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by Joy Tobin, Bookham Camera Club

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celebrates  
**65** years  
in Bookham



HRH The Duke of Gloucester at the Grange Centre with Mandy Pankhurst, Laura Haywood and Suzanne Hodkinson and tutor Catherine Hounsell

The Grange Centre for people with disabilities was honoured by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester on Monday 25 November when he came to open the refurbished Gloucester Lodge Residential Care Home. The Duke was also representing his mother HRH Princess Alice, Patron of The Grange Centre.

The work on Gloucester Lodge involved converting the buildings into two residential care bungalows for people with physical and learning disabilities. Each bungalow, named Willow & Maple respectively, has a dining / living room, a kitchen and five bedrooms with en-suite facilities and French windows to the garden. The conversion also includes staff overnight accommodation.

Lady Cubitt, President of the Grange Centre says: 'We are very

grateful to His Royal Highness for sparing the time to visit us for that significant occasion. The refurbishment of Gloucester Lodge is a very important milestone in our Development Plan and we are grateful for the generous support we have received through our 'Growing The Grange' Appeal to make this work possible. Among the many changes over the years one constant feature has been, and still is, the wonderful atmosphere which prevails at The Grange, and which strikes everyone who visits it.'

The Charity originated in 1927 when Miss Julia Sweet, a pioneer in the teaching and training of disabled people, founded the School of Stitchery and Lace in Leicestershire. Miss Sweet's original idea was to provide the setting and facilities to offer people

with a disability the opportunity of vocational and educational training, thereby enabling them to become useful and independent citizens. 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 and it will be a special year for us all. We also plan to move on to the next phase of our Development Plan, which will include the refurbishment of the Coach House into a new Training Centre for textiles, crafts and independent living skills. Of course, we first have to raise a lot of funds and this requirement will be supported by a number of events, including a birthday party in July. We hope you will come and visit us.

*Michael Foster (455231)*

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# Bookhams Bulletin

71ST YEAR

ISSUE 266

## What's Happening

### FEBRUARY

**Saturday 8th** - Bookham Choral Society Coffee Morning with music and stalls - Old Barn Hall - 10 am to 12 noon.

**Thursday 20th** - Friends of Little Bookham Church present an illustrated talk by Merial Buxton - "Sent to Siberia" - and savoury buffet supper with wine - Manor House School - 7.45 for 8 pm. Tickets £7.50 from Joan Dole 458878, Sara Collins 458129 and Val Winter 454273.

**Friday 28th** - Bookham Friends of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation - Bridge Tea at the Old Barn Hall. Details from C. Kunesch 454008 or J. Preston 452695.

### MARCH

**Saturday 1st** - Fetcham Liberal Democrats Spring Fair at the Old Barn Hall - 10 am.

Coffee and cakes plus stalls for everyone

**Tuesday 11th** - Play group workshop - 9.45am to 11.30am

### APRIL

**Sunday 6th** - Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society Spring Show with refreshments - Village Hall, Fetcham - 2.30 to 4 pm.

**Saturday 12th** - Bookham Camera Club Annual Exhibition of Prints and Slides - Old Barn Hall - 11 am to 5 pm. Light refreshments; admission free.

**Saturday 12th** - Mole Valley Silver Band Spring Concert - Fetcham Village Hall - 7.30 for 8 pm. Tickets from Mrs. Sarah Kent on 456176.

### MAY

**Saturday 3rd** - Special Performance by the Epsom Male Voice Choir under their conductor Neil MacKay. Further details from the Grange Centre on 452608.

**Note:** in the past the Grange Open Days have taken place in May but this year will take place on 6th and 7th June to try and complement Bookham Village Week. Details in next Bulletin.

**Thursday 8th - Friday 9th and Saturday 10th** - Bookham Evening Townswomen's Guild Spring Show - Down South American Way - Old Barn Hall - 7.45 for 8 pm. Tickets 458664.

**Thursday 29th** - Bookham Commons National Trust Wine and 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.

## 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 write my last editorial with mixed feelings. Many of you have told me personally and by e-mail that you enjoy reading the Bulletin. This has been very encouraging and made my task worthwhile and enjoyable, but the credit goes to those of you who have contributed articles with a wide variety of interest. However, after nearly six years a new approach is required to maintain the high standard achieved by the application of modern technology.

As I wrote in the previous edition, the computer has revolutionised the task of the editor. When I took over, Joy Tobin typed all the contributions on to her computer. A major undertaking. Today nearly all contributions are e-mailed or are on a floppy disc. Even typed articles can be scanned and saved on a floppy using clever software. Surrey Litho, our printer, has also carried out technical advancements during my editorship and their graphical expertise is much admired.

During my editorship, Christine Leonard has contributed many articles and has been a great help on the editorship side. Chris has also decided to step down as assistant editor, but has agreed to contribute from time to time.

