

Looking a little further ahead into the summer, our programme includes 'visits' to Italy and Portugal and, back by popular demand, a summer event comprising a wine tasting of up to 25 wines, followed by hog roast and music. Held in co-operation with the Association of Wine Educators (AWE) and to be expertly hosted by locally-based wine communicator Heather Dougherty it promises to be another evening to remember.

Details about past tastings, forthcoming meetings and our summer event, can all be viewed on our website at www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk or just drop us an email at; membership@bookhamwineclub.org.uk to find out more.

Frances Sanders -BWC Secretary

Bookham Country Market

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public meeting it was agreed that a Country Market should be established in Bookham. Many of the early members were Leatherhead producers who lived in Bookham and Fetcham.

Bookham Country Market duly opened in the Old Barn Hall on Friday October 1st 1976 and held its first Annual Meeting in March 1977. Mollie Snow, one of those who attended that first meeting was able to come and cut the celebration cake at our 40TH Anniversary in 2016 along with other founder members (see picture). By this time Bookham Country Market had established itself as one of the biggest weekly Markets in Surrey.

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Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club

Bookham members take the silver



After two days of intensive play, our finals had a Bookham representative in eight of the thirteen trophies that were awarded, very well done Bookham! The photograph shows some of the happy winners and runners up attending the presentation evening.

The summer months at MVIBC are usually a quieter period but this year we have seen more and more players continue with their indoor bowling throughout the summer. To support this interest new arrangements have been made with other indoor clubs (such as Brighton and Sutton) providing a new challenge for the summer bowlers.

Members of the committee, together with other helpers have made improvements within the changing rooms, and very smart looking holding racks for bowls etc. have been installed, making the balcony area much tidier for the social part of events.

As September draws nearer with the darker and colder days on their way, it's time to make plans for an active and enjoyable new challenge – indoor bowling is exactly the right answer.

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readily explained by our qualified coaches and other experienced club members, at whatever pace and interest suits you.

Located at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre with ample easy parking. Look out for further information locally, on www.mvibc.co.uk ; email mail4mvibc@gmail.com ; phone 01372 289 873

Come to our free (have a go) open sessions on each Saturday morning in September, 10am to 1pm. Park in the rear car park of the Leatherhead Leisure Centre – the Bowling Club entrance is nearby and will be clearly marked.

If Saturday mornings are not convenient – please contact us, an alternative time can be arranged.

Come along.....get active.... have fun.... PLAY BOWLS ☑

Michael Mackie

Bookham and Fetcham Gardeners Association

In 1955 some Eastwick Allotment tenants started buying lime in bulk. Over the years this developed into the Bookham and Fetcham Gardeners Association selling much of what is needed for every day gardening. Yes we were previously known as Eastwick Allotments and Gardens Association but the name led local people to think you couldn't visit our shop on Eastwick Allotments unless you had an allotment which is NOT the case. The majority of our members don't have an allotment but are gardeners who pop in on a Sunday morning between 10am and midday to stock up on just about anything they need for their green oasis.

It costs just £3 to be a member and in real terms the membership has not increased at all in the last 64 years. You will certainly save the membership fee even on your first purchase. We are also happy to give anyone the 'benefit' of our gardening advice

Here are some tips on seed germination and growing rhubarb.

Seed Germination

Provided you always use fresh seed successful germination is dependent on two vital factors – heat and moisture. As this is difficult to achieve by sowing directly into the ground, one cheap and cheerful solution after sowing and watering is to cover the rows with plastic

guttering. Remove the covering after germination, lift the covering to water in high temperatures and watch out for slugs on the inside of the guttering.

Another option is to sow seeds in small biodegradable pots. We use peat pots in a normal size seed tray. Place in a heated propagator or somewhere warm like an airing cupboard. It is advisable to put several seeds in each pot and retain the strongest seedling.

This system speeds up germination and pots can be spaced in the ground correctly. It can be used for many types of seeds and is especially useful for vegetables and flowers that dislike being transplanted. Water well both when sowing the seeds and planting the pots in the ground.

Rhubarb

Rhubarb is a great option for the first-time gardener. It is easy to grow and suffers from few pests or diseases. It benefits hugely from generous amounts of well-rotted compost, but dislikes very hot weather so a fertile, partly shaded environment is ideal. In the growing season, and to maintain a regular supply of edible pink stems, keep it well watered.

Unusually rhubarb benefits from cold and frosty weather during its dormant period from October to March. Divide the crown

frequently anything from three to every five to six years. Dig out the crown over the winter, divide the root with a spade into sections which must include a large bud or eye then leave the unprotected crowns on the surface. After giving away surplus crowns, plant the remainder in late February/March surrounded by rotted manure. Do not plant too deep, remove any flower stems and in the first year after division do not harvest.

For an extra early crop, try forcing the plant as this produces sweeter and tenderer stalks. Cover the plant with a container or large pot to exclude light as soon as growth starts on the bud or eye. You can also bring the chilled crowns into a cool greenhouse in November, pot them up with compost and cover with black polythene. Rhubarb will be ready to eat in around four weeks.

When harvesting twist and pull the stems from the base: do not cut. Discard the toxic leaves and do not harvest after early July to allow the plant to rebuild its energies. The most common variety to grow on allotments is Victoria but Timperley Early is also popular as the earliest provider which is also good for forcing.

ENJOY!!

Brian Smith and John Humphreys

Mole Valley Runners

Mole Valley Runners are going from strength to strength. In order to boost our profile, we had a stand at Bookham Village Day and we had a tombola, with all prizes being sport related and aimed at kids. The stall was buzzing from the off and there was a general



happy vibe amongst everyone. The weather was kind until a heavy shower at about 2pm, but this didn't dampen our spirits. Once the sun came out again, the crowds returned and it was full on until the end of the day. It's always hard work preparing for events like these, but it is so worth it and the more we can get our name out there, the better.

In June, we were very fortunate to be awarded money from the Tesco's Bags of Help Community Grant Scheme. The money will be used to pay for members to take a Leadership in Running Fitness course to enable them to become Run Leaders. As our numbers are growing, the more Run Leaders we have, the more sessions we can provide.

We have organised runs throughout the week which are lead by qualified England Athletics

Run Leaders and we are spear headed by Debbie Watts, who is a qualified Run Coach, Personal Trainer, founder of Mole Valley Runners and owner of Mole Valley Fitness. We also have a fortnightly Walking Group which meets at Polesden Lacey and always finishes off in the café for a coffee!

The Mole Valley Runners are also frequent visitors to our local ParkRun, which is held every Saturday at 9am at Denbies Wine Estate. You will see us in our kit, so please do come and say hello if you spot us!

Our ethos is #support #believe #achieve #run so whatever level you are at, whether a total beginner or a seasoned runner, please join our Facebook page and you can also find us on Instagram.

