



Bookhams Bulletin

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Summer 2019

Village Day 2019

Village Week begins on Saturday 15th June with Village Day. 'All at Sea' is this year's theme – in, on and under the water. Village Day is sponsored by The Vineries Garden Centre and there are plenty of things going on during the afternoon in the field behind the Old Barn Hall in Church Road.

The day begins at 11.40am with the big parade starting in the High Street where children from local playgroups and infant schools, dressed in costumes interpreting the theme, will parade to the Old Barn Hall. Reigate Sea Cadets' Band and steel bands will accompany them, and when they reach

the arena prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in each group.

Non-stop arena events include dancing from the Schools, Action Theatre, the return of the ever popular Bellydancers and music from singer Natalie Goodacre, the Band from the Pub and Steelpan.

Try your surfing skills with Elios and DiCarlos Hairdressing and the exciting climbing wall is back thanks to John Wadsworth, Estate Agents and Churches Together of Bookham. A Punch and Judy show, children's roundabout, bouncy castle, slide and Bocketts Farm animals are just some of the entertainments. The field and Hall will be filled with more than 50 stalls and sideshows run by local organisations, many of them decorated.

The popular open-air bar will have a selection of real ales. Refreshments include burgers and hot dogs, with lunches and teas served all day in the Old Barn Hall, plus cold drinks and ice cream on the field.

The aim of Village Day and Village Week is to have a great time and raise funds for Bookham Community Association to maintain the Old Barn Hall and produce the quarterly Bookhams Bulletin.

Events during Village Week, mainly in the Old Barn Hall, include on Sunday 16th June Bookham Open Gardens with around 12 gardens open and refreshments at the Old Barn Hall. Monday 17th June Bridge Lunch hosted by Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club at 1pm and Mole Valley Silver Band concert at 7.30pm. Tuesday 19th June Quiz Night for BCA affiliated members' teams,

For full details see the centrefold or visit www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org

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 comply with ever increasing Safety requirements we need to have plenty and we are few!

Keith Slark email – keithslark@tiscali.co.uk

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Letter from the Editor

The very first article I wrote for the Bookhams Bulletin was in the autumn of 2016. Although this role appears daunting, it truly allowed me a creative release in a way that nothing else could. At times it was a lot of hard graft, but through the process I rekindled my passion for writing and dedication to the craft. Despite the more challenging times, this article proved to be the hardest yet because it is my last.



The Bookhams Bulletin is a publication that covers many different groups within the area, and we are blessed to have such a lively village. There always seems to be something going on in the Bookhams. What we do here everyday is cover the latest news and events, and quite often there is too much to fit into just one edition! Since becoming a part of the Bulletin's team, I have sought to involve a younger audience, re-evaluate the existing fixtures, and bring it into a more modern publication in the future.

All of these publications could have not been possible without the dedicated and passionate team behind the Bulletin. The entire group of staff all work voluntarily on this publication, from writing, editing, printing, delivering and the innumerable jobs in between that everyone seamlessly contributes like clockwork every edition.

For me, this role has been a bit on the all-consuming, occasional sleepless nights, switched-on type of role, and I've loved every minute of it. I feel like I have left a small piece of myself in this publication for future generations to build on. And while this is farewell, it isn't really goodbye. I will still reside in Bookham, and I am training to be a primary school teacher, so I may still see many of you around!

I have always hoped to leave the Bookhams Bulletin better and stronger than it was when I arrived, and I believe that I did that. My last request is that you make the new editor feel as welcome as you did me, and support them on their new journey as they continue the tradition of the Bookhams Bulletin. Keep reading and thank you.

Jennifer Terry

Editor

We were extremely sorry to hear from Jenn that she was unable to continue as our Editor. Since joining the team she has worked tirelessly to produce an interesting and evolving magazine and we are very grateful for the time and effort she has put in. We wish her well in the future and look forward to the occasional article from her.

This leaves us with an opportunity for another 'younger generation' person to continue this evolving process in getting information to everyone in our villages.

If you feel you could help please contact me.

I wish to thank Veronica Hurren and Emma Heapes who helped me to get this edition to the printers.

Keith Slark 01372 457375 sk.slark@tiscali.co.uk

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Fridays Every Week: Country Market Old Barn Hall
10.15am to 11.30am

Jazz Club: Most Sunday afternoons in the Old Barn Hall -
see programme

MONTHLY

Bookham Flower Club -

Tuesday every week Bookham Toddler Group
9.45 to 11.30am



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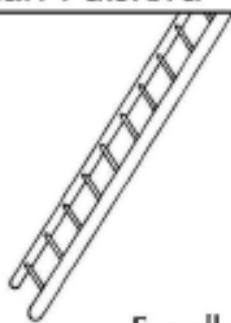
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Bookham Youth & Community Centre – CLOSES 24 July 2019



After 50 years of being the centre for youth work and activities the “Youth Club” is being closed down on 24th July 2019 and then handed back to Surrey County Council (SCC).

It has served many generations and so many remember it with great fondness from the days when they were youngsters.

Although well maintained and used to capacity, SCC decided that in terms of being able to continue providing a lease, the building condition had reached the stage where a lease can no longer be provided.

Working with the Bookham Youth Project and

Cllr Curran, we have emphasised the need for a youth orientated facility to serve our increasing population. The youth nights are packed and critical youth orientated social work is undertaken.

It will be terrible to watch an empty building decaying while our young people have nowhere to go with no certain replacement on the horizon. The only organisation responsible for this will be Surrey County Council.

A replacement ?

Being aware of the potential need in the future, the Trustees started discussion on 14 December 2010 with SCC officers which resulted in a meeting on 29 May 2012 with the leader of the council, other councillors, including Cllr Curran, and senior officers.

We were advised that the provision of a replacement facility would be given urgent attention. Since then matters have gone round in circles with lots of different officers and

council members becoming involved and then moving on. This has taken up vast amounts of volunteer time and a source of frustration.

The last meeting with SCC was on 31st October 2018, since when there have been further personnel changes. We were advised on 14 March by the member now responsible, as follows:

“The Bookham Youth Centre is a scheme of great importance to the new Leader Cllr Tim Oliver, a previous cabinet member for property, and obviously to Cllr Clare Curran, who are both involved in the discussions regarding the urgency on the delivery of this site.

We have a new team and an experienced development manager plus myself now in place to take this forward with the necessary pace it deserves.”

It is important that pressure is kept on SCC so the project does not either slip or be shelved.

David Cox OBE

Village Day White Elephant Stall

Many of you already know that my White Elephant stall raised over £1,000 for the B.C.A. last June.

Can you help me to achieve an even greater amount this year?

Please consider turning out, updating and tidying your homes and gardens and donating to this stall for the upkeep of the Old Barn Hall for Village Day

Either phone 01372 454897 or email margaret4touchwood@hotmail.co.uk

Stan Miles



Since our last issue we have unfortunately lost a great supporter of the BCA in the death of Stan Miles.

Stan was one of the most practical people I have ever met and could turn his hand to anything, as well as producing whatever was needed from his Aladdin's Cave of a garage! Whether it was

constructing the racking in our store or being involved in all aspects of planning and organising Village Day Stan was ever present and invaluable. We were only a small part of what Stan did for the Bookhams, having been involved in the schools, Scouts and the Bookham Residents Association over very many years.

Thank you, Stan from us all.

