Bookham Youth Project

LOCAL NEWS FROM BOOKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bookham Youth Project started in the Bookham community September 2016, with Oli Bell as lead youth worker. The first term was spent meeting community partners, organisations, local businesses, setting up a programmes for projects and building a team of volunteers and staff. We started projects in January 2017 with a variety of programs for young people in the community, at the Bookham Youth Centre and in the schools, and churches. Over the year, we regularly worked with over a hundred young people from Bookham on relational projects, offering a mixture of support, activities, and engagement, with young people starting to take more ownership of projects.

In order to know how to best support local youth, many local young people went out and talked with local young people. 'Your Community, Your Voice' is the result of that, and is a youth research paper. We gathered data from 450 local young people from Bookham, asking them a series of questions about their community and their needs. This data was analysed and collated in a document that can be found on our website at

www.leatherheadyouthproject.com, or available in print upon request.

The main findings of the report were very interesting, showing that the majority of youth want to be active and healthy. They want places to spend time in positive activities and be part of their community. They told us that generally, they feel safe Bookham and 75% of young people have someone to go to when they have problems. However, this still leaves 1 in 4 youth who feel they don't have someone to talk to when they need support. As Bookham Youth Project, we want to step in that place and offer young people the support, guidance and activities they need and deserve.

The results from this study have helped frame our work with young people and is a valuable tool for anyone in Bookham looking to support youth, or want to hear what they think.

For more information about the Bookham Youth Project, or the results please contact Oli Bell by email at oli@leatherheadyouthproject.com



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Letter from the Editor

When I was passed this magazine from its previous hands, I was honestly scared. Scared of failing; fearful of letting those who believed in me down; afraid of proving those waiting for me to mess up, right. The goal of the Bookhams Bulletin is not only to inform, but to entertain. To that end, we publish four times annually, with the intention of bringing



you a roundup of news and updates of some of many groups that the our Bookhams' boasts.

This issue marks my one year anniversary as Editor, and I could not be more humbled, and honoured to have taken up this seat. It has been one of the most challenging, but ultimately rewarding positions that I have ever had the pleasure to work on. What this publication has taught me, and indeed journalism, is that despite all other factors that try to inhibit your progress, you must stay true. True to yourself, true to your audience, and constantly search out innovative ways of facing challenges. For myself in particular, this means the recognition of the voices of those who may not have the platform to be heard. The human experience fascinates me, and how even in our humble Bookhams', is still relevant, interesting, and heartwarming. These pages are filled with the voices of those who make this place what it is. Immense gratitude, as always, must go out to our contributors who always seem to have the most faith.

Looking forward into the new year, I hope to move forward in a positive direction.

With winter on the horizon, I cannot believe that it is already that time of year again. Despite the manic planning, I have always had a special place in my heart for winter. The festive season brings so many special things with it: walking out in the cool mornings - bundled up to the teeth, but warmed from the low winter sun; the abundance of markets, hot drinks served in mugs bigger than our faces, and the obligatory mince pie...or two! I absolutely adore the hustle bustle of it all, and Bookham is no exception. Our high street is teeming with life, and whether it's the shop windows decking their halls, or the smiles on the faces of those you meet, Bookham definitely has a certain lustre this time of year that is hard to be outdone.

Have a comment or story idea? Interested in contributing? Email the Editor at bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com

Jennifer Terry Editor https://jenn-inreallife.blogspot.co.uk/



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Tuesday every week Bookham Toddler Group 9.45 to 11.30am

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In Bookham 'Help Your Neighbour' goes further into the community. Currently there are over 200 people who regularly need transport to medical appointments at hospitals, local surgeries, dentists and opticians. We have a group of about 80 volunteer drivers who provide transport for about 1,700 lifts each year. Could you consider joining that group to help lighten the load?

Our 'clients' are very grateful for the service we provide which makes the 'job' very rewarding. There is no pressure to give more time than you feel you are able to and our 'clients' make donations to cover your fuel costs.

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Chairman's Report

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS - 2016/17

I am pleased to report that, financially, Village Week this year was one of the most successful ever bringing in £18,994. This was, as always, thanks to the tremendous support we receive from our affiliated organisations, members and villagers. Bookhams Open Gardens had an extremely successful year and donated £6,535, a wonderful figure, over £1,100 more than last year. A very big thank you to the Open Gardens Committee who work so hard to organise such an enjoyable and successful day.

Village Day was extremely hot but despite the heat the Parade reached the field and showed everyone what can be done with aluminium foil and cardboard in the 'Space Age'. Well done to the winners but also to all who took part. The field was full of stalls and displays and all were busy, with the ice creams, bar and refreshments doing roaring business. The displays in the arena were great and followed by non-stop music right through the afternoon. This annual event for all ages only works because of the hundreds of volunteers who make the costumes, man the stalls, displays and refreshments and steward for us - we thank them all and hoped that they enjoyed it. Our Village Day Committee work all the year to bring it all together and we are very grateful to them.

Village Week included a Bridge Lunch, Silver Band music, the Quiz Night and, new for this year, a Family Barn Dance. These are all arranged by different organisations. A big thank you to them.

So what else have we been doing? We have a new logo which we have introduced during the year. This was designed by Dick Pearce, a former director, to express our aims of bringing people and the community together. The Bulletin has continued and developed under Jenn Terry's editorship and Clare Cody has transformed our website with lots of information and up to date details of what is going on in the village. You can find it on bookhamcommunityassociation.org

In the halls we have redecorated the main hall, the last area to be redecorated, taking the opportunity to remove old radiators pipework and lights. We replaced the digital projector, wine cooler, cups and saucers and the side spotlights with LEDs. The main hall floor has been resealed and a new floor cleaner purchased to wash and dry the floors to keep them in good condition. No major projects but lots of improvements and use for the monies raised last year.

Looking forward we will be refurbishing the Harrison Room kitchen in January in memory of Graham Wilson, who did so much for the BCA whilst on the committee. This is thanks to



the generosity of Carolyn and family in donating £10,000 for the project.

We are also looking to provide a new ramp exit to the Waterfield Room. This will not only make emergency exit for wheelchairs much easier but an alternative entrance for motorised wheelchairs that struggle to access from the entrance hall.

We are extremely fortunate in having such an active and supportive Committee of Management and to have Roger and Rob to look after the halls and our users. Very many thanks to all of them and a special mention for Dick Pearce and Peter Stevenson who have retired from the committee but did so much for us over the years. We welcome Roger Bull who has joined the Committee this year.

Keith Slark, Chairman

The 2016/17 accounts are available on our website

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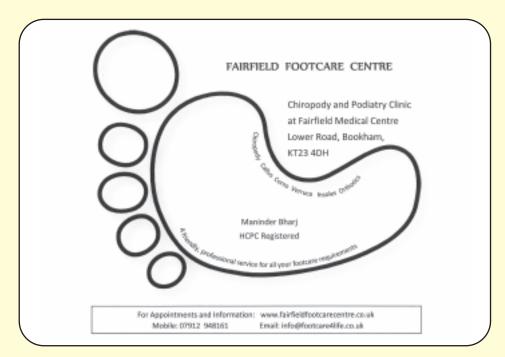
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Reader's Corner

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Our readers are our writers and we invite all our readers to contribute. Whether anecdotes, poems, etc. we invite all to share their experiences of what it means to be a resident of Bookham.

I find myself very lucky to live in one of the most beautiful locations in Surrey. A short walk from Norbury Park, that lies near the sleepy village of Bookham. As such, my garden is home to quite a few creatures whose characters are as complex and as fascinating as our own. Out of all my critters of the feathered kind, my favourites have to be the jackdaws. I find them to be very curious and a bit cheeky. When they land on the chimney they announce their presence with a shack sound and like to pass time watching the world go by. They remind me of Victorian gentlemen -tailcoats - especially by the way they waddle when they walk. In the evenings, just before dusk they will come together in a large flock and chatter amongst themselves. Catching up on the day's gossip for up to half an hour before flying off to roost for the night. One of the most tame and frequent visitors is a youngster who lost his tail. Although able to fly, some effort is required in getting into the air.

Most of the resident robins are bold, curious, and very cheeky. At this time, there are two dominant males in residence who are territorial, but lovable rogues. The first of the two, Horus, has his territory on the left hand

side of the back garden and is more inquisitive than his rival Balder. If I do any gardening he will pop down and hop around me inspecting what I'm doing without any fear. When he gets hungry he sits in a small tree outside my window and either sings, or makes a high pitched sound. The other male, Balder, whose territory lies in the right hand part of the garden is more mature with a milder temperament. He utters a scolding warbling song at me if I carry out any gardening work that involves clearing weeds or old branches.