Paula Lakhani

Bookham Seniors Computer Club

Bookham Seniors Computer Club begins its 10th year on 6 September at its AGM. When the club began the main request was for beginners' classes to find out what computers were all about. We used laptops to help those over 50 who hadn't grown up with computers to access the internet and communicate with email.

Only 70% of households had access to the internet. Social media was just taking off. Twitter was limited to 140 characters, and Facebook had about 3 million users (2.35 billion now). Smartphones were expensive and mysterious. There was no iPad or iPhone. Most people needed a computer to access the internet.

How things have changed! Today, 95% of the UK has access to the internet. We carry around

a computer in our pocket or handbag. Smartphones are used more often to access the internet than computers. The internet is available on a TV. You can now bank, shop, share photos, and get information with your phone.

The courses and drop-in sessions have had to change too. We still offer sessions for using your computer for organising and enhancing photos, using spreadsheets, keeping records, making presentations. But also for using tablets and smartphones to communicate with family and friends, find information on the internet to save money, learn more about your interests, plan outings and more.

The club meets during school term time at Little Bookham Village Hall on Friday mornings

from 10.00-12.00. The sessions include refreshments.

The club also runs informal, no-need-to-book, drop-in sessions, where you can get help about your PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone. They are free for members and held on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month (except August) from 14.30-16.30 at Little Bookham Village Hall.

For more information call Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604 or visit our website at bscc.btck.co.uk. Alternatively, come along to our AGM and Open Day on Friday 6 September at Little Bookham Village Hall from 10.00 until 12.00 to find out more about the courses we run and to join one of them for the autumn term which begins on Friday 13 September.

Bookham Library



It's not too late for your children to join this year's National Reading Agency's **Summer Reading Challenge** as it runs to mid

September. This year's theme is Space, and we'd like your children to help the Rockets, a space family, find the stolen library books!

They can do this by visiting the library four times over the summer and reading six books, audiobooks or ebooks; fiction or non fiction. Each time they visit the library they get stickers and other incentives, which they can use to help solve the mystery of the missing books on their mission folder. When the children finish, they earn a personalised certificate.

Some adults and children prefer to use **eAudiobooks** and library members can use the free RBDigital App via the Surrey Libraries website.

We are seeking a **volunteer** who can occasionally run our popular **Rhymetimes** on Mondays at 11 to 11.30am. If you are interested, please come in to the library to discuss the role.

It's free to join the library. You can join if you live, work, visit or study in Surrey. If you're in Surrey temporarily (for at least a week), you can join as a visitor.

Bookham Library is open 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 9.30am through to 5pm on Saturdays. We are in Townshott Close, off Lower Road, Bookham KT23 4DQ www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries

Transition Bookham



Our main spring event was the Eco-Crafting and Repair day in April, where members enjoyed various workshops in making jewellery, greetings cards, paper-making, ornaments and notebooks; all made with recycled materials. We then took part in Village Day in June - in keeping with the "All at Sea" theme our stall provided handouts produced by the Marine Conservation Society. Visit their website at www.mcsuk.org to find out about their work and campaigns, including information on choosing sustainable fish and reducing single-use plastic.

In June we had planned a gardening session

at the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre wildlife garden, but rain stopped play after about ten minutes, so we enjoyed tea and a chat instead!

We are holding our annual Christmas card upcycling day on Saturday 19th October at the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre from 10am-12.30pm and 12.45pm-3.15pm. Cost is £6 at the door for a full day or £3 for a half-day. This includes a set of recycled card blanks and envelopes, plus lots of tea and coffee! If you only have a short window to join us, you can still drop in and make a single card for £1. We'll also be offering jewellery repairs throughout the day, where prices will be decided on an individual basis.

Our next quarterly open meeting will be on Wednesday 18th September, with the last

meeting of the year on Wednesday 20th November. Both subjects are yet to be decided at the time of writing. Meetings are open to everyone at the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre from 7.30pm until around 9pm and are free unless stated otherwise - but donations are welcome.

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

Bookham Flower Club

Bookham Flower Club meets on the first Monday every month (apart from Bank Holidays) in the Old Barn Hall, meetings start at 2.15pm. Visitors are very welcome.

Bookham Flower Club is holding its own Show on the afternoon of 19th October this year in the Old Barn Hall, and the title is "Enchantment". This should give plenty of scope for fabulous designs. The Show Schedule includes titles which will appeal to all abilities, and there is also an Inter-Society category which shares the title of the Show. It promises to be a most enjoyable afternoon as well as refreshments, tombola and a raffle.

Bookham Flower Club, as usual, supported Bookham Village Day and sold many baskets and tins of flowers. The Club was also runner-up in the decorated stall competition.

The usual meetings have continued each

month; in May Stephanie Laing entertained members with her title "On The Move" and there was plenty of scope in the Club competition entitled "Twisted". Mirrors were the order of the day in the Club competition in June, with a title of "Reflections", and demonstrator Anna Steven with her title "Do You See What I See". In July our demonstrator will be Joyce Pannell with her title "Flowers, Fun and Friendship" - and hopefully that is what Bookham Flower Club is all about.

In August, traditionally, the Club has a tea party - this month for Members only - and by popular request this took place again at The Grange in Bookham. Then in September Sandy Bailey is looking forward to Autumn with her demonstration entitled "Seasonal Changes".

Bookham Flower Group is a member of NAFAS

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

Anne Webb



Jan Clarke - on the left - explaining to members what they need to bring to do a Workshop with her, in readiness for the forthcoming Flower Show.

Eastwick WI



Members received a warm welcome when they visited the Royal Hospital Chelsea. The traditionally dressed red coated pensioners

took two groups on a guided tour and spoke with pride of their home. The highlights of the tour were the Dining Room and the Chapel.

When "Calendar Girls, The Musical" was staged at Woking, Eastwick members were keen to support it as it is the now famous story of the WI members who produced a revealing calendar to raise money for Leukaemia Research.

Recent monthly meetings at Eastwick have featured a painting demonstration and a talk from an environmental health officer.

Garden visits and walks are starting up again as spring progresses, and the regular Book Group, Badminton, Craft and Mahjong continue to give members the chance to meet in smaller groups.

Visitors are always welcome at Eastwick WI. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Annexe, The Ridgeway, Fetcham. Lots more detail on our website, www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk

Sally Dampney

The Grange

A Colourful Morning in Dorking!



We were delighted to once again, be involved as the chosen charity for Inspire Races Colour 5K in Dorking. Despite the changeable weather, there was a great turnout for the event - over four hundred participants! Also running were a large number of people from The Grange, who were eager to take part in the race as part of their 'healthy living' drive and enjoyed having powder paint thrown over them as they completed each lap, with a great big 'foam' finish!

