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THE GRANGE CENTRE CELEBRATES A NATIONAL LOTTERY AWARD!



taff and trainees at The Grange Centre in Rectory Lane are celebrating having been awarded one of the highest National Lottery Charities Board grants in Surrey to fund horticulture training for people with disabilities. THE GROWING PEOPLE PROJECT offers training in all aspects of horticulture, offering the chance to learn valuable new skills and increase opportunities for employment in the community.

The £181,658 Award over three years will enable The Grange Centre to appoint a second Horticulture Tutor as well as a Volunteer Co-ordinator. At present a team of eight trainees work with the Horticulture Tutor and volunteers, growing a variety of plants, fruit and vegetables in the Victorian walled garden. Training opportunities will be open to anyone with a physical or learning disability in the locality, so the number of trainees is likely to have increased to 24 by the end of the grant period. The grant will also part fund a major building scheme to modernise the facilities to include a training room, extended undercover work areas and all essential amenities. The days of quick visits to a portaloo are numbered for the garden team!

The Growing People Project is an exciting and positive development for people with disabilities and will need a large number of volunteers to ensure its success. Volunteers will be offered induction training, expenses and free lunches. Any Bookham Bulletin readers with time to spare and an interest in rewarding horticulture work should contact Helen Baker at The Grange Centre on

The Growing People Project will have vacancies for people with physical or learning disabilities on a daily or weekly basis. The aim is twofold: to offer training for horticulture work and to increase self confidence through an accredited training scheme. Each person will have their own programme with access to existing training facilities at The Grange Centre which include Literacy and Numeracy, Computer Skills, Independent Living Skills and Textiles, all with professional Tutors.

Director Paul Wood said 'Everyone involved at The Grange Centre is delighted with the news. The Lottery application involved extensive research and detailed work which has all proved worthwhile. We can now look to a bright future offering quality training in horticulture for people with disabilities in the mid-Surrey area.'

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BOOKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bookham Community Association was established in 1947 to advance education and provide facilities for the leisure time of the communities of Great and Little Bookham and the immediate neighbourhood. This is achieved by encouraging organisations with various interests, managing the Old Barn Hall, publishing Bookhams Bulletin four times a year and organising the annual Village Day and Village Week. See page 22 for full details.

What's Happening

MAY

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th - The Grange Centre Open Days and Sculpture Exhibition - Rectory Lane - 10 am to 4 pm.

Saturday 6th - Bookham Camera Club's Annual Exhibition of prints and slides - Old Barn Hall 11 am to 5 pm. Admission free. Light refreshments available.

Thursday 11th, Friday 12th & Saturday 13th - Bookham Evening Townswomens Guild and Menfolk present their Spring Revue - "Ticket to Ride". Tickets £9 including supper. 453521

Saturday 20th - B.A.T.S. Family Barn Dance - Old Barn Hall - 7 pm. Further details on 450596.

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st - Flower Festival, Fetcham Park House - 11 am to 4 pm, organised by Bookham Floral Arrangement Group in aid of British Red Cross. Entrance £3. Further details from Monica Suffolk 454211.

Thursday 25th - Bookham Commons Cheese & Wine Supper - Old Barn Hall - 7.30 pm. Talk by Jeremy Early on the River Mole and the Millponds. Tickets £6 from Granary Crafts or 452361.

JUNE

Saturday 3rd - Links Way (off Woodlands Road) Open Gardens plus teas and stalls - 2 to 5 pm. Entry £1 and all proceeds to the Leatherhead Swans Club for the Disabled.

Saturday 17th - Friends of Keswick Coffee Morning - Keswick Residential Home, Eastwick Park Avenue - 10 am to 12 noon. Cake stall, tombola etc.

VILLAGE DAY & VILLAGE WEEK

Saturday 17th - Friday 23rd SEE PROGRAMME ON P.12

JULY

Sunday 9th - The Grange Centre Summer Fête - Rectory Lane - 12 noon. Steel band, stilt man, Punch & Judy, Wildlife Aid - fun for all the family. Entrance 50p. Tel. 452608.

Sunday 9th - Bookham & Fetcham Garden Society Flower Show - Old Barn Hall - 2.30 pm. Refreshments available.

