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IT WILL SOON BE VILLAGE WEEK!

SATURDAY 21ST TO FRIDAY 27TH JUNE!



Last year's procession: photo by Harold Hopkins

Are you ready for Village Day and Village Week? The dates are the 21st to the 27th of June and a full programme of events, sideshows and entertainment have been planned. Last year was a splendid occasion helped by some beautiful weather and we can only hope for still better this year. It all begins on the Saturday morning with the colourful procession down the High Street starting at 11.30am. The picture of last year's procession above reminds us of the glorious occasion. The official opening at the Old Barn Hall is at 12 noon.

Plans are well advanced for the many entertainments, stalls and sideshows both at the Hall and in the field, with Punch and Judy, events in the arena, children's roundabout, refreshments and everything for a really enjoyable day.

The full timetable of events is shown on page 7 both for Village Day and Village Week and you also should receive the official programme delivered to your door which gives details of how to book yourself into events for the week.

An event takes place every night of the week. A United Churches service on the Sunday, Monday has the Bridge Club during the day and a Garden Society evening with an interesting talk about Hampton Court. Tuesday has the Craft Club during the day and Quiz Night in the evening. Wednesday is Bingo in one room and the Dance in the main Hall. Thursday is the Bridge Club Supper and Friday, the Dixieland Jazz Night.

Whatever you do - come and enjoy yourself!

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What's Happening

MAY

Thursday 22nd - Bookham Help Your Neighbour Scheme Coffee Morning - St. Nicolas Church Room - 10 am to 12 noon. All welcome.

Thursday 29th - Bookham Commons National Trust Wine & Cheese Event - Old Barn Hall - 7 pm for 7.30. Talk by Dr. Peter Brandham of Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew - "Arctic and Alpine" - botany in mountains, lakes and glaciers in the Alps and Iceland. Tickets £8 from Granary Crafts on 458600 and Ron Smith on 452361.

JUNE

Friday 6th & Saturday 7th - The Grange Centre's Open Days - 10 am to 4 pm. Beautiful gardens and various exhibits in the Victorian Walled Garden. A range of Creative Textiles. Shops and refreshments in the ballroom.

Saturday 21st - 27th

VILLAGE WEEK

Monday 23rd - Bookham, Fetcham & District Garden Society - illustrated talk on "The Development and History of Hampton Court and its Gardens" - Old Barn Hall - 8 pm.

JULY

Saturday 12th - Bookham Choral Society's Summer Concert of music by Haydn and Mozart - St. Nicolas Church 7.30 pm. Further details from Joan Hyslop on 458694.

Sunday 13th - The Grange Centre's 65th Anniversary Garden Party - 12 noon to 4 pm. Jazz band, opera singers, games, barbecue, bar, raffle. Bring your own picnic parties.

Sunday 13th - Bookham, Fetcham & District Garden Society Summer Show - Old Barn Hall - 2.30 pm.

Friday 25th - Sunday 3rd Aug - Polesden Lacey Festival.

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.

Editorial

I am sure you would like me to thank Eric on behalf of all our readers for the work he has put into producing the Bookhams Bulletin for many years. It certainly has maintained an excellence which must be envied by many other villages, and much of this is due to Eric. It has been beautifully presented and always contains so many interesting and informative articles. I know Eric has been well supported by you, the readers. The Bulletin does depend on receiving the many articles describing the news of the clubs and the events in Bookham.

It is surprising how quickly the quarters come round and a new edition has to be started. I am already appreciative of the support you have given me in my new role as editor. Of course the editor's job is far easier than it used to be. There is e-mail and ready prepared articles on disc, and photos are far easier to handle. Ruth Little, who was the editor several years ago, has contributed an article reminding us of the time when editing was a far more earthy occupation, with no word processing on a computer to help - the typewriter was the only aid. Mistakes were hard to correct with manual layouts.

Having already helped Eric with the beginning of the year Bulletin, I also appreciate the enormous contribution Surrey Litho makes to our publication. They bring the Bulletin to life with many 'touches' on every page in terms of layouts, choice of fonts, clip art, as well as their expertise in handling text and photographs, and of course, the printing itself.

So now to summer! Village Day and Week approaches, and I am sure you will all help to make it an enormous success. Harry Hopkins is keeping his camera in good order to give us another set of marvellous photographic records. Let's hope the weather will support us to make it another glorious occasion!

It will also be the time for the Polesden Lacey Festival week, slightly later than usual (July 25th - Aug 3rd). There's a very attractive programme but I must say the prices look high. But of course, you could volunteer to help....

NEXT ISSUE SUBMISSIONS BY 31st JUNE

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'What's Happening' notices to **Joy Tobin**, 4 Downs Way (453340)



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Weekly Events at The Old Barn Hall

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Afternoon Bridge Club - Monday & Thursday

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Bookham Toddler Group - Tuesday Morning

Evening Bridge Club - Tuesday

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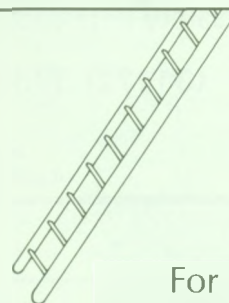
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Village Day is June 21 and gives all the chance to meet old friends, make new ones and appreciate the diversity of life in our village. All ages will be there and it is always so good to see our younger Bookhamites (is that a word?) who will process and entertain us in the arena as well as the older generations mixing and enjoying the array of stalls and the company of others.

The Day and the event-packed week that follows raises a major part of our funding for the upkeep and improvement of the Old Barn Hall so please come along and support us but, most of all enjoy it! Many thanks to all of you who make it possible.

We hope that the very many of you who enjoy the facilities at the hall are finding our new chairs comfortable. The old ones had done a great job but were fading fast and reupholstering them was not cost effective. The new ones look good and are considerably easier to move around and stack.

You will see in the Bulletin an appreciation of the major contribution to the BCA made by the many collectors of subscriptions and the distributors who deliver the Bulletin. We owe them a big thank you, as we do to Eric Lloyd Jones who has edited the Bulletin for the last few years. During that time he has encompassed wholeheartedly the electronic age and taken full advantage of the higher quality production techniques that these allow. Invariably he has produced a lively and interesting read and we appreciate all his hard work. Eric feels the time has come to step down and will do so at the AGM in October. In the meantime Martin Warwick has been working with him and has edited this edition and will be formally proposed as Editor at the AGM

Keith Slark

AN APPRECIATION OF OUR BCA SUBSCRIPTION COLLECTORS & BULLETIN DISTRIBUTORS

At a recent gathering of our helpers Keith Slark expressed his thanks on behalf of the BCA to the many villagers who collect the subscriptions for the BCA and also distribute the Bulletin house by house. The gathering was well supported in numbers and also by the generous refreshments.

'Invitations went out to 150 people which just goes to show how dependent the BCA is on the support of the Community,' Keith Slark said.

'Community is at the centre of our name and is at the centre of what we are trying to achieve. We are here to maintain and improve the facilities we have at The Old Barn Hall for those in the village now and for future generations. The financing of this task is helped tremendously by the income from membership subscriptions each year, which also help to generate a feeling of involvement in the BCA for people perhaps not otherwise involved.

We wanted the opportunity to thank all of you who trudge the streets persuading villagers to part with their money and new members to join. Thanks also to Jennifer Blackburn, our Membership Secretary, for her organisation.

For very many years the BCA has been committed to publishing the Bookhams Bulletin as a major contribution to fostering and maintaining the village community feeling which makes the Bookhams such a pleasant place to live.

We may not be unique but there are few places of this size that continue to take pride in a village feel.

The Bulletin is delivered to every house in the village and ensures that people are aware of what has gone on, what is going on and what people hope will go on. This entails considerable work by our Editor and his team, by our printers and by you, the distributors.

Production is also dependent upon our printers, Surrey Litho, who do much more than print. They put a great deal of work into layout and graphics to produce the professional and attractive journal that we are used to. Just as importantly they manage the advertising for the BCA which produces the revenue to make it all work.

Finally when it is ready much depends on Bill Whitman, his sorters and his large team of distributors. This is a time consuming job four times each year but without you all the rest would be for nothing. Thank you all very much.'

Bill wishes to take a back seat from October and we are looking for someone to take his position. If you feel you could help or know anyone who might please speak to Bill (453430) or myself (457375).

Keith Slark

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VILLAGE WEEK

21ST TO 27TH JUNE

VILLAGE DAY - SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

THEME - FIN, FUR AND FEATHER!

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11.30am Local school children process down the High Street to the Old Barn Hall

Costumes judged by Rev Penny Fleming

12.00 noon Official Opening by our sponsor - T W White & Sons

Arena entertainment, Punch and Judy, stalls and sideshows indoors and outside, childrens roundabout, refreshments in the Hall and outside on the field

BOOKHAM VILLAGE WEEK PROGRAMME

Sunday 22nd June	6.30pm	United Churches Open Air Service - St Nicolas Churchyard
Monday 23rd June	11.00am	Afternoon Bridge Club Lunch (11.00am - 4.00pm)
	8.00pm	Garden Society Evening - Talks and slides about Hampton Court (Development and History)
Tuesday 24th June	10.00am	Bookham Craft Club Open Day - 10am to 12 noon - Coffee and tea, and stall for craft with Supper
	7.45pm	Old Barn Hall Quiz Night - local teams test their general knowledge Organised by the Bookham Players
Wednesday 25th June	7.30pm	Harrison Room Bingo Special - Presented by the Bingo Club
	7.30pm	Village Week Dance - Presented by Bookham Sequence Dance Club
Thursday 26th June	7.00pm	Bridge Supper - Presented by U3A
Friday 27th June	7.45pm	Dixieland Jazz Night with Supper - with the ever popular Brian White Jazz Band

More Details of the Week and how to Book are in the Official

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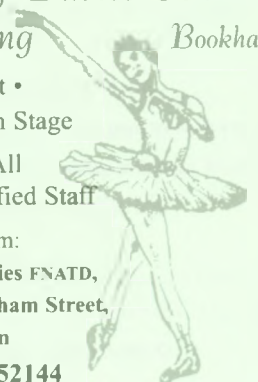
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Festival Events (Friday 25th July – Sunday 3rd August)

25th July	Opera Gala Evening 8pm Tickets: £19-£40
26th July	The John Miller Orchestra 8pm Tickets: £17-£40
27th July	The Teddy Bear Concert 2.30pm-4.30pm Tickets: £7-£20
27th July	Classical Evening Recital 8pm Tickets: £17-£35
31st July - 2nd Aug	A Midsummer Nights Dream 8pm nightly, matinee on 2nd August 2.30pm Tickets: £7-£35
3rd August	Ali Ba Ba and the 40 Thieves 12.30pm-2.15pm Tickets: £7-£20

Obituaries...

Dorothy Shilling

We sadly have to report the death of Dorothy Shilling at the Broome Park Home, Betchworth on 31st January 2003. She was 83 years of age.

She was a founder member of the New Malden Cancer Relief Committee and their secretary until her move to Bookham in 1971. Dorothy very soon set herself the task of forming a new committee and was successful in persuading NatWest Bank to loan her the use of a shop next to the bank. Many residents will remember this first charity shop for the bargains to be had and the large stock of childrens' clothes. In 1994 Dorothy was awarded for her services, the Society's highest accolade, the Presidents Medal.

Running parallel with Cancer Relief, her other passions were the Townswomens' Guild and the entertainments subsection of the Guild. Her membership spanned a period of fifty years.

This year Dorothy and Jack, her husband, celebrated sixty two years of happy married life together. Truly, she was a lady of considerable talent with a wealth of feeling and understanding for others. She will be sadly missed.

Ernest William Hulford

Ernie died on the 28th January aged 87. He moved to Bookham in 1937 to work in the Church Road Saw Mill and after the war at the Water Company. He later worked as a groundsman at the Chrystie Recreation Ground. In his retirement days he was asked to go to the schools to talk about his life in the Home Guard and World War II. He also helped in writing a book on Old Bookham.

Ernie and his wife Edie had 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He loved his Recreation Ground job, meeting lots of people, playing with the children and talking to dog walkers.

In his later life, Ernie had to move to Southey Court with ill health but he always loved shopping in the village to meet the people who knew him and have a chat.

All his family and friends will sadly miss him.

Bill Stone

Bill recently died in his 91st year. His many customers will remember him at his Stones DIY shop in the village. Amongst his many interests was his support for Guide Dogs for the Blind. He will be sadly missed by his wife and three generations of his family.

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Events Calendar

May 24th~31st - Maze Week
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May 29th - Spring Woodland Stroll

10.30am-12.30pm Gentle stroll around the Estate. Tickets £2

June 3rd~27th - Sculpture Trail

Display of sculptures around the garden and formal grounds

June 15th - National Garden Scheme Day

June 18th - Mid-Summer Garden Tour with Head Gardener, Stephen Torode

2pm-4.30pm Tour of the formal gardens. Tickets £8

June 26th and 31st - Wild Flower Wander around the Estate

10.30am-12.30pm Tickets £2

July 7th National Garden Scheme Day

August 5th Childrens' Countryside Capers - Bugs & Bloomers

2pm-4pm £2.50 per child (must be accompanied by an adult)

August 13th Childrens' Countryside Capers - Creepies & Crawlies

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August 6th-9th Mud, Mulch & Marigolds

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The Saloon or Gold Room

This winter work in the Gold Room has gone into replacing the silk hangings and the missing carpets and runners to recapture the room as it was in Mrs Greville's time.

A sample, together with all background information, was sent to the expert Richard Humphries Weaving Company, who make the rich fabrics for the royal palaces. The company believed the original would have been a silk and gold lampas, a construction much more complex than the cloth used in 1960 after the fire. 19th century handlooms are used which ensures that the textile is copied accurately in structure as well as in design.

Just after the house was reopened this season the final work of refitting was still being carried out and the public could talk to the restorers. They also brought along samples of the cloths used at Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace and examples of the beautiful silks could be handled.

The overall effect is much richer and brighter than before and the room is now further restored to reflect the glory of Mrs Greville's day.



Summer Festival of Music & Theatre at Polesden Lacey



This year the complete Festival is being moved to the West Lawn. It is an intimate area between the heavily scented Rose Garden and the Regency villa, providing space for just 600 people each night. In changing the setting and extending the programme with an afternoon of fun theatre especially for children and their families, there really is something for everyone. The West Lawn venue provided a fabulous setting for the 2002 Shakespeare production - 'Love's Labour's Lost'.

"After such positive feedback from last year's audience and so much competition locally in terms of the larger pop concerts, we decided to make the most of our unique setting and hold the 2003 Festival on the West Lawn," said Julianne Davis, Polesden Lacey's Property Manager. "The venue is not only superb, but it also allows us to enjoy a full auditorium and ensure this spectacular fundraising event is as financially successful as it has been in past years. There's no reason why we won't use the previous theatre site in future, but for now, the West Lawn is an exciting alternative for the audience and the performers."

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65th Anniversary Celebrations Continue

The Charity originated in 1927 when Miss Julia Sweet founded the School of Stitchery and Lace in Leicestershire. The School (renamed the Grange Centre in the 70's) moved to Bookham in 1938, so this year is our 65th anniversary in the Village. We have a number of events to help all of us celebrate this happy occasion.

The next events will be our Summer Open Days, on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th June from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. These Open Days are always very popular and we have moved them from May to June to be closer to Bookham Village Day. We always try to give our visitors the opportunity to see the Grange Centre with everyone in action; whether working in the beautiful gardens or producing fine tapestry, quilts, silk scarves, cards and other work in our Creative Textiles Centre. We also have several exhibits in the marquee in the Victorian Walled Garden and you can buy home produced goods from our two shops and generally enjoy a relaxing time with refreshments served in the Ballroom.

The following month we celebrate our actual 65th Anniversary with a Garden Party on Sunday 13th July from 12 noon to 4.00 pm. I hope you agree that 65 years

in Bookham justifies a good party! Says Tess Smith, who has been at The Grange Centre for 57 years, 'since I arrived in October 1946, when there was only the Main House, I have seen many, many changes. I have also had a most enjoyable time. I hope that lots and lots of people will come to share our 65th birthday with us'.



(Tess Smith with Anthea Meigh preparing plants for sale in the poly tunnel)

The Garden Party will include a jazz band on the front lawn and Opera Brava performing excerpts of Gilbert and Sullivan and other pieces behind the house on the sloping lawn in front of the swimming pool. There will be games, a barbecue, a bar, a raffle and at least one birthday cake! We will make the gardens available for visitors to bring their own picnic parties. Tickets will be free but donations towards the future of The Grange Centre will be welcomed. This is also an ideal opportunity for those celebrating a 65th birthday or anniversary to come and use these ready made facilities. If anyone wishes to help to make this a success, please contact Karen Pinchbeck on 455224.

For more information please contact Michael Foster at the above address.

**Dates: 6th and 7th June Summer Open Days
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Having worked at Keswick (the residential home for older people in Eastwick Park Avenue) for the last four years, new visitors always seem surprised to find that we have a day centre.

Up to a dozen clients from Bookham, Fetcham, Leatherhead and Dorking attend Monday to Friday, enjoying activities and entertainment as well as refreshments, lunch and tea.

We have links with the local schools and the Grange Centre, with students and volunteers helping out during the year including a fortnightly bingo club and pianist which is much appreciated.

Whilst there seems to be a reduction in day care locally, we go from strength to strength, and, as proof of this, we have just had a total refurbishment. With new decorations,

curtains, carpets and furniture we're all set to continue into this new millennium.

During my time of working here, it has been gratifying to see that many day clients have chosen to stay with us for respite and some have even chosen to make Keswick their home.

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WEDNESDAY	18.40-19.40	South Bookham School	Step
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Meet the Lions

Most people will have seen us around the district at some time – running car boot sales, attending village days, collecting money outside local supermarkets, bringing Father Christmas's sleigh around the streets in December or taking senior citizens to their annual party. But the Lions organisation itself is much less well known. This is

a pity because there are many people who have skills, time, energy and ideas to offer – and at the same time many groups, organisations or individuals who can benefit from contacting us.

Who, you may ask, are 'The Lions' and what are their aims? Both are perhaps best described by reference to the local club which is a typical example. Leatherhead and District Lions Club, founded in 1973, comprises today 22 local people drawn from all walks of life, five of whom are original founder-members.

What we have in common is the philosophy which led to the foundation of Lions all those years ago – that we recognise that we are more fortunate than many of our fellow beings and are in a position to help others in a variety of ways. At the same time we enjoy good company, lively social contacts and meeting many interesting people. A key part of our activities is raising money which we disburse to different causes where it is needed. These may be international, such as to help earthquake victims or mitigate other disasters; national or local charities; or specific individuals who need help in some way or other.

We raise directly about £15,000 a year through the various activities described, every penny of which goes to charitable causes.

But cash is not the only commodity we supply. The annual senior citizens party has been mentioned. We also drive blind people to their monthly club, collect furniture for newly-housed 'ex-homeless', take handicapped children on narrow boat trips, act as drivers to blind navigators at the annual 'Braille Rally' and hold an "It's a Knockout" Tournament for local special needs clubs. We meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 'The Bear' Oxshott to discuss fund-raising and appeals; we also meet on the fourth Tuesday for a dinner evening, and enjoy occasional social events.

Today our greatest need is for more people (of both sexes and all ages) who can bring an influx of fresh energy, talents and ideas. It is no exaggeration to say that helping to enhance the quality of life of those in need achieves the same result for the givers as for the receivers, and can also add materially to the life of the local community. If you would like more information, and especially if you feel you may be able to help us in our activities, please contact our President Tom Pledger on 272360 or Secretary Jim Watts on 456615.

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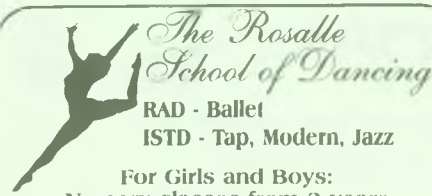
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Bookham Toddler Group

I moved to Leatherhead with my husband about six years ago, intending to work fulltime for the foreseeable future. When our two sons arrived within the space of two years I worked part time for three years. Costly nursery fees soon made the decision to stop work a very easy one! Feeling a little lost after working for the same company for seventeen years, I set about finding a weekly agenda which would wear both boys out.

One wet and wild Tuesday morning I followed a good friend's advice and met her at the Barn Hall Toddler Group. I remember being full of dread. I could think of nothing worse than sitting with a load of other mums talking about nappies and sleepless nights. But how wrong I was.

The atmosphere was exhilarating with heaps going on and lots of people there. My friend went off and found me a cup of tea and biscuits and juice for the kids. The toys for the children were brilliant. There were ride-ons, pop-up tents and tunnels, small plastic slides with crash mats, a separate screened off area for babies with soft mats and safe toys, a craft table with jigsaws and playdoughwonderful! Meanwhile I turned round to see Ryan, (my three year old) hugging his best friend from the old nursery. I couldn't believe it – what a small world! From then on Tuesday morning at the Old Barn Hall became a major event in our weekly agenda.

The Toddler Group is much the same now as it was two years ago, with a weekly singing circle to end each session as well as a weekly lending library of videos and books. A hairdresser visits each month for convenient and

reasonably priced haircuts, and we have various events during the year such as an Easter Fun Day, a visit by a real fire engine, a summer sports day, picnics and other local trips. There is a photographer in good time for Christmas, not to mention a Christmas party complete with a visit from You Know Who!

The Toddler Group is not only for young mums. It is also for anyone who cares for young children such as not-so-young-mums, dads, nannies, childminders and grandparents too.

Caring for young children is, as they say, one of the hardest jobs in the world and can be isolating. It is a great way to meet others in the same boat. Information is shared, friendships formed and we hope some fun had.

So here I am two years later on the committee and acting as newly appointed secretary. The group was a lifesaver and Ryan, who is now in fulltime school, remembers his time there with great affection. It's open house for anyone caring for children aged 0 to 3 between 9.45 and 11.30am at the Old Barn Hall every Tuesday morning except the one following Christmas. We also close for the month of August. So if you are new to the area, or like me, you find your circumstances have changed, or even if you just haven't found us yet, please drop in to see what we have to offer. Your first session is free!

*Laura Middleton
phone on 451399*



Bulletin Roller Coaster

- a previous editor of the Bulletin

The late Mrs Betty Harrison was a founder member of the Bookham Community Association and she also constructed the Bulletin into its post war format, a small A5 booklet.

In the late seventies Betty was ready to retire and met a young couple named Mel and Nikki Carter, both skilled in the new techniques of IT and magazine production. Betty had discovered that I liked spinning a phrase and invited me to be editor – me with no experience whatever!

Mel, Nikki and I worked together for about six years – we gathered around us other team members with useful skills. Nigel Trott, together with his wife Caroline joined us as photographer and a lady confined to an upstairs flat by disability became our proof reader. Mel together with

Malcolm Jordan, our steadfast printer, devised the large format enjoyed today.

At that time the articles I commissioned and wrote myself had to be painfully typed on my manual typewriter and there was much 'tongue between the teeth' concentration as I counted words and spaces and basically just hoped that the work would fit the space that Mel had for it. My IT skills were non-existent.

I endured the problem which I suspect afflicts all editors, namely that come print day, I had either too much material or not enough. Deadline day would find me trawling through the phone book looking for spokespeople for local groups to do an article or Mel would mercilessly cut the work amid much acrimonious discussion.

It was all good fun and I am glad I accepted the challenge. As a rather shy woman who spent too much time at home I got out and about and got to know many people who are still friends today. At one time I teased my husband that I knew more men in the village than he did – he was still working and Rotary and Probus had got going so I talked with them. The Bulletin has always been about people. It is probably no accident that our daughter is now a professional journalist.

Ruth Little

Bookham Fetcham and District Garden Society

At the time of writing we are enjoying an un-seasonal spell of warm sunny weather and the gardens are full of daffodils and the sights and smells of early flowering trees and shrubs. A number of the Society's members will be preparing to participate in the Spring Show which is only a week away. All gardeners will, however, be keeping a wary eye out for forecasts of frost which could ruin, overnight, weeks of work by killing off tender new plants. Spring in the UK can have its ups and downs.

As we move into our new membership year, commencing May 2003, we are hopeful that we will see a continuation of the Society's success in attracting over 400 members, high attendance at the monthly meetings and record entries in the Summer and Autumn Shows.

On occasions the Harrison Room has been used to capacity on Monday nights and this year Pat Collyer has, again, managed to put together a varied programme which should suit all tastes. This is a very difficult job – looking for something of interest against a background of the escalating costs of speakers and trying not to repeat subjects from recent years.

