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Winter 2018

Buy in Bookham Day

Bookham traders took part in Heritage Open Days Weekend with their Buy in Bookham Day on the 15th of September, 2018. The sun shone, the music played, and our local traders celebrated their living heritage with a host of free activities. Crowds sampled a range of food from barbequed fruits to celebration cakes, and a host of prizes were won, from a case of champagne, to a new hairstyle. There were demonstrations of how to use cuts of beef, and how to make a pizza. There were opportunities to have a shoe shine, or to learn about bees. A treasure hunt kept the children occupied, together with lots of activities including face painting and colouring competitions. Children also tried their hands at making chocolate truffles, jewellery, and Christmas decorations. The festive atmosphere was enhanced by line dancers led by Mike Leonard, musicians from the Pantastic steel band, and singers from the All Aloud Choir. It was a great way to appreciate the quality and variety of the shops in our village.

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Letter from the Editor

The chill of winter is the air, and the Bookhams are bustling with activity in preparation for the festive season. Not to mention, all of the excitement in the run up to Christmas! There are hardly any days when there isn't something happening in the Bookhams and we are so fortunate to live in such a busy, tight knit community.

The winter edition of the Bookhams Bulletin will prove a refreshing read for many of you, as along with the familiar contributors we have come to know and love, there are a fair few brand new ones who are eager to make a good first impression upon the community. If this is your first time contributing, let me be the first one to say thank you, and offer you the warmest welcome into our wonderful community! There are a few new and exciting additions to this edition, one of them being a very exciting article on the many knitted poppies you have all seen spring out of thin air, courtesy of Look Local Magazine who kindly shared the story from their own publication. In addition, there will be a new feature called "Going Local", in which we feature various establishments, businesses, or places and display what role they play within the community. Southey Court seemed as good a place to start as any, and is a good facility for local people to know about when they need sheltered housing. We will hopefully be seeing more of these types of profiles in the future, and if you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Keith. We have another very interesting inquiry in Reader's corner, so go have a read! In all honesty, I was so impressed by not only the quantity, but the quality of contributions we had this time, each and every one of you put so much time into your pieces, it was truly a pleasure to read.

As mentioned before, in our pursuit to create a better balance between articles and advertising, we have created an advertising campaign. We are exceedingly fortunate to have so many activities in the Bookhams and receive a great many articles, which is what makes the Bookhams Bulletin such a wonderful read. As the publication is published and financially supported by the Bookham Community Association, we have come to the conclusion that in the future, we will only accept articles from Affiliated Organisations and community organisations, such as local schools, etc. Items from commercial organisations will only be accepted as advertisements. There are many significant benefits of affiliation, and we are seeing such positive feedback for seeing it through. For more information or enquiries about becoming affiliated, please contact Keith Slark by telephone at 01372 457375, or by email at keithslark@tiscali.co.uk. With affiliation, new life has been breathed into the Bulletin, and we cannot begin to tell you all what it means to see that our contributors are as passionate for the success of this publication as we are. Thank you all!

Many thanks must go to the team working behind the scenes, thank you all for your countless hours you all volunteer to see each and every edition through from beginning to end. Without you, this publication would cease to exist. For more information and the latest issues of the Bookhams Bulletin, please visit our website at www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org. If you have any suggestions, questions, or are interested in contributing, feel free to email me at bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com.

Jennifer Terry, Editor



What's Happening

NOVEMBER

23 Cherry Trees Christmas Ball p11

DECEMBER

1 Christmas Craft Fair 10am-3pm
Old Barn Hall. Free entry.

1 The Grange Christmas Concert p24

3 Jingle All the Way Floral Dem p16

7 Seniors Computer Club Open Day p15

19 Choral Society Carol Concert p9

JANUARY

18-26 Pose Pantomime p10

FEBRUARY

2 Community Entertains p11

JUNE

15 Village Day – theme –'ALL AT SEA'

16 Bookham Open Gardens

REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays Every Week: Country Market Old Barn Hall
10.15am to 11.30am

Jazz Club: Most Sunday afternoons in the Old Barn Hall -
see programme

MONTHLY

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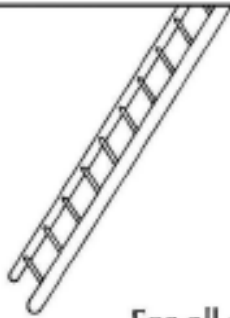
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Chairman's Report



DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS - 2017/18

Over the past year we have invested a substantial amount of money into the halls both in improving the premises and in safety.

Harrison Room kitchen - thanks to a very generous donation from the Wilson family, in memory of Graham, the kitchen is completely refurbished with new units, equipment, worktops and wall cladding.

Waterfield Room Ramp - with the help of a grant from the Thomas Flack Foundation we now have a disabled access ramp into the Waterfield Room. This provides easier access for motorised wheelchairs.

Electrics - not so obvious is the upgrading of the electrical system to current standards throughout the buildings. Many requirements have changed over the 70 years that the halls have been converted, extended and revamped and we now have a system meeting all current standards and a much better idea of what is connected to what!

Waterfield Room - we have replaced the ancient and unsightly water heater with an undercounter one providing hot water through the taps thereby improving looks and efficiency in one move.

Main Hall Floor - has been resealed to restore its appearance and cleanliness.

Silent Soldier - This is the Centenary Year of the end of the First World War and to mark this we are participating in the British Legion Silent Soldier tribute with a silhouette on our entrance wall. This was paid for privately and is one of three in the

village. It will be removed at the end of the year.

Supporters - our Bulletin and our Membership Fees depend on over 200 volunteers who deliver and collect and, in May, we invited them and other supporters to a Reception in the main hall. I am pleased to say that around 70 came.

Village Week was extremely successful this year with Village Day and Open Gardens attracting record attendances.

Village Day featured Birds of Prey in the arena and a Climbing Wall organised and sponsored by Churches Together of Bookham. Our very grateful thanks to Mike McCann and the Village Day Committee for all their hard work and to our Sponsors, The Vineries Garden Centre, Young's Brewery and Elios/Di Carlos Hairdressing.

Many thanks to the Bookham Open Gardens Committee who again put on a tremendous day with a wonderful selection of gardens with a record profit of £7,268 and to the organisers of our other events in the Week.

I would like to thank all our Management Committee for their work throughout the year and our Manager, Roger, and his assistant, Rob, who do such a great job for us and our hall users

Finances: our overall balance at the end of the year showed a reduction in reserves of nearly £11,000 but as we had spent over £32,500 on major maintenance and improvements this was an excellent result due to grants, donations and fundraising.

Bulletin production costs are almost covered by advertising and membership fees and we are trying to increase advertising revenue to fully cover costs. Membership fee income has risen thanks to our Membership Secretary and collectors. Our Hiring charges cover basic running expenses, but we are dependent on other income to be able to refurbish and improve. Our Hiring charges for 2019 will see a small increase in line with inflation as will our Affiliation Fees but as these have not increased for 12 years they will rise to £30 per annum for August 2019/20.

*Keith Slark
Chairman*

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Bookham Tennis Club



The first major tournament for Bookham Tennis Club after the summer season is always "The American". This year, sixteen hopefuls (eight men, and eight women) gathered early on Sunday 9th September 2018, to go head to head in multiple mixed doubles games to see who would be the day's most consistent

player. The weather was fine, with a slight breeze and some light cloud cover in the morning developing into a lovely sunny late summer afternoon. Perfect weather for players and spectators alike. Play started, nerves were settled, and it soon became apparent that this was going to be one of the closest run tournaments for many years. By lunchtime, there were no clear front runners. Fortified by an excellent shared buffet and glasses of Pimm's, the contestants continued playing into the afternoon. As so many of the games went to deuce, the tournament took longer than usual and the winners weren't confirmed until around 5:00pm. Champions this year were

Chris Browning for the men, with Lesley Browning and Alison Gatford sharing the honours for the women.

Over the last two seasons, the club has attracted many new members, including younger players in their twenties and thirties. If you would like to join us, please come along for a free taster session on the first Sunday of each month, from 9:00am until 11:00am. Weather permitting, we play all year round and you will find us a very friendly and welcoming club. For more information, please visit our website at www.bookhamtennisclub.org.uk.

Michael Kay



Bookham Bees WI



Early in April, the inaugural meeting of Bookham's newest WI took place at Old Barn Hall. There was a real buzz in the room as people arrived and caught up with friends, old and new. Once the official business was completed the rest of the evening was given over to everyone just having the chance to get to know each other; the hub and bub of conversation must have carried on the air across the whole village!

Since then, there has been a beehive of activity. Early in June, with just 10 days to go to enter the Best Dressed Stall competition at Village Day, the worker Bees set to it. They produced fabulous flowers made from tissue paper, buzzing bees from wool and a fun game of land the bee in the flower and there were homemade cakes for sale.

The big day dawned. Would they have a chance at the coveted cup? The set up began with much fun, laughter and banter between fellow WI group, the Bookham Belles. As the judging was announced the Bees buzzing quieted. Would they, wouldn't they? Yes! Joint first with their colleagues, the Bookham Belles WI. What an achievement in just a few short weeks!

Over the last 6 months, sub-groups covering a wide range of interests have been formed such as film & theatre, singing, gardening, music, pub, crafts, walking and talking and so much more. Plans have been laid for many other activities giving everyone a chance to join in.

Our meetings have been busy too! In July, we had a talk from Sheila Webber about Denman College, centre of learning for the WI. In August, our fellow WI's, the Bookham Butterflies and Great Bookham Belles were invited to join the Bees for Prosecco on the Lawn. Well, on the field behind the Old Barn Hall, actually. The beautiful weather we enjoyed over the summer ensured a good turnout and a good time was had by all. For our September meeting, we had the absolute pleasure of hearing Nigel Lewis-Baker talk about his local charity, Topic of Cancer, the

support group and fundraising vehicle that he formed following his diagnosis of incurable prostate cancer in 2004. An interesting, informative and humorous account of his journey from then to now. In October, we had a talk by Keith Weston, some craft group activity, an extended garden tour at Polesden Lacey, a quiz night, a trip to a Christmas market, Wreath making in December, and a partridge in a pear tree! All before the end of the year. Phew...we'll be exhausted by Christmas!

As we look ahead to welcoming in 2019, plans will be made for the coming year and knowing this vibrant group of women, they will have a WI feast of ideas. No doubt, sweetened with their very own WI honey!

Michelle Smith



Bookham Bowling Club



The Bookham Bowling Club President Richard Wilson, along with his wife Maschi, recently celebrated his first year in office by organising a Presidents day event at the club. Between them, they organised an afternoon of fun bowling for all the members taking part, and finishing the day off with a delicious meal in the club house.

Congratulations to our new Club Champions, Liz Attwood and Tony Barnes, who played magnificently in the September sunshine against their opponents, Jo Shaw and Bill

Shaw. All the players made sure the matches were riveting to watch.

Over the two days of competition, other club annual awards were played for and the awards were presented at the prize giving dinner dance at Thatcher's Restaurant in October.

Our clubs annual afternoon set aside for our disabled bowling friends from the Swans, Puffins, Elmgrove and Crawley clubs was again conducted in warm sunshine and enjoyed by all.

This year saw another overall win for the Leatherhead Swans and the trophy was presented by the President Richard Wilson at a tea held in the club house after the event. Thanks went to Ken Prentice and Ron Douglas for the organisation of this popular event and all the helpers.

For more information on the club and how to join, please visit our website at www.bookhambowls.co.uk.

Richard Sealy



Bookham Butterflies WI



Bookham Butterflies WI enjoyed a magnificent summer, with many members taking advantage of the beautiful weather. Our Exploring Gardens Group in particular, noticed the effect of this year's heatwave on a visit to the Exotic Garden at Wisley. The bold planting there had grown in abundance thanks to the heat, rather like a fantastic tropical paradise. On another beautiful day, members of the group visited Spurfold Garden, a garden situated up a steep single track in leafy Peaslake, and open for charity under the National Open Garden Scheme. We also visited the garden at Pratsam Grange, a 5 acre garden, overlooked by Holmbury Hill and Leith Hill.

Our Wednesday walking group dodged one of the very rare summer showers, to enjoy a wonderful pub walk through Abinger Roughts and Common, with well deserved refreshments at the Abinger Hatch.

Thankfully the weather was a little cooler (not

much!) when a group of Butterflies spent an evening learning about and making chocolate at Ildiko's Artisan Chocolate shop on Bookham High Street. Ildiko's is run by a lovely Hungarian couple called Ildiko and Tamas, who opened their business just last year. A small group of Butterflies learnt how to temper and pipe chocolate, and how to make ganache and truffles. We are looking to organise more workshops for members at Ildiko's in 2019.

Our film and theatre group has been very busy over the last few months, with highlights including watching a performance of the West End hit "Everybody's talking about Jamie", being streamed from the Apollo Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue, to our very own Leatherhead Theatre! Trips to watch many more films and shows are planned at Leatherhead and other local theatres over coming months.

Recent speakers at our monthly meetings have included Carol Brown, talking about the women members of the Special Operations Executive During WW2, and Sue Ford from Bookham's Fine Fettle speaking about Hypnotherapy. At our August meeting we tried Line Dancing, led by Beryl Profit! Beryl had us on our feet, showing us some simple steps and the accompanying music soon had us bopping away.

Our attention is already turning to Christmas, when we will once again be holding our very



popular Christmas Wreath making sessions for members. We are also planning a trip to Winchester Christmas Market. For more information about our WI, our special interest groups and programme of trips, visit our website www.bookhambutterflieswi.com, or our Facebook page Bookham Butterflies WI.

Jen McAllister

Bookham Youth & Community Centre

Bookham Youth & Community Centre will be closing summer 2019. The centre situated opposite the Anchor pub on Lower Road, has been a valued and important part of the village for many years. It is run by trustees and other volunteers and incorporated into a charity, Bookham Youth & Community Association Ltd (BYCA).

The lease from Surrey County Council (SCC) expires on 31 August 2019 and BYCA has been

advised that it will not be renewed. The building is old and it has been known that it had a finite life hence discussions with SCC to provide a replacement.

Our regular users have been kept informed.

A new community facility on the horizon?

Concerning a possible replacement facility on the site, we were advised in September 2018 by Cllr Colin Kemp, the Cabinet Member

responsible, that pre-planning advice was being sought from Mole Valley District Council and that :

"From this would come a firm business case model from which decisions to move forward could be taken. A proposed new building at Bookham would be based upon a "hub model" with office space, residential and community provision."

A meeting was held in October to look at and comment on the outline plans. The Bookham Youth Project (BYP), have been providing youth work from the centre and within the community and it is BYCA's intention for them to be involved in this process. There are no guarantees involved on what are "proposals" and it is important that pressure is kept on SCC so the project does not either slip or be shelved. Hopefully, by the time the next issue of the Bulletin comes out there will be some definitive positive news to report.

David Cox



Bookham Choral Society

The choir spent the summer term preparing for the annual July Concert, which this year featured songs from the American Songbook. As well as some well-loved traditional country songs, we sang a medley from Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, and a selection from West Side Story. The concert was held on a very hot Sunday at Manor House School, and our audience was encouraged to bring picnics to enjoy in the lovely gardens. Although there were some very hot faces by the end of the evening, the concert was very well received.

September saw us back at rehearsals after a well-deserved summer break. We were pleased to welcome some 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 sang in the Leith Hill Music Festival event, 'Come and Sing', under the direction of the LHMF Director of Music, Jonathan Willcocks. This year, it featured Haydn's ever popular 'The Creation'. This was a firm favourite with many of our singer, and it was a memorable occasion.

Our annual November Concert was held at Manor House School on Saturday 10th November. We sang some wonderful pieces by Dvorak, including 'Mass in D', as well as some uplifting traditional Moravian songs. The choir was accompanied by The Kingston Philharmonia Orchestra, and we had four very

talented soloists. It was a beautiful evening of music.

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 19th December at 8:00pm. There will be a big demand for tickets, so make sure you buy them early! They will be available from the end of October in Cascade, or from the Box Office. There will be plenty of opportunity for audience participation during the concert and, of course, there is a complimentary drink and mince pie to look forward to! For more information, please visit our website at www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk.

1st Bookham Scout Group



1st Bookham Scout Group gives young people aged 16 to 18 the opportunity to enjoy Scouting as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorer Scouts. We are keen to welcome more young people to our thriving Group. We currently have space for boys and girls to join Cubs and Scouts. Cubs meet on a Thursday or Friday, and are aged 8 to 10.5 years old, whilst Scouts meet on Tuesday or Friday night, and are aged 10.5 to 14 years old.

Why Scouting? Scouting develops skills for life for all ages in teamwork, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness, and commitment. Scouting helps young people obtain jobs, save lives, and even change the world! Cubs and Scouts can take part in a range of outdoor activities, such as local hikes and cycle rides, archery, kayaking, rifle shooting, caving, climbing, sailing, rafting, flying, and camping in the UK and abroad. Indoor activities including first aid skills, cooking, making bird boxes, creating cardboard 'canoes', team

games and challenges, and listening to inspiring guest speakers. There's something for everyone. Parents tell us Scouting gives their children more confidence, responsibility, and broader set of friends. Scouting can help develop a child's social skills, encourage self-sufficiency, and gives young people access to activities and opportunities that may have been otherwise unavailable. If you know someone who would like to be a Cub or Scout, please contact us by email at christine@1stbookhamscouts.org.uk.

Claire Thomas

POSE



POSE is a Bookham-based drama group which has performed a pantomime at The Old Barn Hall for many years – this year we will be presenting 'Beauty and the Beast' by Ben Crocker.

Felix - the Giant French poodle - lives with Beauty (also known as Rose), her brother Jacques, and their Ma in a small village.

Jacques is in love with Capucine, the village blacksmith – as is Felix! When the Prince visits the village and falls for Beauty, the wicked witch Malabelle is not best pleased and casts a curse, turning the Prince into a beast and bringing eternal winter to the village. Only true love's kiss can break the spell. As time passes, food becomes scarce and Ma sets off to find help for her family. When she encounters the Beast, she exchanges money and her freedom for Beauty. With Beauty locked up in the Beast's castle, Ma, Jacques, Capucine and Felix set off on an adventure to rescue her. Beauty and the Beast is a tale (almost) as old as time, packed with songs, side splitting jokes, and even a tear or two. Not only does Beauty finally get her Prince – but her fast talking French poodle also finds love in the topsy turvy world of the Beast's palace, where even the furniture can talk.

Beauty and The Beast will be held at the Old Barn Hall on Fridays 18th & 25th January 2019, from 7:45pm, and Saturdays 19th & 26th January 2019 at 2:30pm and 6:30pm.

Tickets are priced at £9.00 adults, £7.00 concessions and are available from the box office on 01372 454001 or 01372 458254, and 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



Community Heroes

Many of us have been seeing and reading recently about how much plastic there is around us, how it affects wildlife, oceans, rivers, and ourselves. We can all help make a difference and reverse the trend by reducing the amount of plastic we consume, reusing where possible, and recycling what is left (if it can be recycled).

To this end, I have decided to tackle the amount of old pens that get thrown in the bin through an organisation called TerraCycle (<https://www.terracycle.co.uk/en-GB/>).

TerraCycle is an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard-to-recycle materials. They offer a range of free programmes, as well as recycle solutions available for purchase for almost every form of waste. Pens fall into this category. TerraCycle have collection points/drop-offs for the different materials they collect, and the closest one to Bookham for pens is in Leatherhead

(points are limited to one within a 5-mile radius).

My aim is to have many 'informal' collection points in Bookham as is possible and realistic, to help encourage more people to drop them off. I will then collect them all up and take them to the collection point in Leatherhead, saving many unnecessary car journeys!

Bookham Library is the main drop-off point in Bookham, but I am also working closely with local schools to encourage them to collect pens in each classroom, and for children to bring them in from home. Before the next Bulletin, I will endeavour to weigh all of the pens I collect to measure how we are doing.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do get in touch. I can be contacted by email at emilyabacon@yahoo.co.uk, or through Facebook.

Emily von Reibnitz

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Howard Rd (2) [21-39;24-42]
Keswick Road (2) [27-41;22-46]
Leatherhead Road (1,2,4,5): (part)
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Townshott Close
Walnut Tree close
Water Lane
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However the roads listed still don't have a collector of the BCA subscription, which serves to help provide the Bulletin, set up. Village Day and maintain the Old Barn Hall.

Could you possibly join our team, collecting from each house in your road? - or do you know someone who could?
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Hoping very much to hear from you


AA Arnold
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Membership Secretary

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New on-line Booking System for the Old Barn Hall - Hallmaster

We have a new on-line booking system which makes it easy for anyone to check availability in any of our three halls or to find the date of a particular booking. Just visit our website bookhamcommunityassociation.org and click on the link on the Home page.

You can check hall availability, or an existing booking, without registering but if you wish to make or change a booking you will need to register. This is very easy, and the form will come up when you click on the + sign on your chosen date. The booking you make will show as provisional. Roger, our Halls Manager, will then confirm the provisional booking or let you know why he is unable to.

A provisional booking will show on the web site but without details of who made the booking. Once the booking is approved it will normally show the organisation or person organising the event if it is open to members or to the public. If not, it will show as a 'Private Event'

Where an organisation has a regular time every week or every month Roger will create provisional bookings into the distant future. If anyone wished to use one of those times, then Roger would only override the provisional booking after discussion with the regular user. This is already done with our paper system.

We hope that this will make it easier both to book the halls and to see which hall an event is using if you are unsure. Roger will still be happy to take bookings at the office or by telephone.

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 35th 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 28p 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 19th November**. Use them **only on cards to addresses in Bookham, Fetcham or Effingham**. Post them in any of the 14 locations or private houses displaying the Posting Point sign from **Monday 19th November** until the last posting date - **4.00 pm on Tuesday 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 £1500 was given through the Disasters Emergency Committee to provide temporary shelter, emergency healthcare, food, clean water and sanitation services to the Myanmar Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh; £1000 to Medecine Sans Frontiere for their work in Yemen; and finally £1000 to Practical Action for water projects 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 on 01372 456545 or email meagius@gmail.com for further information.

From Monday 19th November, the locations listed below will sell stamps and display a “**Posting Point**” notice. From 10th December there will be three post collections until the last on 18th December.

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WISHING WELL, 7 High Street

FETCHAM

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Bookham Country Market



Trevor Kelly joined Bookham Country Market this year and his Portuguese custard tarts have become a firm favourite, in addition to a variety

of stuffed flatbreads, tortillas, and tarts that are equally as popular. Trevor also loves making chutneys, relishes, and pickles which are available at the preserves stand.

Trevor was born in Surrey, where he watched his father, the infamous “Leatherhead lip” play for Leatherhead FC during their heyday. He trained as a chef after leaving school and worked for some years in the industry, including running his own small catering business, providing food for weddings and other functions. In his early 20s, he downed his knife set and set off travelling to Asia and Europe. During this time, he retrained as a teacher and eventually settled in Spain, where he taught for many years before returning to the UK to take up a role with an English language school in Canterbury. His work takes him to many countries and he loves to travel and to have the opportunity to savour the world’s different cuisines.

Since returning to England Trevor met his wife, Martine, and relocated to Surrey, where he now lives. They were married in September and share a huge passion for food, travel, gardening, and music. His wife Martine is a piano teacher and teaches many local adults and children from the age of 4 to 84!. It was through her connections in the community that Trevor heard about our market. Martine encouraged Trevor to rekindle his interest in

cooking beyond friends and family and to sign up as one of our cooks.

He has recently started a small catering company called “Willow Vale Kitchen”, and intends to expand into wider markets and offer local delivery from direct orders.

Trevor is one of several new producers who are contributing to the continuing success of Bookham Country Market which is now the largest weekly Country Market in Surrey. We can be found every Friday morning between 10:15am and 11:30am in the Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Bookham KT23 3PQ. We sell an excellent selection of homemade cakes and baked goods, free range eggs, preserves, locally produced meat, seasonal vegetables, plants, cut flowers, and wide range of craft items including homemade cards, pottery, art work, jewellery, wood turned items, and more. You can also enjoy tea /coffee with biscuits or cake in our cafe and you are assured of a warm welcome.

You can find out more from our Website www.bookhamcountrymarket.co.uk and follow us on [facebook.com/BookhamCountryMarket](https://www.facebook.com/BookhamCountryMarket)

Peter Almond

Bookham Seniors Computer Club

Do you know how to transfer photos from your camera, tablet, or smartphone to your PC/laptop, organise, edit, and share them with others? Can you ensure your device is up to date and manage your privacy settings? Can you use spreadsheets to create a simple bank account to monitor your receipts, payments, and balance to ensure that you have not been charged in error? Are you able to use powerpoint to create posters, presentations, or slide movies with sound?

If you have answered ‘no’ to any of the above, and are interested in learning more, why not come along to the Bookham Seniors Computer Club (BSCC). The club was established in 2010 to help seniors in Bookham and surrounding areas to learn how to use a computer, laptop, tablet, and

smartphone. Our friendly and relaxed lessons cover a wide range of topics for beginners, through writing letters, keeping records, presentations, communicating with friends and family using email, video links and social media. We also discuss using the internet to find information to save time and money, enhance your hobbies and interests, shop, tax the car, or watch TV on demand.

The club meets during school term time at the Little Bookham Village Hall on Friday mornings between 10:00am and 12:00pm. Annual membership costs only £5, and there is a charge of £5 per session, which includes tea, coffee, and biscuits which are provided during a mid-morning break. The club also runs informal drop-in sessions for help with any problem or question about your PC, laptop,

tablet, or smartphone. These sessions are free for members and held on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month (except August) from 2:30pm to 4:30, at the Little Bookham Village Hall. For more information about the BSCC, please call Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604, or visit our website www.bscc.btck.co.uk. Alternatively, come along to our Open Day and Christmas Party on 7th December at the Little Bookham Village Hall from 10:00am until 12:00pm, there is no charge and tea, coffee, biscuits, and cake will be provided. Join us for a discussion on the courses we run, or to propose new ones that you would be interested in, or even take part in our popular Technology and Christmas trivia quiz.

Sue Halford

Bookham Help Your Neighbour

Volunteer drivers needed! Do you have an hour to spare now and then? Have you recently retired? Would you like to help out in your community? Would you like to give something back?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, perhaps you would consider becoming a

driver for Bookham Help Your Neighbour. We are a voluntary scheme providing lifts to medical appointments such as doctors, dentist, or hospital, for those no longer able to make the journey’s alone.

Drivers give as much or as little time as they choose and are not committed to any

particular day of the week.

For more information, please contact Heather by telephone at 01372 454403 or Ann on 01372 457204.

Heather Davies

Bookham Residents Association



At last, there is some good news regarding the ongoing flooding problems, particularly around the area of the squareabout at the bottom of East Street and the High Street. During the last 18 months, several attempts have been made to locate the cause of the problem without success, due to possible serious damage to underground pipes, which cannot cope with the volume of water during sustained rainfall. This led to various meetings with the water authorities, the local council and drainage specialists, culminating in the conclusion that the area in question needs underground research using the most advanced scanning equipment so that a



reliable and long lasting solution could be found.

In order to achieve this, the BRA organised a petition asking Surrey County Council for sufficient funding to carry out the necessary investigation. The petition was accepted by the SCC Local Committee and formal notification has recently confirmed that £30,000 has been allocated for the project, which will commence within this financial year. There is no commitment at the moment to the resolution stage, but this is a step in the right direction to identify the underlying causes of the flooding.

The War Memorial in St Nicolas churchyard was erected after WW1 and now being 100 years old, has become rather dilapidated. Peter Seaward (BRA Chairman), and Arthur Field (BRA Projects Manager) took on the task of identifying suitable restoration companies, dealing with the Church Authorities and MVDC to have the memorial restored to its former glory. Following the initial clean, using techniques specifically for old stone work, the second stage of the restoration, the repainting of the engraving, has been completed. In addition to the restoration work at St Nicolas, the memorial at All Saints, Little Bookham has



also been cleaned. There are four names on the memorial, and church records show that another seven individuals should be commemorated. Discussions are taking place on how this may be resolved. The high quality of the work is due to the skills of the restoration company, Stonewest. Next time you are in the village, take a moment to have a look at the memorial and remember those from this village who gave their lives for this country 100 years ago.

Ray Pritchard

Bookham Flower Club



"Fifty Shades of Autumn", which reflected the imminent change of season after a beautiful summer. Kate Thomas had spent the morning preparing her exhibits for the RHS Wisley Flower Show, then she hot-footed it to Bookham to entertain us in the afternoon. Her lively chat and exciting designs were a real delight – nobody would have guessed the long day she had already had before she came to us!

Bookham Flower Club enjoyed afternoon tea at The Grange in Bookham, in August. It is traditional to have a tea party at our August meeting, but this was our first at The Grange. Residents and staff baked delicious scones and cakes, which they served to members in the Ballroom - delightfully cool on a very hot afternoon! After tea, for those willing to brave the heat, tours of the Grange were arranged for us. It was a very pleasant and interesting afternoon, which we hope to repeat at a later date.

The demonstrator at our September meeting was Kate Thomas, with her demonstration

On 1st October, 2018 we welcomed Pat Dibben, whose demonstration "Gardener's Delight", and the Flower Club's internal competition was "Harvest" – a very seasonal flavour. On 5th November 2018, Bookham Flower Club celebrated its Emerald Anniversary. This meeting was for members only, with a special celebration lunch, birthday cake and National Demonstrator, Derek Armstrong in the afternoon. The Committee worked hard to make this event a truly memorable afternoon!

Many Flower Clubs have declining numbers, and struggle to keep going, so it is a real achievement that Bookham is still going

strong after 55 years. So, why not give us a try? Visitors are very welcome, and on 3rd December 2018, Jacqui Arnold will be sure to wow us all with her demonstration entitled "Jingle All the Way". This promises to be a delightful start to get us all in the mood for the festive season.

On 7th January 2019, we shall have a guest speaker, Alison Gillott, with her intriguing discussion, "Nuts". The Club competition on that day is still on a nutty theme – the title is "In a Nutshell". Perhaps it will provide a good use for a walnut shell left-over after the festive season, as it has to be a petite exhibit. Petite exhibits must not exceed 25cm x25cm x17cm - small scale can be a real challenge to execute, but the results are often quite stunning.

Meetings of Bookham Flower Club take place in the Old Barn Hall on the first Monday of each month (apart from Bank Holiday Mondays) and begin at 2:15pm. Bookham Flower Club is a member of NAFAS – National Association of Flower Arranging Societies. Details of what is going on in the area can be found on their website: www.surreynafas.org.uk.

Anne Webb

Mole Valley Runners

It's been a hectic few months for Mole Valley Runners. Now an affiliated club with England Athletics, membership is steadily growing and the team are looking forward to the months ahead.

At the end of August, we were asked by Mole Valley Parkrun to have a 'takeover' of volunteer marshalls, which we were happy to help with. Seeing the other side of what goes into organising a running event makes you appreciate the hard work that goes in week after week. It's a tough, hilly course at the



Denbies Wine Estate - but running through the vines, and the view from the top looking over Box Hill is worth the trouble.

In September, it was all about teamwork, fancy dress, wine stations, and a hog roast at the Bacchus 5-mile and half-marathon event, again at Denbies Wine Estate. Our theme was cowgirl/boy and a fun day was had by all.

We had a stand to promote our running group at the Surrey Hills Festival of Sport, and at Denbies Wine Estate. We were thrilled to have been asked and the team stepped up to the challenge. Unfortunately, the weather on the day was awful, wet, cold, and windy - but this didn't dampen our spirits! Hopefully, next year will be kinder to us.

Mental Health Week took place in October, and we are passionate about not just improving physical fitness, but also mental well being. We have Mental Health Champions



within the group to help break down the stigma of mental health, and to encourage people to #runandtalk. Joining a new group, possibly on your own, can be a major hurdle for a lot of people, but we have runners who have taken that step and never looked back.

If you're looking for a running club that is inclusive of all, from beginner to seasoned runner, male or female, please join our Facebook page Mole Valley Runners.

Paula Lakhani

Mole Valley Silver Band

Mole Valley Silver Band's double bill concert at Dorking Halls has always been a highlight of the year. As in previous years, MVSB played a set of marches, film, and TV themes, classical and popular tunes. Horsham Borough Band presented its own programme of both brass band favourites and less familiar material. Following this, a crack standby maintenance team held their nerve as the two bands staged a combined attempt to blow the halls roof off!

The event took place on Sunday 28th October as a part of Arts Alive, Mole Valley's community arts festival. It caps a busy band season for MVSB after entertaining open air crowds at Polesden Lacey, Guildford Castle, and Ashted Village Day - not to mention, drawing out a

large audience to the Old Barn Hall during Village Week.

The Mole Valley Silver Band has always had strong connections with Bookham. Founded in the late 1800s as the Leatherhead Town Band, it was renamed the Bookham and District Silver Band after World War II, taking its current name in 1974.

The players are of all ages, from school students to the long retired. They play because it's fun! Beginners are also welcome to join in. The Mole Valley Silver Band Training Band, now in its fourth season, is there to help you explore the joy of making music with others. New players are always welcomed for the full band as well.



For more information (including events) please contact Band Secretary, Sarah Kent, to let us know when you would like to come by telephone at 01372 456176 or 07780 814533.

John Dwyer

Mole Valley WI

The summer has brought sunshine and members have enjoyed picnics, outings, and a garden party. Many visited Wisley as part of The Surrey Federation Centennial celebrations, and enjoyed seeing the many varied 'perfect pollinators' made by other Institutes. Our



August meeting was a Pimm's and picnic evening, when members each brought a plate of food to share. Maureen was hostess for our garden party and we enjoyed looking around the garden, tasting cakes, and chatting to others.

We are looking forward to outings to Portsmouth, to see the Mary Rose and visit Gunwharf Quay, and to London to see the Christmas lights and enjoy a meal afterward. The gardening group will be visiting a local sculpture garden, and the 'crafty' members are planning to make Christmas decorations at their homecraft evening. We have our Quiz Night, as well as monthly meetings to look forward to this autumn.



Smaller groups meet to read, ramble, knit, play bridge and scrabble. If you would like to join us, more details can be found on our website at www.molevalleywi.btck.co.uk.

Liz White

Bookham Stamp Club



In September, member Malcolm Cole gave a presentation on the Red Cross. Malcolm informed us that it began with the Founder of the Red Cross, Henri Dunant, and his experiences in the Battle of Solferino 1859. It then followed the development of National Societies, the League of Red Cross Societies through to International Conferences. A range of stamps were shown to demonstrate how the Red Cross symbol had developed over time with the introduction and evolution of ambulance trains, hospital ships and ambulances using stamps, covers, and postcards. It included a range of fundraising material including cinderellas, labels, and postcards/post sent to and from POW camps during WWI. A brilliantly informative

afternoon! In August, we had another entertaining afternoon when Grace Davies gave a display entitled 'Peace - Pages from a Collection'. Grace brought 200 pages and a powerpoint presentation to illustrate it. The material was deliberately varied to provide something for everybody, including stamps, postal history, first day covers, letters, postcards, cinderella items, posters, and original artwork. July was Members Day, where we had four members displaying including David Carr with 'Snakes', Simon McArthur with 'The Liberation of the Netherlands in WWII', and Arnold Carsten with 'Cross Border Parcels in Europe' for the first half. During the second half, our Vice Chairman, Patrick Reid displayed 'New South Wales Tax Marks'. Bookham Stamp Club meet every 4th Tuesday of the month (except for December) at the Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham. Our very popular trading tables start opening at 1:30pm, with displays commencing at 2:15pm. Our programme includes visits from an impressive list of speakers, member displays, and auctions that are held three times a year. We also have a packet exchange through which members can buy and sell stamps. We are interested in purchasing unwanted collections, so if you are thinking of selling, or indeed need advice concerning your collection, please contact our Trading Secretary, David Bravery at 01372 452537. We feel that we have built up an extremely good reputation locally and we are

prepared to offer very competitive prices. If you are new to stamp collecting or wanting to renew an old hobby, come along to one of our meetings where you will be warmly welcomed by the large number of members that attend each meeting. If you wish to find out more information before attending, please contact our Membership Secretary, Fred Mitchell on 01372 374614, or visit our website at www.bookhamstampclub.com.

Our next few meetings:

Tuesday 27th November, 2018 - Lindy Boswell, 'Austro-Hungarian Navy Mail in WWI'

Tony Bosworth, '1936 Olympics'

Wednesday 19th December, 2018 - Members only Christmas Lunch, raffle, and auction

Tuesday 22nd January, 2019 - Member Displays Barry Feltham



Eastwick WI



Eastwick WI members made the most of the lovely summer with outings, walks, and a tea party. We enjoyed a tea party in the Manor House Barn on one of this summer's best days. We sat in the sun and chatted, but we had to work for our tea as there was a cunning quiz



to be solved. It was a happy afternoon in lovely surroundings. Our summer outing took us to Highclere Castle - where Downton Abbey was filmed - and closer to home, The Gin Kitchen near Dorking. Although it was close to home, we insisted on travelling by coach incase the effects of the gin kicked in after all that tasting!

Our walking group have visited all the local National Trust properties, in turn with the object of making a book about them. This included the impressive Homewood House, which was new to many of them.

Eastwick were proud to show off their new banner at a service in Guildford Cathedral, which commemorated the centenary of the Surrey Federation of WIs.

Our regular monthly meetings continue on the third Wednesday of every month, from 7:30pm in St Mary's Annexe, The Ridgeway, Fetcham. Recent speakers have included our local Surrey County Councillor Clare Curran; local historian, David Rose who talked about Guildford shops;



and Rachel and Pat, two florists who demonstrated flower arranging.

We are looking forward to a winter season with more interesting speakers, a Barn Dance, a visit to Winchester Christmas Market, and a Christmas Dinner at Clandon Regis. