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BOOKHAM IN THE YEAR 2000

It's easy to grumble and criticise but, now that we are in a new century let's stop to consider all the things Bookham has going for it.



We still have buses and trains. Northwards we can get to Kingston, Croydon, London and beyond, south to Guildford and within an hour the coast. East to Kent and the channel tunnel and west to Reading, the West Country or Wales. We have the great advantage of being within easy reach of Heathrow and Gatwick and the M25 is closeby but we are not disturbed by it.

It has any number of clubs and societies, as this Bulletin testifies and all kinds of events to entertain, inform or raise money for worthy causes.

It has sports clubs, riding stables and access to larger sports facilities at the Howard Sports Centre, Leatherhead's Leisure Centre and Guildford's Spectrum.

It has famous and large commons, miles of footpaths and bridleways over the scenically beautiful North Downs, even its own stately home, Polesden Lacey, which is open to the public and runs numerous events.

It has all kinds of facilities for children and young people, from toddler groups and excellent schools at all levels to dancing and drama classes, the complete range of Scout/Guide provision and two youth clubs.

Other things we shouldn't take for granted are our good doctors and other health service provision and our very own Post Offices and library. We are incredibly fortunate in having a wide choice of shops – and how often have we all trekked around large shopping centres in vain only to return to Bookham and find exactly the item we wanted right here?

We have a Residents *and* a Community Association, the latter running the Old Barn Hall which provides such an important base for much of what happens here. It also publishes the Bookhams Bulletin and organises Village Day and Village Week.

We have one of the lowest crime rates in the country, pretty well full employment, lots of trees, thriving pubs and churches, and on the whole a caring community made up of all ages, with a healthily mixed range of housing to suit everyone.

So when we're next fed up about this or that, let's be thankful that there is so much good here to build on – in the Year 2000 and beyond.

Most of our residents have positively chosen to live in this area because of the advantages outlined above. We must all play our part to ensure that Bookham remains such an attractive place to live.

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What's Happening

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

Saturday 11th - Liberal Democrats Mini Fair - Old Barn Hall - 10 am to 12 noon. Coffee and Stalls (plants, books, preserves, cakes, bric-a-brac, jewellery, raffle. All welcome

Saturday 25th - Bookhams' Adventure Trail Scheme (BATS) Fair - Old Barn Hall - 10 am to 12 noon. Crafts, tumbletons, books, refreshments, portrait photographer. Further details on 450596

APRIL

Friday 7th - Afternoon Bridge Drive in aid of Bookham Friends of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People - Old Barn Hall - 2 pm. £20 per table to include tea. Contact Carol Kunesch 454008 or Jean Preston 452695

Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th - Bookham Players present 'Arms and the Man' by George Bernard Shaw - Old Barn Hall - 7.45 pm. Seats (numbered and reserved) £5. For 24 hour Box Office ring 458844

Sunday 16th - Bookham, Fetcham & District Garden Society Spring Show - Fetcham Village Hall - 2.30 pm

Tuesday 18th - BCA General Meeting with talk by Andrew McKelwee, Polesden Lacey Property Manager - Old Barn Hall - 8 pm.

MAY

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

Saturday 20th - BATS Family Barn Dance - Old Barn Hall - 7 pm. Further details on 450596.

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

There has never been a New Year like it. Beforehand we watched the year 2000 being celebrated as midnight moved westwards from beyond New Zealand. Then the New Century and New Millennium was celebrated in style in Bookham as it was world wide. Some people were at a party with friends and neighbours or at the Old Barn Hall, others watched the New Era arriving at midnight on TV. Bookham had fantastic fireworks displays. The night was indeed something very special.

And the BUG didn't bite, much to the disappointment of the media. I must admit that when I got home in the early hours, I tuned on my computer and was somewhat relieved that the date was 1 January 2000 - no, of course I wasn't surprised. I knew that the bug was a myth - or was it!

Reflecting on the new era, Christine and I felt that we had to do something special for the front page of the Bulletin. What better than to show that Bookham is a great place to live in - there is so much on, so much to offer. But we must strive to maintain these privileges. Support our local shops, become active members of our clubs and societies, and above all volunteer to become helpers and leaders where they are desperately wanted particularly in activities dealing with young people, Guides, Scouts and young peoples clubs. As Tim Dunsford, leader of the Boys Club writes 'Yobos, Vandals, Thugs' they are our youngsters and it is up to us to help deal with their frustrations.