As I have emphasised many times, the Bulletin depends on your contributions. I have been fortunate in receiving articles with a wide variety of interests. Please support Martin Warwick, who is taking full charge from the next edition in the same manner that you have supported me.

*Eric Lloyd Jones*



### NEXT ISSUE SUBMISSIONS BY 31st MARCH

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

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Churches Together in Fetcham & Bookham Miss M. Denne,  
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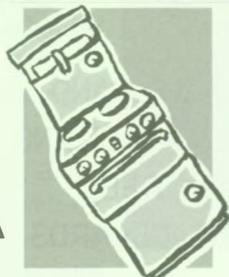
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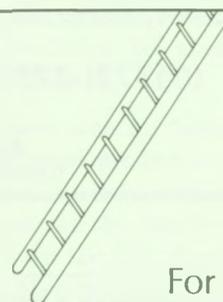
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# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We are well into 2003 and looking forward to our events for this year. The first is our General Meeting on 29 April at the Old Barn Hall for an update on the Association covering the half-year with an interesting speaker. Village Day will be on Saturday 21 June and the committee under the chairmanship of David Wilkins is well into its stride - make a date in your diary for the village's social event of the year!

I will be co-ordinating Village Week this year and, as well as the usual events which I hope we can count on, I am asking whether any of our other affiliated organisations would organise a new event to complement the week. I would be happy to talk over any ideas if you ring me on 457375.

2002 ended on a high note with a varied display of excellent local talent at Community Entertains on two

evenings in December and a great New Year's Eve Dinner Dance to the sounds of Perfidia. Many thanks to all who made both evenings possible.

If you or your organisation has any views on how we can improve the facilities available at the Old Barn Hall please let me know and I will put them to your Committee of Management for discussion.

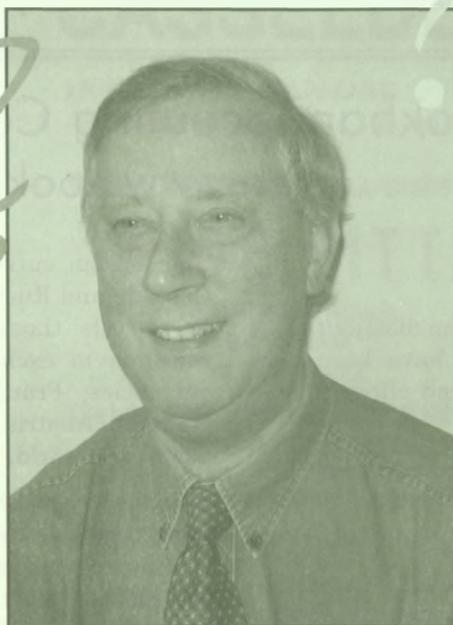
**KEITH SLARK**

## who is the next Editor?

(Tell me all about yourself  
- there's nothing much to know  
- I suppose I was born  
- but it was all so long ago)

Born and bred in South East London I initially went into teaching Mathematics for several years. The call of the computer industry however was too much and I went into what was then an industry in its infancy. In those early days of computers a whole set of companies were competing to create a good computing engine. Computers were not seen as they are today - they were just imagined as calculating machines for solving number problems quickly. It was said that the whole of the UK would probably need just FOUR computers to do this work. The vision of computers as tools to organise and run businesses was only seen by a very few.

Computers were beginning to use transistors and were a vast set of huge cabinets filling a large room. Somehow information had to be fed into the machine and the main methods were punched cards or punched paper tape. There were no discs or CDs in those days and if you wanted to store information it had to be done on magnetic tape.



I was mainly on the software side writing programs. We had to create computer languages to translate software into the machine's internal code. My chief interest was what is known as Operating Systems to control the hardware of the machines and to provide facilities to make it more useful and human.

It was soon realised that there was no future in many companies making totally different products. In the USA IBM were doing things in a big way and many other companies were trying to get on the bandwagon. The companies gradually merged. In the UK, English Electric became English Electric Leo Marconi Elliot (a memorable and catchy company name indeed!) and then came International Computers and Tabulators (or ICT). Eventually (but not until around 1970) did the final UK merger come about to form International Computers Limited or ICL who have now disappeared into Fujitsu.

Now I am retired and out of London my project is growing old gracefully. I can enjoy the many benefits of Bookham and its beautiful surroundings. My wife, Jill and I can relax with our dog and help with the family and the latest grandchildren. **And now - there's the small matter of the Bookhams Bulletin!**

**Martin Warwick**

## ★ GUIDING IN BOOKHAM AND EFFINGHAM ★

Guiding has always been popular in this district, and thanks to the dedicated leadership of generations of leaders and adult helpers, it is still thriving.

Starting with Rainbows at the age of five, girls can progress through Brownies and Guides to Rangers. Some then go on to train as Young Leaders, but many naturally leave to go off to University, and few are able to continue living locally to train as Guiders. Our District Commissioner, Joyce Thompson (458368) would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to become a Guider, as there is now an urgent need for new leaders in a number of our units.

While we hope to have some volunteers to join our enthusiastic team of Guiders, there are other opportunities for involvement which may appeal to adults with an interest in the Guide Movement. We have a very happy Trefoil Guild for anyone who has been in Guiding, or indeed subscribes to the principles of the Movement, but has not necessarily ever been a Guide. Meetings are held monthly in the Guide Hut in Keswick Road and I should be delighted to give potential members more details. Please phone me on 452709.

Finally for those adults (male or female!) who would like to support Guiding in a practical way, we have "Friends of Bookham and Effingham Guides", who do a great job in raising funds both for the upkeep of our Guide hut, and to pay the expenses of the units which meet in a Church Hall.

To conclude, I hope that adults who would like to play a part in maintaining Guiding in this district may feel that there are a number of opportunities open to them. Guiding is a wonderful training for life, and we do want to continue to give the girls of Bookham and Effingham the fun and fellowship that the Guide Movement offers. Do please come and join us!

*Sheila Edwards*

*President Bookham and Effingham Guides*



## Bookham Scouting Centre Appeal Update (Web [www.bookhamsc.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.bookhamsc.freeserve.co.uk))

Following the launch of the appeal and the distribution of the leaflets throughout the village we have been very encouraged by the generous donations and offers of help we have received.

By December the fund stood at £32,000 - just over 10% towards our target of £300,000.

We are constantly looking for new ideas, companies or trusts to approach, which would be willing to assist to make the project a reality. The Appeals Committee is now busy making applications to a number of organisations. We also have other fund-raising ideas for 2003 so if anyone knows a celebrity who would do a "one person show" in aid of the appeal please contact the undersigned.

The foreign currency collecting tins at the Post Office, Cascade and Rusts are still available so please remember to re-cycle those unwanted notes and coins. We can continue to exchange for cash all those old European currencies; France, Germany, Spain, Greece, Belgium, Holland, Austria etc as well as other currencies from across the world.

This is very much a project for our community and when built will be available not just for Scouts but the community as a whole and this has already been incorporated in the design of the building. For further information or offers of help please contact Geoff Tranter, Maddox Cottage, Maddox Lane Bookham KT23 3BT - Bookham 454455 email [geoff@maddoxcot.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:geoff@maddoxcot.fsnet.co.uk)

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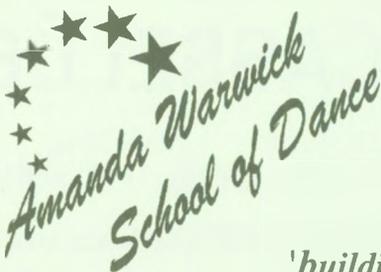
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# POLESDEN LACEY

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## Edwardian Christmas

The Edwardian Christmas Evening was a great success with the many visitors enjoying the Edwardian atmosphere of the house. The hall, staircase and landing were suitably decorated for the occasion and the staff and helpers were immaculate in period dress. Mrs Greville would have really felt at home! Some 25 staff and volunteers took part. Mince pies and mulled wine were served to add to the occasion.

At times there was a considerable queue awaiting to get into the house, such was the popularity. One of the visitors was the oldest man in Surrey, a young 106!

The success means that more will be arranged for next year.



## Beech Avenue restored

Visitors to Polesden Lacey can witness conservation work in action this spring, when the National Trust begins an important programme of landscape management to restore the famous Beech Avenue.

The project will involve the removal of 41 lime trees and 3 beech trees to enable the existing beech trees to flourish, thereby returning the Avenue to its full glory.

The Beech Avenue was created by Sir Francis Geary in the 1750s and was originally lined only by beech trees. Over the years the drive has been interplanted with lime trees acting as 'fillers' to allow newly planted beech to grow. The beech trees are now becoming restricted by the inner limes and these will be removed, completing the final phase of the restoration.

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## EVENTS

Booking requests to the Property Office 452048

### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 25th** - Behind the scenes tour of the House. 10.30-12.30. £8 - (Book)

**Friday 28th** - Children's Countryside Capers Green Hair Day. £2.50 per child 2-4pm. Meet at Walnut Lawn

### MARCH

**Tuesday/Wednesday 4/5th** - Waking Up the House. Begins with coffee and biscuits 10.30-12.30. £8 - (Book)

**Wednesday 12th** - The Old Roads of Polesden - walk of the Estate. 10.30am £5 Meet at car park

### APRIL

**Tuesday 15th** - Children's nature walk and outside games. £2.00 per child (accompanied). 2-4pm

**Monday 21st** - Annual Easter Trail £1.50 per child, 11.00-3.00. Meet at walnut lawn

**Wednesday 23rd** - Spring Garden Tour by Head Gardener, Stephen Torode. £8 2-4.30pm (Book)

**Thursday 24th** - Spring Woodland Stroll. Gentle stroll around the Estate. £2 10.30-12.30

## Newly Opened Portico Room - a Touching Display

A new and exciting venture has been the development of a 'handling' collection located in the newly opened Portico Room. This has given our visitors to Polesden Lacey House the opportunity to see and handle items that were used 'below stairs' in the Edwardian period. Visitors can compare and contrast the methods of housekeeping used during the times (1906 - 1942) of the last owner Mrs Greville, with those of today. As well as the handling collection, there are interpretation panels which look at the lives of those in service for Mrs Greville with free information and educational leaflets. One of the challenges of this collection is trying to guess the use of the mystery objects.



For many of our visitors the Portico Room has rekindled memories and a multitude of anecdotes, many hilarious, of a time when they used some of the articles on display. During 2003 we are hoping to incorporate other areas of the 'below stairs' experience. If you have any kitchenalia or housekeeping items from the 1906 - 1942 period which you think may be of interest for display or for the handling collection please contact Paul Dearn, House Manager on 452048.

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Letters to the Editor...



## BAZAAR FOR THE ROYAL MARSDEN

After eleven and a half years and 23 events, I am sorry to have to close the doors for the last time on the series of events to help the Royal Marsden Hospital Children's Cancer Unit - but all good things come to an end! The last Bazaar was held on 7 December in the Old Barn Hall.

As usual it was a resounding success thanks to all the helpers and of course all the supporters who turned out in great numbers despite the bitter weather.

The Hall was very festive and the music of the Recorder Group enhanced the Yuletide atmosphere. Spending was brisk and the result highly satisfactory.

Here's wishing the children at the Royal Marsden hope for the future.

*Pat Beale*

## Skate Board Park

The Middlemead Estate Residents Association, ROME, is working with Bookham Residents Association (BRA) in the hope that the people of Bookham will be able to help us to create a Skate Board Park in Bookham Lower Road Recreation Ground. Our aim is to give children and youngsters more to do in Bookham. We need more volunteers so if you can help phone Anthony Durno on 01372 363920 or PC Tom Arthur on 01306 676855.

We have been in touch with Mole Valley Parks Officer, (Robin Davis) and to our shock discovered it will cost £18,000 for the base with a completed amount of about £48,000. We are in need of people to help raise the money to make this possible but at the same time looking around to see if there is a cheaper alternative. Our aim is to get children and youngsters off the roads by giving them more to do.

*Lin Hulford*  
(Chairperson of ROME)



## COMPOST WORKS - Collinda Compost Competition

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It should be delivered to Compost Works at 8 The Drive, Lower Road, Fetcham. Judging will be at the Grange Centre's Spring Open Day to be held in early June.

### Who are we?

We promote composting in Mole Valley, supported by grants from Sita Environmental Trust, Mole Valley District Council, the SEED Programme and Awards For All.

We give practical compost demonstrations by holding Open Days in members' gardens. We have a Compost Hotline and attend fêtes, fairs etc with a mobile display including a fully functioning composter.

At The Grange Centre in Bookham, we run a permanent compost project and demonstration site as part of the Growing People project.

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### Compost promotion

We are always looking for new ways and venues to promote composting. For instance, we are always keen to have Compost Open Days in people's gardens or hold shredding events. This latter can be with 'domestic' size shredders, and/or a large shredder.

**For further details of any of our activities,  
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# Eastwick Allotments and Gardens Association

## Report - 2001/2

For those of you who do not know, our subscription year runs from 1 October to 30 September (£2.00 per annum). The EAGA enables members to purchase seeds at substantial discounts (up to 37.5%) and many members enjoy selecting the varieties for the coming season. We can supply tools for the jobs; forks and spades for digging, trowels for bulb planting and transplanting, secateurs and saws for pruning to name a few. We also supply various materials for storage of bulbs, corms and tubers such as vermiculite. For those with plants needing protection we supply fleece, bubble polythene, windbreak fabric and mulching material (bark chips, sand, grits) at competitive prices.

At this year's AGM in November we hoped to keep the business brief and finish the evening with a gentle social wine and cheese tasting in the hope of attracting more active participation. Sadly, this was not to be! On the night in question a power cut that started shortly before the meeting kept many away and those that were there huddled around the emergency lighting in order to conduct the meeting. All things considered it had the air of a spiritualist meeting or séance and was memorable for that alone. We even started the social in the dark but the lights came back on part way through and we saw it as a good omen. Committee member Tony Townend stood down, partly due to ill health, and we were sorry to see him go. He was replaced by David Cooper. David Chapman became the new Hut Manager so we are now up to full strength.