We start with our contribution on the Monday night of Village Week which is an illustrated talk on the

"Development and History of Hampton Court and Gardens" which is open to the Public (entry £1). Subjects for the rest of the year's meetings, starting in September, include such diverse topics as "Wildlife on your Doorstep" and "Birds of Garden and Countryside", talks about Woodland Fungi, Herbs and Orchids and a presentation entitled "Behind the Scenes at Clandon Park".

Thus, as has been said before in these columns, you do not have to be a dedicated gardener to derive some benefit from joining the Society. We have had to bow to the inevitable this year and increase the Individual Membership Subscription to £2 and £3 for a family but this still represents good value for money.

Anyone who is interested – especially those who have recently moved into the area – can find out more by visiting us at our plant stall on Bookham Village Day, coming along to our Summer Show in the Old Barn Hall on Sunday 13th July or by contacting the Secretary, Derek Bean on 458711 or the Membership Secretary, Ann Gutteridge on 379039.

Peter Almond



A Determined Young Lady!

In the last edition there was an article on working for a skateboard facility for children and youngsters at Bookham on the Lower Road Recreation Ground. There have been various comments on this. The Middlemead Estate Residents Association (ROME) are intent on providing more for the youngsters to do. The aim is to set up a skateboard park at the top side of the field near the existing netball/basketball area and well away from the road. Lin Hulford, our determined young lady, is the chairperson of ROME and is intent on seeing this set up to help the youngsters of the area.

There are not many associations willing to help the youngsters to this extent. The ROME association also has 6 boys (come along girls), all between 12 and 15, on the committee to make sure their voice is heard.

These things cost money! Regulations dictate that nothing can be done cheaply. There is money – Mole Valley have pigeon-holed it to Leatherhead for a skateboard park there. Who is willing to help? Money is wanted from local firms and places such as the Lottery. Volunteers are wanted – phone Rob Anderton on 879199 or Lin Hulford on 801187 to help.



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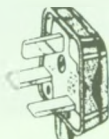
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Lottery Award boost for Preston Cross Squash Club

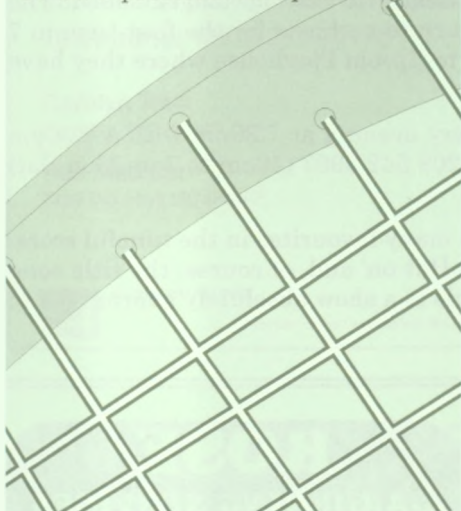
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The grant will allow the club to buy new equipment and to expand its coaching programme with the aim of recruiting new players of all standards to the club.

Steve Johnson said, "We are thrilled to receive this grant, squash is a great way to keep fit but because it doesn't get much TV coverage fewer people are interested in it nowadays. This will allow us to offer our facilities to more people in the area, especially school children, and to encourage new players to the game."

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Bookham Football Club was in existence prior to World War I and is still going strong. The Colt section was started in 1974 and some of the current Veterans' Team have been with the club since then. The Seniors' Teams are still filled with a majority of players who have come through the ranks. Currently there are over 280 colts playing in the nineteen teams we have in the local leagues; children start at six years old and we welcome all abilities unlike some elitist clubs. The club is parent-run and the number of children we accommodate is reliant upon helpers and a sufficient amount of grass. We use local school pitches and appreciate their assistance but are always looking for additional mini soccer pitches. We do not have any girls playing but would be glad to offer assistance should any local girls or ladies be looking to play on either a mixed or single sex basis. The Colts greatest success was winning the under 11 Surrey County Cup last year. Recently the club was mentioned in a national newspaper as having a team with a Will Young and Gareth Gates playing. This was incorrect but it did not stop other members of the press looking for a story. Whilst it is nice to win, the club is based on giving children a game of football and as our numbers continue to grow we seem to be going in the right direction.