In the same week, our fabulous mini-houses which had been designed, decorated and filled with goodies made at The Grange, literally became the 'centre of attention' as the table centres at the Stonegate Foundation Ball held at Loseley Park. The Grange artists had spent many weeks choosing their own theme and then recreating it - the results were outstanding! There was so much variety, ranging from a haunted house to a battenberg cake with everything imaginable in between including a Henry Hoover! The guests loved them and they were snapped up raising valuable funds which were added to those achieved during the brisk and competitive auction. The Grange is privileged and extremely grateful to be supported by the Stonegate Foundation, along with the Endeavour Fund and The Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust.

Looking forward to our next events: We will be throwing open our doors on Saturday 14th September 11am - 4pm, as part of the

Heritage Open Days. We are organising a Bridge Tea on 4th October and then we will turn our attention to our Annual Christmas Concert on 30th November at The Menuhin Hall, tickets will be on sale from August via the Menuhin Hall box office.

For more information about these events, The Grange and our work, please look at our website: www.grangecentre.org.uk

Marion Chow



Bookham & Fetcham Art Group

Bookham & Fetcham Art Group are holding their exhibition this year on Saturday 26th and



Sunday 27th October at The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Bookham. Come along and have a cuppa and choose your favourite painting, won last year by Rose Vincent, who received the Sidney Scoffin Rose Bowl.

The club theme was Circus, won by Richard Pankhurst. Shirley Garage Bookham Ltd will once again be sponsoring us, and their award was presented to Rose Vincent. Members have been given the theme of Speed this year, so come and see their interpretation. Entry is free

and there is plenty of parking. Looking forward to seeing you all.



Leatherhead Division Girlguiding



Eight local Girlguiding leaders recently received long service awards during a special event at Bookham Guide Headquarters. Between them, the ladies have amassed an incredible 125 years of service to local Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units.

Jane Luff received her 40-year award. Having gained her Guiding warrant in 1979, she has continued as a volunteer leader of several units in Leatherhead and currently runs 5th

Leatherhead Brownies. Jane has run many Brownie holiday and activity days for the girls and has also taken on other roles in Girlguiding, including County Outdoors Adviser.

Sharren Bridges and Deborah Scrase were each rewarded for 20 years' service to local units. Sharren started as an Assistant Leader with Brownies, then went on to run 1st Bookham Guides. Sharren runs a really active unit, encouraging the Guides to be out of doors as much as she can. She has organised camps where the girls have slept in hammocks, cooking in the woods, campfires, and much more.

Deborah was the Assistant Leader for 5th Bookham Brownies, then went on to become the unit's Leader in 2007. She gained her Holiday Licence, and took the Brownies away. She now supports other units who need an extra pair of hands at any meeting.

Other local leaders to receive long service awards were: 10 years: Alison Morris (5th Ashted Brownies), Wendy Amer (2nd Leatherhead Brownies and District Commissioner), Sue Prior (2nd Fetcham Rainbows), Vicky Leonard (1st Effingham Guides). 5 years: Charlotte Nimmo (5th Leatherhead Brownies)

Leatherhead Girlguiding is looking to recruit more adult volunteers to help local Rainbow, Brownie and Guide groups enjoy weekly meetings and special activities, which help them reach their potential. Helping to run units in Bookham, Fetcham and Effingham, you'll inspire many young girls onto bigger and better things. No previous involvement in Guiding is needed. If you are able to donate some of your time, contact Christine Moss on ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com for more information.

The Dawnay Curriculum Offer



At The Dawnay through our broad and balanced curriculum we strive to inspire our pupils to reach their full potential - academically, emotionally and socially resulting in a long established tradition of excellence. Alongside our curriculum, we provide outstanding opportunities for all of our children to participate in large-scale music and drama productions throughout the year. These range from presentations in assembly to a full-blown musical in a professional theatre.

The regular implementation of drama classes offers so much more than the development of

the performing arts. Spoken language underpins the progression of reading and writing, and so the quality and variety of language that pupils hear and speak are vital for developing their vocabulary, grammar and comprehension. Alongside the magical Christmas Nativity from Key Stage 1 and the Christmas 'Christingle' service at St Nicolas Church from Key Stage 2, our Junior Drama Club produces its annual musical play. This year was no exception and culminated in our recently performed, high-quality production of "Olivia" at Leatherhead Theatre. 45 children, aged from 7 to 11, sang, spoke and danced on the stage at Leatherhead to an audience of over 300 people with full set changes, microphones and stage lighting. The standard of these performances have been second to none.

This term we saw our Key Stage 2 choir sing with the Band of The Royal Marines at Dorking Halls alongside St Teresa's Preparatory School. A high percentage of the school's population engage in some form of musical activity, with

many of the children forming part of our orchestra 'The Dawnay Players'. The high standard of musical ability is unusual in a primary school and something that we are particularly proud of.

If you would like to find out more about the many and varied opportunities available at The Dawnay, then we would strongly encourage you to contact our School Office for a tour or attend our Open Days in the Autumn term scheduled for: Monday 7th October at 1pm, Wednesday 16th October at 9am and 1pm, Friday 8th November at 9am.



White Elephant Stall

The marvellous sum of £1,060 was raised for Bookham Community Association on this stall on Village Day.

I wholeheartedly thank everyone who donated the goodies and, of course, everyone who came along and bought them.

Above all I thank my magnificent helpers who made it possible.

Margaret Pankhurst

Bookham Stamp Club



Bookham Stamp Club had an enjoyable day at Village Day (pictured). Secretary Barry Feltham displayed part of his extensive collection of Bookham postcards, which attracted much attention.

Chairman John Dicker welcomed the 56 members attending the 26th annual meeting in May before handing over the chairmanship to Dr Patrick Reid (pictured) who will be chairman for the next two years. The committee were also re-elected but with the absentee of a vice-chairman.

Barry Feltham entertained everyone with an outstanding presentation on the 'Apollo' moon landings. He took us through the entire Apollo

programme from 1961 to 1972, with the first manned flight in 1968 to its culmination with the Apollo 17 mission. This momentous achievement was brought to life by Barry who used all sorts of material from covers, stamps, photos, postcards, original mission patches, film clips, and even pieces from the actual Apollo spacecraft, all of which were on display during the afternoon.

John Jordan, a Bookham member gave us a great display on Antigua in March including a chronological order of the postal history and stamps produced by Antigua from 1763-1967.

Bookham Stamp Club, founded in 1993, meets every 4th Tuesday of the month (except for December) in the Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham and our very popular trading tables start opening at 1.30pm, with displays commencing at 2.15pm.

We are interested in purchasing unwanted collections, so if you are thinking of selling, or indeed need advice concerning your collection, contact our trading secretary David



Bravery on 01372 452537. We feel we have built up an extremely good reputation locally, and we are prepared to offer very competitive prices.