At the moment there are rather more vacant plots than usual, some a little neglected and others recently worked. They are very cheap to rent and do not have to be exclusively used for vegetables. If you want to grow cut flowers for the house or have an area for resting out of season plants (heeling in bulbs from containers) or propagating plants why not rent one. All it takes is a little regular maintenance. A little gentle exercise and fresh air is likely to be of benefit to anyone having a sedentary or indoor job. If you would like to know more, please visit the hut on site one Sunday morning between 10.00am and noon. Remember that even if you do not want or need an allotment you can still join the association and save on your gardening supplies.

The EAGA is a trading organisation and members can purchase a wide range of basic gardening materials at very competitive prices. We trade from huts on the Eastwick Allotments site bounded by Eastwick road and Keswick Road in Bookham. The huts are open for trading between 10am and noon most Sundays of the year and doing a turn in the huts is currently a condition of membership. People are required to record purchases, to handle small items from behind the counter, to weigh out loose materials, and to man the second hut. The main hut is heated in the cold weather and there are stools to sit on if required. We supply an apron to protect clothing and identify you as an official helper. At

half time there is a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two. There is always at least one committee member on duty to organise things and deal with enquiries or problems. Sometimes business is slow, sometimes frenetic, but nearly always fun and there is something satisfying about being able to provide a small service to the community. During the quiet times you can read the magazines donated by members (the Garden from the RHS, Gardening from Which etc.) or chat with fellow enthusiasts.

Our aim is to give as good value for money as possible and our best strategy is to strive to always increase our membership as economies come mainly from scale of operations. We are lucky to have a dedicated and stable committee that looks after the day to day business of the Association. Our Honorary Secretary, John Humphreys, has been behind a drive to keep up the repair of the huts and improve facilities. We try to stock a range of the most popular formulations that avoids duplication so if we do not appear to have what you want please ask; we probably have an equivalent product at an even better price!

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## Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

### Tips for Non Gardeners

Those who had a go at planting some bulbs as described in the Summer edition of the Bulletin should now be reaping the benefits of a colourful Spring display. The advantage of plants, grown from bulbs, such as daffodils is that they should come up every year and after 2 or 3 years will, hopefully, reproduce and expand to the extent that they can be split up and increase the show at no cost. For the best results don't be too eager to cut down the foliage after the flowers have finished - leave it for a few weeks if possible.

An aspect of owning a garden, which can be very satisfying if you have room, is growing your own fruit and/or vegetables - the taste of freshly picked produce is worth the little effort involved. One way to try out this idea on a small scale is to start with some herbs either in pots or in a small plot by the kitchen door. Shrubby and perennial herbs such as Rosemary, Thyme and Sage are good ones to start with as they are reliable and effective garden plants in their own right for their foliage, flowers and scent as well as their culinary uses. The old Cottage Gardeners grew these plants in mixed beds with other flowers and shrubs. If you haven't got a friendly gardening neighbour who can give you some plants, most garden centres have an extensive range of herbs in pots ready to plant out.

### Society Activities

The next main event in the Society's calendar is the Spring Show, which this year is on Sunday 6 April in Fetcham Village Hall. The doors are open to visitors at 2:30pm and there are refreshments, plant sales and a raffle. This is well worth a visit to see the displays of Daffodils, Tulips, other spring flowers as well as several classes of floral art. If previous years are anything to go by the Hall will be full of colour and a sight to lift the spirits after the winter months.

This is also an opportunity to find out more about the Society and talk to committee members. The membership year starts at the beginning of May and a modest £2 entitles you to free entry to the three annual shows, entry to the monthly meetings for the cost of a cup of tea and access to the Society's extensive library of books on all aspects of gardens and gardening.

The last evening meeting of the year is on Monday 19 May and will include an illustrated talk on the RHS Garden at Wisley. This is a good example to demonstrate that you don't have to be an expert or the owner of a large garden to be a member. Anyone with an interest in gardens is likely to get some pleasure and derive some benefit from joining the Society. You can find out more about the Society by contacting the Secretary Derek Bean on 458711.

*Peter Almond*

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# Bookham Stamp Club

## 10th Anniversary

In March 2003, the Bookham Stamp Club will be ten years old. In that time it has been the fastest growing stamp club in the UK and won the prestigious Rowland Hill award for 'New Horizons' in 1996. The Club has a membership in excess of 100 and attendance at monthly meetings is between 50 to 60 or more.

The Bookham Stamp Club was founded when two Bookham collectors, members of the local Mole Valley stamp clubs at Dorking and Leatherhead, realized that many collectors no longer attended meetings even although they were known to be still active in philately. These two collectors, Rodney Partridge and Professor John Salmon, mulled over this issue and came to the conclusion that the reason so many collectors gave up attending meetings was that they all took place in the evening. Most of those no longer coming to meetings were elderly and had either given up driving or no longer drove in the dark. Others who could travel by bus were unwilling to have to wait for a bus after ten o'clock at night or to walk home in the dark. Coincidentally, a senior member of the Bookham Community Association suggested to Rodney that maybe a stamp club could be started there. Rodney and John talked the idea over with a few people and then sent out letters to about forty people who were known to collect stamps or who might be interested. The positive response that was forthcoming led to an initial meeting in the Old Barn Hall at which it was decided to set up an afternoon club. John Salmon drafted the objectives and rules of the club, Rodney was appointed Chairman and the Bookham Stamp Club was started.