Saturday 15th - Friends of Keswick Coffee-Morning (cake stall, tombola etc.) - Keswick Residential Home, Eastwick Park Avenue -10 am to 12 noon.

EDITORIAL

I am overwhelmed by your magnificent response to my plea for articles for the Bulletin. However, you have given me quite a problem - what can I leave out? Some articles are not time related so they have been 'put on ice' for later editions. To include as many as possible in the current edition, I have edited some of them. Others I had to omit and I plead for understanding and hope you will continue to send me your contributions. My aim is to have a balance of interest; unusual hobbies and activities, news of particular interest to Bookham residents, and, of course, news from the Clubs. I give priority to contributions from our younger readers. This edition has an account of 16 year old Samantha Carr's visit to New Zealand representing UK Guiding abroad. Alan Tilling, who lives in Bookham, gives a thrilling account of Kayaking in Ecuador. Photo-Me is keeping well up with modern technology. How many of you knew that they offer more than passport photographs taken in a booth? And there are many more interesting features in this issue.

Those of you who saw the musical 'Me and My Girl' performed by Howard of Effingham pupils will agree that this was an outstanding performance. With a cast of 97 there was minimal involvement by staff and though most of those taking the lead had not done so before, the result was so professional. Saira Shaikh who produced and Nicole Allison who conducted the band with such verve are well known to us for their performances in the Old Barn Hall. They are as thrilled as we are with the outstanding talent and dedication of all who took part.

The Youth Centre has been one of the most successful in Surrey under the leadership of David Coombs. Over 400 youngsters attend each week and on Mondays 50 or so teenagers aged 14 to 18 attend. As a member of the Management Committee I am saddened by his decision to resign because of differences with his managers. It is vital that the Youth Centre continues to attract our young people who deserve inspired leadership.

Eric Lloyd Jones

NEXT ISSUE SUBMISSIONS BY 30th JUNE

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Weekly Events at The Old Barn Hall

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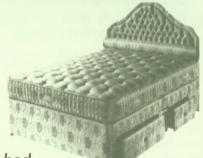


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

With the year 2000 firmly established and apparently bug free the BCA year is well under way. At the beginning of the year the Management Committee was presented with a lectern from the Bookham Afternoon W.I. and the Bookham Evening W.I. as a Millennium gift to the Bookham Community Association. This has been very much appreciated by the Committee and our thanks go to the two presidents, Joy Benny and Beryl Warne who arranged the presentation at a reception at the Old Barn Hall on the 14th January 2000. The lectern has already been put to good use by many of the organisations who use the hall.

As most of you will know Keith Preston died at the end of January this year and will be very much missed by us all as he was such a prominent member of the community. There is a separate tribute to Keith in this Bulletin, but he was so involved with the BCA over many years that it will be difficult not to think of him as the year progresses and the various activities take place in which he was so much involved. You will probably be aware that Jean Preston set up a Keith Preston Memorial Fund for the BCA and at the time of going to press has reached the magnificent sum of approximately £2000 which shows the respect in which Keith was held. At this stage it has not been specified what will be done with the fund but this will be decided in the months ahead. Jean and the BCA Committee thank everyone for their extremely generous contribution to the fund.

Although it might seem a little early in the year to be appealing to you for new committee members, time passes very quickly and before we know it the October AGM is on us. We are looking for two new committee members and if anyone feels that they would like to give a little time to the community then please call me and we can talk about the

involvement. In addition we are also looking for a new Membership Secretary as Maurice Gover who has done the job for approximately six years is having to retire from the post due to health problems. We shall miss Maurice very much but fully understand his reasons.

At this time of year we are well ahead with our plans for Village Day 2000. This year the theme is 20th Century Travel and will take place on 17th June 2000. We are hoping that we shall be able to have the procession led by some vehicles covering various years through the 20th Century followed by the Surbiton Royal British Legion Youth Marching Band and of course all the children from the various schools in costume. It is our one large fund raising event of each year and we hope to receive your full support in order to maintain the Old Barn Hall and its facilities for the use of the residents of the community. Once again Beckleys of Bookham have agreed to sponsor the event and this is very much appreciated by the Management Committee. As usual we shall have the stalls at the rear of the Barn Hall and we shall have the roundabout and steam railway for the children and adults who feel young enough to enjoy the experience. Our guest of honour who will open Village Day this year is Brenda de Bruin, Chairman of the Bookham Residents Association. The design of the programme cover has been produced by the school children of Bookham who submitted their entries at the early part of the year and it is hoped that these programmes will be delivered to your door as usual. We look forward to seeing you on the Saturday 17th June. In line with other years there will be various events throughout the following week which are listed in the programme and this Bulletin.