Keith Slark

(Photo of Stan at Village Day 2016 courtesy of Look Local)

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Bookham & Horsley Inner Wheel

The club has enjoyed a most interesting New Year. We had a fascinating talk on Lighthouses in January. Peter Smith spent all his early years in lighthouse keeper's cottages whilst his father tended the lights. Such a job has now passed into history, and this made his talk and slides all the more fascinating. The club gave a donation to the Lifeboat institution following his talk.

To our delight a new member has joined the club, Known affectionately as Janet the Greek, owing to a rather tricky surname, she has

already proved her worth with a wonderful display of hand-painted cards which she sold at our recent Cream Tea in the Old Barn Hall. This was in aid of Knofacic, a school and community project in Uganda. Owing to the generosity of our guests, we were able to raise over £1,300 for their work. Guests came from as far away as Seaford to indulge in our wonderful array of home-made scones and cakes, buy knitted hats and jackets and the splendid cards of Janet, Carolyn and others.

The club have recently planted a Rose for

Peace below the clock tower of St Nicolas Church. These roses were given to each club in our District of Surrey and Sussex to mark the Year of Peace and we felt it would be lovely to place it where many people walk and would be reminded of how blessed we are to live in a peaceful village, and in a country at peace.

We continue to work with the Rotary Club to raise funds for local needy causes, so if you know of a cause which you think needs our help, please contact me on 01372, 52090.

Jane Bishop.

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

We a thriving club continuously attracting new members. Duplicate sessions are held every Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Old Barn Hall. Visitors are always welcome. Club details can be found on the following website: [www.bridgewebs.com/bookham afternoon/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bookham%20afternoon/)

Over the past year the Club has raised almost £3000 to donate to various charities, both local and National. We participate in various Surrey and National competitions. Some members have achieved notable successes. Congratulations to Sheila and Garry Hayter who came 1st in the Surrey Doris Salver Cup Challenge, to Tony Belton and Chris Pullan who came 9th out of 1094 pairs in the recent RNLI Charity Challenge Cup and to Lawrence

Penney and Neil Higgins who came 2nd in the Surrey Seniors Pairs Competition.

This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the formation of BABC. Jean Suckling, a founder member, is a regular player who still keeps her opponents on their toes! The BABC Chairman, Neil Higgins, has been instrumental in promoting this momentous anniversary. We will be holding numerous functions throughout the year including an Anniversary Tea/ duplicate session afternoon in April. We will be participating in Bookham Village Day by holding a Bridge Drive on 17th June when we will especially welcome all visitors to join with our members in a duplicate session. The final special event will be a bridge

day in December with the world- renowned Andrew Robson who will impart some of his invaluable knowledge to a very receptive group of Bridge players all of whom will be eager to up their play!

Carol Newton



Bookham Butterflies WI



We enjoyed a real treat at our March meeting, sharing a wonderful evening with talented harpist Margaret Watson. Margaret played some traditional harp music, but also many pieces we didn't expect – including hits by Elvis Presley and from Phantom of the Opera. Amongst many other things, we learnt how there are 1,400 parts in a modern concert harp, 21 different positions on the foot pedals, and

how harpists can't wear nail varnish. We could have listened to Margaret, her stories and stunning music all night!

Other speakers over the last few months included Peter Smith, talking about growing up at the Longships Lighthouse off Land's End, and Narelle Summers, who spoke on well-being and resilience.

Our annual quiz night at The United Reform Church Hall raised just over £500 for local Leatherhead charity, Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). CRY works to prevent sudden cardiac death in the young through awareness, screening and supporting affected families.

Our Theatre Group enjoyed a very lively evening at the New Victoria Theatre in Woking,

watching the hit musical Calendar Girls, written by Gary Barlow. After a very successful run in the West End, this brilliant show is now on a national tour and has the WI very much at its heart.

After its winter break, our Exploring Gardens group is about to resume a busy schedule of garden visits. Trips to Caxton House in Reigate and Ockham Mill in Ripley are planned for the late spring.

In addition to all our current special interest groups, including two book clubs, walking groups, supper club, flower club, film club and social group "Flutterbyes", we are also in the process of creating some more! Our "Craft with a Heart" group will make items for various good causes locally. We will also be running Walking Netball sessions for members.

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

Jen Broh

Bookham Country Market



As part of Country Markets Limited, Bookham Country Market can trace its origins to the Women's Institute of 'Jam and Jerusalem' fame. Things have moved on, however, but one of the key stalls at the weekly market is still that selling preserves.

Nowadays thanks to the efforts of our 5 main producers the range of products available is extensive and of all kinds many of which cannot be found in the shops. Shown in the picture is a typical Friday morning display.

Rosie Gibson keeps the traditions going with, amongst other things, her excellent Orange Marmalade.

Dorothy Bowen turns her hand to anything from Lemon Curd, 3 Fruit Marmalade, a range of jams including flavours such as Raspberry and Redcurrant, Rhubarb and Fig, traditional chutneys and more exotic ones such as Nectarine and Banana, Picallilli and more.

Mary Draper, who runs the stall, also makes a wide range of jams including Strawberry and Blueberry, marmalades including her popular tasty Orange and Ginger marmalade plus

Quince and Grape Jellies.

Anthea Solkell produces excellent honey from her hives in Little Bookham which is an important product for those who advocate the health benefits of honey from local bees.

Trevor Kelly has added to the mix his own offering of spicy chutneys and relishes.

To see the full range available and choose something special why not visit the Market where you can also choose from an excellent selection of homemade cakes and baked goods, free range eggs, locally produced meat, seasonal vegetables, plants, cut flowers and

wide range of craft items including home-made cards, pottery, art work, jewellery, wood turned items and much more.

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South Bookham SPACE

BUILDING TO START APRIL ON 'SOCIAL' SPACE

Phase 1 of the extension to SPACE starts April with foundation columns and support steels for this first floor facility.

Phase 2 - which is for the actual construction - needs further funds for the balance, so everyone's support is desperately needed to raise these funds. The new Social SPACE will take up to 25 people, with its own kitchen facilities and balcony overlooking Outer SPACE multi-use games area and Bookham Tennis Club courts

Coming up is our main fund raiser - the fantastic Summer Carnival Ball on 8th June

So confident are the hard working volunteers of the SPACE committee that their enthusiastic supporters will succeed again, that plans are that phase 2 will begin in July and be completed by September!

The vital need for this extra SPACE is critical since the announcement that Lower Road Youth and Community Centre is to close in July, so details of above events are below:

Join the fun and help raise the funds needed to expand facilities at South Bookham SPACE!

8th June 2019 - Summer Ball at Bookham Old Barn Hall: For details contact Chris Browning at chris.browning.uk@hotmail.co.uk

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Bookham Fetcham and District Garden Society

We have had an exciting start to this new year with interesting talks and excellent attendance.

Peter Almond inspired us with his talk on Gardening for wildlife and Paolo Arrigo from Franchi Seeds entertained us and inspired us to get planting for the new season.



Do check through the rest of the year's programme and come and join us. Our meetings are held at 7.30 in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall in Church Rd, Bookham, KT23 4EN.

For more information, please refer to the Bookham Village Website, or contact Angela Stevens on 01372 456713 or craigstevens@aol.com

Wednesday 24th April - Barry Newman - Preparing for your Show

Monday, 20th May - Coach outing to Sissinghurst - fully booked

Monday, 10th June - Visit to Plant Passion (Claire Brown) - numbers limited.