If you are new to stamp collecting or want to renew your hobby come along to one of our meetings, you will be warmly welcomed, but if you wish to find out more details before attending contact our membership secretary Fred Mitchell on 01372 374614, or look at our website www.bookhamstampclub.com

We welcome all newcomers and we look forward to seeing you.



Polesden Lacey Infant School



This year, thousands of children across the world have been rising up to tell our leaders to take urgent action on the climate emergency. The global youth strikes, inspired by 16-year old climate activist Greta Thunberg, show us how passionate many young people are about protecting our world.

Our head teacher, Rosie Keedy, believes that even the very youngest children can grasp why it's so important to look after our planet. Thanks to her passion for sustainable living and her tenacious leadership, Polesden was

the first infant school in the UK to receive a national environmental award. The school has received a raft of accolades including being awarded Eco Schools' Green Flag Ambassador status (having been awarded Green Flag status in 2007), as well as being named the UK's Eco School of the Year in the 2017 Costa Community Awards. We will be very sad to see Mrs Keedy leave the school at the end of this term, as she takes her extremely well-deserved retirement after 27 years' service! We are all very grateful to her for instilling in our children a great respect for the environment and an awareness of how they can make different choices to tread more lightly on the earth.

Knowing that there is always more to do, Mrs Keedy and the children have set themselves an ambitious new pledge for the planet in 2019 ... to become a plastic-free school! Having banished plastic straws and individual milk cartons several years ago, the children have

suggested other ways to reduce the amount of plastic they use at school. Much to the parents' joy, the genius teaching staff got the children excited about cleaning and science by getting them to mix their own non-toxic cleaning products and decant them into empty spray bottles. They used their sprays to wash the classroom windows and all the school chairs - the caretaker also did some mending to ensure the chairs did not need to be replaced.

From science to music and art, Year 2 pupils had great fun decorating an outdoor piano at Polesden Lacey House, which is part of a fund raising initiative to pay for the refurbishment of the House's grand piano. The piano (pictured) will be placed somewhere in the grounds for members of the public to use ... so do pop along and track it down for a little play!

Sarah Hayward

The Meeting Place



We have had a busy few months at The Meeting Place! In the spring, we had an amazing workshop on 'what you can do with a few flowers'

thanks to our flower arranging professional Denise Bottomley. Everyone had a great time and the results were beautiful ... you really can do a lot with a few flowers.

We have more events coming later this year so keep an eye on our website for fun activities we are planning for the autumn!

The Meeting Place is dedicated to reducing social isolation in the local communities. Our mission is to enable people of all ages and situations to meet and feel supported. We run

a Coffee Shop based in Bookham Baptist Church three times a week on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings. We offer great coffee, cakes freshly made by the residents at The Grange; and a listening ear, as well as signposting to local help services.

The Meeting Place also runs a Language Hub for those whose first language is not English. Our Tuesday morning group has grown considerably in recent months, and we would like to expand it. If you were interested in gaining an ESOL qualification (or maybe you already have one), please get in touch for an informal discussion about getting involved.

We have also launched a lip-reading course for people affected by hearing loss which will

resume in September. They are taught by a professional Lip-reading tutor, and the cost is subsidised by The Meeting Place.

Visit us at our new website or contact us via email or phone!

<http://themeetingplace.org.uk> 07425 133431 info@themeetingplace.org.uk



Bookham & Horsley Inner Wheel

The club enjoyed an excellent day out to what should have been sunny Farnham, but instead was blighted by rain. However, the splendid choir who led the singing at our annual District Rally church service soon lifted our mood and the hundred or more ladies gave thanks for all the friendship and fun which they derive from their membership. The choir is made up of Inner Wheel members from all the District



clubs throughout Surrey and Sussex. Later, we tucked into a banquet at the Frencham Park Hotel and heard an interesting speech by the current National Chairman. How amazing it is, that from relatively small numbers of ladies, so much charitable work is undertaken both here at home and abroad.

This year we have helped set up a whole new classroom for children at a school in Uganda, raised money for the air ambulance, and for the Freewheelers who help to encourage and stage theatre and film for disabled and other artists in the UK. Recently, we helped bake cakes for the Swans who have a stall at a fair in Brockham to raise funds for their work. The Swans is a wonderful charity based at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre where disabled

folk are encouraged and enabled to join in swimming, gymnastics, bowls and all kinds of activities. Our Inner Wheel and Rotary members had a fun evening at their club when they soundly beat us at bowls!! We continue to have close ties to our Rotary Club often joining together for meals and events.

With Rotary we had a private tour of Polesden Lacey and were entertained by two very gifted students from the Yehudi Menuhin School. Mika Petrovich played on the magnificent Steinway and his sister Natasha accompanied him on her violin to bring the Gold Room alive with their glorious music.

We ladies donned our finest outfits and, of course hats, for Ladies Day at Sandown Park Races.

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The Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley



As a direct result of the 'get to know Rotary in your community' campaign last autumn, we were delighted to formally welcome 4 new Club members at our Spring Charter anniversary meeting. Shown here with current president Barry Davies are Dawn Pearce, Paul Power, Martin Cannon and Tim Bass.

This quartet say they were attracted by the very warm welcome received at trial evenings with the Club and a proactive programme of

events this year plus our initiatives to help the local community.

During 2019 we have instigated a new mix of weekly meetings which sees us reduce formal speaker-meal sessions and introduce more informal and flexible get-togethers and local visits. This year these have already included skittles and quiz evenings at local pubs, a private tour evening visit to Polesden Lacey and a dusk bird-watching trip to Blackheath Common near Albury - certainly a very varied programme!

This May we welcomed back the ever-popular Guildford School of Acting Singers for their 'Songs from the Musicals' performance at the Barn Hall, which was a great success and raised over £2100. The main beneficiary was locally based charity Dyscover, providing support for

sufferers of Aphasia. Our regular charity fund-raising bridge and quiz evenings have also been as popular as ever, and together our charity support remains as strong as ever.

Our new recruits underline our core message that a really positive experience awaits you at Rotary - whether as a Club member or just if you help out occasionally - for example with our Christmas fund-raising and supporting our events.

Why not join a trial Club evening, or simply join our mailing list for occasional updates? To do this or to get in touch and to see what's coming up, see www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org or contact our secretary Mark Secker on 01372 458733 or mark.secker@outlook.com

Andrew Smith

Late Night Opening



The planning is already beginning for Bookham's Late Night Opening evening for Christmas. Keep the date in your diary for Thursday December 5th 6-8pm. 'A Big Sing', decorated trees in St Nicolas Church, and craft

and a selection of stalls for Christmas gifts plus inviting local groups and schools to be part of the events for that evening. We hope to see you there!