David Wilkins

W.I. MILLENNIUM PROJECT

The Bookhams Afternoon W.I and Evening W.I considered that a gift to the Bookham Community Association to

celebrate the Millennium would be most appropriate. Various suggestions were made and it was decided that a lectern for the benefit of all users of the hall would be acceptable and very useful.

A tea party on the afternoon of January 14th 2000 was the occasion of a very happy gathering to present this gift. The lectern was made by David Phipps of Dawson Reproductions, a local

craftsman, who 'just happened' to have a suitable piece of oak which he stained to match the timbers of the 400 year

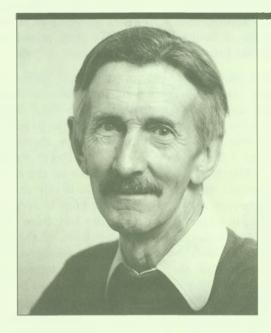
old hall. It is so beautifully polished it feels like silk. A light to make reading notes easier and a commemorative brass plate have been incorporated in the design.

design.

In the photograph are Joy Benny, President of the Afternoon W.I., David Wilkins, BCA Chairman, Alan Zoers, BCA President and Beryl Warne President of the Evening W.I.



KEITH PRESTON 1925 - 2000



eith was born in Nottingham, the son of a solicitor, and was educated in Nottingham High School. He spent 18 months in the Midland Bank before being called up in April 1943 serving 4½ years with the Royal Army Ordinance Corps in West Africa and Egypt.

On demobilisation he spent 4 years in the Foreign Office, with spells in Singapore and Damascus, but in 1951 he decided that a nomadic life had its drawbacks and so entered the world of insurance with Friends Provident, qualifying as a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute and later being appointed an Associate of the Pensions Management Institute.

Keith spent 36 years with Friends Provident dealing with the administration of their insured pension schemes. After his retirement in 1985, he devoted a day a week as an unpaid volunteer with the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service, where he shared his in-depth knowledge and experience with members of many occupational pension schemes - and scheme managements.

Jean and Keith had a common interest in amateur dramatics and were married in 1955, living in Twickenham for a couple of years. On moving to Bookham in 1957 they quickly became involved in the Bookham Community Association and many of its associated Clubs. From 1958 to 1999 Keith was to be seen from the start through to the finish of every Village Day. First he would be hard at work in his "working clothes" setting up stalls, then in his "Sunday best" to greet guests and, finally, in a costume appropriate to the theme of the day. Keith was a Members' Representative on the Council from 1982, worked on the Committee which drew up the

new Constitution and, when that had been accepted, was elected to the Executive Committee. He was Chairman of the Committee from 1989 to 1993 and President of BCA from 1993 to 1996.

He was an excellent chairman who generated in the Committees a strong sense of loyalty, goodwill and a desire to succeed in all things – and did all this with an absence of fuss. Although on first meeting he appeared to be diffident and indecisive this was far from the case. Tactfully, he would let his audience know that he had very firm views on a wide range of subjects. Thanks to his example, hard work and leadership his last year as President was the most successful (financially, at current values) that BCA has ever had.

Keith retained his passion for amateur dramatics and he and Jean were two of the founder members of the Bookham Players in 1963 and for 37 years Keith strove to achieve the very best standards of amateur theatre for the community, with outstanding success. At various times Keith was Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. He acted, produced and directed, helped plan and build sets and carried out many other functions which helped to build up a prodigious number of loyal friends and theatre supporters.

At the age of 72, Keith played the part of a widower in 'A Month of Sundays'. He quickly memorised 72 pages of the script and was on the stage for the entire play. This was an outstanding performance. All his natural wit, timing and stage presence went into the part, making him totally convincing.

For many years Bookham Players provided an annual production at the Betchworth Festival, winning many cups for their performances. Keith was at various times Chairman and Treasurer of the Festival.

An extension of his theatre activities was helping with the open Air Theatre at Polesden Lacey. A very willing steward, Keith also helped with the arduous task of clearing the site afterwards.