Saturday, 13th July - Horticultural Show at the Tithe Barn

Monday, 23rd September - Derek Dixter - Overwintering Fuschias

Monday, 28th October - Sarah Squires - History of Squires Garden Centres

Monday, 25th November - AGM - with plant and material Christmas wreath making.

Our Horticultural Show on Saturday 13th July promises to be a wonderful occasion. We are again privileged to use the beautiful Tithe Barn in Manor House Lane, Little Bookham, thanks to the generosity of the Nicholls family. So do join us at this beautiful venue for tea, or why not enter this year. If you are a grower there are many flower, fruit and vegetable categories, or perhaps you enjoy flower arranging, photography, crafts or baking and making preserves. There is a category for all. We particularly welcome young participants and the men's only carrot cake category will be one of the most competitive.

The Show Schedules are available from Angela Stevens on 01372 456713 or craigstevens@aol.com So do get yourself one and start preparing. More details on showing and how to enter will be on the Bookham Village Website closer to the time, and the Committee are keen to help you on how to prepare your entries.

Jennifer Smitheman.

1st Bookham Scout Group



Our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts, along with their enthusiastic team of volunteer leaders are taking part in lots of outdoor activities this summer. We are fortunate to enjoy many of our activities at Bookham Scouting Centre - 10 yrs old this year -but the Summer term is when we all get out and about even more!

Our two Beaver colonies have been learning about other countries and cultures and the history around celebrations such as St David's Day. Craft activities included making creatures from clay, cloud pictures, thermometers. The Beavers can take part in an event at Bentley Copse campsite in Shere aptly named "Go Wild!" Our two Beaver colonies will be trying some new adventures at our Boidier Hurst campsite in July. Mothering Sunday was celebrated with a pamper session for the Beaver Mums, and the Cubs prepared and served an evening meal for their mothers.

Many of our Cubs will take part in a range of activities at a popular event called SCRAM! The Cubs have also been learning to identify where

they are and where they are going with meetings about maps and putting their knowledge in practice with treasure hunts and local orienteering.

The Scouts have a three-day backpacking expedition to Exmoor in May and many like to take part in "survival nights" in the Surrey Hills. Both Troops go camping for a week in the summer including a two day canoe expedition on the River Wye, camping bivouac style for one night near Symonds Yat.

With the amazing programme of activities which our leaders create with input from the young people, Scouting helps to develop a child's social skills and encourages self-sufficiency. Parents tell us Scouting gives their boys and girls more confidence, responsibility and a broader set of friends and gives young people access to activities and opportunities that may have been otherwise unavailable.

Claire Thomas



Local gymnasts qualify for World Championships in USA

Two 11-year-old gymnasts from Bookham - Maya B and Suzanna M who attend Eastwick Junior School - will be joining 18 of their team mates aged between nine to 17 to travel to Nashville, Tennessee USA this July to compete in the 2019 International Association of Independent Gymnastics Clubs World Championships.

The gymnasts, who train with StartasticGymnastics in Epsom, were delighted to achieve qualifying scores at the recent National IAIGC Competition in Milton Keynes and were officially invited to attend the World Championship by the Director of UK Gymnastics. They will compete against clubs from across America, Bermuda, Germany and South Africa on Floor, Bars, Beam and Vault over the course of Independence Day week. The girls are currently busy fundraising to help towards



the cost of their flights for this unique opportunity to represent their Club and country. For more information or if you would like to make a contribution to help make their dreams come true visit www.startasticgymnastics.com

Head Coach Stacey Oliver said: "They are amazing girls and have worked hard in

training every session, qualified through regionals and nationals and have now got the qualifying scores to go! I am the proudest coach and would be forever thankful for any donations so that ALL of these girls can get flights and fulfill their dream of competing at the highest level they can!"

Bookham Stamp Club



60 members enjoyed the Christmas meeting with a buffet lunch and wine. There were displays of covers and stamps from the local Christmas Post and NSW Postal Stationery Christmas and New Year Greetings cards 1890s.

November brought us Lindy Bosworth who gave a superb display on the Austro-Hungarian Navy in World War 1 and overview of the many vessels operative in the kaiserliche and königliche Kriegsmarine (Imperial and Royal

Navy) from 1914 until its abrupt demise in 1918. A superb and intriguing afternoon.

In October we had our main auction, which was our largest auction recorded since our inception with 383 lots.

Bookham Stamp Club, founded in 1993, meets every 4th Tuesday of the month (except for December) at 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.

Our programme includes visits from an impressive list of visiting speakers, members' displays and also Auctions that are held three times a year. We also have a packet exchange through which members can buy and sell stamps.

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On Tuesday 28th May it is AGM and Mini Auction

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

Barry Feltham

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

Bookham Tennis Club



Since last summer the introduction of regular competitions, organised by Keith and Alison Gatford has been inspired by their trip to La Manga tennis resort in Spain, that is proving to be a very sociable and popular amongst member new and old as everyone mixes and plays together.

Competitions are held approximately every fortnight and consist of twelve male and female players of mixed ability playing doubles on three courts for seven matches. The winners move up a court, the losers move down; then partners are swapped, and the second round starts. This continues for around two hours after which the totals are added up and the top three players announced.

Within our own Club tournaments the overall winners in the singles were Emily von Reibnitz and Daniel Bourne seen in the photograph with their trophies.

So how did Bookham Tennis Club fare against some of the much larger clubs in the area during the 2018 season?

In the league matches that were played the

ladies, men's second and mixed teams all finished second and have been promoted up a league for the 2019 season. The men's first team were fourth in their league and stay where they are but still a very commendable result considering that they have been promoted for the last two seasons. The veterans team also did well finishing in third place.

All this shows that the state of tennis at Bookham is very healthy with lots of players competing in matches and playing to a high standard.

Membership fees for the club are amongst the lowest in the area and all the details are on the club's website. Spring is a great time to join this friendly club. www.bookhamtennisclub.org.uk

Bookham Toddler Group



It's been a super term and we have welcomed lots of new faces and volunteers to our lovely group. The children have marked Mother's Day, Valentines Day, St Patrick's Day and other special occasions through their wonderful crafts. Our craft team is now busy creating some fabulous costumes for the Village Day

Parade. This year we are going to be competing hard for the trophy!

We welcomed Monkey and Tiny Tunes who led our singing sessions. The children sang songs, danced and played with props and bubbles. We have formed a brilliant connection with St Teresa's School in Effingham and Year 5 and 6 girls have visited us to do crafts and reading with the toddlers. The children have loved having the 'big girls' to play with and parents/carers have appreciated five minutes to relax with a cup of tea!

The term ended with a wonderful Easter party. There were some fabulous crafts, an Easter egg hunt, seasonal themed messy play and yummy hot cross buns for the grown-ups! In the summer term we shall be having lots more fun as well as welcoming Bookham Library,

Ceramica, pottery painting and our regular brilliant hairdresser Tracey Alexander.

Bookham Toddler Group has been running for nearly 40 years but finding new volunteers is increasingly difficult. If you are able to assist please contact us. We are a large, friendly group which meets every Tuesday in term time 9.45-11.30am at The Old Barn Hall. New members are always welcome, and your first session is free. After that it is £2.50 for the first child and 50p per additional child (babies under 6 months are £1), including refreshments for adults and children. For more information, including upcoming events please see our Facebook page or contact Hannah at hannah@bookhamtoddlergroup.co.uk.