This summer, the dominant pair of blackbirds, Rambo and Tufty, reared a clutch of 3 goofy, but cute fledglings who can now fend for themselves. Like robins, they are the most easily tamed, but can be quite aggressive with each over food and territory.

On occasion our garden is visited by the beautiful collared doves. They are cute, shy, and will approach for a bit of food and some company. From experience, I find the best way to feed garden birds is to leave out small portions in the early morning and evenings in many locations around the garden. That way, they will be less likely to dive in and start fighting over the food.

There are magpies and grey squirrels in abundance, too. The neighbourhood magpies are mostly youngsters who love to jump along our roof at dawn and peck at the tails of the squirrels, just for the fun of it. At the last, count I reckon there might be up to five grey squirrels, who spend most of their time burying nuts (and forgetting them) and chasing each other round the garden. The only annoying habit they have is to raid the spring bulbs, despite the fact that I feed them an adequate supply of nuts. During the early months of spring, I was awoken around 3:00am by a loud banging, which I took to be a noisy burglar. I quickly put my clothes on, switched on all the lights and opened the door where the sound originated. To my surprise, it was not exactly a human intruder...but one of the weasel kind. A juvenile badger had tried to barge its way through a rotten fence and then scrambled over another part instead. It looked at me in surprise and just ambled off into the night.

This just proves that even in the depths of the countryside, you can always expect the unexpected!

Dominic Batchelor

Pose



POSE is a Bookham-based drama group who have performed a pantomime at the Old Barn Hall for many years. This year, we will be presenting "Red Riding Hood" by Peter Long and Keith Rawnsley.

Red Riding Hood lives at Birchwood Orphanage where she was found abandoned as a baby. Although others are allowed to leave the orphanage, the cruel Squire Bullymore has virtually imprisoned Red Riding Hood, keeping her from the love of her life, Peter the Woodcutter. When Granny Knott inherits some money, she decides to adopt a granddaughter and visits the orphanage to

find her. Granny decides that Red Riding Hood is perfect for her, but the Squire is determined not to let her go and asks the Wolf for help. The Wolf's solution is to eat Red Riding Hood something Peter and the other orphans set out to stop. Along with Patches and Pinny (the orphanage handyman and cook), and watched over by the Fairy of the Forest, Peter sets off to rescue Red Riding Hood and teach Squire Bullymore a lesson.

Red Riding Hood will hold an evening show at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham on Fridays 19th and 26th, January 2018 at 7:45pm. There will also be showings on Saturdays 20th and 27th, January 2018 at both 2:30pm and 6:30pm.

Tickets are priced at £8.00 Adults, £7.00 Seniors/Children. All are available for purchase from the Box Office by telephone at 01372 454001. Tickets are also available from John Wadsworth Estate Agents in Church Road, Bookham. Group rates are available for parties of 10 and party bags can be arranged for birthday groups.

Heather Watkins





Bookham and Fetcham Gardeners Association

Ever thought of growing blueberries? If so, read on! Not only are these bushes very productive, but they also have the added bonus of giving superb autumn colour as the leaves change. The berries themselves are high in antioxidants and have been labelled by food gurus as 'super fruits'. They are expensive to buy in the shops, and for environmentalists home grown fruit is not only free, but also come with no carbon footprint.

Ideally, you need to start with two or three year old established plants, and for best results buy several different cultivars to ensure heavy yields. The plants are easy to look after as long as you adhere to several golden rules. The most important is the growing medium and to ensure longevity, they must be grown in acid soil with a Ph of 5.5 or lower. Slightly less important is the watering. Rainwater is always best, because of the lime in tap water which the plants hate. Regular feeding with an ericaceous feed throughout the growing season will help keep the bushes fruiting heavily. Pruning is not usually necessary in the first three years, but thereafter remove dead and old wood to encourage new growth and maintain fruiting. They need a sunny position and every year, you should mulch with acid material such as pine needles, composted conifer clippings, or leaf mould. A dressing of sulphur or ammonia will preserve acidity. Do not use farmyard manure as this is too rich and will damage the fibrous roots.

If your soil is too alkaline (i.e. Ph of 7 or more) to grow the bushes in the ground, they are ideal to grow in pots. Starting with a minimum of 12" diameter, move them up to pots of 20" diameter as they grow. Use ericaceous compost and keep the compost moist, but not soggy. Renew the compost regularly and as before, feed regularly during the growing season. Again a dressing of ammonia or sulphur chips will help to retain the acidity and mulching heavily will help retain moisture.

Pick fruits as they ripen, when they change from green to dusty blue. They can remain ripened on the bush for some time, although of course do tend to drop off once overripe. They have an excellent shelf life and also freeze well.

One final bit of advice, make sure you net the bushes once the berries start to ripen otherwise the blackbirds will have a field day! If you like these tips, make sure to look out for our next article in the Spring edition.

People of Bookham and the surrounding area have been growing produce for their families and friends on Eastwick Allotments for more than 165 years. Some 63 years ago, the allotment holders decided to form an Association with the aim of buying garden lime in bulk. The trading association that subsequently formed has now developed into a shop, where you can buy just about everything needed for basic gardening. You no longer need to have an allotment to join, hence the association is now known as the Bookham and Fetcham Gardeners Association. Yes, ALL gardeners are welcome. Come and see us any Sunday morning between 10:00am until 12:00pm. You will save your £3 subscription many times over in a gardening year, and if by any chance allotment gardening does take your fancy, we are more than happy to show you around. There are a few 5 rod plots of around 115 square meters immediately available.

John Humphreys

Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club

Recent recruitment for indoor bowling at Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club (MVIBC) situated within the Leatherhead Leisure Centre has been very successful. We have reached a new cut-off point of approximately 300 members! After the final session of the four 'Open Mornings' at the end of September, it is likely that further interest for membership may lead to a new waiting list.

The success of the open mornings has been largely due to a great deal of preparation and support over the preceding months, and on the day from various members (many of them Bookham residents) welcoming our visitors to the club, organising bowls and rink availability, and helpers supporting the club coaches on the green. Everyone set out to make the initial experience for new visitors to be as pleasurable as possible, whilst giving them good insight into the enjoyment and challenge that is available from indoor bowling at MVIBC.

Existing members returning indoors after last season will notice further improvements at the far end of the club, which has been fully redecorated, and now has an additional changing room for visitors, a revamped



committee/meeting room, and significant improvements to the storage facilities for the Swans Disability Group who meet regularly at the club.

Following the continued play of a summer league the new main season of activity for 2017/18 gets underway from Friday 29th September, with an Opening Drive on Sunday 8th October. Matches from the club's Fixture List will commence along with games for members who have entered Club and County Championships.

Internal League matches start from the end of October and with ongoing friendly roll ups and coaching sessions for new members, it will be a busy time again at MVIBC - whatever the weather!

If you would like to know more about MVIBC, please visit our website at www.mvibc.co.uk, or contact Guy Tortise by telephone at 01372 374653. You can also look in at the Leisure Centre or check in at the club, where someone will be on standby to help.

Michael Mackie

Bookham Youth & Community Centre

The Bookhams Youth Project (BYP) is flourishing thanks to the hard work of Oli Bell and his team. The Monday and Friday sessions are very well attended by a mix of young people. BYP have carried out a survey amongst youth, regarding what is needed in terms of activities and support. Results have proven very insightful, proving the need for centre and community based activities and support for young people.

Other youth organisations continue to use the large amount of space that is available, together with much improved supplementary facilities. This allows the groups using the facility a large degree of flexibility in activities in a spacious environment.

It is used by other youth and young adult groups such as Disability Challengers, Barnardos, and St. Nicolas Church. All of these groups run Clubs in the evenings, and Disability Challengers use the centre during the holidays. Other groups use the facilities on an ad hoc basis. The Short Breaks scheme run by Disability Challengers from the Centre will cease at the end of the year, as this service is being taken over by the YMCA.

Discussions continue to be held with Surrey County Council and Mole Valley District Council to replace the existing building with a new community facility, but this will take the building beyond the current lease which is due to expire in 2019. The plan is to extend the lease for another period to allow time for the longer term solution to be implemented.

The Action Theatre, for 4 to 7 year olds, has been a great success since starting out earlier this year. The theatre runs on Wednesday afternoon to early evening by Elizabeth Crawford. For more information, please contact by email at elizabeth_crawford@me.com or by telephone at 01372 200162.