Keith contributed much copy to the Bookhams Bulletin over more than 40 years - articles, reviews, appreciations. His humanity and sense of humour came through in all of these.

He collapsed in Lloyds Bank, Bookham and died a few days later on 26 January without regaining consiousness. Bookham has lost a devoted servant to the community. We send our deepest sympathy to Jean.

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Early difficulties were overcome and the business was expanded with the formation of Photo-Me studios in 1958. The new

company operated photo booths in the UK. The key point in the company's development came when the UK passport agency granted approval for Black & White & Colour photographs in 1976. This transformed the company from an amusement machine operator to a valued supplier of a public service. Expansion continued throughout the world, and today Photo-Me is the world's leading manufacturer and operator of photo booths with 22,000 currently in use in over 100 countries. There are 4,700 booths currently operating in the UK in major supermarkets, railway stations, airports and other retail operators. Photo-Me International is in a position to maintain and increase its share of a market that is due to expand rapidly with the introduction of photographs onto driving licences and also with the new children's passports.

Photo-Me International was originally based in Walton upon Thames, but the lease expired and they had to find another base for their Headquarters. It was necessary to find somewhere that was large enough to house the expanding company. Bookham was chosen for it is very well positioned, with easy access to both London Airports, easy access to the M25 and most important - the price was right. Photo-Me has now been based at Bookham for 11 years.

There are now two main types of photobooths. There is the traditional photo booth offering 4 ID photos and an advanced photo booth, Photovision, which offers ID photos, fun photos or portrait photos. This machine has the unique function of allowing users to view their photo before it is printed and also offers a re-pose option, if required. Both



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machines offer passport approved photographs.

Photo-Me also manufactures and operates children's rides and weighing scales. It also makes and operates leisure products including the Sticker Player and card machines. The Sticker and Picture Card machine allows the users to choose a desired background and places their image onto the sticker/card.

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the latest technology it can deliver passport and driving licence approved photographs in less than one minute. Access to the Internet and e-mail means that all photographs can be emailed as well as printed. The photo booth is ideal for high profile locations and the first PhotoPlanet booths were launched during April. The first 10 are located in and around the London retail and travel sites. This exciting new development has raised the company profile to a high level and will ensure future growth of the company.

The company manufactures it's own equipment on site in Grenoble, Southern France. Its world-wide repair and maintenance base is in Bookham. Photo-Me has 250+ full time service staff in the UK operating from 5 regional centres. An advanced communication network with on line data capture means Photo-Me can respond very quickly. All machines are visited at least twice a week. A 24-hour call centre offers a dedicated service to our customers and a fast call out response. All customers are offered a no quibble, money back guarantee.

With over 50 years of experience Photo-Me International has become very successful and with technology changing and improving all the time, it will continue to be the leader in the Photo Booth Industry.

If anyone does require any photographs, Photo-Me has a studio located in the reception area of its Bookham Office opposite the station. Please feel free to use the booth for ID photos, which currently vend at £3 for 4 approved colour ID.

Floating Through Ecuador by Alan Tilling

Way back in the early '90s I made my first trip to South America, Chile had been high on my kayaking 'wish list' for many years and the sheer exuberance of paddling the pristine white water of that country's most beautiful rivers justified the long wait. I remember the sheer sided gorges, runnable 35ft waterfalls and immensely powerful water with awe and ever since have longed to return to that continent.

Last November I made that long awaited return, however this time the rules of engagement were slightly altered, I had a wife of 3 years and a daughter of 10 months and was under explicit orders 'not to do anything silly'. So it was to Ecuador I travelled this time on the recommendation of a good kayaking friend who had been there the previous year. The stories of warm rivers, high mountains, historic

cultures and incredibly friendly locals was enough to persuade myself and a couple of good friends that this would be the perfect place to get away from the onset of a cold, wet British winter. In fact I painted such a perfect picture that three other friends joined the trip just a few weeks before departure. So it was six of us who landed in Quito amid rumours that volcano huge overshadowing the city was about to blow its top and the

native Indian population were planning to overthrow the government. However we had the good fortune to arrive at midnight on the day of a national festival and the whole city was far more concerned with merry making.