Symbio, a Bookham Enterprise has been invited to exhibit in the 'Dome'. It is always a great pleasure for me to write about the technical excellence to be found in Bookham. Gardeners and 'Greens' will be particularly interested. We have enterprises who have provided Bookham with essential requirements for many years. Clacks must be known to every DIY enthusiast in the area and researching their story was what makes being editor worth while.

Libby Matts writes about a fair in Bookham in 1300. This makes the past live because it is about ordinary folk. I could not resist putting the story of the modern 'roasting' next to it. We look forward to Libby's next contribution. Thank you Ken Hole for your illustration.

St Nicolas church has been in Bookham for over a millennium and many of us will have contributed to the essential repairs. When we heard the bells ring out at mid day on 1st January we rejoiced that the tower had been repaired.

A very Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Eric Lloyd Jones

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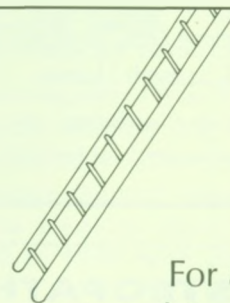


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During the last part of 1999 we said goodbye to three members of the BCA Management Committee. They were Graham Peck, Patrick Hawkins and Debby Felton. In the last issue we highlighted Graham Peck in a separate article and in this issue you will see one on Patrick written by Frances Stracey, the previous editor of the Bulletin. At the time of going to press last time we had only just found a replacement for Patrick and we were grateful that Margo Sullivan, our new Treasurer came forward just before the Annual General Meeting in October. We were also fortunate to be able to replace Graham Peck with Peter Blackburn and Debby Felton with Pam Hyde. In addition our thanks also go to Gordon Jenner for agreeing to continue on the committee for a further three years. Undoubtedly the committee will miss the experience of both Patrick and Graham but they have deserved a rest after such a long period on the committee.

During December we were yet again given the opportunity to enjoy the production of The Community Entertains which was produced by Shirley and David Cooper. Our

thanks go to all the performers, all those behind the scenes and of course to Shirley and David for giving so much time and preparation to produce such an excellent show for us.

Although a separate report has been written on the New Year's Eve event it is necessary to thank all those who helped to make it an enjoyable last evening of the century. Our thanks go to the sub committee of Genie Hancock, Jan Clarke, Peter Clarke and Margaret Wilkins and of course all of the many friends who helped us to put it all together on the day. Just a note for your diary. On Tuesday 18th April 2000 we shall be holding our General Meeting in the Harrison Room at 8.00pm. Our speaker on that occasion will be Andrew McElwee, the Property Manager of the National Trust at Polesden Lacey. I am sure that Andrew will be giving us an enjoyable evening. We hope you are able to attend. Finally at this time of the year we are looking toward to the 17th June 2000 when we commence our Village Week. The theme for Village Day will be 20th Century Travel.

David Wilkins

PATRICK HAWKINS RETIRES FROM BCA TREASURERSHIP



After ten years as Treasurer and Business Manager, Patrick Hawkins has put away his abacus and passed the BCA ledgers to Margo Sullivan, but remains available to give help and guidance in this busy post.

Patrick has been ably assisted by his wife Susan, both Chartered Accountants, successfully looking after the finances of the Old Barn Hall and the Bookhams Bulletin. Entering the computer age has enabled new systems and ideas to be developed, such as keeping annual statistics for Village Week, hall occupancy etc., all making extra work.

The satisfaction obtained from these additional tasks has, Patrick confirms, made the job enjoyable and worthwhile. Not least of Patrick's rewards has been the response to his appeals by local residents when the Old Barn Hall has been in need.

Working mainly unseen has been their *modus operandi*. On many a sunny Village Day Patrick and Susan have spent hours in the Hall office using it as a counting house for the stallholders and as the H.Q. for the event. The diversity of skills given to charitable causes adds up to a rounded whole and the Old Barn Hall has been fortunate in having enjoyed a constant variety of talents from its helpers. Modestly choosing not to be a centre stage performer, Patrick has been the anchor man for everyone on the Executive Committee, always giving sound considered advice and perhaps, more importantly, has never failed to give personal support and backing whenever required.