During term time, Smarty Pants Preschool use the centre and can be contacted by calling the centre during term time hours or on their website at http://www.smartypantspreschool.co.uk.

The centre is used by other members of the community for leisure activities, such as U3A and fitness classes, using the Sports and Social halls.

Monday afternoons: U3A Badminton & Table Tennis

Tuesday afternoons: 1345 Pilates with Helen Stevens - contact

helenotway@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesday evenings: 1930 Pilates with Rebecca Hull - contact

beccalale@hotmail.com

Sunday mornings: 0845 Circuit Training

1000 Pilates

Contact Wendy by email at wendy.dodd@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone at 07801 810665.

If you would like more information on the centre and the activities that take place here, please visit our website at www.bookhamyouth.org.uk or contact our volunteer Booking Manager, Ellen Thomas by telephone at 01372 458019. You can also reach us by email at ellenthomas@hotmail.co.uk, or bookhamyouth@o2.co.uk. If you feel that you could offer a bit of time as a volunteer and would like to contribute to a vital part of our community, please contact David Cox by telephone at 07825 354763.

David Cox



Bookham Open Gardens

This year's event was a record breaker, raising over £6500 towards the upkeep of our Old Barn Hall! Our committee have already started planning for next year's event on Sunday 17th June, 2018 - do put the date in your diary.

We are beginning to put together our list of gardens for 2018, so if you have an interesting garden, perhaps with a theme, how about opening? We are always on the lookout for new gardens to add to our list of 'old

favourites. The joy is in the variety, from quirky to formal, productive to picturesque; we are not necessarily looking for perfect 'Yellow Book' gardens. Advanced 'works in progress' can be just as interesting and enlightening as established gardens. It's a great way to get to know people and feel part of the community. Why not rope in your children and grandchildren to help too, especially if they have their own bit of garden to show off?

If you think you might be interested, you are most welcome to contact us for a chat – you can contact us on our website at www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk, via our Facebook page, or by emailing us at tina.hutton@btinternet.com. We'll be very happy to come and look around.

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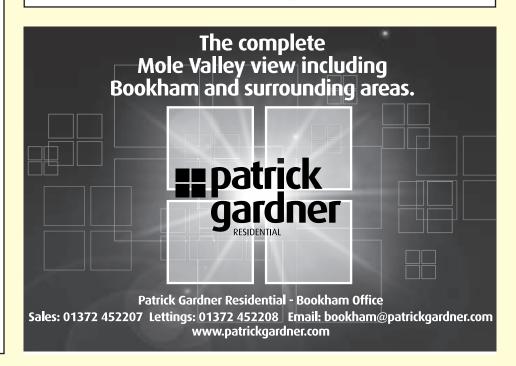
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Polesden Lacey Infant School

September was a wonderful month of new beginnings. New school, new uniform, new class, new friends, as well as a welcome return to the familiar. At Polesden Lacey Infant School, many of the new reception class have already benefit from the fantastic summer club facility, which the school offers in the last weeks of the summer term. This provides a gentle introduction to new friends, and enables a familiarity with the new routines that autumn brings, helping to facilitate a happy and smooth transition.

As for returning Year 1 and 2 children, much important work is still to be done. The Crumble



Rumble heralds the start of autumn, and is always a popular activity that the Year 2 children participate in at Polesden Lacey House. Working together to gather the apples, the children cook up a storm in the kitchen to produce their delicious autumnal puds!

Outdoor learning plays an important role within our curriculum, and the regular participation in Forest School gives the children the opportunity to make, learn, and discover - nurturing a love of learning alongside an understanding of the importance and wonder of their environment.

This is fundamental within Polesden Lacey Infant School, having recently achieved their RSPB Gold Award for looking after the school grounds and making them a haven for wildlife. They have also achieved the national accolade of being named Green School of the Year, from 780 other nominees, in the Costa Community Education Awards. The school was presented with a magnificent trophy and certificate to commemorate the work the children and staff have accomplished over the past decade to



sustain and improve their environment on both local and global levels. Adding to this, the children earned the Gold Healthy Schools Award for regularly participating in the 'mile run', and morning exercises.

What a golden start! Let's hope those new school shoes are comfortable, because they still have the most extraordinary journey ahead of them!

Julie Welby

Bookham Country Market

The Country Market continues to thrive and, at the time of writing, is the largest weekly Country Market in Surrey. We get tremendous support from our regular customers who appreciate the warm welcome they get and the prospect of purchasing locally produced and homemade goods. We have also had a small, but steady influx of new customers. It helps that we have our own Facebook page and Website, which are enthusiastically maintained by Ann Tomlinson - our long standing Secretary - and Lisa Beeley, a keen supporter, operating remotely from Dubai. Unfortunately, Ann has had to give up her Secretarial duties and her organisational skills will be sadly missed. Despite this publicity we still meet Bookham Residents who are not aware of what we have to offer, or have other committments on Friday mornings. If you are one of these and find that you are free one week, at half term for instance, please come along. We aim to provide a friendly atmosphere where people can meet over



tea/coffee and cake, as well as buying from the well stocked tables.

The quality and range of goods on our stalls is a testimony to the hard work and skill of our contributors and suppliers. Each Friday we also rely upon several volunteers who help to set up the market, man the stalls, and serve teas. This is a genuine cooperative operating on the principle of 'for local people by local people'. Over the last few years, we have been expanding the range of goods we

have to offer. Our cake stall now sells loose scones and similar items, and our range of quiches, sausage rolls, etc has increased with the help of a new addition to our team of cooks - Trudi Allibone, who has also taken over as our order clerk. We can supply a wide range of cakes and prepared meals to order to your specification for a special occasion.

Stevie Carter, our local potter from South Holmwood, is now an established and regular contributor, with a wide range of pottery, spanning from trinkets through to substantial and interesting plates. Items by Anna Clarke, our talented local artist, can be seen on the occasions she is able to attend. Colin Kemp, who takes wonderful wildlife photographs on Bookham Common (which are often featured



range of his work for sale. Now that Winter approaches, Josh Farell will be supplying bags of kindling for your home fires as well. We are also in talks with Robert and Katherine Gray of Goldstone Farm about selling their homemade ice-cream.

Bookham Country Market is part of Country Markets Ltd and for more information you can visit our website at www.bookhamcountrymarket.co.uk, look us up on our Facebook page at BookhamCountryMarket, or even better, pay us a visit one Friday. You can find us in the Old Barn Hall, Bookham every Friday between 10:15am and 11:30am, although it pays to get there early to avoid disappointment.

Peter Almond

Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society



This year's show was held at the delightful Tithe Barn in Little Bookham. Charming ancient timber frames surrounded the heady blooms entered by the contestants. It was a pleasure to explore the venue as well as to admire the excellent growing efforts of the local enthusiasts. There was a substantial increase in entries from last year's event. The most popular categories were 'Potatoes', and the catch all class 'Any Other Vegetables'. The standards of the entries were high, with a number being awarded highly commended, apart from the usual first second and third. The assorted vegetable basket arrangements looked very inviting. The men rose to the challenge in the 'Men-Only Victoria Sponge' category, well done to all you master bakers! The children's classes saw some particularly delightful creations made out of vegetables and fruit. Craft entries included embroidered and quilted items to a very high standard. The domestic classes included glowing jams, delicious looking cakes and bread. This year a plaited bread was one of the challenges taken up successfully.

I suggest that next year the society should consider offering a prize for the people's choice, so that we can all get to taste some of these delights! The floral entries were the visual stars of the show, from the magnificent centre table burgeoning with huge floral bounty, through perfect specimen flowers, themed arrangements, and one of my favourites, the buttonholes. Tea and cake were provided, and it was a pleasure to sit in the large grassed courtyard, with the old barn basking in the sunlight, and to watch and listen to the white pigeons fussing around their cote.



The flower society continues to go from strength to strength, led by Angela Stevens the chairman, and her enthusiastic committee.

The owners have invited the society to use the Tithe Barn again next year, so there will be another opportunity for everyone to come and enjoy this festival of flowers, veggies and crafts in this magnificent historic setting. I suspect that the success of this venue and the event will lead to an even better show next year. I can't wait.

Charles Smitheman.



Polesden Lacey Playschool



It was a pleasure to see so many happy, smiling faces as the autumn term began. The children have enjoyed walking in, surrounded by the ever changing colours of autumn, collecting leaves as they go. This term, we have been looking at shapes: we now understand how shapes make up our world, and have demonstrated this by making shape pictures. We have also used shape prints to make

repeating patterns. We have even looked at how we can build up our body shapes to make an amazing picture! Our favourite picture was when we used our handprints to make Christmas trees. They were so beautiful that we have made them into Christmas cards to give to our nearest and dearest.