After a brief night in a local hostel we travelled to the town of Tena, a five hour drive south east of Quito and adjacent to some of the highest peaks in the Andes which unfortunately were obscured from us as we were deeply embedded in the jungle. What followed was 10 days of perfect weather and kayaking on rivers ranging from small steep boulder strewn creeks to big volume play rivers, all

within an hours drive of our base.

Two rivers deserve special mention for very different reasons. The Hollin was perhaps the most picturesque with silver waterfalls plunging from the cliffs on both sides, parrots flying through the dense jungle canopy and small shy monkeys sitting in the trees watching us inquisitively. As if this wasn't enough the whole river then flowed through a cave making the whole journey akin to a Tolkein fantasy. It was during the walk in to this river that, with impeccable timing, a rather cute hairy tarantula dropped from a branch onto the seat of Paul's kayak which he was dragging laboriously through the dense vegetation, unfortunately his eye just caught it and what followed resembled a Tom and Jerry caper to try and extricate the

unfortunate creature from the deepest recesses of the craft, which was eventually achieved without loss of either life.

The Upper Jondachi provided the greatest challenge both mentally and skills wise, a steep low volume creek that gave the effect of kayaking down a staircase, except it went on for 15 miles. Added to this the knowledge that some Spaniards had been caught out a few days earlier when

heavy rain brought the river up several feet didn't help when large drops started falling from the sky shortly followed by stair rods. However with delicate tiptoeing around rocks and over small waterfalls we managed to get to our rendezvous without mishap but perhaps with a few extra grey hairs.

Perhaps the most unusual experience of the whole trip was my slow transition to deafness over the course of a week. I had suffered 'swimmers ear' previously but this had a twist explained to me by an American Physician who was staying at the same accommodation and was also a paddler. A small amount of water had become trapped in my ears and because

of the humidity a perfect incubation chamber had established itself in the outer ear canal that now resembled a small mushroom farm. The cure was to syringe with warm water and hydrogen peroxide. What eventually popped out was slimy and beyond belief, my hearing was restored instantly and I was one very grateful patient.

Back in the UK spring is now upon us and I'm starting to plan this winter's exploits, Mountain Biking in Peru is a distinct possibility, who knows?



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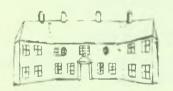
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Sunday 18th June

6.30pm: United Churches Open Air Service - St Nicolas

Churchvard.

Monday 19th June

8.00pm: Gardeners Question Time organised by the

Garden Society.

Tuesday 20th June

9.00am - 12 Noon:

Bookham Craft Club Open Day. Coffee, tea and

a stall for Craft Sales

7.45pm: Barn Hall Quiz Night. Local teams test their general knowledge. Organised by Bookham and Fetcham Garden Society.

Wednesday 21st June

2.30pm: Creative Writing Group in the Harrison Room.

U3A devote an afternoon to new writing.

6.30pm: Bingo Special in the Harrison Room

7.30pm: Village Week Dance in the Old Barn Hall,

organised by the Bookham Sequence Dance Club.

Thursday 22nd June

7.30pm: Bridge Supper, organised by U3A for local

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Friday 23rd June

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Over the years the performances have increased in number, variety, and appeal. The enchanting setting of the amphitheatre in Polesden's garden setting is enhanced by modern lighting and high quality sound systems, so that all seating areas can enjoy the shows without straining eye or ear.

The traditional Polesden Fair will be combined with the Box Hill Fair to create a Surrey Hills Country Fair on the final Sunday of the festival. This will make a memorable day out for all ages.

Over the last few years many stars of stage and screen have graced the events, and this year is no exception, as we will be entertained by Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Barron Knights, The Tornadoes, Susan Maugham and Jess Conrad, and also welcome back Angela Rippon.

Live theatre is struggling to survive in many parts of our country. We have seen casualties within our own area. Yet, Polesden Lacey provides an opportunity to see high quality entertainment within one of the most attractive environs you are likely to see. The full programme is given on the Bulletin Web.

This year's programme runs from Friday 16th June to Sunday 2nd July.