Initially it met in the Waterfield room but within a few months had to move to the Harrison room as membership increased

and finally to the main hall itself. Within a couple of years a trading activity began. The Club buys material at public auction or privately, breaks up the material into suitable lots and sells this to members. Additionally the Club has a source of modern covers from all over the world which are sold in aid of the Save the Children Charity. An eye charity, the Iris Fund, is also supported.

A library of philatelic books and catalogues has been built up and is available for consultation or loan to members.

In 1999 a junior section was started. After a somewhat hesitant start this section is now going well although more members are always made very welcome. It meets on the first Saturday of the month from 10.00 to 12.00 with Peter Sawyer helped by Don French guiding the youngsters. To support them, a Club Committee member attends each meeting on a rota basis.

The Bookham Stamp Club, as part of its celebrations for its 10th anniversary, will be hosting the Federation of Surrey Philatelic Societies Spring Convention on Saturday 22 March 2003 in the Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham from 10.30 to 16.30 hrs. This takes the form of a Stamp Fair with more than a dozen stamp dealers attending, most of them coming back following the very successful fairs held by Bookham Stamp Club in 1994, 1996 and 2000. The competition entries for the Federations Annual Competition and Open Competition will be on display together with the entries for the Dawes Cup, an inter-federation competition.

Refreshments will be available and entrance is free.

*For more information about the Club or the Fair contact Rodney Partridge on 456760.*

## GROVESIDE BADMINTON CLUB

Groveside Badminton Club was formed many years ago by a group of friends who were keen to play this excellent and rewarding game regularly on an informal basis.

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The club has recently lost some players due to injuries and moves out of the area. We are therefore looking for a number of new members and welcome enquiries from anyone who is looking for an opportunity to play the game. We have the use of four courts at St Teresa's School on a weekly basis each Tuesday evening. Provided we can maintain numbers, the subscriptions are usually no more than £3 per 2 hour session and lower still if paid in advance for a whole term.

*If you are interested and would like more information please contact Mike Cooke on 456679 or email mycallc@btinternet.com.*

## CALLING ALL SPORTS CLUBS IN MOLE VALLEY

Mole Valley Leisure, the leisure service of Mole Valley District Council is conducting an audit of all the sports clubs in the Mole Valley area, to ensure that we have up to date information for our Leisure Guide and so that we can answer any queries from the public regarding sports clubs correctly. Mole Valley Leisure takes account of various aspects of sports clubs in its sports strategy and it is therefore important that we are aware of the needs and facilities of all clubs in the area, especially when it comes to funding.

The Leisure Guide is a free guide distributed throughout the Mole Valley area to inform people of local leisure activities and groups. It is also distributed to individuals and families who have recently moved to the area, who could be potential new members for your club. All entries are free of charge.

So that we can make our leisure guide and knowled ge of local sports clubs as comprehensive as possible if you are a new sports club or the contact for your club has recently changed or you are not in the Mole Valley Leisure Guide please call

*Jilly on 01306 879194 or e-mail jilly.vincent@mole-valley.gov.uk*

## Bookham Recorded Music Club

With the onset of Spring and lighter evenings, readers of the Bulletin may like to be reminded that they can enjoy an evening of classical music every other Thursday during the Club's season. Meetings are held at the Old Barn Hall and nearly all the music to be heard is from compact discs reproduced on superb recording equipment owned by the Club.

Members are invited to compile and present their own programme - not as frightening as it may seem as the programme organiser, John French, is on hand to offer guidance if it is required, but there is no compulsion on anyone to present a programme if they feel unable or do not wish to do so.

Our season begins in early September and continues until May. On the final evening, which in 2003 will be 22 May, Roy Flogdell will present another of his delightful musical evenings to raise funds for a local charity. The one chosen this year is represented by the DeBRA charity shops in Great Bookham and East Horsley. Roy's programme, entitled Operetta - Teasing the Fringe, will also be open to members of the public.

We would be very happy to welcome new members and further information if required may be obtained by telephoning the Hon Secretary on 453599.

Mary Chandler

## ROTARY COLLECTS AND DISTRIBUTES

As I write this members of the Rotary Club of Bookham and Horsley are enjoying their Christmas, while others in Bookham and Horsley are able to enjoy their holiday just a little more thanks to the Club.

Assisted by Christmas carols, club members have been 'waylaying' villagers in Bookham and Horsley to give to local needy people. By Christmas £2,900 had been collected and £2,000 distributed in vouchers to those in need. The vouchers, spent in local shops, enabled the recipients to have a few extras to make Christmas special.