Christmas is not far away and we will soon begin practising for our Christmas Show which, looking at the song choices, is already showing signs of being one of our best performances ever. The children cannot wait to show family and friends their amazing singing and dancing talents, all the while explaining the true meaning of Christmas. We are also planning a range of games to set up at our annual Christmas fair, which is organised in conjunction with Polesden Lacey Infant School. The Fair will take place in

December in the school hall and classrooms. Keep a look out for posters for more information. We look forward to seeing as many people there as possible to make reindeer dust, decorate biscuits, and try to land a coin on Rudolph's nose. Why not come and try your luck?

If you would like more information about the playschool, like to arrange a visit, or enquire about admissions please contact us by telephone at 01372 458 145 (for general enquiries/admissions, please leave a message if there is no answer), 01372 453162 (during session times- so brief conversations only please), or email us at alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com, or visit our website at:

http://polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool

Natasha Matthews

Little Bookham WI

Tis the "Season of Mists and Mellow fruitfulness", and members of Little Bookham WI have been making the most of these early autumn days. They have visited local horticultural projects with harvests to be proud of. Their first visit was to Horsley Community Kitchen Garden - 'Grace and Flavour'. We felt a bit like Peter Rabbit entering Mr McGregor's garden. We explored between row after row of every sort of fruit and vegetable: carrots, cabbages, beans, broccoli, apples, pears and plums. All the work here is carried out by volunteers who come along to help as and when they have time. On any one day, there may be anywhere from five to twenty-five volunteers. It is a very welcoming place to be. Produce from the community garden is mainly donated to local people who



it is felt would benefit from it. The volunteers have used their skills to renovate a potting shed too. This is now a valuable addition to the project. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and we were told that if any of our members or friends would like to join the volunteers they would be very welcome.

Our second visit was to 'Plant Passion' in East Clandon, where owner Claire aims to provide "seasonal, scented, sustainable flowers that are freshly picked and locally grown." Claire guided us round the herb garden, greenhouse, and fields of colourful flowers. Then, back at the barn we were welcomed with hot drinks and biscuits as Claire explained that after twentyone years in horticulture, including five years as Plant Centre Manager for RHS Wisley, she felt it was time to start her dream business growing fresh, chemical-free flowers. Claire agreed that it was hard work but making up bouquets in a barn full of sweet scented roses and sweet peas made it all worthwhile. Whilst she was talking, Claire created a lovely seasonal bouquet that she presented to one of our group. We could see why many local florists and other customers were returning time and again to purchase her floral creations.



Little Bookham WI meets at 7:30pm, on the third Wednesday of the month at Little Bookham Village Hall. We enjoy a variety of interesting talks and activities and if you would like to join us you would be very welcome.

Fay McGregor



Bookham Choral Society

September saw us all back at rehearsals after a well-deserved summer break, and we can tell that our end of year schedule of concerts is fast approaching as most of us are arriving at rehearsals after dark! We were pleased to welcome new members to our choir and hope that they enjoy the experience of singing beautiful music and belonging to a very friendly group.

In October, many members of our choir will be singing in the Leith Hill Music Festival event, 'Come and Sing', under the direction of the LHMF Director of Music, Jonathan Willcocks. We will be singing the glorious Mozart Requiem. This is a firm favourite with many members of our choir, so it will certainly be a memorable occasion.



Our annual November Concert is being held at the Manor House School on Saturday 25th November 2017 at 7:30pm. We will be singing two wonderful pieces: Faure's Requiem and Requiem for an Angel by contemporary composer, Anthony Carr. The choir will be accompanied by a professional orchestra, The Burley Ensemble, and we will have two very talented young soloists: Soprano, Jessica Broad, and Baritone Robert Garland. Tickets are available from 'Cascade' in the High Street, Bookham or from the BCS Box Office, 01372 375644.

Very sadly, this will be the final concert conducted by our Director of Music, Christopher Hann, who will be leaving us to pursue other opportunities. Christopher joined us five years ago and brought with him a youthful enthusiasm, a tremendous knowledge of music and great skills as a conductor. Under his guidance, Bookham Choral Society has gone from strength to strength. We have increased our repertoire to include lighter and more modern pieces and improved our singing skills; so much so, that we were winners of our Division in this year's Leith Hill Music Festival. We wish Christopher well, and will follow his career with interest.



I cannot believe that I am talking about Christmas already, but this year we are presenting our Carol Concert in St Nicolas Church, Bookham on Wednesday December 20th at 8:00pm. There will be a big demand for tickets, so make sure you buy them early! They are now available in Cascade, or from the Box Office. There will be plenty of opportunity for audience participation during the concert and, of course, there is the complimentary drink and mince pie to look forward to! For more details of the Choral Society, please visit our website at www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk

Cheryl Mendham

Bus Stop Preschool



All the children have now started back at Bus Stop Pre-School after the summer break, and there is much to look forward to! The returning children have settled straight back into the preschool routine, creating new friendships, rekindling old ones, and exploring their favourite activities and places. The new children have settled in amazingly and it has been lovely watching as they explore their new environment.



Autumn is a lovely time of year to be out and exploring the local woods and the Polesden Lacey Estate. At the moment, the children are enjoying making woodland necklaces by threading acorns, conker shells, leaves, and feathers collected on their nature walks. These kinds of activities can then be integrated into the areas of learning counting, labelling, sorting, as well as helping them to understand the world around them.

Bus Stop have also introduced their Autumn story, "Harry's Hazelnut" - about a little boy who finds a nut on his way to school one day, and looks after it over the years. The story supports the children's understanding of the importance of trees and how they grow, for example, trees need sunshine and water to grow, they provide homes for animals, and produce food for animals and people.

Other plans for the term include, making bird feeders which the children can take home, making autumnal collages, and tending to the on-site vegetable patch.

This year, Bus Stop is providing daily lunches for all children cooked over the campfire in the woods. Providing the lunch means the children can spend all day in the woods without having to return to school premises. It also reduces the amount of waste from food and packaging, which inevitably happens with packed lunches.



Of course, campfire made hot chocolate is still on the menu! It has become an essential part of being out in the woods, and serves as a much needed treat after hours of running around, climbing trees, and playing.

Looking ahead, the children will be practising for such events as Harvest Song Time, which gives the parents and carers the opportunity to hear all the song the children have been learning. We will also be making a visit to Keswick House to sing to the elderly residents, and even make a stop at Polesden Lacey House for the Christmas Tour.

For more information on Bus Stop Pre-School, please contact either Kate or Kelly by telephone at 01372 879712, or by email at busstoppreschool@aol.co.uk

Emily von Reibnitz

Bookham Residents' Association

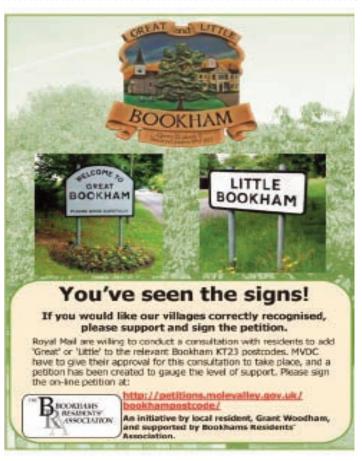


There is a petition running locally after the recent publicity about the possibility of the Royal Mail changing Bookham addresses. Royal Mail are currently willing to conduct a consultation with residents to add 'Great' or 'Little' to the relevant Bookham KT23 postcodes, so addresses read more clearly and correct. Mole Valley District Council must give their approval for this consultation to take place, and a petition has been created to gauge the level of local support.

For more information, or to sign the petition, please visit http://petitions.molevalley.gov.uk/bookhampostcode/

This is an initiative by local resident Grant Woodham, and supported by Bookhams Residents' Association.

Ray Pritchard



The Dawnay School

Like all schools, we have a mission statement. A vision and set of values, all of these are available on our website www.dawnay.surrey.sch.uk. We think these words have been well-thought through, capture the essence of our school, and represent what we strongly believe in.

Our Mission: Inspiring through excellence. Our Values: P.R.I.D.E. - Positive, Respect, Independence, Difference, and Excellence. So, what do these words look like in reality and how do we live by our vision and values?