Details are as follows:

The Brass Band Millennium 16 June 8pm A Tribute to the Legends of Jazz 17 June 8pm Fireworks Finale **Sunday Lunchtime Family Concert** 18 June 12 noon **Sunday Night is Music Night** 18 June 8pm Fireworks Finale 411 **Guys & Dolls** 22-25 June 8pm Sat matinée 2.30pm A Midsummer Night's Dream 29 June - 1 July Sat matinee 2.30pm The Surrey Hills Country Fair 2 July 11am - 5pm Sounds of the Sixties 2 July 8pm



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LINKING

Bookham residents in Links Way are linking together with a common community spirit by opening their gardens on Saturday 3rd June, from 2pm until 5pm to raise money for the Leatherhead Swans Club for the disabled. Each garden has a different theme:



From Left to Right Lesley Taylor - Plant Lovers Garden Lesley James - Family Garden

Sheila Donovan - Wildlife, and a garden to stimulate the five senses.

Peggy Layton - Low maintenance Garden.

The Leatherhead Swans, who celebrate their 25th anniversary this year, is a sports and social club which welcomes members from the whole Leatherhead area and meets every Tuesday evening at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre.

Links Way is off Woodlands Road and entry is £1. Afternoon teas will be available plus tombola, plants, bric a brac and a raffle. Phone Sheila Donovan on 452872 if you would like further information.

BOOKHAM CRAFT CLUB

Bookham Craft Club meets on every second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Harrison Room in the Old Barn Hall between 9.15am and 12noon.

We are a very friendly Club with a membership of about 40 ladies and one gentleman!! We have a Craft Demonstration once a month and free time on alternative Tuesday when we do our own thing which includes a lot of chatting!!

We always welcome new members, so please walk in and pay us a visit.

Sheila Hall (Secretary)

BOOKHAM LIGHT OPERATIC SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 1984 as The Barn Operatic Society. We changed the name last year to Bookham Light Operatic Society to emphasise the fact that it is Bookham's local Society. We hope that more Bookham and District people will get to know us and to join us. We have vacancies for all ages in singing and non singing roles. We are particularly keen to see more teenagers join us.

This year our main show at the Adrian Mann Theatre is *The Merry Widow* and we are supporting the Princess Alice Hospice with each performance.

In the summer we will be staging *The Sorceror* at the Fetcham Village Hall with each performance, again in support of the Princess Alice Hospice.

Rehearsals are held on Friday evenings in Bookham and are great fun. The Society has a strong social tradition; skittles evenings, safari suppers and garden parties are regular favourites.

Please phone Ray Spooner on 457248 for further details.

PLANNED MILLENNIUM EVENTS for Bookham, Effingham and Fetcham

A number of events are being planned in the three villages for this millennium year to celebrate 2000 years of Christian witness to the world. In addition to open-air public acts of worship in each village on three different dates, and a holiday Bible club for children during Easter week, there will be a number of other events which should appeal to a wide cross section of the village communities and also to visiting members of the public.

These include: An open churches day on 29 April, when five churches in Bookham and Fetcham will be presenting displays and exhibitions, including a treasure hunt for children. A celebratory and colourful walk of witness on the morning of 10 June through Bookham, when Christians in the villages will be witnessing publicly to their faith. A flower festival in all four churches in Effingham and Little Bookham on 10-11 June, with a concert in All Saints church on the Sunday evening. Bookham Village Day on 17 June, in and around the Barn Hall, will include an exhibition stand with the theme Jesus 2000. Fetcham Village Day on 28 August at the Cock Lane recreation ground will feature an all-age "It's a Knockout", with many stalls and refreshments run by local organisations. And, finally, the Christian musical Hopes and Dreams will be presented at the Howard of Effingham school on 26-28 October: the production contains music, dance and comedy and brings together local talent in all these disciplines.

AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

South Bookham School DOLPHIN CLUB provides after school childcare for children attending South Bookham School full time and children up to year 4 from local Bookhom schools. It is run as a non-profit making organisation by a voluntary management committee made up of parents and the Headteacher.

It is fully endorsed by the Surrey Out of School Care Initiative and registered with social services. It is not an extension of the school day and the children can choose from a range of activities which are varied on a daily basis to ensure variety.

The Dolphin Club is run during term time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3pm to 5.30pm. The fee per child, per session is £6. Arrangements can be made for transport to the school at a fee of £1 per child.

It is not necessary to commit to the same day for weeks on end. A flexible service is offered and attendance once in a while is possible provided spaces are available.

For further information please contact Sue Fritch, 453558 or Ruth Romer 800860.