Late Night Opening Planning Committee

Bookham Open Gardens 2019

write up by Diane Poole and photos by Steve Poole

The day dawned wet, but this didn't stop our hardy visitors setting off around the gardens on Sunday 16th June. As soon as the sun came out so did many more people and they admired the magnificent range of gardens on offer. In the end we sold an amazing 820 tickets and have raised £7215 towards the upkeep of the Old Barn Hall, our second best figures ever. At the Hall our team provided refreshments including their usual mouth-watering selection of cakes. Outside the plant stall was very busy yet again. We hope the winners of our grand raffle enjoyed their prizes!

Our visitors are always keen to see new gardens and were not disappointed as we had 6 excellent new ones. There were also eight old favourites, back after at least a year off, and many had new planting to show us. All were full of colour and charm and some had quirky and interesting features too.

Dawnay School was back after a few years' absence. They have a very enthusiastic garden club and raised money for a new polytunnel used both for growing and for teaching space. They also have a wildlife pond, a bug hotel, colourful pots and a sensory garden. Children are encouraged to use their imagination, enjoy being outdoors and gain an understanding of

nature, with support from staff and parents.

The Grange once again opened their Victorian walled garden, where clients are encouraged to grow flowers, fruit and vegetables ably assisted by the horticultural team. They personalise their own plots very imaginatively. Some grassy areas have been rewarded by the emergence of lots of bee orchids.

At Little Bookham Allotments plots are tended by enthusiastic gardeners who enjoy a community atmosphere and rural setting surrounded by birdsong.

There is a fuller selection of photos of the event on our Facebook page 'Bookham Open Gardens' which we invite you to 'Like' and on our website www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk

Do let us know via our website or Facebook page if you might be interested in opening your garden in 2020 – we are always on the lookout for new gardens. You can also mail tina.hutton@btinternet.com.

Our enthusiastic garden openers now deserve a well-earned rest, but they won't be leaning idly on their spades for long before the next seed of an idea germinates in their ever fertile minds! Gardens don't stand still and neither do the gardeners.

The Committee and Bookham Community Association would like to thank everyone who visited and those who worked so hard to make the day so enjoyable and successful and gave so freely of their time. This includes

- The garden openers for putting on such a splendid show
- 1st and 3rd Bookham Scouts and Manor House School for once again providing their minibuses which provide such a valuable service getting people around the gardens.
- All the volunteers involved with driving the minibuses, making and serving refreshments, selling tickets and plants, marshalling the car parks, and stewarding at the gardens on the day.
- Our main sponsor, The Vineries Garden Centre, our other supporters, and those who donated raffle prizes.



Little Bookham WI

Afternoon Delight

We have had very good attendances at our new meeting time in the afternoon and a number of new members have also joined our group. The members have enjoyed interesting talks on a variety of topics as well as a number of craft activities. We have some very creative committee members who have encouraged us



all to try new activities and gain new skills. At our recent bursary day we made some very professional looking bracelets, a colourful addition to our wardrobes. At our May meeting, whilst listening to the WI Resolutions, we made miniature beach huts, lighthouses, fish and ornaments for our seaside themed Village Day stall. Little Bookham WI was pleased to receive a special mention for the decoration of our stall.

Recent trips have included a cream tea at Squires garden centre, a visit to the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre to see a production of, 'The Pajama Game' (American spelling) and a tour of Polesden Lacey's 'Hidden Spaces'.

We are looking forward to a number of summer outings including The Emlyn Lovelace Summer Lunch at Effingham Golf Club, the President's summer tea party to be held in the garden of one of the oldest houses in Bookham and a visit to Hever Castle. At the end of August a group of members are visiting 'Teapot Island', a teapot heaven in Yalding, Kent which has 7,600 teapots on display.

Little Bookham WI meets at the new time of 3pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Little Bookham Village Hall. Visitors always receive a warm welcome.

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shows Robert Hall Chairman and Ian Swinney our NT Ranger.



Hardy Plant Society - Southern Counties Group

Southern Counties Group is one of the local groups of the national Hardy Plant Society. We welcome new members of all ages and gardening experience, from beginners to experts: all you need is to love plants and gardens. Our particular interest is hardy herbaceous perennials, though our talks cover many aspects of plants and gardens.

We open the doors at 10.00am and free tea and coffee are served. At 10.15am there is a plant sale where you can buy good-quality home-grown plants at very competitive prices. In addition, there is a range of garden sundries, HPS booklets and second-hand gardening books to buy, and a raffle. Sometimes we have bulb or seedling sales. At about 10.45am, we have a guest speaker to talk for about 1 hour followed by a questions-and-answer session.

Do come along as a visitor - it will cost you £4 but if you join at the meeting, half is refunded.

If you love plants as much as we do, we're sure you'll want to join the Group. Members pay £2 to attend meetings or contribute two home grown plants.

During the summer our members visited gardens across Surrey, Sussex, Berkshire, Essex and Kent, and also a 3-day trip further afield to Somerset and Wiltshire. They also ran the HPS stall at the Wisley Plant Societies Show in June.



Our Autumn programme is below and we start again in January. Look out for the yellow posters around the village nearer the time for details of the speaker and date.

Saturday 26th Oct. (10.00 for 10.45) 'Making the Most of What You Have' – Ben Pope. His talk will cover looking at effective horticultural practice, plant selection and clever design.

Saturday 23rd Nov. (10.00 for 10.45) 'My Thirty Best Plants' – Bob Brown.

(followed by a members-only Christmas Party)

You can find out much more about us on our website at www.hps-southerncounties.co.uk, or you can contact us at info.hps.scg@gmail.com, or 'Like' us on Facebook – Hardy Plant Society – Southern Counties Group.

Diane Poole

Howard of Effingham School

HowardFest 2019

After days of rain the sun appeared for this year's HowardFest at Howard of Effingham School, on Saturday 22 June. Visitors gathered on blankets, hay bales, or picnic benches; and enjoyed a selection of homemade barbeque food washed down with local ales and gins. There was a mix of acoustic music including our Jazz and Samba Bands, two songs from Five Alive (a band made up of five Year 8 students who are part of our band mentoring scheme); a live rendition of Tom and Oliver's national competition-winning song 'Amelia', which they wrote and performed in French.

Poetry, monologues and dance were interspersed between the music, all performed on the main stage by Howard students and staff.



As the sun went down the evening session began. We were treated to performances by some of the older students and to close the event the teachers' band performed several classic crowd-pleasers to an enthusiastic audience.

As always, these events do not organise themselves, so our sincere thanks go to all volunteer students, parents, staff and friends who pitched-in to help make the event a huge success. This also includes one ex-student who made a return to set up the lighting. The money raised by the event will be used to buy equipment to enhance learning at the Howard and to help us develop and nurture the talent for the future HowardFest.

The Friends of The Howard

D- Day 75th Anniversary

On Friday 7 June, our sixth form prefects invited members of the community to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the D-day landings by hosting an afternoon tea. The canteen was decorated, and entertainment was arranged. Younger students throughout the school also attended and there were representatives from local youth organisations such as Scouts, Guides, Army Cadets, Air Cadets and Police Cadets who proudly wore their uniforms.