Other organisations which have benefited from Patrick and Susan's expertise have included Wildlife Aid, Friends of White Lodge (children with disabilities), Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham and St. Teresa's Convent School. Before embarking on the above, the Hawkins spent seventeen years in Ethiopia from 1962 to 1979, with three young children.

Patrick says the letters B C A have three times played an important part in his life - The British College of Accounting, The British Community Association in Ethiopia, where Patrick earned the OBE for services to the community and the accounting profession. The last BCA is, of course, the Bookham Community Association who gives their warm thanks and gratitude for unstinting and loyal service. We hope that Patrick and Susan will enjoy their newly found leisure time in pursuing their joint musical interests and spending many happy hours with their six grandchildren. They may even find time to go on line and surf the net.

Frances Stracey

THE COMMUNITY ENTERTAINS



On the 9th and 10th December 1999 two full houses enjoyed an evening of the Community Entertains put together by Shirley and David Cooper. First on stage were the Howard of Effingham School, a familiar sight in recent years. Yet again they delighted us with the School Orchestra, the School Choir and two soloists, one a violinist Shiva Feshareki who played the concertino in G.Allegro by O.Rieding and a flautist, Hannah Bibby who played a Sonata for flute and piano by Poulenc Allegretto malincolico. The accompanist was Claire Harris and the Co-ordinator was Saira Shaikh. The whole performance was directed by the Musical Director and Conductor Nicole Allison. In these days when we have had the odd problem of trouble from a minority of a small number of young people, it is good to see that the majority can give so much pleasure to so many people. Arthur Gamble demonstrated his versatile ability by appearing again in two

parts of the show, the first on his own, giving a humorous monologue on the Heavenly origins of Yorkshire pudding which had the audience chuckling. Next was the second appearance of Arthur Gamble in the The Bookham Light Operatic Society presentation. In case you are confused they used to be called The Barn Operatic Society. They gave us a rendering of three songs from the operas, one being an updated version from Gilbert and Sullivan which really amused the audience. Bookham Players gave us two sketches by Victoria Wood. The first was No Gossip presented by Daphne Leith and Laura Christie and second the Salesman by Mark Leddin and Carol Church with the whole presentation produced by John Bashford. The last act prior to the interval was by the The Bookham Evening Townswomen's Guild and Husbands Entertainment Group. They gave us excerpts from their show Once more from the Top which was all about the Circus. As usual the scenes were all action and very colourful and gave a rousing finish to this part of the show. The producer was Ann Edwards, the accompanist Reg Arthur and percussionist Graham Cannon.

The second half was devoted to the Mole Valley Silver Band conducted by Alec Warne. They presented a variety of music. We with a mixture of fun from the conductor and the rest of the band bringing a succesful end to a very enjoyable evening. The BCA Committee is extremely grateful to Shirley and David Cooper for planning and producing such an enjoyable show yet again. Our thanks also go to all the backstage hands who ensured the smooth running of the show. In addition many thanks to Beryl Warne and her team and Alan and Doreen Zoers.

David Wilkins

BOOKHAM PLAYERS

Our Autumn play 'The Edge of Darkness' drew large and appreciative audiences, proving that a 'period' mystery thriller was an ideal choice for the dark November evenings. Strangely, our plans for the New Year also contain a considerable element of nostalgia.

The Betchworth One-Act Play Festival, now held at Oxtead in February, began in 1951, prompted by the Festival of Britain, so next year it will celebrate its Golden Jubilee. Bookham Players have taken part almost every year since 1967 and our entry for this Festival is a short and rather spooky piece, 'The Monkey's Paw' by W.W.Jacobs, first performed in 1903. The play will be directed by Saira Shaikh.