1350 - an errand from the Abben: more insights into the history of Bookham by Libby Matts



rother Richarde atte Mulle had just finished clearing up after Mass and was feeling very

fatigued, when suddenly he became aware of a young man standing in the aisle.

'Can I help you?' he said.

'I have come for the possessions of William of Blaston,' explained the youth.

'Ah yes, my predecessor suffered greatly like so many in this village. The previous Vicar Richard Palmere was one of the

first to die. Only six of the monks at the hospital at Sandown survived.'

'Was Bocheham greatly affected by the Plague?'

'As much as most, though since our agriculture is very mixed we have suffered less than some through the loss of labour.'

'So cruel a pestilence!' The young man lowered his voice. 'Know you how it started?'

'They say it came from overseas and first struck Melcombe in Dorset before sweeping on through the Southern Counties.'

'Be you the Vicar here?'

'That I am. The living of the Rectory was bought by Venerable Brother Thomas of Okham for the Abbey of Chertsey in 1292, with permission of the Bishop of Winchester.'

'And how live you in this country place?'

'I dwell in the house which once belonged to Gilbert the Clerk and I use the Rector's Barn. I receive tithes from the local gardens and any crops which are produced with a spade – but the tithes from the wool and hay go to the Abbey. I have to supply two candles for the Chapel of St Nicholas, while the Abbey repairs the church and supplies the ornaments, books and candles for the High Altar of St Mary the Virgin.'

The youth looked around. 'This place interests me. Tell me of its history.'





The gargoyles were made at this time and are on the outside of the east window

Brother Richarde sat down on the base of a pillar. 'The original church was of wood, before they built it of local flint. As the village began to increase in size they extended it, first building the small aisle on the south side and forty years later, in 1180, the small North Aisle. They also built the Tower but decided to finish it with a wooden "Essex" top and spire. The font is of Sussex stone.'

'The paintings are old!'

'They are late Saxon, early Norman and

were damaged in the building of the North Aisle. If it weren't so dark this day you could tell that they depict the life of Christ –that one you can see is the Annunciation.'

'This Sanctuary – is it new?'

'It is. We had but a round apse until our great Abbot, John de Rutherwyke, who died in 1346, decided that the original Chancel was too small and had it extended.'

'It is not in line with the nave.'

'You observe well. It represents Christ on the Crucifix, the way His head leans on the Cross. See the Dedication Stone is beside the Altar, with the date, 1341?'

'Ah yes, it was around then, or rather in 1340, that Queen Philippa presided with the 'Court' at Chertsey while the King was engaged in France. Did she visit Bocheham?'

'That I know not,' replied the Cleric, rising and walking over to the low window in the Chancel to see who might be knocking there. 'A leper, begging for alms,' he said, his voice low and tired. 'He'll be on his way to the leper hospital at Kingston. But what more can I do for you, young man? Do you want the candles?'

'You keep them,' replied the Steward.

Brother Richarde turned and gave him the bundle of items he had requested, then returned to attend to his duties. 'God go with you,' he said.

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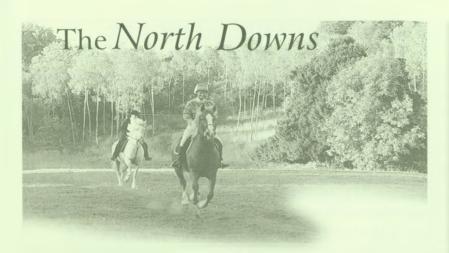
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I climb to a stout, new bench, wood still pale and fresh.

The North Downs undulate from my feet

Down to a small, dense wood and up beyond.

A cyclist, old and slow, fights hard up the steep, chalk path.

A chestnut mare gallops up the same hill with an easy, powerful grace.

Steam rises as horse and rider pause at the summit.

An old man appears in the distance with his two dogs. His walk a deliberate, flat-footed, old man's gait As if something aches and stirs inside him.

The dogs make their regular run up the hill to my bench.
One rolls in the muddy grass, miming ecstasy.
The old man arrives, dog leads swinging from his hands.

He smiles.

How his mother must have cried When she saw her longed-for dear with such an ugly wound. Now, most of a century later, the tell-tale lipscar of a healed cleft-pallet Merely adds a crooked charm to his warm smile.