The Head Boy (Rhys Wallis) and Head Girl (Olivia O'Reilly) welcomed our guests. This was followed by a sombre poem reading by Brooke Warnes to allow a moment of reflection. Our



students were keen to recognise the spirit and comradery of the men and women who sacrificed so much on D-day and this was felt in the enjoyment of the rest of the afternoon.

This event demonstrated the passion which can be ignited in young people through connections with the older generation. The students were fascinated by the guests' stories. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and we look forward to hosting more community events in the future.

The Howard looks forward to showing prospective Y7 parents round our school during September or seeing you at our Open Evening on Thursday 17 October 2019 between 5.00 – 8.00 pm.

Freya Oliver, Assistant Headteacher



Bookham National Women's Register (NWR) –



After winning this year's Village Week Quiz, we realised that many people do not know who we are or what we do. Anyone would be forgiven for looking at the name and wondering why women would need or want to be 'registered'.

NWR is a charity with groups across the UK that connect women who are interested in everything and talk about anything! We meet

in each other's homes for lively discussions, to share ideas, meet other women, and make new friends. We are primarily a women's discussion group, with the emphasis on participation, though we do have occasional visiting speakers, visits to local places of interest, and social events to which partners are invited. There are also nationally organised events, an annual conference, a magazine, website and Facebook page. Anyone is welcome to join, though group size is limited by the number of chairs that will fit in the average sitting room.

NWR started in 1960 as the National Housewives Register (NHR) to provide a forum for women, mostly those who had to give up work to start a family, and give them a place to meet and talk, away from domestic topics and responsibilities. Although many more women now return to work after starting a family, NWR continues to provide a stimulating

environment and a chance to meet other local women with similar tastes and interests.

NWR is not political, religious, judgemental or a pressure group, nor do we campaign or fund raise. Some of our recent meetings include a visit to Jo Downs glass at Ripley to learn the techniques of glass fusion, a talk from the Epsom and Ewell food bank, a Polish evening with food, drink and information about the country, and a discussion on gender issues with thought-provoking video interviews.

Next year the national NWR organisation celebrates its 60th anniversary and what better way for the Bookham group to participate than by running the Village Week Quiz in 2020. We look forward to seeing you all there, and hope that our group will continue to thrive and encourage lively minds and lasting friendships.

For more information see <https://www.nwr.org.uk/>

Peter Pan Playschool

The Summer term has been very exciting with lots of visitors including a therapy dog who came to see us as practice before going to visit the children on a paediatric hospital ward. After the visit, several of the children were keen for their parents to bring in their own pet dogs to show the children, and we were visited by a Springer Spaniel puppy, a young pug dog and a grown-up Sheltie. We were also very fortunate to be visited by 3 tortoises! It was very interesting to stroke them and feel how cold and hard their shells are in contrast to the warm and furry dogs.

We've explored a wide range of different occupations, including dentists, where all the children were given a toothbrush each for an activity where they had to eat a chocolate button, then brush their teeth to make them clean! The activity was to promote oral

hygiene in early years, and many parents have told us how eager the children have been to brush their teeth at home now. We have been visited by a vet, a pilot, and the Leatherhead Fire Brigade! We pride ourselves in our strong relationships with the local community as well as our Peter Pan families and we continue to be incredibly grateful for the support they provide. Working together enables the children to have the best start possible.

Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive setting, which cares for children from 2 years old until school age. We offer weekday morning sessions 9.10-12.10 during term time, with optional extended hours until 1.10 and 2.40 on Monday, Thursday and Friday. We accept Government FEET and FEE funding as well as the extended 30 hours funding. To find out more about us please take a look at our facebook page



www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool and our website www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk Alternatively you can send us an email at peterpanplayschool@gmail.com or call us on 07908 018924 Our spaces are filling up fast, so please do arrange a visit as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Bookham Choral Society

Members of Bookham Choral Society are now enjoying their summer break after a very busy but also enjoyable year of singing.

In April the choir competed in the annual Leith Hill Musical Festival where our Ensemble Group were thrilled to be awarded first place in their group. After a hard day of competitions and rehearsals all the competing choirs joined together in the evening to present the very popular and rousing Carmina Burana by Carl Orff which was very much enjoyed by our audience.

Our annual summer concert was held on Sunday 30th June in St Nicolas Church,

Bookham. The theme was the sea and travelling and the main choral work was the Songs of the Fleet; the poems by Henry Newbolt, set to music by Charles V. Stanford. We also sang other choral pieces featuring famous poems. Our guest soloist was an outstanding young baritone, Samuel Oram. It was a lovely concert for a balmy summer evening.

The choir celebrated the end of term with a barbeque and we are now looking forward to our next musical challenges. We would like to thank our Musical Director, Lewis Gaston, and our accompanist, Anthony Merryweather, for all their hard work in coaching Bookham Choral Society throughout the year.

The new term starts on Tuesday 3rd September. As ever, we welcome anyone who loves singing. We rehearse weekly in the Eastwick Church Hall at 7.45pm so just come along if you are interested. Male voices are always particularly welcome! Our autumn term will be spent rehearsing for our November concert when we will be singing Puccini's wonderful opera, The Pearl Fishers. The concert will be held on 23rd November at St John's School, Leatherhead at 7 pm.

For further information please visit our website: www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk

Cheryl Mendham

Heritage Open Days In Bookham 2019

Heritage Open Days is an annual celebration of local history, heritage and culture. This year it takes place between Thursday 13th and Sunday 22nd September. There will be over 70 events taking place throughout Mole Valley, and the theme this year is 'Mole Valley on the Map'. Many buildings not normally open to the public will open their doors. In addition there are a wide range of walks, talks and exhibitions. There is something for everyone, whatever their age, and all events are free.

Locally The Grange in Rectory Lane, All Saints Church, Manor Farm Tithe Barn and Manor House School in Manor House Lane will all be open on Saturday 14th. There will be a special exhibition marking the 40th anniversary of the death of Sir Barnes Neville Wallis CBE and celebrating his life at Manor Farm Tithe Barn on both Saturday 14th and 21st. Polesden Lacey will be open on Friday

13th September free of charge.

This year's theme of 'Mole Valley on the Map' has inspired a talk by John King of The Charles Close Society for the Study of Ordnance Survey Maps. He will illustrate the history of Ordnance Survey with particular reference to places of local interest. The talk will be hosted by Bookham Community Association at the Barn Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18th September. Hosted by St Nicolas Church at the Pastoral Centre at 2.30 pm on Saturday 21st September local historian Lyn Spencer will be giving a talk entitled 'Tracing the Development of Great Bookham' using maps to illustrate the growth of the village and explain how it developed over the centuries.

Booklets with full details of Mole Valley Heritage Open Days, including booking arrangements, are in the Library or visit www.molevalley.gov.uk

or www.heritageopendays.org.uk

'Bookham on the Map' - celebrating the Living History of its Independent Retailers

Pink balloons will abound in the High Street and Church Road on Saturday 14th September, when our local traders will celebrate Heritage Open Days with a morning of family activities, demonstrations and tastings. The programme of events will contain a host of activities for children, including competitions, a treasure hunt, and face painting. There will be tastings and quizzes for the grown-ups, together with food demonstrations and recipe advice. Musical interludes provided by our local steel band, line dancers and singers will add to the festival atmosphere. The programme of events will be displayed in advance around the village centre.

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Rainbow Playgroup Summer Term



Rainbow Playgroup are very lucky to have such supportive parents who helped us enormously when preparing for the Village Day parade. Our under the sea theme was based on the book 'Rainbow fish'. We set up 'stay and make' sessions for the parents to come in and help their child to make a fish, and the enthusiastic

response we had was great. As a result, we ended up with lots of fantastic rainbow fish, and along with the children singing as we walked down the high Street, we were able to win first prize in the parade. We are so happy as the children and parents worked so hard. The Rainbow fish were kept for the following week and we found the children enjoyed re-enacting the parade and talking about the fun things they did at Village Day. The children have also designed their own Rainbow Fish to go on our Under the Sea display board in the hall.

This term has also seen us starting to visit the library more often. We want to encourage children to enjoy exploring books and stories and this is an ideal chance for them to do so. The children get time to look at different books before we sit down and share them, looking and talking about them together. We are also very fortunate that after 2 years of planning we are able to use the Library garden. With the help of volunteers from Bookham Baptist church it has been cleared and made safe for

the children to use. It is the perfect area, to allow the children to run about and play games with enough space to allow the children to experiment with growing and caring for plants, looking after a vegetable patch, making a mini beast habitat etc. We can't wait to start using it, and are so grateful to the Surrey County Council and the library for allowing us to do so.

If you would like to know more about Rainbow playgroup or would like to visit us contact

Heidi Watson (Manager) by email or phone: rainbow@bookhambaptist.org Tel: 01372 811313 or visit our website: www.rainbowplaygroupbookham.com



Action Theatre Club



There is just no stopping the Action Theatre Club students! After their summer season of events, including a show at Dorking Halls, a performance at the Surrey Arts Festival and a long list of appearances at local fairs, these young performers are now gearing up for another action packed season.

The talented dancers will be heading off to the Shaftesbury Theatre to perform in a West End Gala, the actors are entering Kingston

Performing Arts Festival and everyone will be performing in a big end of year musical! No time to rest.

The Action Theatre Club is excited to announce they are starting a new course for 14 - 18-year-olds who are considering a career in the performing arts. Anyone interested in any of the classes email Lizzie at actiontheatreclub@gmail.com

Effingham Golf Club Juniors Section

Junior season starts off with a bang!

Effingham Golf Club has a thriving Junior Section of boys and girls providing a progressive programme from new starter to accomplished player.

Ned wins big in Rookie event & Inter Club team in lead

Ned Cox won the Surrey Rookie Tour tournament at Shirley Park with a massive 46 points which was a fantastic achievement. In the Inter-Clubs league, our team has started well with great performances by Lucas Townend, Freddie Dougherty and Harry Hall helping to put Effingham in the lead but there is still a long way to go!

Oli gives Jack a day to remember

Jack Joyce won the Skerry Cup played over Easter during which he had a moment he will never forget. He beat European Tour winner & former Ryder Cup player, Oliver Wilson, in a

"Beat the Pro" challenge, at par 3 -13th hole, leaving the ball 3 inches from a "hole in one" (yes he did get the putt). Even Oli who has qualified for The Open could not be expected to beat that!

Oli stayed on to present the Cup to Jack (pictured), prizes he donated and chat with our young golfers. Oli is a great advert for the professional sport giving free time from a hectic schedule to make such a special day for the young golfers.

Away Day – a big success

Also at Easter, some of the more senior Juniors went on a fun "Away Day" to Gatton Manor arranged by, Junior Organiser, Trevor Lonsdale. Great fun was had by all with loads of prizes.

Thanks to all the volunteers who help the Juniors for all their hard but to Trevor in particular who has been at the heart of the success & growth of the section.

You can find out more about joining Junior Golf by contacting our PGA Professional:-

Robert Daw: 01372 452203
or email: rdaw@effinghamgolfclub.com



The Arts Society Bookham



In the Bookhams Bulletin of Summer 2018 the Chairman, Brian Williams, wrote ".....for the coming year, everything will be exactly the same, but completely different.....". How true that statement has proved to be! Our Society thrives not because we come from different backgrounds, different countries, different areas of knowledge but because we are ALL interested in listening, learning and understanding more about all aspects of the arts. And by 'The Arts' we don't just mean the great masters we have all heard of; but Photography, Sculpture, Architecture, Music, Street Art, Cartoons and so much more.

The speakers are experts in their chosen field and infuse us with their knowledge and passion for their subject as our autumn programme illustrates clearly. This starts with the 200th Anniversary of the births of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. They had a shared enthusiasm for art and music which will be celebrated by Barbara Askew in the September lecture. In October Marie Rose

Rivett-Carnac who is from ArtUK will give an insider's view of this ambitious and unique project which was set up in 2003 to catalogue the UK's national collection of oil paintings.

Our visits have included a tour of Farnham Castle and Museum, and a day in the picturesque village of Cobham in Kent, where we enjoyed a guided tour of the almshouses, parish church, and Cobham Hall. A June visit to Arundel Castle and Cathedral was timed to coincide with the feast of Corpus Christi, when a spectacular carpet of flowers covers the central aisle of the Cathedral.

Our recent five-day tour to Cardiff included visits to the Sennett, the Royal Mint and two castles; a very diverse itinerary. In September 40 members are visiting Northern Spain. We go to the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Cantabria's Capital, Santander as well as a coach tour of the Picos de Europa mountain range. Once again a very interesting itinerary.

If you are interested in joining us please come along as a guest to one of our lectures and enjoy the world of all 'The Arts'. We meet on

the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Old Barn Hall and you can pick up a publicity card from Bookham Library which lists our current year's lectures and events or go to www.theartsocietybookham.org.uk and open the door to a world of wonder.

John Cook



St Lawrence Primary School alight with inspiration!



St Lawrence Primary School were lucky enough to win a visit from Chris Collins, former Blue Peter Head

Gardner, Presenter and horticulturist, during the summer term, following a competition organised by our caterers, ISS and Innocent Drinks. Participating primary schools were invited to try different taster dishes to expand their normal choice of foods and celebrate the seed to plate journey, to encourage more children to get into gardening. It's something we as a school try to nurture in our children, through regular trips to our school allotment, orchard and forest school sessions.

Chris delivered an exciting assembly, inspiring the children to think about how they can use maths to design gardens, using natural

materials. They were in awe of the amazing ideas – from edible hanging baskets and innovative herb containers to bug hotels. Four year groups got to work with Chris and he also provided the school with a consultation on further developments for our outdoor space.

The children loved a troll Chris had built from recycled materials and took many ideas for their own school garden. We are looking to develop a new area to our playground this coming academic year, so the experience has given us food for thought!

The children were also treated to a visit from the Innocent Drinks 'Grass Van' which allowed them to sample some delicious fruit and vegetable smoothies.

Head of School, Tom Dell, said 'Chris has provided an amazing experience for the pupils and staff and we will now work towards making our good outdoor space an amazing one.'



Further inspiration came from one of our year four children, Evie, who earned her Speaking Out Brownie Badge by persuading the

BBC to address how women were represented in a children's programme. When Evie heard a line in Horrible Histories that picked on girls, she decided to write in and they agreed to change the episode! Evie told the school about it when presented with a Golden Achievement certificate during a celebration assembly and she was also interviewed on Sunday Morning Live!

With the new academic year upon us, we are excitedly looking at new ways to inspire our children through their learning experiences. If you would like to take a look for yourselves check our website for our open day dates or call us to arrange a school visit.

National Auricula and Primula Society (Southern)



Once again, despite the odds, members held three cracking shows at Great Bookham this

spring. Plants were still suffering from a scorching last summer, but no season is perfect, and it wouldn't be so much fun if it was. The displays were the result of some very skilled cultivation by exhibitors from around the country.




The Society's next event will be the annual seminar at the Old Barn Hall on Saturday

October 12th, to which all are invited. This year the speaker will be the distinguished authority on alpine plants, all the way from Scotland, Jim Jermyn. The seminar will run from 1 pm to 4pm in the Waterfield Room.

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Bookham Bees WI



Bookham Bees WI is now well into its second year very busy year.

We have wasted no time in organising our hive with worker bees arranging some fabulous activities for their groups.

In the last few months, the Theatre Group enjoyed a trip to the Globe in May and returned in July to see *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

A group went to Jo Downs Handmade Glass, Ripley for a glass fusing workshop earlier in the

year and was such a success a second visit was quickly arranged with members surprising themselves with the beautiful glassware they made.

In June it was off to Hampton Court to absorb some of our local history and following lunch, a walk around the beautiful gardens there, where the flowers were in full bloom. Ideal for Bees! The garden group also opened some of their gardens for the members to enjoy.

In the run up to Village Week, the June meeting was saw lots of very busy Bees preparing all kinds of "under the sea" plants, coral, fish and rocks to decorate the stand on Village Day. It looked amazing dressed as a coral reef with an enormous whale at the back. A busy stall with lots of games for everyone to play and Bookham Bees were delighted to win

second prize for Best Dressed Stall.

A team was entered for Village Week's Quiz and they were thrilled to support the event along with so many other local groups. The Bees achieved 13th out of 18 teams.

Bookham Bees have many Groups running, to which all members are invited:

Bees Creative, Book Club, Coffee Morning, Gardening Bees, Pub Night, Theatre Group and Walking Group. In addition, every Wednesday morning at 8.00am some members of the Bees meet on Bookham Common, come rain or shine, and stride out for some 45 minutes through the Common. This group is known as Walkie Talkie – Guess why?

Do come along and visit us: Bookhambees@outlook.com

Quilters Guild of the British Isles.

2019 is the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Quilters Guild as a national organisation to promote the craft of quilting and its history. As an educational charity The Guild wishes to expand the educational opportunities for children, beginners and adults to learn about the crafts of patchwork and quilting.

In Surrey (Region 2 of the Guild) we hold our Surrey Regional Day every year at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham, Church Road KT23 3PQ, and this year on Saturday 28th September, 9am to 4 pm. We are holding an all-day meeting for anyone who is interested in textile related

crafts. You do not have to be a member of the Quilters Guild to attend - all are welcome.

We have two speakers, Cathy Corbishly Michel on 'Textiles and Blue Printing' and Tiggy Rawling on her 'travels in India' as her inspiration for quilts.

In addition we have traders, a raffle, demonstration, display of group quilts and Linus quilt organization. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits available but please bring a packed lunch.

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Full details are on the Quilters Guild website at www.quiltersguild.org.uk

On Saturday 30th November, 9.30 – 12.00 there will be a stash sale at the Old Barn Hall when members of the Guild will be selling their surplus fabrics, patterns, notions, magazines and books all textile related! and at reasonable prices. Entry on the door £2, £1 if you are a Guild member. Light Refreshments available by donation.

Workshops and classes for 2020 will be in the first edition in 2020 of the Bookham Bulletin. Contact Jan Godding on jan.surrey2@btinternet.com if you would like more details.

Leatherhead & District Local History Society



Visitors have once again been calling in at Hampton Cottage, the 17th century land mark in Church Street, Leatherhead to learn about their local heritage following the first structural refurbishment since it opened as Leatherhead Museum nearly 40 years ago.

The cottage is a small timber-framed house, built between 1649 and 1682. When it was purchased by the local history society in December 1976, most of the ground floor external timber had deteriorated but upstairs the original timbers had survived. The whole building was suspended on jacks while footings were dug out and all the outer walls underpinned. The museum opened officially in October 1980. However, by this year it was time to replace the upper timbers too and from February to May a contractor experienced in working on historic buildings

completed the job. Mole Valley Council was involved at all stages as Hampton Cottage is a listed building.

The museum reopened for the 2019 season 9 May and BBC Radio Surrey presenter Allison Ferns dropped by at the end of the month to report this year's two special Craft Days for children. She interviewed volunteers helping youngsters in the garden and also actors dressed as historical characters. Her chat show starts at noon every Monday to Thursday and the visit can be heard on the BBC website.

Extra exhibition space is being made available this summer to display paintings by Anthony Hill, the well known Leatherhead artist. The museum is open every Thursday and Friday afternoon from 1pm-4pm and from 10am-4pm on Saturday plus 10am-4pm on Sunday, 22 September during Heritage Open Days.

Separately at the Letherhead Institute, the history society will recommence its Friday lectures from 20 September with a double offering of News letter Editor Tony Matthews

speaking on *The Contrasting Owners of Cherkley Court* at 2pm and Ian Betts of the Museum of London Archaeology talking about Georgian Baths and Bathing Practices from 7.30pm.

On 18 October Professor Pat Wiltshire will talk on *The British Hedgerow-Past and Present* and on 15 November, Jane Lewis of Surrey History Centre will cover the bizarre lengths people have gone to in order to enhance their beauty and appear fashionable in Fashion and Folly. For more information on the L&DLHS go to www.leatherheadhistory.org.



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