In the year 2000 fifty years will have passed since the death of George Bernard Shaw and we decided to mark the occasion by presenting in April one of his most sparkling comedies. 'Arms and the Man'. The setting is a Balkan conflict towards the end of the 19th century when war was still considered romantic, except by those actually taking part Earlier this century it was the first Shaw play to be converted into a musical, under the title 'The Chocolate Soldier'. The play is being directed by June Moody-Stuart and our audiences can look forward to a feast of Shavian wit. For full details see our entry in 'What's Happening'.

Keith Preston

BOOKHAM CAMERA CLUB



There will be a Photographic Competition for the Public once again this year. You may enter up to five prints, no larger than 7" x 5", black & white or colour and please write your name, address and telephone number on the back of each print. The entries will be judged and displayed at the Exhibition and there will be a year's free membership of the Club for the winner with cash prizes for the two runners up. Entries should be handed to the Caretaker at the Old Barn Hall or to Joy Tobin at 4 Downs Way before the end of April.

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In those days, the Leatherhead Road was metalled, but there were no houses to be seen towards Leatherhead, but Bookham was expanding and Clacks being the only supplier of building materials in the area, business flourished. In 1926, they purchased an adjacent plot of land. Deliveries were made by horse and cart and Phillip could be seen pushing wares in a hand cart. It wasn't easy going for the Lower Road was unsurfaced and many of the other roads were tracks. Crabtree Lane and Woodlands Road were particularly difficult and in wet weather carts had to be winched up through the mud.

In 1935, Phillip's son, Lennard, the present 'Grandfather', was apprenticed to the company Moulds, a builders merchant / ironmonger in Leatherhead as an ironmonger. After completing his apprenticeship he worked for Purcon who were ironmongers in Dorking until, in 1939 he was called up to the RAF where he served as a fitter for seven years, two of them in Canada. When he was demobbed, he joined his father in the Bookham business.

Clacks survived the war with difficulty because supplies were rationed and menfolk were not available. However, the family held the business together and afterwards trade increased with the building of new houses. A second-hand lorry was purchased but it wasn't in very good shape and one of Lennard's first jobs was to get the vehicle roadworthy. Timber was very scarce, as was coal and there was a great trade in supplying logs for fuel. In 1948 Clacks bought their first saw bench, a massive piece of equipment, for cutting logs which were also split in the old-fashioned way with an axe.

As the demand for building materials increased - sand,

cement, timber, bricks and paving stone both for road sides and garden patios, increased storage space was needed and in 1960 they extended their property backwards, away from the road. This gave them an entrance from Downs Way. On this site there is a wooden army hut built in the first world war. It contained newspapers dating back to 1915. It is now used for storage. Then in 1962 they acquired the bungalow on the Bookham side of their property and Lennard moved in and still lives there.

In the days before skips, Clacks transported scaffolding and other material to building sites and then collected the builder's rubble to take to disposal sites. The vehicles had only a 'B Licence' which restricted their use to a radius of 25 miles and they were permitted to carry building materials only.

DIY shops had not yet started up and customers called on Clacks for a handful of nails, a pound of putty or a few feet of wood. They still deal with small quantities as many Bookham residents know, but they also deal with bulk supplies and now have two lorries.

When I asked Lennard when had he retired, he replied that he hadn't and still helped with some aspects of the business. He told me that he had four sisters, two of whom live in Bookham and the others within striking distance. His son, Peter Lennard now runs the business aided by his wife Christine and sister Linda and her husband David. Peter has three children. The eldest, Daniel is an environmental geologist. Daughter Joanna is a nurse at St. George's Hospital and Martin, the youngest is in the Merchant Navy on a BP tanker.

This is truly a family business, well known to everyone in Bookham as being friendly with a great sense of humour, and helpful.

When I was researching for the 250th edition of the Bulletin, I noticed that P.M. Clack advertised in the first issue and have done so in every addition since. A remarkable record. An enterprise of which Bookham can be proud.

Eric Lloyd Jones



BOOKHAM PRODUCT IN THE MILLENNIUM DOME

(GARDENERS , PLEASE READ)

Bookham resident, Martin Ward, is managing director of Symbio, an environmental company based in Bookham.

They have developed a unique range of products which promote plant growth without the use of fertilisers or pesticides. This has been judged to be such an advance in technology that it has been granted 'Millennium Products Status' by the Design Council. Symbio MycoForce will take its place in the Spiral of Innovation in the Millennium Dome alongside such products as the Dyson Vacuum Cleaner, Lotus Elise and a host of others.