Hannah Hennessy

Mole Valley WI

We have welcomed several new members this year and we hope they will enjoy all that we have to offer in the coming months.

Recently, Lorraine, from Leatherhead Museum, showed us slides of the town during WW1. There were a wide range of shops in the town and many soldiers were billeted in the local area during this time. For our birthday meeting we were entertained with poetry reading and tunes played on the clarinet, all with 'Let there be love' theme. Myra, from the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air ambulance told us all about the organisation and that it costs £11 million per year to operate.

There are outings planned to see 'Calendar Girls' in Woking, a visit and tour of the Houses of Parliament, Hurst Castle in Dorset and a tour of Essex villages in September.

We held our annual jumble sale in March. Many people attended hoping to find a bargain! We are very grateful to everyone who brought and bought. Our 'craftier' members spent an evening learning the art of quilling. Everyone made a flower using rolled paper, but it was a challenging activity and lots of concentration was required!! Our gardening group had a talk from a local beekeeper and were told of a voracious hornet that is destroying our bee population.

If you enjoy walking, reading, playing Scrabble or bridge and meeting new people, why not come along to Fetcham Village Hall on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm to see what is going on at Mole Valley WI. There are further details on our web site 'molevalleywi.btck.co.uk'.





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Girlguiding



Brownies from the 9th Bookham unit have a simple message for adults across the village: "Volunteer with Us" Girlguiding is more popular than ever, but the adult volunteers who help run groups like 9th Bookham are in shorter supply.

Brownies meet for an hour and a half each week. As an adult volunteer, you don't need to have been involved with Guiding previously,

training is very much on the job and there is a Leadership qualification which you can do. Time does need to be given to preparation for the meetings, but this is normally done as part of a team, who share the organising and running of meetings each week.

The new programme of activities for all Girlguiding age groups is now even more

varied - together with other volunteers, you'll inspire the girls onto bigger and better things.

At a recent meeting, the 1st Bookham Rainbows made Rose the Robot - with their goal being to build a "machine" together as a team. "Rose" was made out of various materials, including cardboard boxes.

At 7th Bookham Brownies there has been a lot

of baking, with many Brownies being awarded their Baking badge over the last few weeks. The badge is proving very popular and is also part of the new Girlguiding programme. One of the challenges Brownies have to complete is to bake their favourite cake and decorate it to tell a story. One Brownie, Annie, made a chocolate cake, which she decorated with a pond, to tell the original Brownie story - "Twist me and turn me and show me the elf, I looked in the water and there saw...myself"

The fun isn't just restricted to the Rainbows (5-7 year olds), Brownies (7-10 year olds) and Guides (10-14 year olds). Girlguiding leaders from across the Leatherhead Division recently enjoyed a weekend away. Amongst other activities, they took part in training sessions, learnt how to drum and walked on the North Downs Way from Westcott.

If you are able to donate some of your time and would like to know more about Girlguiding, contact Christine on ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com.

Leatherhead and District Twinning Association

You may have noticed when driving into Leatherhead signs which read that we are twinned with Triel-sur-Seine. This is a town beautifully situated on the River Seine about 25 miles west of Paris. You can google for more information about the town.

Sadly we cannot arrange our usual group visit to Triel in May because our coach company is currently most reluctant to go to France due to the uncertainty over licences, insurances and visas as post Brexit arrangements are still

unclear. However, we are hoping to go by Eurostar in September.

On Sunday 14th July - the French National holiday, Bastille Day - we are holding an afternoon garden party with live music provided by Moodswing, a jazz quartet. There will be garden games and plenty of food and liquid refreshment.

Triel is also twinned with Seligenstadt in Germany. Some of our members will be flying via Frankfurt to join in the special celebration,

the 4 yearly Geleitsfest, in this picturesque town, which is renowned for its mediaeval architecture and long history.

We always welcome new members to any of our activities. please see our web site for more information at www.friendsoftriel.com. You can also contact us by email, elaine.crutchley1@gmail.com, or by telephone on 01372 452845.

David and Elaine Crutchley

Leisure Learning Current Affairs Classes

Leisure Learning has now been running in Bookham for 12 years and we have had a fantastic year with thirteen different speakers talking about their own special subject which have ranged from Brexit (of course!) to China and Modern Slavery to Artificial Intelligence. In a fast-moving world, we are never short of topics and themes to discuss followed by entertaining discussions.

Our attention is now focused on next year's programme which will start at the end of October and run through to early April. Jim will again be running the seven sessions before Christmas then in the New Year we have booked a series of different highly qualified speakers who will each talk to us about their

special interest and these will include South Africa, Drugs Problems in Surrey, Transport Logistics and Social Changes in Britain.

Each of the twenty classes lasts for two hours running in Bookham on Thursday mornings and afternoons. The speaker will give a presentation lasting about 45 minutes; after a tea/coffee break members can put forward their questions or views, or if you want to learn just by listening to the discussion that is fine by us. There are no questionnaires, no form filling and no homework. Members can relax in a comfortable environment while listening to expert commentary followed by a healthy and stimulating exchange of views.

Despite the serious content of the classes, the

social side is not forgotten, and we hold Christmas and Easter buffets every year. If you want to know more about what is going on in the world, this group of classes will appeal to you and though we currently have a short waiting list to join for the year 2019/20, it is always worthwhile registering your interest in case there's a space.

You are assured a warm welcome from existing members. The price of 20 classes is £100.

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

Terry Hulme

Mole Valley Runners

The Mole Valley Runners committee have been busy preparing for their new membership year, which started on 1 April. They held their first AGM, which was well attended by members and their development plan for the year ahead was set out. Our main objective is to recruit more run leaders which will enable more running groups to be organised to help

cater for all abilities. One way of funding this is through sponsorship and community grants and we are very grateful to [benerini.com](#), Kinesiology by Claire, RJ Clinic Osteopathy and Tesco's Bags for Life.

Being an affiliated running group, we are very fortunate to gain a free place at the London

Marathon. Members who wished to have the chance of the place paid a fee to be put into a ballot, which was drawn at our Christmas night out. A raffle was also held to help raise money for a local charity and, together, we managed to raise £610, which was presented to The Grange Centre, Bookham.

In February, Mole Valley Runners started up a 'Wednesday walking group' which meets at Polesden Lacey every fortnight. In March, we were fortunate to have Alton Sports, Farnham host a Brooks event at Polesden Lacey. This enabled our runners to 'try, before you buy' on the latest Brooks trainers.

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



The Bookham Seniors Computer Club celebrates its 10th birthday in September. Since its foundation in 2010 the club has been

helping seniors in Bookham and surrounding communities develop and improve their computer skills. Inevitably, the computer landscape has changed vastly during those 10 years and the club has kept pace with advancing technology and now offers help with laptops, tablets and smartphones! Our recent courses have covered topics such as using the features in the new version of Windows 10, keeping your digital data secure, getting the most out of a tablet or iPad, word processing and managing digital photos. We also hold monthly drop-in clinics to help with

specific problems. So if you have a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone and want to get to grips with topics such as the new look of Windows 10, ensuring you are keeping your digital data secure, typing and saving documents, managing your photos, improving your smartphone skills or are curious about other computer issues, come and have a chat with us at our stand at Bookham Village Day on 15 June. Or visit our website at bscc.btck.co.uk for more information including dates of future meetings and our course schedule for the summer term.