The remaining funds are used to support other individual needs in the community, a wheelchair, an aviary at Keswick House, supporting two young people to gain leadership skills, the Rainbow Trust, "Pitstop" in Leatherhead and many more.

We can do more with your help. Due to current legislation (Data Protection Act) the authorities are unable to pass on names to us. If you know someone for whom there is a need let them know they can contact Rotary. As long as it is a specific need, and not ongoing, it will receive consideration.

Finally a big thank you to all those who have given to help others in their community.

Tony Greenman (01372 457364)

## COMMUNITY ENTERTAINS

Arthur Gamble and Amanda Lee followed up last year's success by directing and arranging 'Community Entertains' before Christmas with a treasure chest of local talent. A musical introduction from the band, with David Mortimer at the piano and regular drummer Graham Cannon, set the mood for the show.

We are fortunate in having Howard of Effingham pupils under the direction of our friend Saira Shaikh to entertain us. The talent of the young soloists enchanted us, as did the chamber choir. The dancing of young girls from the Rosalle School of Dance again fascinated us. What impressed the audience was the enthusiasm of the dancers who clearly thoroughly enjoyed performing.

A very amusing short play by Bookham Players was the perfect performance before the interval during which an excellent meal was enjoyed thanks to the efforts of Genie Hancock and team.

Johnnie and the Herberts, a family group, was something new to us. They had our feet tapping faster and faster during their excellent musical performance. We shall surely see them again. Doreen Legg amused us with her rendering of 'My Brother'. Very well done, but we must not leave out the contributions of Amanda and Arthur. 'A Perfect Year' was typical of their ability to perform as a duo.

The stage was filled with members of the Townswomen's Guild Entertainment Group for the finale. At the end of their enthusiastic rendering of 'With Love at Christmas', the audience departed having seen that the Community had truly Entertained.

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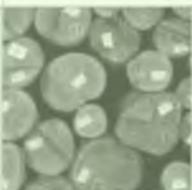
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# LEATHERHEAD CRICKET CLUB

Since their first game against local rivals Ripley in 1850, Leatherhead Cricket Club has been providing the stage for the area's good, bad and just plain average cricketers. On any weekend during the summer, a visitor to the picturesque, well appointed Fetcham Grove ground will be rewarded (weather-permitting) with the familiar sound of leather on willow.

Leatherhead run teams to suit all ages and playing standards. The Saturday league teams play in the Fullers County League (1st XI) and the Castle Lager Surrey Championship (2nd and 3rd XI's). Indeed the 2nd XI improved on their promotion-winning performance of 2001 by winning the 3rd Division title in 2002. There are also two senior Sunday teams, who play friendlies, and the area's best youth cricket section. The age groups catered for by the youth teams (or 'Colts') range from the under 9's to the under 16's. On any summer weekday evening you will be able to see the Colts being trained by ECB-approved coaches or playing a competitive or friendly fixture against another local team.

We also have a lively social scene, with regular functions at the clubhouse. Quizzes, racenights and barbecues are common. During the 150th Anniversary celebrations Leatherhead put on a Summer Ball at the nearby Leisure Centre, and the annual fund-raising dinner is a great night out.

The club has been touring Devon for twenty years and the revamped tour of 2002 was a major success, the highlights being the fixture at Tavistock, atop Dartmoor where the boundary is marked out by ancient stones, and the Devon County ground at Chagford where the outfield is like a bowling green.

The club has also toured Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia (as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations) and will be visiting Barbados this February to play 6 fixtures.

The annual cricket week commences in the first week of August and encompasses 5 senior fixtures and one colts day.

The cricket club is run by a committee which meets once a month. Unlike most clubs, the committee is made up of the old and the young with the players' representatives joining the team captains and the more common committee members (chairman, secretary and treasurer, etc). The make-up of this forum ensures that all members can be properly represented. A couple of our objectives this year include the provision of a new 3rd XI league ground at Boxhill School and the refurbishment of the clubhouse. Last year our investment in youth cricket was rewarded by a grant from SportsMatch that enabled the club to buy two new all-weather outdoor nets.

Our winter practice nets start in March (Tuesday nights at the Guildford Cricket School, bowling machine included) and our outdoor season starts on Sunday, 22 April. The colts registration day is Saturday, 21 April (10.30 - 13.00 at the clubhouse).

All new playing and social members are most welcome (particularly any prospective umpires and/or scorers). If you are interested in any of the above please call cricket chairman Derek Baker on 450636, email us at [lheadcc@raz.co.uk](mailto:lheadcc@raz.co.uk) or see our web site at [www.raz.co.uk/lheadcc](http://www.raz.co.uk/lheadcc) for details.

*Leatherhead Cricket Club, Guildford Road, Leatherhead, KT22 9AJ (tel: 375203).*

*Cricket Chairman: Derek Baker, 32 Richmond Way, Fetcham, KT22 9NR (tel: 450636).*

## 'The Cricket Match'

Smith had just lost his wicket; he had thrown it away. The new batsman strode out to the middle, looked around, and knocked down the wicket with the back of his bat. It was a very sticky wicket.

"Give me one leg", said the batsman. "You've got two legs", said the umpire.

The batsman adjusted his stance as he stood gently patting down the popping crease. The fielding side were playing their twelfth man at third man.

"Come up and make a silly point", said the captain. "You've got a fine leg, you know", he said to the bowler.

"I've got a square leg as well", said the bowler.

"Go round and help the backward short leg", said the captain.

The captain went over to make a second slip. His first slip was bending over.

The bowler rubbed the ball up and down his trousers. He was a left handed Chinaman.

The bowler ran up. The batsman ran down the pitch and repeatedly hit his googlies for six.

*Martin Warwick*

# Bookham Players Celebrate 40 Years

The first production of (at that time) The Bookham Dramatic Society took place in 1963 at Church House (now flats on the corner of The Garstons). The Society developed out of a few Nativity/Easter plays performed in church by the St Nicolas Young Wives Group, joined by a few husbands. As Keith and I had been involved in London in a theatre group before moving to Bookham we felt it would be a good idea to extend the scope of the plays we were able to do, and so the first Playbill of one-act plays was performed on what was just a platform at Church House. Looking back it amazes me what we were able to perform in such a limited space.

In the early 70's the plan at the Old Barn Hall for a further extension to include a stage was mooted, and we were able to be involved, putting on our first production there in 1972 - "Celebration" - and shortly after that the name was changed

to The Bookham Players. Since then the Players have performed 2 full-length plays annually, or occasionally a Playbill with fish & chip supper (now very popular). At the same time, since 1967, we have entered the Betchworth Festival, winning several awards for Best Play, Best Acting & Supporting performances, and Best Set.

We have seen many members come and go during these years and, with so much dramatic and musical competition in the area, are usually short of younger members. The Players are always pleased to welcome new members, both in an acting and back-stage capacity. The 40th anniversary production will be "The Winslow Boy" by Terence Rattigan on 3rd, 4th and 5th of April. Further details can be obtained by ringing 458844

*Jean Preston*

## Bookham Celebrates Richard Rodgers

Richard Rodgers, the renowned American composer, celebrated his Centenary on 28 June 2002. Rodgers was involved in over 26 musicals, firstly in partnership with Lorenz Hart and from 1943 with Oscar Hammerstein, forming the most famous of all musical partnerships 'Rodgers and Hammerstein'. Their first collaboration, Oklahoma! probably remains their most innovative and celebrated of them all.

Bookham Light Operatic Society (BLOS) are proud and excited to be performing Oklahoma! for the first time in April 2003. This includes such delightful musical numbers as 'Oh what a beautiful morning' and 'The Surrey with the fringe on top'.

Set in a Western Indian territory just after the turn of the century, the high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colourful background against which

Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a winsome farm girl, play out their love story. Although the road to true love never runs smooth, with these two headstrong romantics holding the reins, love's journey is as bumpy as a surrey ride down a country road. That they will succeed in making a new life together we have no doubt, and that this new life will begin in a brand-new State provides the ultimate climax to the triumphant Oklahoma!

This exhilarating production will once again be directed by Stella Thacker (whose recent directions for BLOS include The Merry Widow, The White Horse Inn and many Gilbert & Sullivan productions). Taking the lead for us once again will be Arnold Pindar as Curly, Arthur Gamble as Jud, and Peter Leith as Al Hakim and BLOS are pleased to welcome three new leading players; Caroline Peacock as Laurey, Sara van Duijvenvoorde as Ado Annie



*Sara van Duijvenvoorde (Ado Annie), Caroline Peacock (Laurey) and Stella Thacker (Director)*

and Francis Pindar as Will Parker.

BLOS are always pleased to welcome new chorus members, as well as those interested in working behind the scenes on stage management or front of house - please contact Pat Barnes on Tel: 01932 865196 for further information.

Oklahoma! will be performed at the Adrian Mann Theatre, Ewell from 9-12 April 2003 - for further details contact Julia King on 01737 767531.

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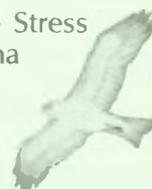
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The final programme is crystallising as I write, but it will be centred on our parish church St Nicolas, and the likely centrepiece of the Weekend will be a concert on the Saturday evening by Musica Practica, led by Andrew Dalldorf.

Local Bookham schools - who are a rich seam of talent - will be involved, and also in planning is a participative children's event for the Saturday afternoon, which I hope will involve some children's music played on the organ and ringing the church bells.

As the Weekend is still in the planning stage I want to ask anyone who has ideas, skills or time - or who knows someone who might have - to please get in touch with me so that we can make this event as enjoyable and successful as possible for everyone in the village.

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