What is it all about? Plants have evolved over the last 300 million years. Fungi attached to them provide nutrients, water and provide disease resistance. However, in today's competitive world, nurseries have to apply intensive culture to satisfy demand. They sterilise their products killing off the natural fungi, and large quantities of fertiliser and pesticides are then needed to promote growth and control diseases.



Helen Wakerly, who was recently voted runner up in Horticultural Week's Young Achiever of the Year Award for her research work on the MycoForce Project, explains that their product puts fungi 'in a bag' for adding back to sterilised plants. Trials have shown that similar yields using organic methods to grow vegetables can be achieved compared with those grown with fertilisers and fungicides. Some nurseries have doubled growth rates for certain garden plants and the photograph shows the result of tests with Acer Palmatum. The plant on the left was inoculated with half the normal amount of fertiliser and no fungicide, whilst that on the right was grown with best nursery practice.

Epsom District Council was one of the first to recognise the

benefits of MycoForce in their urban tree planting programme. Boosted by the increased nutrient and water uptake, trees and shrubs survive and thrive in the urban jungle. Martin Ward is convinced that to sustain healthy ecosystems, we cannot continue to grow plants by excessive use of chemicals when you can reintroduce natural methods into the artificial environments man creates to grow food, trees, flowers and grass for recreation. Especially as we can now obtain better results with this new technology.

The Chief Executive of the Design Council said "We sincerely hope that the MycoForce range will be a big success for Symbio and that the Millennium Product status will encourage Symbio in further successful innovations".

The MycoForce range has been designed for the professional horticulturist, but will provide excellent results for the gardener who wants to develop an organic garden with great flowers and vegetables. You will be able to see

Symbio's exhibit in the Millennium Dome but if any Bookham resident would like to co-operate with Symbio in developing MycoForce for the home gardener by conducting trials on plants or vegetables, you are welcome to contact researcher Dan Hall on 01372 456101 or e-mail fungalfun@symbio.co.uk.

Symbio is Martin's second career. He was originally in banking based in Hong Kong and later in Helsinki. However, he decided that he wanted to do something more creative and 10 years ago set up Symbio with his brother. Martin, and his Finnish wife Mysslan, known to us as Helen, have 3 children in the Howard of Effingham school and a keen rugby supporter, Martin helps to coach a local young peoples team.

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A Day at the Fair in 1

'Sarah de Pole' takes us on a tour of the Parish, starting at the 'Fairfield', which stretched in a square from the present location of Fairfield Cottages at the top of East Street, right down to St Nicolas Church.



he feast of St Michael the Archangel (September 29th) has been a great day in Bocheham village these past fifty seven years,

since our annual fair was granted to us. The Fairfield is crowded with stalls of local people selling their produce and goods as well as the carts of visiting traders and craftspeople. It will be busy all day and this evening I'll return to the Fairfield for the Pig

Roasting. The band from the church will play for the dances and I'll take my hat off, for William has made me a coronet of meadow flowers for my hair.

If I'm to show you round the Parish this afternoon though, I'd best catch a ride on the grain cart now – it's quite a way to the most northerly part – Slyfield by the River Mole, where the mill lies. Sir William de Slyfeude owns it, along with six acres of water



meadows – all more valuable now than the ten shillings they were worth in King Edward's time! Sir William and his family come to the Church of St Mary and St Nicolas in Bocheham. Stoke D'Abernon Church is nearer but the river lacks a bridge and so blocks their way.

The cart has delivered its grain and now we're riding back through the mile of oak woods towards Eastwick. They say that as many as 800 pigs root about for food here. No wonder Bocheham needs its gates and hatches to keep them and the cattle without the village! We pause for a moment by the fishponds, which people made by damming up the valley. Then after a bumpy few furlongs we reach the manor of Eastwick, which is held by John D'Abernon and farmed under licence from Chertsey Abbey by Walter atte Welle and Robert de Aylychaql. The hamlet of Eastwick, and Preston too, are downland and ploughed. Beyond Preston live the Hansard family – they've had some times! James Hansard, who qualified for knighthood, was fined for the escape of ten prisoners from Guildford Prison on the 10th January 1271, but was pardoned after he recaptured three of them. John Hansard died in 1275, leaving a widow Gunreda. His nephew who held Katerham Manor died four months ago.

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Back at the church I jump off the cart which can only go as far as the top track. The light is starting to fade and I must walk home southwards through the beech woods before reaching open fields again where the sheep graze. We Saxons have lived a long time on these hills. The Bagna family still live at Bagden and my family the Poles are still at Polesdene. My family are involved in all that goes on. My grandfather, John de Pollesden, was a witness to the Charters in Bookham in 1273 and 1279 and juror at an inquisition concerning Effingham Church in 1295 and 1299. My Uncle Richard was present at an inquisition held at Dorking in 1276. My father, Godwyn, owns land in Sussex but has also added to the family holdings in Bocheham.

I'm home now. We live near the track to Ranmore, on the hill of High Pollesden. There's another day of fair tomorrow, but I cannot go - it's my turn to look after the sheep.

Libby Matts

In the next issue Libby will take us back in time to 1350, when Plague had reached our village and when Bocheham church saw great changes.

BARNSTORMING START TO THE NEW MILLENNIUM!

One hundred and forty four revellers saw in the New Millennium on News Year's Eve at the Annual Dinner & Dance organised by the BCA in the Old Barn Hall. The party goes sat down to a sumptuous three course meal with a main course of Celebration salmon, all of which was prepared and served by the Committee members and their friends. They then settled down to dancing the twentieth century away to the mellow music of the Blue Tones who hit exactly the right notes for the mood of the evening. At midnight, signalled by the chimes of Big Ben the whole company welcomed in the New Millennium with champagne, dancing and more revelry. The festivities continued through until well after one o'clock. Mention must be made of the many people who contributed to the success of the evening. They included Anne Bryant, Joan Cross, Pam Hall, Mary Attewill, Anne Peck, Sue Clarke, Liz Burgess, Judith Harding, Mary Raw, Doreen Adamson, Joan Crook, Glenda Lott, Margaret Brelsford, David Harding, Peter Blackburn, Keith Slark, Graham Peck and dustman Eric Lloyd Jones, who also won the first prize in the Raffle. The whole evening was organised by the sub committee of Genie Hancock, Peter and Jan Clarke under the leadership of Margaret and David Wilkins, who were the twin driving forces behind the whole celebration. All in all a memorable night and morning for everyone who was there.

David Harding

A MODERN ROASTING

A New Year's Eve party was held in Dorking Road with a dual purpose: firstly to have fun and secondly to raise money for the Macmillan Butterfly Centre Appeal at Epsom Hospital.

It was a splendid evening and over £350 was raised.

The highlight was the roasting of a whole lamb on a spit. After midnight there was a magnificent firework display followed by Scottish Dancing. A wonderful start to 2000.



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THE BELLS RING OUT

The bells of St Nicolas rang out for 15 minutes at mid-day on January 1 2000, to greet the New Millennium.



Left to Right: Cannon Andrew Warner, Roger Sheppard, Ann Hawkes, Eric Brelsford and John Adie.

BOOKHAM BOYS CLUB

Yobs, Vandals, Thugs. This is how we describe some of the young people of Bookham. Like it or not they are our youngsters. We at Bookham Boys Club have been working with Bookham's youth for a good number of years. Despite this the Boys Club on the Dorking Road is little known. The building of facilities are provided by the Surrey Association of Clubs for Young People (formerly S.A. of Boys Clubs) whilst the paid staff (currently two) work for Surrey County Council. Two further volunteers from Bookham Baptist Church allow the Club to run.

The Club meets on Tuesdays from 7.00-9.30 and is for 11-15 year olds, both boys and girls (a boxing club meets Monday and Thursday). We provide the standard club facilities of pool, table tennis, basketball, football, TV and those quiet places to chat and relax. We have also provided a club on Thursday mornings during the summer, staged by members of Bookham Baptist Church, and we intend to repeat this in 2000.

The club has increased its numbers over the year to around 35-45 (stretching our facilities to the limit). Although we endeavour to provide a safe, fun and friendly environment we do continue to struggle with staffing and on-going maintenance. All support and help is gratefully received. Over the new millennium we hope to have an Open Day to allow the community to see the club for themselves. We continue to work closely with Bookham Youth Centre and seek to complement Dave Coomb's sterling work there.

It is only in partnership with the community of Bookham that we can ever hope to support and help young people, which in turn I believe will make today's youth feel included, not excluded.

Tim Dunsford

PARISH CHURCH TOWER CLOSE TO COLLAPSE

The congregation of St Nicolas' church is faced with a bill of £75,000 for repairs. Everyone passing through the centre of Great Bookham will have seen that the church tower has been in scaffolding for several months.

When the scaffolding was put up to do some minor repairs, it was discovered that the main framework of the tower was in an advanced state of decay. Most of the timber supporting each corner of the tower had rotted away. The damage was invisible from inside the tower because a thin layer of oak on the inside face of each timber was undamaged.

Since this discovery, the frame of the tower has been reconstructed and the weatherboard cladding completely replaced. The tower is still in scaffolding awaiting better weather so that the new wood can be painted.

The tower is now safe, but the cost of the repairs hugely exceeds the original budget for the work.

The roof of the south aisle of the church is still being investigated. When the ceiling was plastered in the 19th century, important woodwork was removed. This, together with woodworm damage to the timbers, means that the roof is spreading. The church wall, which visibly leans, is being pushed away and will eventually become dangerous. The woodworm is still live and all the structural timber in the church needs treating to get rid of it. Other less urgent repairs account for the rest of the money.



The Friends of St Nicolas, who have raised much money for work on the church, have been very generous but cannot provide anything like the sums required. The parish held a gift weekend at the end of January to raise the balance. Hopefully by the time you read this, the money will have been raised to make our beautiful church safe for the next millennium.

LETTERS & e-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

SQUAREABOUT!!

Dear editor

Having recently moved to Bookham I read with interest the recent edition of the Bookham Bulletin and was fascinated by the comments and cartoon relating to the squareabout.

Is 'squareabout' the official term used for such traffic controlling devices as reference to a highway code failed to enlighten on a squareabout's protocol.

If it is simply a name made up by Bookham Residents, could we not use a more appropriate description - such as a *WHATSITALLABOUT?*

Yours faithfully

Chris Newhall
5A Sole Farm Road.

I think I am responsible for the term 'Squareabout' in the winter 1997 edition of the Bulletin. Bookham car drivers have got used to it and 'give way' in all four directions, but strangers still use it like a roundabout with priority to the right. For newcomers your description is very apt. Ed.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Dear Editor

We are grateful for the various advertisements for local services, which have enabled us over many years, to obtain and retain really helpful and reliable business services from friendly, local people, all of whom can be highly recommended.

As a contribution to the vital topic of waste recycling, may we offer the attached details of contacts which may be of help to Bookham residents.

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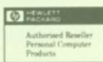


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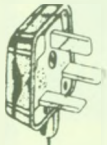
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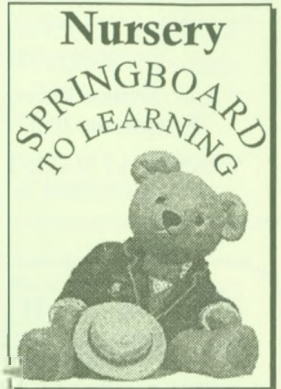


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A HERITAGE WALK



By Bill Whitman

There are in Bookham numbers of footpaths, some long, some short, some well known and in regular use, some quite neglected. As part of the Mole Valley District Council programme for Heritage Open Days last September, I was talked into leading a walk along some of these paths.

Whereas the details given below should allow walkers to repeat the 'Heritage Walk' without a guide, it is recommended that you obtain the map of the area from the Mole Valley District Council.

A dozen or so of us set off from St Nicolas Lychgate to walk a figure of eight, i.e. two circles from the church. We went down Church Road, along Post House Lane and Vicarage Close, turning L onto a FP and out across the Lower Road by Whites Garage. From just beyond Glebe Close we took a FP across the Lorne to Rectory Lane, going down it and across the Guildford Road to Chalkpit Lane proceeding up it and turning L into Hogden Lane. We had fine views across London to Canary Wharf and the Post Office Tower on this part of the walk. We continued along Polesden Road, crossing Dorking Road into Admiral's Road and turned L into Crabtree Lane, then turned L into Ashdale, where the path at the end of the road leads to the bottom of Southend, and on to the Christie Recreation Ground. We turned R past the Bowling Clubhouse crossing the Guildford Road to Fairfield Cottages, then L into East Street and Lower Road and back to St Nicolas completing the first part of the figure of eight.

The second circle took us along Post House Lane and Vicarage Close turning R into the Garstons

and not far beyond Stonehill Close we turned L along a FP into Middlemead Close. Bearing R into Sole Farm Avenue, we then turned L into a FP leading to Childs Hall Road crossing it into a very overgrown FP which re-emerged further down the same road. Then we crossed Little Bookham Street into the new development at Heatherside Close and along a FP to Fox Lane and to Burnhams Close. There are two paths there to the corner of Maddox Lane. We took one of them and then down Little Bookham Street turning R along the rather overgrown path across the little bridge into Merrylands Road. Crossing the foot-bridge at the station we came to Bookham Common and walked through the Arboretum then to the Isle of Wight pond and the two stew-ponds, crossing the railway again by the Glade bridge. Turning R into Bushy Road we cut through into Westfield Drive, along Eastwick Drive turning R into Meadowside and into The Park. Beyond Park Way there is a FP on the L into Greenacres and another path from Park Green back to The Park and up Church Road to our starting point.

The walk covered 7 ½ miles and took about 3 ¼ hours. It did not take in all the footpaths, but it did show those taking part paths they did not know and some of the lovely surroundings of the village which is our Heritage.

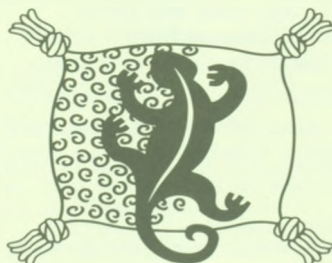
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Fetcham Park Flower Festival

The Bookham Flower Arrangement Group are holding a flower festival in the magnificent setting of Fetcham Park House in Lower Road on Saturday and Sunday, 20/21 May in aid of the Red Cross.

Genie Hancock, Chairman, says "We were approached by Mike Rushby of the British Red Cross who asked if the group would be prepared to hold a charity show. After visiting Fetcham Park House, I am certain that my members will enjoy this opportunity of creating displays in this beautiful building. We are especially grateful to The Parallel Group, owners of the house, for allowing us use of the rooms for public viewing."

Mike Rushby of Red Cross stated "I'm delighted that the Bookham Group have agreed to help. Three years ago a flower festival was held at Milton Court, Dorking which proved a great success. I'm sure this event will be even more popular." If local companies wish to sponsor the flower festival then contact Monica Suffolk on 454211 for details.



All proceeds from the festival will go to providing better services for the Red Cross in Mole Valley.



Big Bands Bookham had a very successful 1999, one of the highlights being our Inter-Society Musical Quiz, when we hosted 13 teams and their supporters from Big Band Societies in the South of England. The trophy was won by a society from Bournemouth, but we are proud of the fact that Bookham came second - only three points from the winners.

At our monthly meetings during the year we have heard a very varied selection of music featuring big bands, vocalists and small groups covering the music heard during the '30s, '40s and 50s - nostalgia being the key word. We do not restrict ourselves to re-recordings of the old 78rpm records of the period, for providing the music comes within those years we feel it is within our range. With the latest sound reproduction equipment it is surprising how some of early recordings of say Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman or Bing Crosby can sound as good as the original live performance. Apart from the two main recitalists at every meeting we also have a 20 minute spot called 'Memories are made of this' when we play some recordings of an event which occurred during the week, be it a anniversary date or the birthday of a band leader or vocalist - again nostalgia is evident. During the interval free tea or coffee and biscuits are available and a raffle is held.

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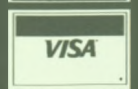
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Submitted by David Silver.

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