The Grange



We were delighted with the sellout 80th Anniversary Christmas Concert at The Menuhin Hall at the beginning of December which was terrific and everyone had a very enjoyable evening. We were sad to say a fond

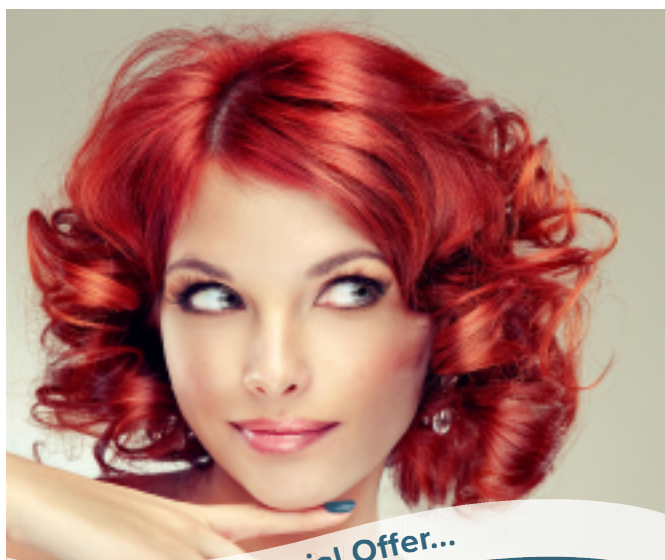
farewell to our Musical Director Ian Assersohn and our pianist, his wife, Jan Assersohn, who are standing down after leading 9 concerts for The Grange. Our grateful thanks go to them both for their professionalism, patience and sense of humour!

We have kick-started the New Year with a lovely surprise. We were over the moon to receive a donation of £14,000 from Reigate Hill Golf Club who had been fundraising in aid of The Grange for over a year. Such a huge donation which will make a big difference to our work. Huge thanks to the Lady and Men's Captains, Tess and Russell for choosing us and to all the golfers for such a successful year of fundraising.

In January we were delighted to welcome the bridge columnist for The Times, Andrew Robson OBE, who hosted our annual Bridge Masterclass, which raised over £4000 and was enjoyed by almost 100 players. This is such a popular event that tables sell a year in advance!

We have some lovely events coming up including; The Grange has Got Talent on 7th June and we are the chosen charity for The Dorking Colour 5K on 8th June. For more information about these events, The Grange and our work, please look at our website: www.grangecentre.org.uk

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12.40pm The Dawnay School

12.55pm Eastwick Infant School.

1.05pm St Lawrence School Musical Theatre Group

1.15pm The Dancing Roses - Bellydancing

1.35pm Natalie Goodacre Trio

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Transition Bookham



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carries a large range of products including frozen goods, so if you are passing that way do drop in with an empty container or two.

With spring getting its skates on we have already had a tidy-up in the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre garden, with more work to come later in the year. At time of writing we were preparing for an eco-crafting day at the beginning of April, where we plan to be repairing or upcycling jewellery, making greetings cards with reused and recycled materials, making paper from scraps and working on make do and mend projects. Next on the agenda will be preparing for Village Day and our involvement in Open Gardens day.

Our next quarterly open meeting will be on Wednesday 19th June, followed by 18th September and 20th November. All meetings are held in the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre from 7.30pm until around 9pm, are open to all and free unless stated otherwise. To keep up-to-date with meetings and events – as well as hearing about local and national items of green 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 Barn Hall, and the meetings start at 2.15pm. Visitors are very welcome.

The AGM took place in March, preceded by a most enjoyable lunch. Long standing members were presented with badges marking Flower Club membership stretching back, 25, 40 and 50 years!

Our new Chairperson, Christine Martin, was appointed, and she hosted her first meeting on 1st April when a National Demonstrator, David Thomas, entertained the members with his demonstration entitled "Florimania". David

prefers to do designs which are monochromatic, using tones, tints and shades of a single colour, and the results were stunning. On 3rd June Anna Steven's demonstration is entitled "Do You See What I See".

The Club holds monthly competitions for members, who can enter according to their experience and ability. Entrants are awarded points so they can work their way up from Novice Class, eventually to Senior Advanced. The title of the Club competition for May is "Twisted", and in June the challenge will be "Reflections" and the design must incorporate a mirror.

Bookham Flower Club holds a bi-ennial Flower Show and preparations are under way for this year's Show which will take place on 19th October at the Barn Hall. The Show title is "Enchantment". We hope that the variety of Class Titles should appeal to all abilities, and inspire many entries, so on the day there will be fabulous designs to enjoy, as well as refreshments, tombola and a raffle.

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.

The Arts Society Bookham



Nationally, The Arts Society has a Young Arts programme supporting a wide range of activities to introduce young people, and engage them, in artistic experience and practice. They include artists in residence, art lectures for students, funding visits to art galleries and museums; art exhibitions for young artists, equipment purchases, practical workshops, local Arts Week events; bursaries for individual students and sponsorship for craft apprentices.

The Arts Society Bookham undertakes activities in the local community which may be less well known but of which we are equally proud. Our involvement with young people through the Society's 'Young Arts' programme encourages and funds young people to take part in aspects of the creative arts which may

not be available to them within the school curriculum or other outside bodies.

Our Society contributed funds and Eastwick Junior School PTA asked local artist Jenny Allan to work with the teachers and children and create a mural of school life for their main hall.

We supported work with pupils at Polesden Lacey Infant School to help make a batik, a type of dyed cloth. The children designed and made the piece to represent the school's 12 values. It is an intrinsic policy of the Society to inspire young people with a lasting enthusiasm for the arts, and to expand the horizons of young people.

At The Dawnay School a project organised by Barbara Bradshaw resulted in some superb mosaics which were displayed at the entrance to the school. Themes chosen were friendship, environment, sport, arts and community. All pupils from every year group produced an

artistic result for all visitors to appreciate.

Later this year, 20 children from MyTime charity will spend a morning creating their very own object at Adam Aaronson's glass gallery in West Horsley. A great experience as well as a memento for them to take home – once it has cooled! The MyTime charity supports young people, some as young as seven, who are the main or only carer for older family members. This charity allows them space to be themselves away from the cares of being a carer; we are particularly pleased to be involved with this special event.

Our lecture programme continues and is detailed on our website <http://theartsocietybookham.org.uk/>. If you are interested in joining the Society or come as a visitor please contact our Membership Secretary Linda Tickner via the website.

John Cook

Bookham Open Gardens Day – Sunday 16th June, 10am – 5pm

Do come and join in this annual event where over 700 people enjoy going round the village, meeting friends and neighbours along the way. This year we are featuring 14 varied and attractive private gardens. It is very reassuring that in our 14th year we are still attracting new gardens and have six of them to share with you. Of the rest none were open last year so you'll probably see some changes. In addition, we welcome back The Dawnay School, Gracewell Care Home, the Grange Centre (with its Victorian walled garden) and Little Bookham Allotments.

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 some with wildlife friendly planting and habitats. You'll also find fruit and vegetables in abundance at the Grange and the Allotments and some gardens.

If you're new to gardening or have just got your first patch of land, you'll be able to get some tips from our openers on how to get going. Be inspired! Remember, everyone has to start somewhere, and small can be beautiful – maybe even start with just a planter? The message is simple - have a go and don't worry about making mistakes. Gardening is good for you!

Find out more about individual gardens in the programme which will be available at our ticket outlets or can be downloaded from mid May from our website at www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk.