I move down to the wood, not so dense from here.
Wild primroses everywhere, creamy-yellow in the thin sunshine.
I reach the top of the last hill before home.

Suddenly, a great flock of seagulls bursts upwards from a field. They wheel and turn like a white sheet flapping in the wind Then drop down again to forage behind the plough.

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CARING FOR SURREY DISABLED

Some of the newer readers of the Bookhams Bulletin may be unaware that situated in Leatherhead is an organisation called the Voluntary Association for Surrey Disabled.

The VASD is a well established charity whose aims are to enable disabled people in Surrey live more independently.

During the summer months the charity runs a programme of holidays in the United Kingdom for disabled people under the age of 80. The guests are accompanied by voluntary helpers who are on hand to provide that extra bit of help, if required. The 2000 brochure is out now and can be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope (9" x 6.5") to the address below.

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Beaver Scouts are the youngest members of the Scout Association being 6-8 years old. programme is varied at every Colony so you will find happy and enthusiastic participants, including the leaders! We have two leaders and regular help from keen parents who want their share of the fun. According to the boys, their leader, Caroline, can shout very loudly and won't let them play football. Dean, the assistant leader, is marvellous with the boys in running games, setting up the activities and having a go at everything, no mean feat as he is visually impaired.

If you would like to know more about a place for your son or becoming a leader, please contact Caroline Gunning, the Beaver Scout Leader on 457736.

NEW ZEALAND JAMBOREE

Having passed through the selection process at Division, County and Region levels for guides wishing to be considered to represent UK Guiding abroad, I was lucky enough to be selected as one of ten girls and two leaders who came from all over the UK to take part in ERA 2000, New Zealand in January 2000.

The 26 hour plane flight was a new experience for everyone and one I think we all enjoyed. However the time differences were a little too much for us to comprehend - with LA being 6 hours behind the UK and Auckland being 13 hours ahead we arrived in New Zealand on the Wednesday morning having left London Heathrow on the Monday morning and wondered where Tuesday had gone!

The Jamboree lasted for 8 days and took place in a national park just outside Rotorua. When we arrived, we found that we were in fact the only Internationals at this camp apart from some Americans at one of the sister sites. Other countries had cancelled due to Millennium Rising Flight Prices! This was a bit disappointing but with 1,200 New Zealanders all welcoming us at the opening ceremony we soon felt at home.

The camp was split into 8 grouped colours - and each colour had 8 units of about 30 girls. As there were only 12 of us we were split up and placed all over in separate groups and units. I must admit that this was very daunting at first but my unit was very welcoming and I soon made friends. Each group had 3 days off site to visit different places of interest around Rotorua - 1 day learning about the local history, 1 day learning about exactly why Rotorua smelt as it did - the earths crust is very thin in the area and hot springs contain sulphur. Then 1 fun day out to the Luge - a karting track winding down a mountain, and we even got to visit MacDonalds!

Every evening there was something different planned - these activities ranged from a senior stay-up when we hiked to a nearby field and did some night time activities, then slept in a huge marquee and walked back to a communal campfire for breakfast. The closing ceremony was great fun - our UK contingent had been asked to do some sort of entertainment and the obvious British thing we could think of in the 10 minutes we had available to us, was to do a medley of Spice Girls songs. Dressed from head to toe in Union Jacks with our hair and makeup done we proceeded to the main arena in a chain and were greeted by the laughter of literally, a thousand people. Our act seemed to be enjoyed by all, so much so, that in the disco that followed we were asked to take the stage everytime a Spice Girl song was played!

After the jamboree, we had a most enjoyable 6 day tour of New Zealand and were very sorry when the time came to board the plane for the long journey home. From this fantastic experience I've made good friends both in New Zealand and the UK and I hope we shall all keep in touch - I'm looking forward to our UK Reunion later this year.

Samantha Carr

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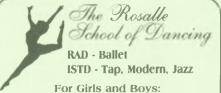


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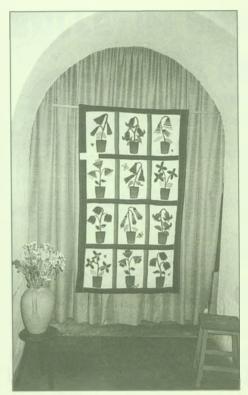
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