Peter Hendry

TRIALS FOR SURREY YOUTH GAMES

The search is on for athletes to represent Mole Valley in the Surrey Youth Games, a mini Olympic style Youth Games in Guildford on 14th and 15th June. It is a countrywide event which aims to get more young athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 playing sport and training at local clubs. It is a brilliant opportunity for young people to get quality coaching and to give them a chance to compete at county stage.

The activities are in the following sports: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boccia, Football, Netball, Rugby, Squash and Tennis.

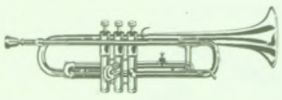
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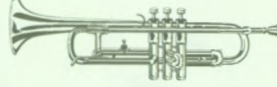
The Heron

*"Oh Dad, one more question -
Tell me do, I beg -
Why does the Heron
Stand upon one leg?"*

*"My boy, no more questions",
He answered with a frown,
"If it lifted that leg up,
The bird would just fall down!"*



BIG BANDS BOOKHAM



Last year maintained the high standard of our meetings including an excellent home produced Christmas meal, plus entertainment provided by Bookham member John Dascombe, who compared Sir Noel Coward, composer, author, pianist, actor and producer with Cole Porter the composer and lyricist.

Our Chairman Mark Chamberlain started the January meeting with a short programme on virtuoso band leaders. This was followed by two guest speakers from Crowthorne who presented a programme of the music of Harold Arlen and some of the melodies that were recorded by bands and vocalists fifty years ago.

Joe Loss and his band started the February meeting, followed by some rare recordings of the American Harry James Band given by Bookham member Peter Blackburn. After refreshments we were able to hear some reminiscences of the well-known saxophonist and arranger, Duncan Lamont talking on his life of music.

March had our Treasurer, Sheila Stratten providing a feature spot on the current vocalist Stacey Kent with eight of her diverse renderings, followed by a programme of melodic big band music from a variety of well known bands both English and American. Finally the evening closed with some recordings made by Tommy Dorsey before his tragic death at the age of 51 in 1956.

We meet on the second Friday of every month in the Harrison Room at 8.0pm and everyone is welcome. Admission is only £1 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

It's Top of the Pops at St Nic's

Two of the most popular of all composers will be featured in Bookham Choral Society's Summer Concert at St Nicolas Church on Saturday, 12th July at 7.30pm. The programme will be a feast for Hayden and Mozart fans and will include the former's Te Deum and the latter's Laudate Dominum and the beautiful Ave Verum Corpus. Further details are available from the Society Secretary, Joan Hyslop (Tel: 458694) and from all choir members.

At the time of writing, the choir are hard at work on the wide variety of music set for the Leith Hill Musical Festival. This ranges from the sublime Requiem by Fauré to a north country folk song detailing the unlikely story of the romance between a drummer boy and a cook, whose main distinguishing feature is a horrendous squint. So much so that when she has 'one eye on the pot, the t'other's up the chimney'. What happens on the wedding day is a story in itself!

*Mike Wanstall
Bookham Choral Society*

Operatic Society

Did you know that your local theatre has re-opened its doors? Leatherhead theatre is now no longer called 'The Thorndike', it's simply 'The Theatre'. Leatherhead Operatic Society is able to return to its home for the first time in 7 years. You may well be one of the many loyal supporters who have followed them to Epsom Playhouse where they have been performing their summer as well as their winter shows.

The next spectacular production is 'Me and My Girl' from 17th to 21st June, every evening at 7.30pm with a 2.30pm matinee on the Saturday. To book tickets, please ring the Society Box Office on 0208 542 3987 (10am to 7pm Mon-Sat) or The Theatre on 365141 (2pm to 8pm Tues-Sat).

Sometimes called the 'Lambeth Walk' musical - that catchy song is only one of the many favourites in the tuneful score. You can no doubt whistle along to 'Leaning on a Lampost', 'The Sun Has Got His Hat on' and, of course, the title song 'Me and My Girl'. With toe-tapping songs, lively dancing and a hilarious script, this is a show absolutely guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

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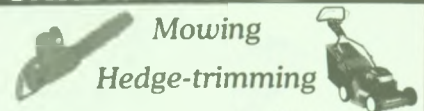
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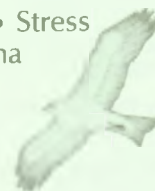
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