Open Gardens Day raises money for the upkeep of our historic Old Barn Hall, and over the years we have raised over £65,000. Delicious home-baked cakes, rolls and drinks will be served throughout the day at the Hall. There will also be the opportunity to visit our plant stall and buy a selection of goods from the Bookham Country Market stall. Once again there will be a raffle with lots of great prizes kindly donated by local firms, people and organisations.

Plants, and maybe some produce, will also be available to buy at the Allotments, The Grange and some of the gardens.

There will be a regular free minibus service to take you between the gardens.

Tickets on sale from 20th May: £5 in advance from

- The Vineries Garden Centre, Lower Rd, Effingham (event sponsors)
- Wishing Well, 7 High Street
- Bungalow Stores, Beckley Parade, Leatherhead Rd
- Old Barn Hall office, Church Rd, KT23 3PQ. Tel: 01372 456307 (open Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30 - noon)
- Village Day, Sat 15th June on the field

Children under 16 are free, as are carers of wheelchair users (who pay a reduced rate of £3). On the day you can buy tickets (£6) at the Old Barn Hall and from the gardens themselves. Regret no dogs, other than assistance dogs.

The charge includes admission to all gardens, a programme with map and garden details and also the free minibus service, courtesy of Bookham Scouts and Manor House School and our kind volunteer drivers. If you are on Facebook, please 'Like' our 'Bookham Open Gardens' page so that we can let you know the latest news and provide photographic inspiration. There are quite a few photos from previous years on the page – do send us any you take on the day and we'll load up a selection. Please share the page with like-minded people so we can build interest.

We would also love to hear from anyone who could spare an hour or two to help on the day with providing a cake, or serving refreshments, selling tickets, marshalling the car park or stewarding at the gardens. Without our kind garden openers and our band of willing volunteers, the day would never happen!

For more information visit www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk, look for 'Bookham Open Gardens' on Facebook, or contact Tina Hutton on 01372 457598 / Email: tina.hutton@btinternet.com

Diane Poole



Leatherhead Youth Project (LYP) – including Bookham

LYP is an organisation dedicated to creating and providing safe spaces for young people to relax with their peers. Youth Workers are on hand to help through their teenage years, in highs and lows. LYP run projects in the Bookham Youth Centre as well as in Leatherhead. Their Bookham projects include BYouth, running on Monday and Friday afternoons 4:15-6:15pm, with cooking, sports, consoles, activities, games and more. Plus, on Monday evenings there is also the Girls Group and Faith Group, with meals, lively discussions and games.

As well as the weekly groups there are extra trips organised during school holidays. During the Easter Holiday, LYP took 30 young people on a residential to Carroty Wood, Kent. They enjoyed High Ropes, Raft Building and Kayaking. Everyone got very muddy with many choosing to make it a challenge of how muddy they could get in one day!

The trip was an amazing opportunity for new experiences and to spend time with friends old and new; With time to relax, play card games and roast marshmallows on the bonfire in the evenings.

With the appointment of LYP's new chief executive Dan Fairchild we can expect lots

more fun filled trips like this one for the upcoming holidays. Dan is an experienced Youth Work Manager with a passion to see every young person live life to the full. "I am thrilled to be joining LYP; a charity that shares my values and ethos, with young people at the heart of what they do. I look forward to joining the team and meeting the community it serves."

All our weekly groups are free to attend and open to young people in school years 7-11.

For more details visit our website: www.leatherheadyouthproject.com

or email Jenny Coffin: jenny@leatherheadyouthproject.com

Emma Heapes



St. Nicolas Church Great Bookham

THE HISTORY

There has been a church in the centre of Great Bookham on the same site since Saxon times. The land on which it stands was given in 675 by the Abbott of Chertsey. This lovely 11th century Grade 1 listed building dedicated to St. Nicolas. It was a Barn church with windows high in the wall. It was a place of worship before King William I decided to invade Britain and is recorded in his Domesday Book of 1086. In 1140 the Church was extended with a small aisle on the south side. The tower was started in stone at this time, but because it started to subside, it was completed in wood and later buttressed in the 15th Century.

The church has been extended over the centuries and contains many memorials and artefacts detailing the many notable people and families who protected and nurtured both the church and Great Bookham itself. It is a virtual history of the village. A particular feature is that it stands at the centre of Great Bookham, unlike many village churches which were built by the lord of the manor on their land. That does mean, however, that it does not have a car park!

THE CHALLENGE

36 years ago, the late Councillor Ken Matts, foreseeing the heavy and increasing expenditure required to keep our church in good repair established "The Friends of St Nicolas Church", a secular charity which raises funds to help. It is supported by Church members and others who wish to see our village landmark preserved for all and for future generations.

As a grade 1 listed building the utmost care must be taken with all work undertaken. All churches included many symbolic features and ours more than most. The costs are enormous and the charter of the Friends is to support the preservation, repair and beatification of the church and its churchyard. There are around 60 of us who currently support the Friends financially and we have supported over 40 projects. These included fixing the roof, restoring and protecting the many stained-glass windows, installing new lighting and much more. A vital contribution was for the rebuilding of the tower in 1999-2000 when it required major repairs and its oak frame was found to be in need of replacement.



Last year the Friends financed again the refurbishment of the tower where it was found to be necessary. The tower also encloses the familiar clock and while retaining the face, the mechanism, which takes the exact time by radio from an atomic clock, was provided by the Friends in 2015. It is now one of the most accurate clocks in Great Bookham.

Presently, the church organ is undergoing major refurbishment. It was originally built in 1886 and came to Great Bookham in 1968. The pipes themselves required a deep clean and repair. The console where our own Director of Music, Peter Lutton, produces such inspiring music is being overhauled. The Friends are providing £25,000 to enable this project.

Ken Matts would indeed be proud today, as are we all. You may find out more about the Friends by picking up a leaflet in the church lobby.

Howard of Effingham School

'Chicago - High School Edition'

In March Howard of Effingham students came together to put on a performance of one of the most iconic musicals ever (in its more PG High School edition) at the Leatherhead Theatre, in their rendition of Chicago- to standing ovations at every show.

Performers from Year 7 to 13 filled the stage, along with the band, which also featured many students, to bring to life the story of Jazz slayers Velma Kelly (Shannon Stirling-Loyer) and Roxie Hart (Josie Smith), as they progress through the world of razzle dazzle inhabited by Billy Flynn (Tom Walker), eventually becoming fully immersed, before putting their differences aside, and creating a formidable double act.

The leads of Velma and Roxie were brought to life in the murky world of Chicago with intense dedication to character, and Shannon and Josie showed what accomplished stage performers they are with a blend of comic timing, and harsh, self-serving lines. Billy Flynn, the suave, sophisticated and equally self-serving solicitor, was given a commanding presence by the young principle Tom Walker.

For the second year in a row, Hannah Barker displayed a characteristically impeccable vocal range, wowing the audience with her solo song, before going on to ably support the main narrative through her comic lines, and general sass given to the role of Matron 'Mama' Morton, and Sophie Storey showed her

staggering vocal abilities as the newspaper reporter Mary Sunshine, showing that the future of female leads in the musical is in safe hands.

The antithesis of the murky world of Chicago is Amos Hart, and the pathetic, dominated character was amazing to perform, a character I found perhaps too easy to perform, on reflection, and I hope that my performance went down as well as everyone else's.