At The Dawnay, we embrace and celebrate individualism. We believe that children should not be grouped by age, but viewed as unique individuals recognising their specific learning needs. Our mixed age classes in the junior part of the school, provide an environment for a family of learners who support and guide each other. Older children can serve as mentors and take on leadership roles, while younger children are able to accomplish challenging tasks with their support, just as children learn in the family home. Our pupils learn to mix with a wide range of age groups from a young age, and form strong bonds with a strong team ethos.

Visitors to our school see children working and

playing happily together regardless of age or background. They see adults who skilfully work alongside children to support without taking their independence away. They see children who are not defeated when they come across a challenge, but view this as an opportunity to learn, and take the attitude: 'I can't do this... yet' showing resilience and character. They see teachers aiming to inspire a love of learning through a creative and meaningful curriculum. They see staff modelling excellence in their relationships and expectations, both children and adults demonstrating mutual respect. A multitude of backgrounds and cultures, give a greater understanding and celebration of diversity in preparation for the greater communities in which they will spend their secondary education and working lives.

As children journey towards their future working life, they will increasingly be valued for demonstrating a range of skills, as well as being literate, and numerate. At The Dawnay, we endeavour to give all children the foundations for their future.

We believe that a primary school should be a place where children are encouraged and



supported to aim high in all aspects of their life, whether academic, sporting, creative, or musical without fear of their hopes, dreams, and enjoyment being dashed. We aim to prepare children for an unknown and uncertain future by building self-esteem, giving confidence, expecting reliability, 'grit', and encouraging a team spirit in both work and play.

Dare to be different! Come and see what we offer and how we do it - differently. Contact myself by email at head@dawnay.surrey.sch.uk. We would love to show you around!

Gail Hard

Effingham Golf Club Juniors



The majority of Juniors at the Club live in the Bookhams, with the rest in the immediate area so it is a truly local club which is very supportive of Junior Golf.

The annual match against a group of members of the golf club known as 'The Rogues', took place in August. The Junior team were not put off playing against a team with a reputation for giving no quarter! After a tactical team talk, they confronted their opposition, led by Craig Ketley, pictured with playing partner Nigel



Vanstone and their opponents, Frankie Lemmer and Olivia Hunt. The latter also recently won the 2017 Effingham Ladies Scratch knockout competition. The Juniors won the match 3 v 2 points. Junior captain, Rory King and Tom Sutherland won their match with a thumping 5 & 4 victory with mumblings from their opponents, of "bandits never gave us a putt". All the other matches were drawn with some great fight backs being achieved by the juniors in matches they looked like losing. The fixture was played in a great, but competitive spirit with the Rogues presenting nearest pin prizes for their opposition. Afterwards, they generously paid for the refreshments. Better luck next year, chaps!

Effingham Golf Club boasts a thriving Junior Section (up to 18 years old) of boys and girls, providing a progressive programme from new starter to accomplished player. Why not find out more about playing golf at Effingham?

If you are either a complete novice or interested in just giving golf a go, the club is keen to help you with its Junior Golf Development Scheme. The club is keen to extend the opportunity of Junior membership to existing young golfers in the local area. Much of the coaching is subsided by the Club, so as to make it affordable for all. As well as



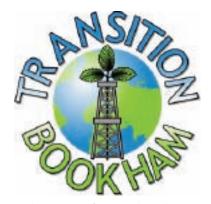
regular monthly competitions, there are also interclub matches. There is no joining fee for a new Junior member, but there is a modest annual subscription of £100 (under 13s) and £205 (13-18s).

Some young and aspiring golfers may either not have an official handicap, or may not be quite up to the standard for immediate Junior Membership with the playing rights it provides. However, this is not a problem as these can be addressed by the Junior Organisers in a number of practical ways that meet the individual's situation.

You can find out more about joining Junior Golf by contacting our Head PGA Professional, James Gunning by email at jgunning@effinghamgolfclub.com, or by telephone at 01372 452203 (golf inquiries - pro shop).

David Cox

Transition Bookham



Just a short report from us this edition, as at the time of writing we had only had one meeting since the Autumn Bulletin was published. We have already held another open meeting and created an array of environmentally-friendly Christmas cards.

We potentially have one more open meeting this year, which has yet to be confirmed. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th November at 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre. Our group also plan to be out and about at local festive events later in the year.

In 2018, open meetings will take place on the third Wednesday of the month, once per quarter, starting in January. Check our website, social media, or local noticeboards for information nearer the time. If you would like to be kept up-to-date with what we are doing,

as well as hearing about local and national green issues, please email us at transitionbookham@gmail.com and inquire about our mailing list. We would also like to hear from you if you are interested in joining in any of our events, or have any suggestions of future activities.

Find out more about us on our website at www.transitionbookham.org.uk. You will find news and updates on our group, as well as helpful tips, and local information about living a more plant-friendly life. You can also like and follow TransitionBookham on Facebook, and follow @ttbookham on Twitter.

Win Magyar

Eastwick WI

On a warm summer evening, Eastwick WI held their own version of Open Gardens. Two members, who live close to the centre of Bookham, opened their gardens for us to enjoy and they were on hand to identify plants and offer advice, including cultivation tips. Afterwards, we were congregated into the Old Barn Hall for a supper and socialising.

Members of Eastwick WI have been out and about over the course of the summer months! The Camera Group enjoyed a guided tour of the burnt out shell of Clandon Park, followed by a photography session at the newly refurbished Guildford Cathedral which turned out to be a startling juxtaposition after the previous visit to Clandon. The Garden Group had a guided tour of the gardens at Polesden Lacey, visited a beautiful garden in Cobham, and were introduced to the small garden of one of their members. Speakers at our regular meetings entertained us with talks on Hogarth, and Guildford Cathedral. We look forward to future talks on the widely differing subjects this term, from Tibet to hats. In their spare time, crafty members have also been knitting bobble hats for newborn babies.

Plans are in motion for a Quiz Evening, a visit to Epsom Playhouse to see the Leatherhead Operatic production of "Scrooge", a coach trip to the Christmas Market at Portsmouth, and a Christmas Dinner at Effingham Golf Club.

There is always something happening at Eastwick WI, for more information please visit our website at www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, from 7:30pm in St Mary's Annexe, The Ridgeway, Fetcham. Visitors are made very welcome.

Sally Dampney





Bookham Wine Club

Nick Wenman, founder and owner of Albury Organic Vineyard at Silent Pool, gave an excellent presentation and tasting at Bookham Wine Club's August meeting. Members heard about the growing popularity of English wines, particularly the sparkling wines which are increasingly winning international medals and awards when they come up against French champagnes. There are now over five hundred commercial vineyards in the UK, but only fifteen are certified organic. Nick established his vineyard in 2009, and planted 21, 000 vines on the 12-acre site. He employs biodynamic practises to help improve the soil and the vineyard produced its first vintage in 2011. Since then, the awards have followed. Members tasted four of the vineyard's wines including, the Albury Estate Classic Cuvee



which recently won gold at the International Organic Wine Awards. It was overwhelmingly voted as the club's "wine of the month" at the end of the evening.

The club's social event of the summer was a Hog Roast in early September at the Manor Farm Tithe Barn in Little Bookham. Some sixty members and friends enjoyed a hog roast by Dave Squires of Barbeque Chefs, Guildford. Dave and his assistant spent all afternoon cooking the hog, which was beautifully tender by the evening when Dave carved and served it. A range of beautiful desserts were provided by club members and there was an excellent selection of cheeses to end the meal. Music was provided by The Band from the Pub, and after the food everybody was up and dancing. The evening ended in a raffle, and the club has made a generous contribution to The Princess Alice Hospice.

In September, Croatian wines were the topic of the meeting, with a presentation by Craig Duggan, Business Development Manager of Croatian Fine Wines, based in Northwich, Cheshire. Members tasted three white and three red wines, and amongst them was a white from a 600 year old vineyard, whose 1947 vintage had been served at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953! At



the end of the tasting, Bookham Wine Club members chose the Benvenuti Teran as their Wine of the Month.

The Club's December meeting will be welcoming back guest speaker Heather Dougherty. A locally based international wine speaker, writer, and judge, Heather will present her choice of sparkling wines for the festive season and recommend suitable foods to accompany.

The Club's 2018 programme is already coming together, with tastings of wine from Argentina, Austria, Australia, Brazil, Bordeaux, Burgundy, Greece, South Africa, and Turkey. To learn more about Bookham Wine Club, please take a look at our website at www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk

Ian Rohinson

Bookham, Fetcham and Effingham Christmas Charity Post

Believe it or not, Christmas is quickly approaching. The popular Christmas Charity post will be operating again in your neighbourhood for, unbelievably, the 34th year! Nearly 200 volunteers are gearing up to deliver some 14,000 Christmas cards in the villages of Bookham, Fetcham and Effingham with guaranteed delivery of correctly addressed cards, still for just 30p, saving 24p on second class postage.

