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Winter 2020

Bookham Blue Hearts – nature on the verge!

You may have noticed some beautifully decorated Blue Hearts popping up along the A246 verges. These are to indicate that the verges are now being managed for wildflowers by reduced mowing. There has been much in the media recently about how so many wild flower meadows have been lost over the last century and that road verges could become the new meadows and havens for wildlife, particularly pollinators.

Enlightened councils around the country are now embracing such verge management schemes to encourage this rewilding. This is often done in conjunction with the Plantlife charity (<https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign>) and the Blue Campaign (<https://bluecampaignhub.com/>).

Blue Hearts are becoming a symbol of this and we are very proud that Bookham is the first place in Surrey to have Blue Heart verges. Surrey County Council agreed with the BRA (Bookham Residents Association) earlier this year to designate three Bookham verges for wild flowers and we hope this can be rolled out to other areas in the village in the near future. Thanks go to resident Nick Haynes for making and decorating the first batch of hearts.



Angela's hearts



The Grange

Even in these few months we have seen a transformation of the verges with wild flowers now blooming beautifully. There is a rich diversity of pollinator friendly native species including cowslips, knapweed, wild marjoram, ox eye daisy, toad flax, red clover, scabious, yarrow, wild carrot and many more. We can't wait until next year to see how the full glory of the new 'Bookham meadows' unfolds. We've also noticed a significant reduction in litter, perhaps due to the presence of our hearts?

We are also very excited that The Grange in Bookham is enthusiastically embracing the rewilding concept too. They have their own Blue Hearts made by a volunteer and beautifully decorated by another resident Angela Jones. So far they have successfully trialled part of their road verge and now have ambitious plans for other parts of the site next year.

Elsewhere in Bookham, residents in Barn Meadow Lane and Woodlands Road are also making their verges into mini wild flower meadows.

The team (Diane & Steve Poole and Frances Fancourt) behind the Bookham Blue Hearts now have a Facebook page @bookhambluehearts which you can like/follow and can also be contacted at bookhambluehearts@gmail.com or by leaving a message on 0300 030 9890. We're happy to advise on how to make and decorate your own hearts.



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From the Chairman

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Add to that rainwater flooding during the June thunderstorms which has meant replacing the entire main hall floor at a further total cost of around £33,000 and you will understand why our Treasurer is looking pale. Luckily, the flooding was covered by our insurance and the floor is pristine again ready for when you are able to come back to enjoy our lovely halls.

We have applied for a grant to help with the boiler costs and await a decision on that. We had built up a reserve fund for such eventualities but, with no idea when our income stream will resume, our ideas for further refurbishment are on hold.

In order not to put our collectors at risk we have suspended street collections of membership donations but, as you see from the above, we still need money. See page 7 to see how you can help through voluntary donations via our QR code, a bank deposit or via the button on our website.

We normally hold our AGM in October but, with current restrictions regarding physical meetings, have decided to publish the Report and Accounts on our website and hold a Zoom AGM on Monday 4th January at 8pm to answer any questions and propose they be accepted. All are welcome and details are shown below.

With best wishes for Christmas and hoping that 2021 brings happiness, success – and normality!

Keith Slark



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To see the Agenda, Report & Accounts 2019/20 visit
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What's Happening

Not a lot at present but sometime in the future

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Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club

A new season – a new way

Adapting to the new world of indoor bowling at MVIBC with Covid 19 around us has been a challenge that committee members have been working on. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all players is the top priority, and to be fully in line with the latest government and EIBA requirements.

The current plan is to open the club in October with league games starting in November. There has been a lot of re-organisation and new procedures put in place and tested for play to proceed, all well in hand now.

Following the closure of Leatherhead Leisure Centre in March there was no access to the bowling club for completion of the 2019-2020 programme, and several activities remain to be completed.

Members will receive renewal packs via email or post. Unfortunately, our usual month of recruitment for new members with open days and come-and-try sessions obviously had to be cancelled from September but there are

plans for it to be reviewed as a possible year end alternative.

The green has been made safe for bowling and fully marked out routes established for safe movement. New booking procedures are in place and as more information becomes available the playing of league competitions etc will be notified. Other club facilities are under review.

The main thing to note is that bowling will again be available for all to enjoy albeit with new procedures for the foreseeable future. Come and meet again with those friends not seen for many months.

So let's all follow the initiative of keeping fit, healthy and happy through these difficult days, and fill those quiet moments with a positive outlook. Control the virus with the Hands – Face – Space policies and we can all continue with as much normality as possible. Have a look at what MVIBC can offer - a warm safe place that provides some friendly challenges with a level of manageable exercise.



MVIBC says hello again to our existing Bookham members, and welcomes hearing from anyone in Bookham and the surrounding Mole Valley area interested in finding out more about indoor bowling.

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Michael Mackie

Bookham Butterflies WI

Members are continuing to enjoy a variety of activities, both virtual and in person – all within government social distancing guidelines.

Monthly meetings are taking place on Zoom, with around 40-50 members attending each time. Recent speakers have included Gill Harris, talking about rationing during World War 2, as well as Judith Hill, who gave a fascinating talk on the prolific Victorian botanical artist and explorer Marianne North. More than 800 of North's paintings from trips all over the world, are on show in the Marianne North Gallery at Kew Gardens.

Eight members of Bookham Butterflies became "speakers" themselves for the evening at the August Zoom meeting – each talking about a different aspect of local history. We heard how Bookham got its name and the history of the road called "The Spinney", where one of our members lives. Other Butterflies spoke about Fetcham Park House, The Anchor pub, Manor House School, Polesden Lacey, The Grange, Cherkley Court and the effect of Mary Chrystie and the Temperance Movement on Bookham.

We have further speakers and activities

planned for virtual monthly meetings in the near future and our two book groups are also continuing to meet online. Both groups recently read and thoroughly enjoyed "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

The Butterflies Supper Club was able to meet up for a socially distanced al fresco meal in a member's garden, on one of the last warm evenings of the summer. Five Butterflies were treated to delicious food, including an apple tart made with fruit from a neighbour's tree! Other members have been meeting regularly for socially distanced cups of tea in each other's gardens, when the weather has allowed.

In early October, the Exploring Gardens Group enjoyed their first meet up in 12 months at Painshill, with the normal visiting season for the group lasting between April and October, the pandemic rather got in the way of 2020 events! Group members had a lovely walk around Painshill in fine weather ending their visit, in WI tradition, with some delicious tea and cake!

For more information about our WI, visit our website www.bookhambutterflieswi.com



Members of Bookham Butterflies WI enjoy tea and cake after their visit to Painshill



Painshill Park

Transition Bookham

and the Plastic Free Bookham project



Although we weren't able to hold our August meeting, we continue to keep our email subscribers up-to-date with local and national items of environmental interest. Contact us at transitionbookham@gmail.com if you'd like to be added to this mailing list.

As part of the Plastic Free Bookham project we arranged an online screening of the film *The Story of Plastic* in July, followed by a discussion of the issues raised. We're currently taking stock of how we can best progress the Plastic Free project as

things stand at the moment. Our first step will be to carry out a survey with local businesses about how their use of single-use plastic has changed in recent months.

With face coverings now mandatory in many situations we would urge you to consider purchasing reusable masks rather than disposable masks if at all possible. Many charities have added these to their online shops, so you can help the planet and a good cause at the same time.

We were pleased to see the return of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Anita Rani on TV in September with their *War on Plastic* programme, highlighting some of the inconsistent and misleading recycling messages on products. It was good to see the issue of sandwich packet recycling being highlighted – even if labels indicate that it can be recycled, this usually only

refers to the cardboard and the plastic film needs to be peeled off (easier said than done).

We may have mentioned Terracycle before (www.terracycle.com/en-GB/) - they partner with companies to run a wide range of recycling programmes. The number of items that can be recycled locally continues to grow – we'll be putting together a full list in due course – and you can check their website for the nearest collection points.

Find out more about us on our website www.transitionbookham.org.uk, or our project website www.plasticfreebookham.org.uk. You can like and follow TransitionBookham on Facebook and follow @ttbookham on Twitter. We also have a PlasticFreeBookham Facebook page and Instagram account.

Great Bookham Belles WI

Summer has turned to autumn and there are still no indications as to when our 120 members can return to our lively and educational monthly meetings. Plans to hire the Covid secure Leatherhead Theatre to hold future meetings have been scuppered at the moment by the "rule of six".

However it is not all doom and gloom. We managed to hold a wonderful pop in socially distanced garden event in our President's garden during a gloriously sunny August day. It was so lovely to catch up with members face to face, some of whom had only just emerged from shielding, and enjoy scones, tea and cakes, a tombola, the opportunity to purchase masks, headbands and cushions all made by our talented members, and browse Sarah Mackridge's range of clothing and accessories. All proceeds from the day went to Cherry Trees, the charity we are currently supporting and we raised an amazing £624!

Our monthly meetings have continued via Zoom. The evening before The Great British Bake Off returned to our televisions we hosted

our own version, courtesy of Georgia's Homemade Bakes, members made their own cookies via live instruction from Georgia and Jacky's kitchen. The results, even from inexperienced bakers, were delicious, and members enthusiastically "showed us their bakes" via their phones.

The committee will continue to try to come up with novel ways to engage with our members via technology. All members receive weekly email communications from our President which raise spirits immensely. Our sub groups continue to thrive, some like choir are via Zoom, while smaller groups like book clubs

and walking groups can still meet in person (at time of writing!).

We really hope things can return to normal for all of us as soon as possible!



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Bookham Choral Society

We started our Autumn Term disappointed that we could not meet as a choir in our usual rehearsal room. This would normally be a busy few months preparing for our annual November Concert and our very popular Carol Concert.

The jury is still out about the wisdom of singing as a group. Countless scientific studies are being made to see whether singers produce more droplets when singing than when talking. The latest study from Imperial College does seem to conclude that it is the volume of sound rather than the process of singing that poses the problem. Some local choirs are tentatively starting rehearsals but there are huge obstacles such as risk

assessments, suitability of rehearsal venues for social distancing and, not least, singing while wearing a mask.

Undaunted we have reconvened using Zoom for our rehearsals. Our enthusiastic conductor, Richard Robbins has put together a weekly programme of diverse choral pieces, some familiar and some quite new. He conducts us from his home while an accompanist plays the piano and we endeavour to keep up with him. The advantage is that we are exercising our vocal chords and practicing our sight reading. The music is always sent out in advance in a weekly newsletter so there is time to rehearse. The disadvantage is that apart from listening to the piano and our conductor the only voice

we can hear is our own and that can be a little disconcerting.

The fun part of our weekly online rehearsal is the period of socialising before the singing starts. It is a lovely chance to catch up with our friends and colleagues; many of whom we haven't seen for the last eight months.

Hopefully, by the time I write the next entry for the Bookhams Bulletin, things will be getting back to normal

Best wishes to you all

Cheryl Mendham

Publicity Member

Bookham Choral Society

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January brings our usual monthly presentation and FOR THE FIRST TIME we are venturing into the world of theatre! See page 8.

Our first offering, from the world famous DRURY LANE Theatre in London's West End, recorded in HIGH DEFINITION, is the sparkling musical hit "42nd Street". This is a complete show recorded live.

If this venture proves successful, then beginning in the new year there will be more theatrical events - not only West End shows but also Opera, Ballet, etc....

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The Friends of All Saints Little Bookham Church and St. Lawrence Effingham Church



Like everybody else, all our plans for the summer came to nothing and all the events we had lined up had to be abandoned. Hopefully, they might get resurrected next year but we will have to wait and see.

The one thing that has taken place is the new Monthly Market at St Lawrence Church, Effingham which started in July. This is a gathering of artisan food, drink and local crafts stalls provided by local businesses and has proved to be very successful. Due to the restrictions, the first three events have been held in the Church Hall garden in Browns Lane but it is hoped to move inside the Hall, or even the Church, as soon as it is permitted. The Friends have been manning the refreshment stall and

providing tea and coffee etc. The market is held on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10 am to 2pm so why not come along and join in the fun.

The Friends were also involved in setting up an appeal for funds following the unwelcome visitors to the garden in August. This was following a request from the PCC to help with the expenses of clearing the rubbish, and cleaning the site, and also the cost of security gates to the garden. Please help us protect this community asset for the community by donating at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Guardourgarden> or simply search Guard Our Garden appeal.

The Friends is a secular organisation created some years ago to help fund the upkeep of the 11th century All Saints Church, Little Bookham, a key part of our community's heritage. In January 2018 the parishes of Little Bookham and Effingham were merged and subsequently it

was agreed that the charitable objects of the Friends would be extended to cover the upkeep of both All Saints Church, Little Bookham and St Lawrence Church, Effingham, another 11th century building.

Membership is £20p.a. and for further details please contact our Chairman, William Hill @membership.friends@icloud.com.



The monthly market

Bookham Flower Club

Bookham Flower Club has continued its monthly virtual pop-up shows with our judge commenting on the improvements in the standards achieved by the entrants. Some have commented that taking the photographs is harder than creating the arrangements.

It is interesting how mistakes in the balance of an arrangement can become more obvious in a picture. Perhaps a hint for future live competition entries!

A new initiative in the last two months has been a "name that flower" quiz emailed or delivered to members. This is another learning



Summer Sundae by Ann Lyllywhite

opportunity, testing for the memory and much enjoyed by members.



As You Like it by Sue Marshall

Bookham Bowling Club

Alongside many other bowls clubs our 2020 season has been decimated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Bowls England issued their Covid guidelines in line with the UK Government's rules and regulations and we as a club closed down during the main lockdown phase.

We did however manage under strict rules to partially open a few rinks in August to members to allow roll ups but no competitions with other clubs. A limited pairs competition within the club was held alongside a Captain's match, split over three sessions, to end formally our "season". The Ladies Captain's team won the day!

Furthermore our Management Committee raised Risk Management awareness on all our

activities held during the winter months. The outcome was inevitable. No go to Quiz nights, Bingo, Whist, Bridge, Darts, coffee mornings etc. All awareness designed to keep our members safe and away from the Covid situation.

That said we are looking to a brighter 2021 season, WE ALL HOPE, so please watch out for our "COME & TRY" adverts in the new year. Normally held in late April at our club inside the Christie Recreation ground off Dorking Road. Other days will also be held to encourage you to take up bowls, now a growing sport again!

All you need is a flat soled pair of shoes or trainers, a huge dose of humour and maybe a

face-mask. We will supply the bowls and coaching to show you what you could be enjoying! We look forward to meeting you!

Look at our website:

<https://www.bookhambowls.co.uk/> for further information.

Stay safe because WE NEED YOU!



Regards, Richard Sealy (press officer and outgoing Men's Captain 01372456280)

Bookham and Fetcham Gardeners Association (In association with Compost Works)

How to make leafmould compost

Leafmould has many uses. It is excellent for improving soil quality so of great benefit to most plants, including bulbs in containers. It's also weed free, so can be used for sowing seeds.

Here's how it's done. Collect up leaves into a container. After around 12 months you will have a wonderful fibrous compost, low in nutrients and good at retaining moisture. It's better than peat which we should try to avoid as its use destroys an environment that is thousands of years old.

For the container, bulk bags that builders' merchants discard after just one use are just right. They are permeable so excess moisture drains away. An alternative is plastic bags but

black general-purpose rubbish sacks will deteriorate almost faster than the leaves rot down. So try plastic sacks used for sand or your old compost sacks but always put a few holes in the bottom for drainage.

To help leaves break down faster chop them up with your mower. This also helps with picking up leaves and they will take up less space in the bag. If the leaves you collect are dry go over each 150mm layer with a sprinkling of water, just enough to moisten them. Keeping the heap moist will speed up the process. If you heap is very exposed to the elements cover with some old carpet to stop it getting totally sodden. Under a hedge you probably won't need to bother.

Around 12 months later you just need to dig it out and use either as a mulch around your

garden plants or as a seed sowing compost sieving it first. For a potting up mix add a little compost and sharp sand.

If it sounds like a lot of trouble we can probably help. The Association was formed 66 years ago and most of that time our shop has been open to the public. Call in any Sunday morning at the allotment huts at the bottom of Keswick Road where you will find just about everything you need for gardening.

Now is a good time to pop in for seed potatoes, onion sets, shallots, garlic and broad bean seed and to pick up our excellent seed catalogue for next year. You are likely to find we are cheaper so your modest £3 joining fee will repay you many times over. We are open every Sunday morning between 10am and midday.

Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

This has been an excellent year for gardening with lots of warmth and time for gardening. Many people have discovered the joy of planting and watching things grow or improving their gardening skills. Many had discovered the advantages of becoming more self-sufficient or even having fresh salad leaves and herbs on hand. Others have enjoyed sharing seeds, plants and cuttings where supply was difficult. People have shared gardening across fences with neighbours or from one allotment to the next, all carefully socially distanced.

The one thing that has been difficult this year has been for gathering for meetings. The Committee have things organised so that we will be able to proceed as soon as possible and we hope things will be back to normal with our meetings, show and outings for next year.

In the meantime, enjoy your gardening, harvesting and preserving and also doing arts and crafts. We will be using the show schedule



that was prepared for this year for the next show, so you have the details of the categories.

The photo shows a socially distanced meeting in Angela's beautiful garden.

To join us or for more information, please contact Angela Stevens on 01372 456713 or craigjstevens@aol.com

Polesden Lacey Infant School

We have had a fabulous start to our year. We were very fortunate, with the support of parents, staff and Bookham Space, to be able to reopen for all of our pupils in July. When we came back in September we were delighted that all the children were back in school. They settled quickly into our new routines and have embraced their learning while parents/carers embraced the staggered drop off and pick times and were excellent social distancers!

Year 2 Badger class were not able to visit Polesden Lacey House to use their kitchens to make apple crumble so they decided to reinvent the Crumble Rumble at school. They collected apples from our school orchard, ensured that they had all the other ingredients, then turned the classroom into a kitchen to make scrumptious mini apple crumbles.

Shortly after the children started learning about superheroes both real and imagined. They had a virtual meeting with a guide dog

and its owner, they were inspired to bake apple muffins to sell and raised enough money to sponsor a guide dog for the next two years.

Our Year 1 Squirrel Class have been super busy both in the classroom and in the woods. They have been exploring their senses and had an interesting afternoon smelling various things, some more appealing than others!

Out in the woods in their Forest School sessions the children have been using their senses to classify all the things they find. After a busy session they enjoyed a warming cup of hot chocolate made over the fire in the Fire Hexagon.

We have welcomed 30 new Rabbit children to our Reception class. They have been enjoying getting to know one another, exploring the classroom and the outside area. Our induction programme was a little different this year due to Covid-19 but the children have been amazing. They met teachers over several

Friday afternoons in July, then socially distanced home visits were conducted in gardens.

It is not only new children that get to join our Polesden Lacey Infant School family. On occasions we get to welcome new community Governors and now is one of those rare opportunities when we have a vacancy. If you are looking for a volunteer role, please do contact our clerk to the Governors on clerk@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk



Bookham Talking Newspaper – back in business and looking for readers

Your widely praised local audio newspaper, available free of charge to any blind or partially sighted person living between Ashted and the Horsleys, was able to relaunch in August after a six-month halt necessitated by pandemic safety restrictions.

During our 'downtime' our volunteer team kept in touch with our 35 or so service users, which was widely appreciated. A short poll of listeners also told us that the service was widely enjoyed and missed, and feedback also provided pointers for new content ideas.

The BTN is a free service run by volunteers. It uses freepost Royal Mail to deliver a weekly

USB drive which users simply plug in to a special player, provided by the charity via a home visit to explain how to use it. Having listened to an edition, the pen drive is sent back to us for re-use.

Sadly, since March this year we have lost five readers due to age and the COVID virus. We would love to hear from more wanting to use it, directly or via their carers or family.

Our updated website (see home page photo) launched last year explains the service fully and provides an example recording and contact details. Please visit us to put forward a new listener or volunteer to join our editorial



and production team, or simply to find out more:

www.bookhamtalkingnewspaper.org.uk

Andrew Smith

Chairman – Bookham Talking Newspaper

Polesden Lacey Shakespeare

2021 is a very special year for Polesden Lacey Shakespeare, it is our 70th anniversary! What else should we present but A Midsummer Night's Dream, the first Shakespeare production on the open air stage at Polesden Lacey in 1951? We remember with great affection and respect Elsie Green and all those from the local community involved in the early stages.

Polesden Lacey Shakespeare has gained a reputation for extremely high standards, innovative staging and direction. Although an "amateur" company entirely staffed by volunteers, many taking part are professional actors and crew, who love performing in the beautiful surroundings of Polesden Lacey.

In 2009, when the National Trust withdrew funding, a team headed by the late and much loved Margaret Hunter created Polesden Lacey Shakespeare as a registered charity, to go on sharing the wonderful works of the Bard, which was Elsie's wish when she stepped

down. Our educational remit remains an important part of our work as an educational charity, offering performances and workshops free to local schools and short excerpts from the Bard's best around the gardens at Polesden Lacey and elsewhere, specially adapted for the younger audience, with a chance for them to take part too.

2020 has been a very difficult year for everyone, none more so than those involved in the performing arts of all kinds. After we were unable to stage our scheduled production of Romeo and Juliet this year due to the Covid 19 restrictions, our inspirational Artistic Director, Gary Andrews created an exciting audio version, with all the actors recording remotely, skilfully weaving it all together, like a radio play. This was streamed on our web page, released on 27th June the day which would have been our first performance. You can still listen to it free by visiting our web page: www.polesdenlaceyshakespeare.co.uk.

We are still hoping in 2021 to be able to stage A Midsummer Night's Dream in our natural home, the open air stage, in the beautiful grounds of Polesden Lacey. Should the Trust feel, due to any Covid 19 restrictions in place next summer that we cannot do so we are putting contingency plans in place for alternative local venues. Plans are also afoot for some extra, smaller, offshoot events. We are determined to celebrate our 70th year in style!

So, keep watching for announcements on our web page :

www.polesdenlaceyshakespeare.co.uk and on Facebook (Polesden Lacey Shakespeare) and Twitter (@pl_shakespeare) pages...maybe Instagram too!

We really appreciate and acknowledge all your loyal support over the years.

Wishing all a happy year end and looking forward to happier times next year!

Howard of Effingham School

On Thursday 24 September we held our first Virtual Open Evening for students to find out what life in the Sixth Form is like.

Students and parents were able to join a presentation from Mrs Pennington (Headteacher), Mrs Jeffery (Director of Sixth Form), Mr Taylor, (Head of Sixth Form) and the Head Boy and Girl, Joseph Curtis and Alice Reid.

In addition to this subject staff prepared short subject videos which can be accessed at any time so that potential Sixth Formers can be as well-informed as possible even though we

cannot meet face to face. The Howard offers 35 courses in the Sixth Form including A Levels and BTECs.

Ofsted judged the Sixth Form to be 'Outstanding' in our December 2019 inspection. We once again had fantastic examination results this summer and know that we can offer a great experience in the Sixth Form. If you would like to know more please do visit our website: www.howardsixthform.org or contact the school on 01372 453694.



Mrs J Jeffery, Director of Sixth Form

Head boy Joseph Curtis and head girl Alice Reid

Mole Valley Runners



Come and join us!

With all of the extra stresses and strains that everyone is having to deal with due to COVID 19, there really is no better time to get outside and do some exercise in a safe, fun and enjoyable environment.

At Mole Valley Runners, an England Athletics Affiliated Club, we are able to offer safe (fully COVID compliant) runs and walks for all levels of participant. Whether you are looking for a

walking group; to join a beginner's session; wanting to build on your existing running; or looking to run a marathon, we have sessions available to everyone.

There is absolutely no pressure to be fast! At MVR it's all about being outside together and enjoying each other's company and the fantastic scenery we are so lucky to have around us. The benefits of being part of a group are significant, especially with all of the extra pressure some people are feeling due to COVID. Running is also incredibly good for you!

We normally have around eight runs every week, so you can pick and choose whatever suits you. There is a mixture of both morning and evening runs, mainly from venues such as Bookham Common, Effingham KGV playing fields, Ashted or Dorking, although we do have other explorer popup runs too from places such as Shere and Cobham.

Our runs really are a great opportunity to meet new people, make friends with likeminded interests and to help you build or maintain your level of fitness in a safe and fun environment. For more information please see our website: www.molevalleyrunners.co.uk or join our Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/MoleValleyRunners

We hope to see lots of you on a run soon!



Peter Pan Playschool

At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to 11 of our older children, who by all accounts are settling well and adapting to school life. Sadly we couldn't have our usual end of terms sports day, but we were able to hold a socially distanced leavers ceremony, so we got to say goodbye and wish them luck for the next stage of their learning journey.

We also celebrated staff member Vanessa's 10th year at playschool – making her the third longest standing staff member behind Gemma at 21 years and myself at 14 years, part of what makes Peter Pan Playschool such a special place.

At the end of week 4 the new starters, returning children and the staff team have already settled straight back into playschool life. We're so fortunate to have the support of Eastwick Road Church where playschool is based, and permitted to use the hall as normal.

We're able to offer our usual sessions, so pre-schoolers can get back to normal enjoying learning through play with their friends in a safe and caring environment.

We plan the resources based on the children's current interests and experiences, and they have been enjoying playing builders in the garden, mending and fixing things after one of the children asked for builder tools, and many others were keen to have a go too.

At Peter Pan Playschool we are passionate about learning through play. Their play experiences have an enormous impact: as well as improving their gross motor skills, fine motor skills are being developed along with hand-eye coordination, sharing and turn taking, listening and attention, speech and language, making friends and being imaginative.



Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive pre-school setting which cares for children from 2 years old until school age. We offer weekday morning sessions 9.10-12.10 during term time, with optional extended hours until 1.10 and 2.40 on Monday, Thursday and Friday. We accept Government FEET and FEE funding as well as the extended 30 hours funding.

To find out more about us look at our facebook page www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool and our website www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk Or email at peterpanplayschool@gmail.com or call us on 07908 018924 and Louise and the staff team will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Playschool leavers



Bookham Pantomime

POSE is a Bookham based drama group who have performed a pantomime at the Old Barn Hall for many years – sadly we have had to cancel our performances for January 2021.

Due to the restrictions surrounding COVID 19, we are currently unable to put together any productions so have made the decision not to go ahead with our pantomime next year. While all our members are very disappointed, we hope you all understand. We intend to be back performing in Bookham as soon as possible and are already working on plans for pantomime the following year.

We really appreciate all the support from the community over the years and look forward to welcoming you all back to the Old Barn Hall in January 2022.



Granny Knott - Martin Frost



Red Riding Hood - Alana Gillard

Characters from Red Riding Hood, the 2018 pantomime.



Reddy, Willin and the Wicked Wolf - Melanie Nunn, Ross Hodgkinson and Jenny Bookham

All Aloud Online

All Online for All Aloud!

All Aloud Community Choir aims to give everyone a chance to sing,



whether or not they have a musical background. At this moment in time we feel it's especially important to have a way to express ourselves and meet our friends in a safe space. We come together to enjoy a wide variety of simple harmony songs that can be learnt by ear and to gain new singing skills in a supportive group. You don't need to be able

to read music and there are no auditions. We welcome new members and aim to share the health and wellbeing benefits we've found and the fun we have as a group. We have strong links with Bookham, having sung at various local events, including Heritage Days and Late Night Shopping and are proud to be regular contributors to the annual Rainbow Trust carol service.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic we're currently meeting on Zoom as All Aloud Online. We're now preparing our festive programme for the Christmas season. If



you'd like to join us and brighten up your Tuesday evenings, please contact choirleader, Jacky Hintze, for the Zoom link: jacky.hintze@outlook.com

The Arts Society Bookham



As with all local groups, the last few months have been challenging for the society but members have had the chance to view on-line presentations from our head office. These have been varied and most interesting.

But in September the society started Zooming. Chairman Angela Stevens introduced our first on-line lecture on Tuesday 22 September, presented by Antony Penrose and entitled "The Indestructible Lee Miller". Lee Miller began her life as a fashion model in America but went on to develop her career as a fashion and fine art photographer, and later during the war as a correspondent for Vogue magazine covering war events including the London Blitz, the liberation of Paris and Nazi concentration camps.

Antony, Lee Miller's son, together with his daughter Ami, described Lee's career and her association with such figures as Man Ray, David E Scherman and Pablo Picasso, illustrated by a selection of the thousands of

articles and photographs, produced by Lee during her lifetime but discovered only after her death. The lecture to about 100 members went without a hitch thanks to Chris Rose.

Programme Secretary Edmund Morgan-Warren has arranged two more Zooms leading up to Christmas. In October Joanna Banham presents 'The Roaring Twenties; Art, Design and High Society. It will also feature a Zoom AGM. The November lecture is entitled 'Edouard Manet and Music'. Dr Lois Oliver shows that music was a constant theme in Manet's life and art.

The traditional Christmas lecture 'Rupert – the Anthromorphic Bear will be given by Howard Smith on Youtube. Mary and Herbert Tourtel and others created Rupert over 100 years. This lecture is the fascinating back-story of how and why Rupert was created, exploring the folklore and dark influences on his initial adventures.

Members will be kept informed but all will depend on how the virus and any government response affects distancing and social contact.



'Self portrait, Lee Miller Studios, Inc., New York, USA 1932' by Lee Miller © Lee Miller Archives, England 2020. All rights reserved.

Eventually new members will be warmly welcomed to the society at lectures at 7.30 on the fourth Tuesday in the month at The Old Barn Hall. <http://theartsocietybookham.org.uk/>. Anyone interested in joining the Society should contact Linda Tickner via the website and she will send information by email or in the post.

John Cook

The Meeting Place



There have been a number of exciting developments for The Meeting Place over the last few months despite the problems of restrictions due to

the pandemic.

Firstly our Coffee Shop reopened in August on a trial basis with covid restrictions in place. We felt it was important to reopen especially for those who feel isolated or lonely but all are welcome. We have opened from 10.30-11.30am on Saturdays and this has been so successful that we are continuing to open in this way. The photo shows one of our early opening weeks. We are very busy now each week with a range of coffees and delicious cakes made by the Grange served directly to the tables which is working well. In order to keep to the restrictions we usually have 4 volunteers working each week. We have a youngster who has joined us who is hoping to do her service part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and she is loving being with us. We are always keen to have new volunteers if anyone

would like to join the happy team. Details to contact us are at the bottom of the page

The Language Hub continues to offer classes to anyone who has English as a second language and would like to practise and improve their skills in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The classes which are currently on Zoom are run by a friendly team of TEFL trained teachers, and take place on Tuesdays - Pre-Intermediate and up - 10am-11.30am, and Elementary level at 2pm-3.30pm. Again details at the bottom of the page.

Our lipreading classes on Monday from 1.30-3.30pm have restarted in September using the medium of Zoom. These help people with hearing impairment who can feel isolated to learn helpful skills. Classes are run by a professional teacher and again do contact us for further details.

The Community Fridge is still extremely busy delivering around 150 bags a week to those who find they can use some extra food. Each week some say it is not required any more but new people are added to the list. We moved from Bookham Baptist Church as we were

offered the opportunity to use the former Youth Centre on Lower Road where the Surrey covid food distribution Centre is also located. The Community Fridge is away to redistribute waste food and is available to all, so we now have a "Come and Help Yourself" table outside the Youth Centre from 10am on a Saturday morning, as well as a smaller one at the Coffee Shop.

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Because of the current situation with the Corona Virus, the CCP Committee have decided that, unfortunately, it will not be possible to go ahead with the local Christmas Charity Post this year.

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Bookham Bees WI



Rowhurst

Well here we are in the final quarter of the year. And what a year it has been. Whilst writing I feel we should take a moment to reflect and think about our fellow WI members, friends and family who have lost loved ones or been affected either directly or indirectly by COVID 19, send them our love and look forward to better times for everyone.

Despite everything, WIs the world over are

never ones to rest on their laurels and Bookham Bees are no different. Always conscious about safety and observing social distancing, we have been a busy bunch.

Mask making, volunteering for the Community Fridge and our Walkie Talkie group is up and walking again. We even have a new Walkie Talkie 2 group which walks slightly later in the day rather than early morning. Coffee mornings by Zoom are more frequent than before and several groups meet fortnightly for a natter and to exchange news and views. The Gardening Bees have been busy in their gardens and sharing photos and ideas as well as (when restrictions eased) recommending lovely gardens to visit.

Our monthly meetings are also continuing via Zoom, which although it is not the same as meeting in person, do have the advantage of being able to join the meeting from a comfy chair and a glass of your favourite tippie to hand.

In September, Lucy Quinnell, owner and manager of Fire & Iron Gallery and Rowhurst Forge in Leatherhead, gave us a fascinating talk on Rowhurst, her home, which has been in her family for generations. It was a pleasure to listen to her explain her research into the history of the house and have the chance to chat to her and ask questions afterwards. We plan to invite Lucy back to see how her research is progressing.

We are looking forward to talks about the Surrey Hills and rationing in World War II before the end of the year, and an online Zumba class for our January meeting to kick-start the year. We are hoping to record our guest speaker meetings for all members to enjoy at another time, but especially for those not able to make the usual meeting time.

We have continued to welcome new members during the last few months, despite restrictions and still have room for a few more. To find out more about joining Bookham Bees WI please email: bookhambees@outlook.com

Bus Stop PreSchool

We are very proud to say that the Autumn Term here at Bus Stop has started really well. At Bus Stop, Learning Outside the Classroom and Forest School 'whatever the weather' has always been our ethos, so little has really changed, our focus is on building the children's confidence and resilience. A big thank you to my team for their hard work with extra paperwork, new policies and cleaning.

One of our big adventures in the Autumn is always Conker collecting, Polesden Lacey has the best Conker trees around! This year we have been making conker necklaces and conker soap. The conker soap is great for cleaning all the outdoor equipment, it is surprisingly good. When out conker collecting each child has their own bucket to fill, it made us chuckle as we watched them carrying their very full buckets back to Bus Stop, determined not to lose any. Conker collecting is a great opportunity for spontaneous mathematical

language and thinking; for counting, estimating, comparing size and shape and for using language to describe what they can see, feel and touch. Learning continues as we observe the beautiful Autumn coloured leaves (A great opportunity for Natural Art) and as the children are encouraged to think about the wildlife; as they prepare for the winter months. On our travels we have collected Chestnut and Acorns; the children are wowed by how cheeky the Squirrels are, as we spot empty Chestnut shells piled up after the Squirrels have been feasting.

Our Harvest celebrations, with less parents and social distancing, but with all our favourite Harvest songs and a treat for the children. We still enjoyed our Harvest trip down to Bookham Village to deliver Harvest donations to Keswick House and then popped into the Greengrocers to buy vegetables for a yummy Autumn soup.

November will see the return of our Forest School Leader Training Courses, dates available for L3 Leader and L2 Assistant training for Spring and Summer term, plus staff team building twilight sessions for practitioners wishing to develop their outdoor learning.

Kate Rice



Mole Valley Women's Institute (WI)

In these very strange and challenging times it was really great to have our first monthly meeting since March in September, not in our usual venue but using technology and Zoom. Our president Ann Layman introduced members of the NW Surrey branch of the R.S.P.B. who talked to us on the birds of Surrey. The talk was interesting and entertaining with amazing photos. Having managed this event

without too many hiccups we will now be having Zoom meetings every month. The next is California Dreaming.

Our subsections have been meeting within the Covid guidelines. Our gardening group has had to split into two groups, our knit and natter ladies have been meeting in gardens, our bridge group meet using Zoom and our

ramblers have been out most weeks around Bookham Common, Polesden Lacey, Ranmore and Headley Heath.

Unfortunately we cannot make any plans for visits currently but will continue to do all we can to make our WI happy and fulfilling.

June Webb

Leatherhead Youth Project are back in Bookham



After four months of running our youth groups online, LYP were very glad to be able to meet our young people in small groups over the summer holidays. Our

meet ups included: picnics and work on our allotment. The small groups, often with two leaders and two young people, were ideal for catching up with young people. They were also a great opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and our allotment needed a lot of attention after the break. There were a lot of beans, pumpkins, tomatoes and corn to pick!

As the summer term began the government announced that Youth Centres could reopen

for groups of 15 young people, giving LYP the opportunity to restart BYouth in the Pastoral Centre. We have divided our young people into bubbles and meet three times a week for video games, table football and a catch up.

Although, the first week turned into a movie night, as the young people were so tired after their first week back at school! In October



(just before this Bulletin will be published), we plan to trial restarting some of our more targeted groups to encourage conversations and trialling new activities.

If you have a child in years 7-11, feel free to email jenny@leatherheadyouthproject.com for more details.



Bookham Tennis Club

Ah November. The summer is over and seemingly long forgotten. Obviously, this summer and the tennis season was interrupted by COVID and the lockdown. However, as tennis was one of the first sports that returned and can be played relatively safely, membership at the club boomed over the past few months. We have had many new members who have got stuck in with competitions and club sessions over the latter end of the season. Indeed many members are still playing weekly during these darker and colder days - although jumpers are needed!

Sadly our club competitions were cancelled because a shortened season meant that all

players would have been unable to complete their matches. In its place we have formed several new "box leagues" within the club. This is the idea that players of a similar level are within a league, play singles matches against the other people in that league, and are awarded promotion or relegation based on the results for that month. It is a very enjoyable way of playing tennis and has created a much healthier singles competition within Bookham Tennis Club.

The monthly La Manga doubles sessions are also well attended, with this competition running and sadly having to turn players away due to the large number of people wanting to

take part. As this is such a friendly and welcoming club it is great to see these competitions and leagues fully supported and the matches played in a friendly, but competitive fashion.

Sadly, due to current restrictions, our winter social events will not be able to take place. But when we are through this awful pandemic we shall certainly be having many social events as well as playing more and more tennis!

We will continue to play tennis when the weather allows us to, and we certainly welcome new members whatever your standard - so please do get in touch!

Eastwick Road Church – United Reformed Church



Although all the church buildings in the village have been closed during the lockdown the Church has been open and active.

At Eastwick Road Church weekly 'In Touch' Newsletters are being produced with a message, hymns and prayers. The Newsletter

gives contact details of those who could help with shopping, prescription collecting etc.

St Nicolas Church and Bookham Baptist Church have used youtube to live stream services thanks to the technical ability of some of its members! Many people have tuned into these.

Eastwick Road Church, using a local shop, and The Grange delivered a Cream Tea to those who were more socially isolated within the church community.

The Golden Years Team, from all the churches, has also been working with the staff at Keswick, leaving prayer and activity cards, and arranged to have some plants delivered from

The Vineries for residents to plant up.

The Bookham Youth Project, currently based at St Nicolas Pastoral Centre, has been keeping in touch with the young people using all the range of IT available, offering support and encouragement.

Many have never heard of Zoom before March but this has been a very valuable way of keeping in touch.

For everyone this has been a unique opportunity to look at how we 'do' church, and serve the local community not just during the pandemic but in the future.

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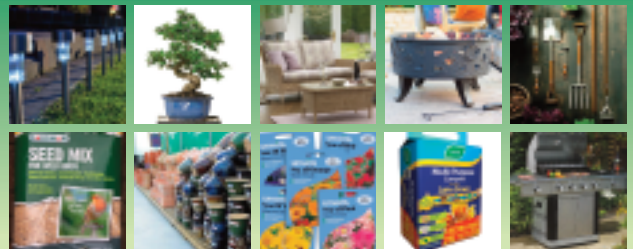
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We are offering an extensive online bookshelf through this website where library members can download the appropriate apps to borrow eBooks, eMagazines, eAudio books and also free digitalised versions of daily newspapers.

This digital borrowing resource has been expanded due to COVID restrictions and it is worth checking it out, especially if we are subject to further localised lockdowns and our regular customers are unable to get to the library to choose more books.

Additionally, there are many online events for children including our very popular weekly Pebble Rhyme time, Storytime, STEM projects and craft ideas as well as a Lego club and Origami club. To view all events find us on [Facebook@surreylibrariesUK](https://www.facebook.com/surreylibrariesUK) and subscribe to

the Surrey Libraries YouTube channel.

For Christmas we have many seasonal fiction books as well as craft books providing a wealth of ideas for home-made presents, and cookery books for creating festive treats. We will also be welcoming the return of 'Requests for Rudolph' for both children and adults. Fill in a short form, and Rudolph will choose a surprise library book just for you, which you will be able to pick up from the library a few days afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you at Bookham library in the near future.

Bookham Wine Club Garden Meetings Keep the Corks Popping ...

The Club's carefully planned tasting programme may have been severely disrupted but a series of "Garden Tastings" ensured that members were able to continue meeting socially over the summer months and adhere to social distancing measures.

A number of volunteers invited up to five other members to enjoy three carefully selected wines in their gardens. Approximately half the membership were comfortable meeting in groups, of no more than six, in this way and the weather behaved for the most part.

Our first garden meeting took place in July when we sampled a lovely fizz from Southern Piedmont (San Pietro Brut V S), a white wine from the Macon area in France (Saint Veran Maison Auvigue 2016) and a Beaujolais (Domaine des Marrans Chiroubles 2015) all provided by Ashtead based ExCellar.



The July garden meeting

Following the success of the July garden meetings a similar plan was made for August. As the evenings were already starting to draw in, it was decided to offer a Saturday alternative in addition to the Monday afternoon and evening. This time the wines came from The Guildford Wine Company and comprised a dry, fresh white, Lyrarakis Asyrrtiko from Greece (the favourite wine in some gardens), Villa Wolf Pinot Noir Rose from the Rhine Valley and Kayra Kalecik Karasi, a

lively red wine from Turkey.

In September we enjoyed three wines suggested and provided by Laithwaite's Wine in Surbiton. First up was a delightful Cremant, Roche Lacour Brut, followed by a Chablis from family-run Domaine Mandeliere and, finally Collezione Di Paolo, a full-bodied Chianti Riserva, which proved popular with many.

Sadly, plans to return to the Old Barn Hall in October had to be shelved so, for the first time in its history, the Club's AGM was held via email. By the time you read this it is hoped that plans to continue meeting, in whatever capacity, will have been decided. Despite the difficult circumstances we can continue to share and sample some excellent wines safely.

If you would like to find out more about the Club, please visit our website: www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk

Little Bookham WI

Little Bookham WI went from two lovely meetings at the start of 2020 and a delicious cream tea at Squires to total lockdown in March along with the rest of the country. Our President Pat Hammond and committee put their heads together to think of ways to keep in touch with members and make sure they were all safe and cared for.

It was decided that each committee member would be allocated a group of members to keep in touch with, making sure that they all had access to essential shopping, masks etc. Similar to other groups we have also emailed regular newsletters, quizzes and anecdotes to our members.

Once lockdown rules were eased our President planted up a surprise pot of flowers for each

member to be delivered by the committee to their individual group. This September was Little Bookham WI's birthday month and each member received a piece of cake, card and birthday balloon. These thoughtful acts are much appreciated by our members and help



Summer plant pots for WI members

to keep everyone's spirits up at this difficult time.

When this article is published it will be nearly Christmas. Perhaps our committee will be able to plan another little treat for our

members. In the meantime Little Bookham WI committee would like to wish all our members and friends and the wider Bookham community a very happy Christmas.

Fay McGregor



Birthday cake and balloons ready for dispatch

Meet Mr Lowes – New Head of School at Eastwick



Mr Michael Lowes has taken the post of Head of Schools at Eastwick Schools. Having joined in September of this year, Michael has had to quickly familiarise himself with the school community whilst guiding the school through the challenges brought by Covid. He has spoken positively about the warm welcome he has received from everyone involved at Eastwick.

Michael is a local resident in Bookham and the

opportunity to lead Eastwick is the first time he has both lived and worked in the same community, something he is very excited about. After growing up in Surrey and completing a Bachelor of Education degree in Plymouth, Devon, Michael started his teaching career in Newham, East London. After just four years at his first school was appointed as Special Educational Needs Coordinator, completing a Part Time Masters in Special Educational Needs whilst fulfilling this role. Whilst in Newham, Michael was invited to the House of Commons due to his dedication to Inclusion and his dissertation that focused on maximising the impact of Teaching Assistants won an International Professional Development Association award.

Michael then relocated to Bookham in 2014 and for six years commuted to Barrow Hedges Primary School, in Carshalton, Surrey, where he worked his way through the leadership team, finally fulfilling the role of Acting Head Teacher (2 days per week) in his final year, whilst always maintaining the responsibility for Inclusion across the school. Michael attended his first day of a two day interview process in March of this year, the very same week that the country were informed there

would be a national lockdown. Subsequently, Michael's second interview day was held virtually and he was honoured to be successful.

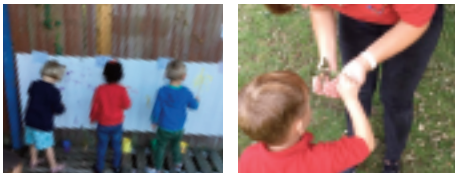
Michael's passion has always been teaching and specifically Inclusion. When asked why Inclusion has always been such a driving principle to him, Michael believes that early childhood experiences offered to him by his family's devotion to The British Polio Fellowship (Michael's Aunty Joan had Polio and his Parents and Grandparents were active members of the fellowship) inspired his aspiration for every person to be provided with equality of opportunity. Michael is currently enjoying the opportunity to impact this from his new Head of School position.

Michael wishes to acknowledge the Eastwick community for the resilience he has observed in how they and their wonderful children are managing during these difficult times. For more information about Michael and Eastwick, please see the school website where there is currently a special video and recorded presentation for anyone wishing to consider Eastwick as their child's school destination. www.eastwickschools.uk

The Howard Nursery School



Life at The Howard Nursery School.



This term we have been amazed and delighted with how well the children have settled back into nursery life. We have been on daily well-being walks, collecting acorns and conkers, looking closely at the changing seasons and listening to the wonderful sounds in nature. The children have embraced all the fantastic, high quality learning opportunities they have been offered. For example, they have been learning about the Jewish New Year by baking apple and honey cakes, healthy foods and where they come from through our carefully selected 'Story of the Week', thinking about different cultures and weekly visits from 'Pepe

the Parrot' who flies all the way from Spain to teach the children Spanish!

Our topic this half term is 'Ourselves' where the children learn about themselves, their families and pets as well as similarities and differences between them and their friends. Although currently we are missing our Forest School sessions at St Lawrence Primary School, we are looking forward to returning to this popular weekly event as soon as it is safe to do so.

Here at the nursery, we believe in the importance of adults continuing to learn and develop just the same as the children. The Nursery Manager holds a BA (hons) Early Years Education and Practice, the Deputy Manager holds her Level 3 in Early Years, Forest School Leader training as well as relevant management qualifications. The Room Leader for our youngest children is in the final year of her Foundation Degree in Early Years. Between the senior staff members we have over 40 years of experience working in Early Years! And we are led by our Director of Primary Education who has extensive experience of school improvement and leadership as well as being an Ofsted Inspector.



The nursery school is open 9am-3pm Monday to Friday for children aged 18 months – 5 yrs. We currently have a few places available; fees are charged at £6.25 per hour and we also offer FEET, 15 and 30 hour funded places.

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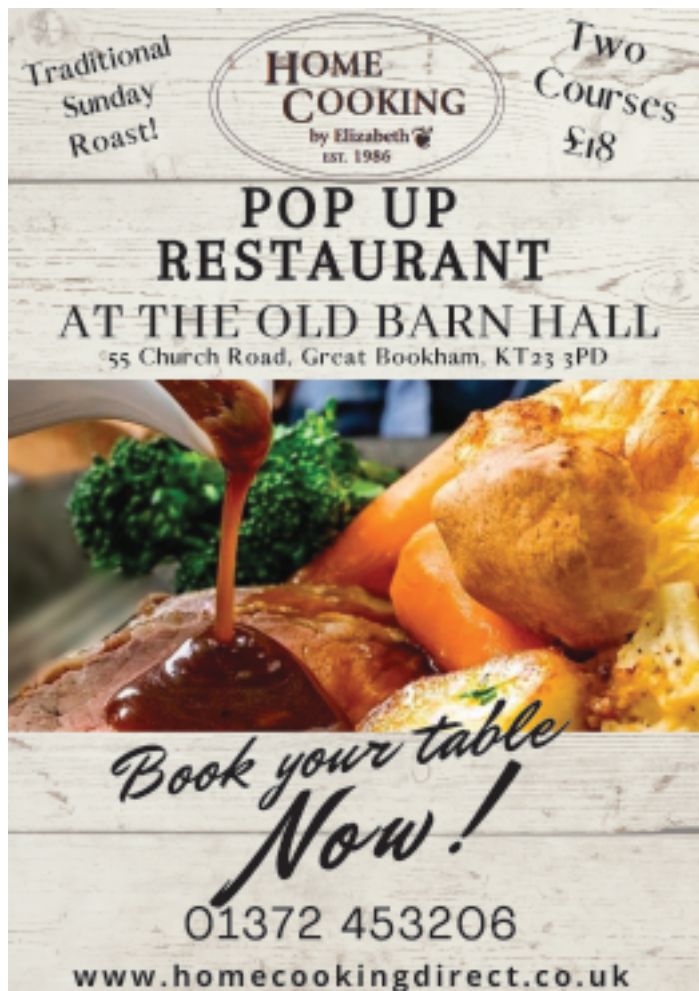
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Mole Valley Girls Football Club recruit even more players to the junior section

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Denise Davenport from the club said: "We've had a big upsurge in queries across all age groups but excitingly on 4 September, which was our first full Club night of the season, we had over 20 new members into our youngest section, this is great for the club and girls football in general.

"With all the concerns post pandemic we are ensuring our training sessions and matches are following Government and Surrey FA guidelines so we are able to offer all our 170 girls an enriching yet safe environment to develop and achieve as much as possible, both individually and with their team mates".

Mole Valley Girls FC is an all female football club, now catering for all abilities from age six upwards. With teams competing in the Surrey County Women's and Girls League at U10 to

U18 level and the Women's team competing Sussex Girls and Women League Premier Division.

Girls training sessions are run on Fridays at King George V Playing Fields in Dorking during the summer and Meadowbank Stadium in Dorking from September and throughout the winter. Women's sessions are on Wednesdays at Meadowbank recreation ground in the summer and Therfield School during the

winter. Sessions are run by FA qualified coaches with specific expertise in youth and female football.

If you are interested in playing, coaching, or simply supporting the idea of getting girls active and wish to engage with this passionate community MVGFC would love to hear from you.

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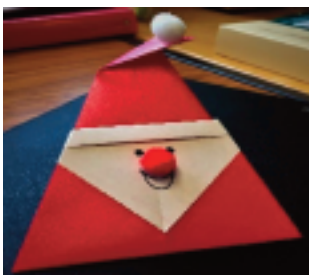
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Bookham and District U3A

The last months have been a difficult time for many of our members who have been self isolating, or taking extra precautions due to age and health issues. Fortunately over the warmer summer months, meetings of small groups were able to take place, socially distanced, in gardens, so that several interest groups including the gardening group, ukulele group and book groups were able to meet, and the walking group began their Friday morning walks again. "Zooming" has come into its own, and several interest groups have been able to continue with discussions on line. Wine appreciation groups have come up with various strategies to keep going, including dropping the same bottles of wine off at different households, and then all coming together on Zoom to drink and discuss. The cooler weather will sadly make things more difficult again.

The monthly general meetings, normally held in the Old Barn Hall, have been taking place on Zoom with around 90 people joining. These have included talks about Joseph Bazalgette and Donald Trump, an illustrated journey along the Charente River in France, a virtual walk from Covent Garden to Bloomsbury, and we are looking forward to a harpist talking about and playing her harp. These are proving popular with the members whilst we are unable to meet in person, and speakers have been booked into next year.

For more details of our activities, and to become a member please go to www.bookhamu3a.org.uk

B&D U3A Wine Group 2

Like most of the groups we have struggled to keep meeting. However, with determination and fortitude we have managed several really

enjoyable evenings together. In July, we met in Dolf and Gillian Arnold's garden for a non Barbecue wine evening. We all brought our own food and unlike our usual garden meeting, we did not share. However, the wine was a different matter and we managed to share the bottles brought to everyone's pleasure. The wine most enjoyed was a malbec from Argentina which Don Major brought. The following month the club came to sit on my patio at two distanced tables. Much laughter and happy tasting was the order of the day with everyone bringing their own food again. In October we had a mystery wine tasting hosted by Jeremy Hodgkinson at the Harrison Room. How splendid to have a proper session again.

Jane Bishop

Bookham RNLI



This year's summer was the busiest on record for the RNLI. There are several reasons for this. One is that the lifeboats have been taking the place of the lifeguards on our beaches. Another has been the extra callouts in the Kent waters. But there are many other reasons. Lockdown halted the fundraisers from raising all the money that is crucial to keeping our boats working.

We have now been able to start collections again and we have done so in Bookham and Leatherhead. The amount raised has been very high and I thank all of you who have been so generous. It has also been nice to have so many people stop for a chat.

Many of you will have been in the habit of buying your cards from our Souvenir Secretary, Valerie Roberts. Unfortunately, Valerie has had to give up her position due to bad health.

I first started working with Valerie in 2008. Since then she has raised an enormous amount of money for the lifeboats. In addition

she has worked with RNLI Education and has given water safety talks to thousands of children. I'm pleased to say that Valerie is not leaving the Bookham RNLI branch and I'm looking forward to enjoying our friendship for many years to come.

If you are interested in taking on the role of Souvenir Secretary please contact me. Valerie will give you all the help she can to get you started.

Richard Bywaters

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Bookham Seniors Computer Club

Throughout the spring and summer Bookham Seniors Computer Clubs (BSCC) has kept in touch with its members via regular emails and has continued to hold regular Friday morning meetings via Zoom video-chat. These have been well attended, usually by over 20 members, and have covered a variety of topics including staying safe online with particular focus each week on the latest scams circulating during the coronavirus pandemic, as well as sessions on Windows 10, tablets and smartphones plus the occasional quiz.

The committee has also continued to provide help to its members by email, telephone and

occasionally by remote connection with answers to questions, advice and solutions to computer related problems.

The AGM was held via Zoom video-chat on Friday 11 September and attended by over 30 members. At time of writing it looks likely that the strict rules and regulations relating to the pandemic will mean that, although Little Bookham Village Hall is now open, it will not be possible to hold meetings or clinics there until at least the New Year.

Consequently the club will hold its autumn term programme using Zoom video-chat. Courses will start at 10 on Fridays throughout

the autumn term and run for either one or two 40 minute sessions. On the first Friday of each month a general meeting will be held at 11 via Zoom and provide an update on the latest scams and other news as well a short quiz. The programme can be viewed on our website at bscc.btck.co.uk.

As always, the committee will keep its members up-to-date, including details of our autumn programme, via email and its website.

If you are interested in finding out more about the BSCC then phone Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604 or visit our website. New members are always welcome.

Leatherhead & District Local History Society



Nearly 75 years after it was established in the aftermath of World War 2, Leatherhead & District Local History Society faces an existential crisis. The last, of its founders, Bookham's own Stephen Fortescue, who died this summer aged 99 and other major figures from more recent years have also passed on.

The inevitable movement of time also coincides with a virus pandemic that has forced temporary closure of its museum and the replacement of monthly meetings at the Leatherhead Institute with lectures accessible only online. Guided tours have already gone



Hampton Cottage

and outlets for the book publishing arm are reduced to one shop each in Bookham and Ashted.

Although a registered charity, the society has so many vacancies among its essential officers that it faces being wound up unless new volunteers can be found among the wider public. This would be a major blow for continuing historical awareness of this part of Surrey. Leatherhead Museum, located in the 17th century Hampton Cottage in Church Street, would have to operate on its own whenever it did re-open and a society that once attracted many hundreds of members would itself become a historical footnote.

The L&DLHS was born on 16 October 1946 after local members of the recently established Surrey Archaeological Society decided to encourage preservation of ancient buildings and countryside in this area. Since then, it has provided a research service for the benefit of all residents and visitors keen to learn about local life, both in the recent and more distant past.



Stephen Fortescue

Leatherhead Museum was purchased and has been run by the Society since 1979. Tours and lectures were accompanied by the Annual Proceedings, an academic journal containing detailed research studies of the district, and a quarterly newsletter which developed into a 40-page A5 magazine.

The society website offers an enormous range of historical archive material including many oral history recorded interviews with voices spanning more than a century. Photographs, maps and text documents date back much further.

Yet all may not be lost if a few volunteers can be found to handle the society's records and archives, book sales and lecture bookings. A new chairman and secretary are needed to take the lead and liaise with the newsletter editor and the webmaster. To help, please contact John Rowley at chairman@leatherheadhistory.org. For more information see www.leatherheadhistory.org.

The Grange



There has been so much happening during the summer months at The Grange!

Thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation from the Surrey Coronavirus Response Fund, part of the funds enabled the purchase of Echo dots for the people we support. Our Digital Systems Team helped with the roll out of this project and together with care staff, helped with delivering, setting up and teaching people how to use them.

During lockdown the devices become a welcome companion, answering questions,



Tara with the Echo dot device

playing favourite songs, looking up recipes, setting timers and filling the void, especially in the evenings which can seem endless when you are on your own. Ten webcams were purchased for all departments around The Grange. These are invaluable connecting people we support to staff via zoom calls and google hangout meetings and reducing the potential to feel lonely or isolated.

To help with the logistics of keeping everyone safe and well, all departments have pulled together to deliver new and varied skills sessions, and teamed up to take on new challenges. During lockdown it wasn't safe for the people we support to visit shops as having to reduce close indoor contact. It was challenging for staff to assist with cooking meals with people in their own flats. The catering team stepped in and cooked over 1,000 greatly enjoyed evening meals, and provided an unexpected socially distanced social event. Much of the fresh produce came via our horticulture department - all grown in our own gardens!

People have continued to work in small bubbles, creating crafts and artwork, cookery and tending our walled garden. The virtual tea break continues with people logging in to chat to staff and friends, a new History Group and Book Club were started. A varied exercise



Sarah Market using the Echo dot device

programme is enjoyed by many, including a fabulous relaxation class run by Mel, our Work Placement Co-ordinator!

Our attention is turning towards Christmas with our online shop found on The Grange website. Featuring Christmas cards designed by our talented artists and lots of great gift ideas, it is well worth a browse! There is also information about our new click and collect service.

For more information about The Grange go to our website: www.grangecentre.org.uk.

Thank you all for your amazing support and message of goodwill,

Keep safe everyone, Marion Chow

Polesden Lacey Playschool



The children have returned to playschool with smiling faces and oodles of enthusiasm, both our existing children from last year and younger newcomers.

With a newly elected committee at the September Annual General Meeting and some new additions to the staff, there are plenty of fresh faces and ideas for the playschool going forward into the New Year.

This term the playschool has had shapes at the centre of its learning and the children had great fun creating clay volcanoes, shape collages and junk modeling. Songs follow suit with Ring O Roses, Hole in my Bucket and even the cooking has been shaped, with triangle jam sandwiches, circle apple crumbles, shaped biscuits and colourful fruit salads.

Milder days are spent outside learning through play. The allotment is starting to take shape, having been weeded by the children in preparation for replenishing the soil and planting in the spring. The children have had some practice growing cress seeds in recycled yogurt pots, which they were able to take home.

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 Government Guidelines there will be no Christmas show this year. However, staff and committee are



working hard to organise a Covid-Safe alternative that will keep the magic alive for the children. Father Christmas has been informed that he needs to wash his hands upon arrival from the North Pole and maintain a strict 2m distance at all times on school grounds!

We couldn't end this year without saying a massive thank you to our retiring Committee Chair, Natasha Matthews. She has been the longest serving Chair, with all four of her children beginning their learning journeys with the playschool. This has resulted in eight years of commitment, passion and dedication, over 40 committee meetings, eight AGMs, one OFSTED, multiple staff interviews and

countless sponsored walks, trike rides, Christmas shows, Easter shows, fundraising events, fairs, sports days and Village Day processions.

I have some serious shoes to fill following in Natasha's footsteps, but with the support of the wonderful staff and my fellow volunteer committee members, we will have as much fun and success as Natasha has managed over the years.

For further information about the playschool, admissions or to arrange a visit (when we are allowed) please get in touch:

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Eleanor Pragnell

Chair, Polesden Lacey Playschool Committee



The Bookham Residents' Association

Although like a lot of Bookham organisations the BRA had to suspend some activities during the last year, for example the organised monthly litter pick, it has continued to operate in many other areas during lockdown.

So far this year the BRA has facilitated the payment of MVDC Emergency Funding grants to Claire Ede's Great Bookham Mask Tree and Lavender Catering both of whom have been supporting and working with Bookham Community Fridge.

We have also worked as part of a team with Bookham Community Association and residents in The Garstons, Mead Crescent and Stonehill Close on a MVDC planning application to create an Asset of Community Value for the parcel of land known locally as the "Garstons Triangle". If this application is approved it will give this much used green space some protection from property speculation. At the time of writing over 150 people have supported the application.

On the environmental front the BRA has been involved with the national Blue Hearts scheme

restoring native wild flowers and encouraging biodiversity along grass verges. This has involved working with Surrey County Council to make this happen sympathetically in our area.

Earlier this year there were incidences concerning the control of dogs on Bookham Common. As a result, the BRA, Friends of Bookham Common, Bookham councillors and representatives of the National Trust (NT) have met several times via video conferences to discuss what could be done to improve the situation. These meetings have been fruitful but this is only the start of an education programme and there will be more meetings to see what we can do to ensure all residents can enjoy our open spaces.

These are just some of the activities the BRA has been involved with during the pandemic. You can read more on these and other stories on the BRA website. The site is updated weekly and you can also join our email bulletin service and follow the BRA on Facebook. We hope to be operating normally in the autumn, depending upon circumstances.

The Bookhams Residents' Association (BRA) is a voluntary membership organisation open to all residents of Great and Little Bookham and is independent of all political parties. It is funded by members subscription and if you have yet to pay your subscription this year you can do so on line at: www.bookhamresidents.org.uk

Or with your mobile phone scan the QR code link below.



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Rotary  **Bookham & Horsley**

For a group that has only been able to meet online since mid-March Rotary B&H has continued to provide the opportunity to build friendships through service. Since September the Club has been able to provide the Community Fridge here in great Bookham with two trolleys to help with food deliveries, supply a family with a much needed bunk bed, and a young person with a bicycle. In November the Club also donated £300 to the much appreciated Bookham Mask Tree, to cover material costs.

Members have adapted to weekly Zoom meetings with remarkable ease and there have been a variety of talks including "Two Summers", the story of two very different trips undertaken by local resident Tim Albert on Grey Hound buses across the US. The first in 1969 and the second fifty years later in 2019.

There have been tales from India and the Caribbean, talks from local charities like the Grange and Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. A highlight for many was the talk by Rotarian Michel Zaffram of the World Health Organisation (WHO) about his work leading the WHO Rotary and Gates Foundation sponsored fight against Polio, and how the Polio vaccine infrastructure will be used in many countries to help tackle the covid-19 pandemic.

Unfortunately, along with Le Brunch, Race Night and Bridge evenings the Christmas Sleigh Rounds have had to be cancelled this year. Santa is sorry but will have more time to sort out everyone's presents for Christmas Day!

We have come up with an innovative alternative and hope that we may be able to have a 'Search for Santa' competition in the village shops – watch out for details on village social media sites.

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