Special mention this year is undoubtedly deserved by the multi-talented Vocal and Dance Ensembles, who were instrumental in keeping the Fosse style of choreography going throughout the shows. Whether supporting

one of the leads in their signature songs, or acting as part of an ensemble, they helped the show to gain the rapturous reception that it did.

No Howard musical would be complete, however, without the ever-enthusiastic wider chorus, who always bring new life to every scene in which they star, and this one was no exception to that rule. In every scene during which they were called upon, the Ensemble showed the whole school spirit that defines much of the musical and lifted the levels with their boundless energy.

Rhys Wallis, Year 12 Student: Amos Hart in Chicago - High School Edition



Great Bookham Belles WI



Great Bookham Belles were hooked on dough when we welcomed 'Bake with Jack' to our February meeting. In a highly entertaining and informative talk, professional bread maker and celebrity YouTube vlogger Jack Sturgess demonstrated the art of baking delicious home-made bread. Jack's humorous demonstration revealed how simple ingredients could be transformed with relative ease into mouth-watering home-made bread.

Sometimes we like to push the boundaries in the Belles and March's meeting was no

exception. Our guest speaker was Chris Syrus with his fascinating story with the help of David Wehinm on guitar and the beautiful haunting voice of Naomi Elliott on vocals. Chris's story began when he was convicted of a serious crime and sent to prison. The guilt he felt for the pain he caused his mother led him to write poetry and his appreciation of the written word inspired him to gain a degree while in prison. On his release he worked with young disadvantaged people on the brink of being excluded from society. For this work he was awarded an MBE. Accompanied by soulful music, Chris performed his rap poetry to a transixed Belles audience.

Our Crafts and Laughs group visited DSI Croydon who make costumes for the Strictly Come Dancing TV shows. After a fascinating talk about the design and making process the group toured the workroom and admired the racks of fabrics, haberdashery, shoes and boxes of spray tan! They were invited to try on

some of the colourful outfits and of course couldn't resist performing a Strictly Twirl!

Decibelles choir contributed to a superb evening's entertainment and helped raise £1,500 for the Mary Francis Trust. Our Crafts and Laughs group took part in a knitting marathon creating finger puppets to raise funds for Sick and Premature Babies.

Great Bookham Belles have many events to look forward to:

Andrea McLean of Loose Women fame will talk about the Confessions of a Menopausal Woman, lessons on how to make paper flowers and draw a tiger. Mamma Mia 2 Singalong promises to be a fun evening's entertainment at our annual fundraiser in aid of this year's charity, Bookham Girls Project. We're also having a lunch and behind the scenes tour of Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club. For more information about The Great Bookham Belles WI please visit our website: greatbookhambelleswi.org

Peter Pan Playschool

During the spring term at Peter Pan Playschool we have enjoyed exploring a wide range of activities and outings, including an exciting trip to St. Lawrence School on the 479 bus, a visit to The Dawnay School to use their forest school area, to Keswick House to show the residents our Easter bonnets, and an Easter service in the Eastwick Road Church. We continue to be incredibly grateful for the support of our families who accompany us on these outings to ensure the children are safe with high adult/child ratios, and also gain as much learning as possible by having adults to chat to as we walk along noticing house numbers, front door colours, car colours, spring flowers and lots of other exciting things.

For Mother's Day, the children all made individual card and took them in small groups to the local post box for their letters home to be delivered by the postal staff. So many parents told us how excited their children were to check the post daily, waiting for their special delivery. We also bought a new giant post box

for the role play area, which has supported the children's mark making and writing, as they are keen to continue writing letters for their friends and post them in the post box.

Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive setting, which cares for children from 2.5 until school age. We offer morning sessions 9.10-12.10 during term time, with optional extended hours until 1.10 and 2.40 on Monday and Friday. 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 email us at peterpanplayschool@gmail.com or call us on 07908 018924 and Louise and the staff team will be happy to answer your questions. Our September spaces are filling up fast, so please arrange a visit as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as we have had to turn several families away this year due to lack of spaces.



Polesden Lacey Theatre

What could possibly be better than a love story? Well how about 5 love stories?

Love's Labour's Lost, a joyous comic masterpiece, written early in Shakespeare's career, is filled with romance, riotous fun, wit and humour. Ferdinand, the young King of Navarre, and his three companions, have sworn an oath to dedicate themselves to study for three years, during which time, no woman shall come near them. They sign the oath, but almost immediately, the Princess of France and her three ladies in waiting arrive, to discuss her father's debts to the King. The men fell instantly in love, break the oath...and the fun begins.

Our production is set just before the outbreak of the First World War, in the Wisteria clad gardens of a grand Edwardian house... not unlike Polesden Lacey itself!

In this idyllic setting, the aristocratic lovers play out their romances, helped, but more often than not, hindered, by flamboyant courtiers, eccentric village constables, schoolteachers, vicars and household and estate staff.

So, why not come and join us for a sunny afternoon of Edwardian fun and frolics?

2.30pm Sat 29th, Sun 30th June & Sat 6th, Sun 7th July. Theatre lawn opens for picnicking from 1pm

Free parking with ticket.

For all further information and bookings, visit our website: www.polesdenlaceyshakespeare.co.uk

Pop Up Shakespeare continues on Sat 15th & Sat 22nd June. Family friendly scenes from the Bard's best loved plays and a whole mini-play are played around the beautiful gardens at Polesden Lacey, accompanied by original music on traditional instruments. Bring a picnic, a rug and dip in and out of the action,



during the afternoon. Audience participation from young and older particularly encouraged! Free with admission to Polesden Lacey.

Emlyn Downs Group

The Emlyn Downs Group of seven local WIs has had two meetings in the past year. The first was a very successful Quiz Night and the second was a lunch in the Old Barn Hall with a guest speaker. The speaker was Biff Raven-Hill who gave a very good talk about the history

of Ladybird books, illustrated with images from early books which we recognised as old friends. She also explained her unusual name, saying that it came from a childish attempt at saying Elizabeth which became Biff a Baff. At the lunch we said goodbye to Hazel

Richmond-Coggan who has been our Convener for the past few years. After the lunch we were delighted to tell everyone that we have a new Convener who is Carole Day from Ashted WI.

Mole Valley District Council's Local Plan (2018-2033): Implications for Bookham

Peter Seaward – BRA Chairman

Mole Valley District Council are reaching the end of their work on the next Local Plan. Called "Future Mole Valley" a policy (once completed) sets out plans for development across Mole Valley for the period 2018-2033, includes targets for delivering new homes, identify locations for development and sets out areas which will continue to be protected. This will become available for us all to comment on in late June 2019.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan for Bookham (NDP) which was the subject of a village referendum in May of 2017 will form part of this plan although which of its policies will be continued or cease to exist will be decided on by our Councillors and MVDC.

MVDC are charged by Government to build nearly 7,000 new dwellings throughout Mole Valley over the next fifteen years. This is an

annual rate of over 400 dwellings compared with the present rate of around 190.

In Bookham we know because of the work done previously on the NDP most of the sites that MVDC are likely to be considering. Of these the larger ones would be Preston Farm, Bookham Fields and Rolls Farm.

We have pressed MVDC and our Councillors to resist any new developments until assurances and practical plans are seen that address the infrastructure deficit that this potential volume of new building would cause.

There will be a public consultation of six weeks after the Draft Local Plan is available and MVDC will be hosting road shows in Bookham and elsewhere. Our role in the BRA is to be a conduit for as much information as possible that we can gather and feedback especially to our Councillors what reaction there is within Bookham about this Plan. Final decisions rest

with Mole Valley Councillors.

For latest updates and where you may submit comments to the BRA go to: www.bookhamresidents.org.uk or call 0300 030 9890 and we will aggregate these and share with Councillors. Also available on the web site is an extended briefing.

Finally, we must reiterate that all the information presented here are those we in the BRA have deduced and may well be wrong but, in our opinion, we need to alert residents to the possibilities and make some estimates about and what the consequences for us all these might bring but these are the best we can arrive at without more concrete facts.

Further information on the Local Plan can be found on the MVDC website: <https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=33905>

Mole Valley Lacemakers

Moles met way back in March, with the usual displays of finished lace, a raffle and a talk given by Kay and Michael Dennis on 'Stumpwork and Needlelace'. Those of you who do embroidery will know that this is raised work,

Kay had a display of her wonderful creations for us to look at. We were also inspired to have a go for ourselves as on 6th July Kay will be making a return visit to Moles just before our

July meeting. If you are Interested in attending please get in touch through our website www.surreycommunity.info/molevalleylacemakers.

In May one of our members who is a Japanese embroider will be bringing along some examples of her work and giving a talk. If you are interested you are most welcome to make a visit during the day on the 11th May at St

Mary's Church Hall, Fetcham.

Our July meeting will be a come along and make lace and chat, as the supplier we booked cannot make it that day. However, if you are looking for lace supplies there is a small suppliers fair at Sunbury Adult Learning in June.

New members always welcome, more information from the above website.

Polesden Lacey Playschool



This term we have been looking at 'People who help us'. The children have been amazed

at how much help we give and receive every day: at home from our parents and siblings, and from our teachers and friends at playschool. Also from shop-keepers, members of our community and the emergency services. One memorable afternoon fire fighters visited playschool and let us sit in the fire engine and use their water hose on the grass. It was also a perfect time to celebrate Mother's Day and really look at how much our Mummies do for us.

The term was rounded off with a fabulous Easter show and raffle. The children put in hours of practice and parents helped then find wonderful costumes. The singing and dancing was amazing. Thank you to all the local businesses for raffle prizes, staff for putting on such a wonderful show and the committee for

being on hand with refreshments as well as running our annual Easter egg hunt.

There are so many things to look forward to in the coming months including Village Day and Polesden Lacey Infant School Summer Fair where we are serving refreshments.

If you would like more information about the playschool, arrange a visit or enquire about admissions 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 so brief conversations please), email us at alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com or visit our website <http://polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool>

Natasha Matthews

Rainbow Playgroup



It's been a busy term in Rainbow Playgroup. The children enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and bringing in their favourite book from home to share in small groups. We have had visits from the emergency services and are

looking forward to a visit from a man with different reptiles. The highlight of the term was the visit of the mobile farm. The car park of the church was fenced off and the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting the different farm animals. The children who come to Noah's Ark Parent and Toddler group on Thursday afternoons also got to meet the animals too.

Rainbow also offered workshops for parents last term so they could find out what goes on behind the scenes in the pre-school. Workshops were run on 'playing with children to build strong relationships', 'how to support children when they are feeling strong emotions' and 'how to set boundaries for children in a way

that promotes kindness and honesty.' Parents found them really useful and more will be run more in the autumn term. Please do contact us if you would like to come along. Everyone is welcome. It is not necessary to have a child attending the playgroup.

This term will see us preparing for Village Day and for our Rising 5s club which helps children starting school in September.

If you are interested in visiting Rainbow Playgroup please drop by or arrange a visit with manager Heidi Watson on 01372 811313. Rainbow is based in the heart of the village in the spacious and light Bookham Baptist Church hall next door to the Co-op.

Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club



Some of our lucky Bookham members were in Carnival spirit recently, playing in their best outfits for our Fun Afternoon – with a Caribbean Flavour. A very good time for everyone, not quite a Carnival parade but lots of passion in the creative costumes and of course the friendly competitive play.

It will also be the finals for the very popular Mole Valley Cup. Out of the ten teams participating - Leatherhead are once again in the finals against Oxshott, with Bookham in

the play off for third place against Hook and Southborough, an exciting evening for all.

MVIBC ladies selected the Shooting Star Children's Hospices as their charity to benefit from funds raised at the Ladies Captains Day, including money received through the sale of second hand books within the club. The Shooting Star Children's Hospices provides care for babies, children and young people with life limiting conditions.

MVIBC also provided some bowling footwear to Swans/Grange bowlers competing in a National Competition.

The winter season of indoor bowling ends in early April. However, an increasing number of MVIBC members continue to enjoy their bowling indoors throughout the summer, all part of their annual fee. The summer leagues run every Tuesday and Thursday morning, and

due to the increasing interest - new summer competitions have been organised with other indoor clubs. Further details will be displayed on the club notice boards and website.

If you would like to find out more about indoor bowling at MVIBC – please visit our website at www.mvibc.co.uk or email mail4mvibc@gmail.com or phone 01372 289 873

The annual MVIBC recruitment period runs on each Saturday morning in September. For enquiries at any other time - please contact the club

The club is located within the Leatherhead Leisure Centre with adequate nearby parking for members. You will find that indoor bowling provides a different level of challenge for **everyone, at all ages**, in a comfortable environment and the opportunity to make new friends – all at a very reasonable cost.

Michael Mackie

Effingham Golf Club Juniors Section

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

A rich and varied programme has been organised for 2019 that encompasses Tailored Coaching as well as inter club matches, regular competitions with loads of Trophies to win. Juniors of a certain level can also play in Junior Opens across the country. There is also an organised the Junior's Awayday. We are lucky that much of the 2018 match squad remains (pictured) which will be strengthened by some promising new additions who have come through the coaching development programme.

The Juniors are also excited that Oliver Wilson, European Tour Winner, Open qualifier and Ryder Cup player, will be joining them over Easter to play some golf, share his experiences & present the first Trophy of the season. Oli lives in Bookham and is taking time out from a short family break before returning to the Tour. Effingham Golf Club wish Oli every success especially when he takes part in The Open and thanks for your continued support of the Juniors.

2019 - Junior Membership – only £105 per annum plus subsidised coaching

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 to all. The indoor simulator &

coaching analysis facility is used as well especially in the winter. As well as regular monthly competitions, there are inter- club matches.

You can find out more about joining Junior Golf by contacting our PGA Professional:-Robert Daw: 01372 452203 (golf enquiries – pro shop) or email: rdaw@effinghamgolfclub.com

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In March we had the pleasure of welcoming, local resident, Simon Cousins who gave an interesting and amusing account of his time as a Royal Protection Officer for Princess Margaret.

In April, it was Bookham Bees 1st birthday, which was celebrated with fizz, fun and of course-cake! The fabulous Bee birthday cake, along with some cupcakes, had been made by The Grange Centre for the celebration. The cake was amazing in both look and flavour. Throughout the evening we were serenaded by Hedley Kay, a local musician, who many of you will no doubt know through his work over many years entertaining children in schools. He had us all singing along with him and even managed to get a few up to dance. Well done to Diana Greenman for leading the "Twist"!

Finally, in March we chose our charity for the coming year that we will support and hopefully raise valuable funds for, The Brigitte Trust. They are an independent registered charity offering free emotional support and practical help at home to people and their families facing cancer, MND, MS, heart and lung failure and other life-threatening illness. A very worthy cause we are sure you will agree.

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