Most residents will know how the scheme works, but for the benefit of newcomers here is a brief summary. You will be able to buy your Charity Post stamps in any of the shops listed below or from one of our house-to-house sellers from Monday 20th November. Use them only on cards to addresses in Bookham, Fetcham or Effingham. Post them in any of the twelve shops or private houses displaying the

Posting Point signs will be up in shops from Monday 20th November until the last posting date at 4:30pm on Monday 18th December. Our volunteers will do the rest!

Money raised goes directly to charities whose mission it is to help enable third world communities. Last year, £1000 was given to WaterAid to provide clean water overseas, £1000 to Medecins Sans Frontiere for their work with Syrian refugees, and finally, £1000 to Practical Action for a water project in East Africa. If you feel inspired by this scheme, perhaps you might consider becoming a volunteer? If so, please contact our Chairman, Michael Agius, by telephone at 01372 456545 or email at meagius@gmail.com for further information.

From Monday 20th November, shops listed below will sell stamps and display a "Posting Point" notice. The post box will be inside the shop. From 10th December, there will be three post collections until the last on 19th December 2017.

BOOKHAM:

BRACKENBURYS, High Street BUNGALOW STORES, Beckley Parade WISHING WELL, 7 High Street THE GRANGE AT NUMBER FIVE, 5 Church Road GROVE PHARMACY, The Grove WAVELENGTHS, Edenside

FETCHAM

CONTACT, Cobham Road OPEN ALL HOURS, Hazel Parade NIKKI'S NEWS, Sunmead Parade CANNON COURT PHARMACY, Cannon Court

EFFINGHAM

PARKER & SON, The Street SIBLEYS NEWSAGENTS, Guildford Road

Michael Agius

Great Bookham Belles WI

Great Bookham Belles WI finished off the season with another great speaker at our July meeting. Jake Phillips took us on a journey through his life from his unsettled childhood, having an alcoholic mother and temporary step-dads, to having recently turned 50 and helping those worse off than himself. Along the way he learned to love music and play the guitar his brother had given him by listening to the radio.

Through his brother, he learnt to juggle and walk the tightrope, thus ending up performing circus tricks – his pièce de résistance being juggling, lying on his back on the high wire! Jake recounted how he fell into a life of drugs



and how as an ex-offender, he has been able to reinvent a new life for himself by helping those who are drug addicts, mentally afflicted or homeless, by running music workshops and meditation sessions. His talk rounded off with an impromptu jam session with audience participation.

After the Summer break, the Belles were treated to a fascinating talk from John Stirling, who came all the way from Manchester with his wife Ann to tell us his story 'From Toytown to Buckingham Palace'. John enthralled members with his talk which began with his career as a child actor, producer, director and playwright! He started as Noddy on the West End stage – having auditioned for Enid Blyton, worked with the likes of, Jimmy Edwards in Whack-o! Jack Warner, Dixon of Dock Green fame, and Sid James before spending 6 years alongside Morecambe and Wise. He produced several Royal Variety Performances, wrote a musical for Marti Caine and even wrote a special play for Patricia Hayes, which was sadly never televised due to Ms Hayes onset of Alzheimer's. This led him on to the next chapter in his life rescuing donkeys. John and

his wife Ann, who was a costume designer for many TV series, set-up an inspirational charity with Dame Judi Dench, rescuing donkeys, creating a wonderful environment for them and training them to work with special needs children. Through this work they came into contact with many other famous actors, June Brown, Edward Fox, Brian Blessed and even meeting Her Majesty The Queen. Following his entertaining talk, John signed books and Ann sold beautiful toy donkeys, and donkey themed aprons, all of the proceeds going to providing much needed services and support for children.

Next month is our 3rd Birthday and we are looking forward to another eventful year with lots of wonderful speakers and activities planned for Great Bookham Belles WI. The Great Bookham Belles WI meet on the third Monday of every month, from 7:30pm at Manor House School. For information, please visit our website at www.greatbookhambelleswi.org or email us at contactbelleswi@gmail.com

Sallie Jenns

Rainbow Playgroup

Have you ever wondered if, and how, you might be different had you had a different education? It can be interesting to think about the impact your education had on you. Long term research by the HighScope Education Research Foundation shows that the kind of preschool education we give a child has a far reaching effect, which extends right into their adult lives. David Weikart and his fellow researchers discovered that if, in their early years children were given an active learning curriculum supported by well-trained and sensitive teachers, as adults were more successful in many areas of their lives.

The preschool stage of a child's education is crucial, both for its own sake and for children's futures. Currently, the government is not investing well in early years education which means there is a tremendous pressure on playgroups to meet the exacting standards of the Early Years Foundation Stage, while having less resources allocated to them. There have been many cuts and now playgroups have to manage with minimal support from the Surrey Early Years, as that department has been severely cut.

Playgroup staff tend to be resourceful people, who are generous with themselves and their time. As an early years teacher and trainer who

works with a number of playgroups, I am constantly impressed to see the number of managers who are going the extra mile to ensure that children get the very best. At Rainbow, we are working to continue to provide the best for children in our care in a financial climate that does not support us well to do this.

We are very thankful to the generous support of the church,

which enables us to continue to have extremely high adult to child ratios, and helps fund us to employ a member of staff to work exclusively with children who have additional needs. When we take special care of children's particular needs through early intervention, wonderful things happen. The child who is being supported develops well because they have the individual support they need, the other children pick up on the care around this child and join in understanding them, nurturing them and helping them to learn and grow. Everyone is enriched by the experience.

We want Rainbow Playgroup to be a place where everyone is welcomed and included, whatever their personal circumstances and situations. We love the diversity of our



children, who learn and grow together through the close relationships they form with staff and we are delighted children in our playgroup make 'outstanding progress'. Rainbow Playgroup feeds all the local schools in our areas, and we know that whichever school they move onto, as Ofsted noted in their inspection last year, children from Rainbow are 'exceptionally well prepared for school'.

If you would like to come and visit, please call the manager Heidi Watson by telephone at 01372 811313. We would be delighted to show you around. We take children from the ages of 2 - 5 years, and are open each weekday morning during term times.

Rachael Underwood

Bookham Toddler Group

The summer holidays have flown by and once again Bookham Toddler Group has opened its doors to all the little ones, their parents, grandparents and carers! While there is a lot to look forward to in the coming months, we are sorry to lose so many of our wonderful volunteers and children whom have moved on to bigger and brighter things. Thank you once again to Natasha Allwood, our Chair; Sally Scothern, our Vice-Chair; Abby Haran, our Craft Leader, and Pippin Hackett, our Team Leader. As vital members of our committee, they have worked so hard, for many years, and will definitely be a hard act to follow. We wish to thank them for all of their hard work and enthusiasm that they brought to Bookham Toddler Group.

We are excited to have introduced many new volunteers to the team, including Hannah Hennessy as Chair, and Carrie Law as Vice Chair. They look forward to continuing to make the Bookham Toddler Group a friendly, fun place to play in the village. We have also welcomed Michelle Taylor as our new Craft Leader, who will be at the forefront of this creative, hardworking team. There have also been many new volunteers who have signed up to help; Debbie Edwards (singing), Ellie Edgar, Gaenor Watson, Rowenna Easton, and Sara Cohen. We are so grateful for the support of all these new and returning volunteers who continue to help the group run smoothly. New volunteers to assist our committee would be warmly welcomed.

As the days seem to be getting cooler and wetter, the children have been enjoying the large selection of toys, ride-ons, playdough, and toys that are available within the vast expanse of the Old Barn Hall. Our wonderful professional photographer, Colin, has been back to take gorgeous photos of your little ones. We will also continue to enjoy our many local concessions this term including, Phoenix Trading, Tropic Skincare, Ceramica, and of course our resident toddler hairdresser, Tracey. We will also be welcoming Bookham Library for story sessions, and Monkey Music for singing and movement.

Our dedicated Craft Team have an exciting timetable of art activities for this term, and the children will be using a variety of tools and techniques to create their masterpieces! Harvest will see them printing with leaves and fruit, and later on making autumn wreaths. Halloween, Fireworks, and Christmas will also see your little ones making some fabulous creations.

As many of you know, Bookham Toddler Group is run exclusively by volunteers. We are local mums, dads, grandparents and carers





who offer weekly sessions for children from birth to preschool/school age. We meet at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham every Tuesday morning from 9:45am - 11:30am. Newcomers are welcome! Your first session is free, and afterwards it is just £2 per child (plus 50p per additional child). Babies under 6 months come free. Refreshments are provided, so come on down for a warm drink and a chat with other local parents, while relaxing in our child-friendly environment. For full details of the current terms activities/events and general information, please visit our Facebook page bookhamtoddlergroup, or contact Hannah Hennessy by email at Hannah@bookhamtoddlergroup.co.uk

Hannah Hennessy



The Grange

It was another busy summer, packed full of sporting activities at The Grange. In July, we launched our inaugural 'Summer Fun' scheme. The scheme was a great success and we were delighted to welcome 16 new people who attended over 4 weeks. They had individual timetables drawn up for a carousel of different activities ranging from simple cooking to Bushcraft! We will be rolling this out as a permanent feature at The Grange. If you know anyone who may be interested in attending, please contact Vikki Schadenberg by telephone at 01372 455229.

At the beginning of September we said a fond 'Farewell' to our CEO who has been in post for the past 4 years, Sally Lines OBE who leaves behind a wealth of achievements including: the major refurbishment of the Main House which is now completely accessible for everyone and has freed up valuable space for our skills training; introducing the Values and Mission Statement and most recently, purchased four

brand new flats in Leatherhead. We are looking forward to welcoming the new CEO who has been appointed and brings over 20 years experience of the adult social care sector with him. Four of our tenants have had a smooth transition moving into the new flats in Bookham. Nicky, who uses a wheelchair and Laura, both of whom have learning disabilities, have lived at The Grange in Rectory Lane since they were 17 years old. The other two tenants, Alison and Jane, both lived in Bookham village before. All are making the move to their own brand new single flats in Leatherhead, a block of four one-bedroomed flats built for The Grange.

'It's overwhelming, I'm here at last,' said Alison, who has been accessing services at The Grange for over 30 years. 'I couldn't wait to move in. It's near my two places of work and I can easily get to the shops, buses and swimming pool.' The accommodation has been built to a very high standard and Nicky's flat has specially

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adapted kitchen and bedroom fittings. 'I was very nervous the first night when I moved in,' she said, 'but I'm getting the hang of it now.' Thanks to those moving into the new flats, we now have vacancies onsite at Rectory Lane and in Bookham Village for new people on our waiting list to join our Supported Living service, so it is an exciting time for everybody.

We are now turning our attention to our annual Christmas Concert which is a really popular event and is taking place on 2nd December at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon. Tickets are £15 each available from the box office 08700 842 202. It is always a really great evening and a kick-start into the festive season. We hope to see you there!

For more information about The Grange and our work, please visit our website at www.grangecentre.org.uk

Marion Chow

Mole Valley WI



Our members have enjoyed some interesting talks as of late, including one called "Knickers" by Carole Ransom, which provided great amusement to all in attendance! Carole told us the history of undergarments from 1800 to present day. David Richmond-Coggan, from RNLI, shared photographs of women helping to launch lifeboats into wild, stormy waters. He also told us how women built Waterloo Bridge over the Thames on time and in budget!

Our annual 'Garden Party' had to be held indoors dues to rain, however members enjoyed an afternoon of chatter and delicious cakes at Jean's house instead. The August meeting entitled "Picnic and Pimms", was another opportunity to chat and get to know fellow members over a glass of Pimms and tasty food. There was a quiz to identify flowers, wildlife, paintings, and places around the world too.

Stella Phipps took a willow weaving course at the WI's Denman College in Oxfordshire. She came home with an impressive example of her handiwork - Gertie the pig, complete with a yellow ribbon.

We are looking forward to our cruise on Southampton Water with lunch, a quiz night, a line dancing demonstration, a craft evening to make small gift bags, and a talk about Wisley, all before Christmas! These events are in additino to our regular monthly meetings, day rambles,

games of bridge, Scrabble, badminton, and Mah jong!

If you would like to join us, come along to one of our meetings! We meet at Fetcham Village Hall, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 7:45pm. More details can be found on our website at www.molevalleywi.btck.co.uk

Liz White



3rd Bookham Scout Group

It's that time of year again! For the 4th year running, 3rd Bookham Scout Group will be selling Christmas Trees from the Bookham Scout Centre, off Eastwick Park Avenue. The sales will be running from 10:00am until 3:00pm on the first three weekends of December 2017. On the 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th of December there will be a number of volunteer helpers. Adults and

children will be available on site to help you choose your perfect Christmas tree from our huge range of high quality, non drop trees.

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our profits go directly to support the young people in the group, from ages 6 years and up.

Please like us on facebook at BookhamTrees, look out for updates on Twitter @BookhamTrees, and come along to one of our sale days to show your support for the young people of Bookham and surrounding areas!

Tracey Vleaminck

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The Arts Society





'How many of you spotted our picture on the centre page of the last edition of the Bookham Bulletin?' writes Arts Society Chairman, Brian Williams. If not, you may have missed a unique moment in the history of our Society. There in the lower right hand corner of the centre spread, was a photo of the construction of the Gazebo which was to be our showpiece stand on Village Day. And what a day it turned out to be! Wall to wall sunshine and many people of all ages trying their hand at creating a masterpiece in the shade of our very colourful stand! No one person, not even Michelangelo or Picasso could complete a Masterpiece in one day but we had a very good attempt! Everyone was invited to colour a very small square of paper to match the same square on a photograph of the launch of a Saturn 7 rocket from Cape Kennedy. You may recall the theme for the Day was 'Space Age; hence the rocket picture! The result was a real mixture of styles: from abstract impressionism to architectural precision, and everything in between - a truly unique piece of art which many had great fun creating. A community masterpiece!

And fun is what The Arts Society Bookham is all about – the fun of learning. The fun is in the lectures we attend, the places we visit and the countries we explore. All in the company of likeminded people. But we also give back to our community by supporting young arts in schools and photographic competitions for the disabled. Others help to preserve our costume heritage by repairing or making the garments of yesteryear – Hatchlands being a fine example.

Our lecture programme has been as diverse as ever with a recent talk on 'How Time has been Told Through the Ages' enthralling the audience with the ingenuity of mankind to measure time accurately; all explained by our lecturer Kevin Karney's superb PowerPoint presentation. November's talk will remind us of Christmas with 'Picturing the Nativity – 15th Century Artists'. This year, our Christmas Lunch is to be held on Wednesday 13th December. The Lunch will be followed by a talk from Sarah Lenton, on 'Christmas at Covent Garden', 300 years of Christmas shows at one of London's Greatest Theatres.

Our visits have included Solomon's House, near Tunbridge Wells before an afternoon the nearby, medieval Ightham Mote, a moated grange set around an attractive courtyard and surrounded by pretty gardens. In August, we were at Provender House, home of Princess Olga Romanoff, great granddaughter of Tsar Alexander III of Russia, and great niece of the last Tsar, Nicholas II that is currently being restored from a derelict state under direction of historic buildings architect Ptolemy Dean and with support from English Heritage. Early

in October, we stayed in Northern Italy to explore Padova, Venice and Verona.

What about 2018? The lectures, visits and tours will be just as informative, thought provoking and entertaining as always. We are keen to encourage new members to join us. So if you or anyone you know is interested, please log onto the website http://www.bookhamdfas.org.uk to obtain additional information, and to request a membership form. If you inform our Membership Secretary, Linda Tickner, you can also come along as a visitor to one of our meetings at a cost of £5. I am sure anyone interested in joining will find us a very friendly group of people who will make them feel very welcome. Brian Williams concludes that "there is so much going on at The Arts Society Bookham" and is "sure there is something that will surprise, intrigue and fascinate you!" For more information about us and our future programme, enter 'The Arts Society Bookham' into your search engine. The world is your oyster - join us and open the shell!

John Cook



Bookham Folk Dance Club

As the evenings draw in, now is the time to give up the BBQ's and come and dance with us, make new friends, and have fun! English Country dancing is easy and probably something a lot of you will have done previously at school, weddings, or barn dances and you would be surprised how quickly you would remember. We always have a great caller and lovely music to dance to.

We meet on the first and third Monday of every month in the year, unless a bank holiday disrupts the order. Meetings take place in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall in Bookham from 8:00pm until 10:00pm, and we take a much needed break for a cuppa, a biscuit, and a chat. It's a cheap evening's entertainment among friendly people and will only cost £3 for each evening as a visitor, or £32 for the year. Your first two evenings will be FREE.

Our Christmas Dance this year will be on Monday 18th December, from 7:45pm until 11:00pm in the Main Hall of the Old Barn Hall in Bookham. Barrie Bullimore will be in attendance and calling some festive dances. Drinks are provided, but please bring a plate of food to share.

It is said that dancing is the best way to stay young, so why not come and try it for yourself, you don't need to bring a partner. If you are interested, please call Bryan by telephone at 01372 274081, or Jan at 01306 889329. We look forward to meeting you.

Jan Martin

Peter Pan Playschool

The children and staff at Peter Pan Playschool returned feeling fresh and energised after a lovely summer break. We welcomed ten new children and their families, all of whom have settled well into playschool life.

Peter Pan Playschool has a real community feel and with the support of the staff, parents and friends of the playschool, the children have enjoyed a wide range of fun activities to really extend their learning. We have enjoyed learning about Harvest and Autumn – learning about growth, changes over time and seasons. We've baked apple crumble and cupcakes, planted bulbs in the playschool garden, made popcorn, and had numerous other wonderful learning experiences.

We were fortunate to be able to visit the Eastwick Road Church for a short Harvest Festival service, where we learned about different things that grow and sang a little song about them. A huge thank you to the church members for organising the service and to our families for coming along to the service and bringing their harvest donations.

We also thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Keswick Road allotments in October where we saw pumpkins, Brussels sprouts, peppers, corn, lots of flowers, and much more. Lindsey Belk, a past playschool mum, kindly showed us her allotment and even helped us to plant some onions! We are hoping to re-visit the allotment in the spring to see if our onions have grown.



We are really excited to announce that Peter Pan Playschool has recently launched its very own Facebook page, which has been very kindly put together by some past parents – Paula Gilbert, Fiona Nickless and Amanda Cunningham. Please take a look, as it's packed full of useful parenting tips and activities to enjoy with your children. https://www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool/

You can find more information about Peter Pan Playschool on our website at www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk. If you'd like to come and visit us, please give us a call by telephone at 07908 018924, or send us an email at peterpanplayschool@gmail.com to arrange a time. We'd love to show you around our lovely setting. We also offer a stay and play

session for 18-month to 4-year olds during the regular playschool session on Friday mornings, when parents can come along with their child from 10:30am-11:3am for just £2 – book a place by calling the above number.

Louise Sutherland



Mole Valley Lacemakers



Our meeting in September was a great success, with twenty-five members bringing their finished lace projects to show, and lace pillows to carry on making in the lovely building of St Nicolas Church as part of the National Heritage and National Lace Making days. We were able to display traditional and modern coloured lace. We were pleased to welcome over fifty visitors, some of whom were encouraged to have a go at making lace.

From late September to early October, some of our members visited Bruges for a week of lacemaking with Ann-Marie. And a trip as such would have been incomplete without a little sample of the Bruges beer and chocolate! On October 14th, we also attended a meeting of the Trefoil Guild to give their members a taster session of lacemaking for those curious about the craft or interested in a future hobby. Our members not only make lace, but a fair number also enjoy many other crafts. As part of our 2017 programme, a session for Danish white work with Anna Winter at Wotton Hall was held on October 21st.

We also hope to see many of those who expressed an interest, at our Birthday meeting in November, at St Mary's Church Hall in Fetcham. As a part of Dorking Arts Festival, we have also taken part in a small exhibition and

demonstration at the Dorking Library. The meeting will be open to visitors between 10:00am until 1:00pm, as a part of this event. Visitors will be able to view completed works, and works in progress. In November, some of us will also be attending a workshop with Jenny Adin-Christie for a two-day session making with Milliefori Brooches or Elizabethan Sweetie bags - both of which involve some goldwork embroidery techniques.

For more information, please get in touch via our website at www.surreycommunity.info/molevalleylacemakers

Stephen and Tina Pedrick



Bookham Butterflies WI



We were delighted to keep it in the family at a recent monthly meeting, with a fascinating talk from Penguinologist Fiona Jones, our Secretary Margaret's daughter! Fiona is undertaking a four-year research project for her PhD at Oxford University, focusing on the penguin populations of the Southern Oceans and the threats to them. She shared some amazing photographs from a month-long trip to Antarctica, much of which was spent erecting dozens of special cameras, which monitor the movements of thousands of penguins. Excitingly, we can all be part of Fiona's research too! By going to www.penguingwatch.org, we can join many people around the world helping to tag and classify penguins in footage from the cameras.

Our other recent speakers were from two local charities Challengers and Catalyst. Challengers began life in Guildford and used to be called 'Disability Challengers'. The charity now provides play and leisure activities for around 1,400 disabled children and young people across Surrey and nearby counties. Catalyst

was founded in the 1980's as the Surrey Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service, and now additionally helps people across Surrey who have Mental Health and Wellbeing issues.

One of our speakers from earlier in the year, Ashley Mills of Daisy First Aid, recently returned to lead group first aid courses at a couple of members' homes, which those attending found incredibly useful.

Both locally and further afield, our members have enjoyed a busy summer of trips and visits, organised for us by our wonderful Events Coordinator, Linda Rockett. Owner Brendan Maye, gave us a guided tour of the Lavender Fields in Banstead on a beautifully sunny day, before we sampled various lavender infused items for lunch. We also went to a TEA party with a difference, at the Hog's Back Brewery near Farnham. After our tour of the brewery earlier in the summer, 33 members and guests returned there for the Hop Harvest Party at the end of September. The TEA concerned wasn't the hot drink, but Traditional English Ale, which is brewed at



Hog's Back! Add in some pleasant autumn weather, Morris Dancing and live music from a series of bands, and a wonderful Saturday night was had by all.

Very appropriately, earlier in the summer, we were taken on a butterfly walk on Bookham Commons, by Ian Swinney, the National Trust Ranger for the Commons. Continuing the wildlife theme, a group of members learned about 'Creatures of the Night', including bats and wood voles during a trip to Nower Wood. We also experienced what it was like to be a nocturnal woodland creature, by putting on blindfolds and feeling our way round a trail through the trees.

Further afield, we took a coach load of members and their guests to visit Highclere Castle, where the TV series Downton Abbey was filmed. We also went on a fascinating Blue badge guided walk of "Legal London"-Temple Bar and the Royal Courts of Justice.

In between our monthly meetings and all our trips, our various special groups have had a busy programme of events. Our Exploring Gardens Group have recently visited Bridge End Cottage in Ockham, The Old Rectory in Bletchingley, and the Hannah Peschar Garden near Ockley. This was our second visit to the Hannah Peschar Garden due to popular demand! For more information about our WI, visit our website www.bookhambutterflieswi.com or our Facebook page Bookham Butterflies WI.

Jen McAllister



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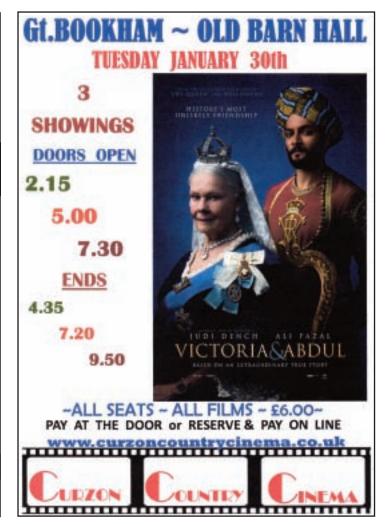
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Bookham & Fetcham Art Group

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Linda Ross







Bookham Library

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Bookham Library runs free Rhymetime every Monday from 11:00am, Craft group on Friday afternoons, and help for book groups. The library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00am-1:00pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm. Saturdays we are open 9:30am until 5:00pm. For more information, please visit our website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries.

Bookham Library Staff



Bookham Tennis Club



Bookham Tennis Club held their annual American Tennis Tournament on Sunday, September 10th 2017. The weather was fine, and a highly enjoyable day was had by both competitors and spectators. A total of sixteen players - eight men and eight women - took

part in this day long tournament. They competed in short mixed doubles sets and by the end, everyone would have had the opportunity to play with and against every other player. The player with the most games won overall became the champion.

The Chairman of Mole Valley District Council, Simon Ling, visited the club to watch some of the matches and chat with players and other club members. Throughout the visit, he voiced his enthusiasm for promoting sport throughout the district.

For the second year running, the Men's Tournament Champion was Chris Browning, and not to be outdone, his wife Lesley Browning, was Ladies' Champion.

Michael Kay



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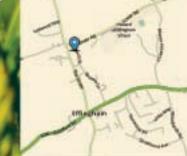


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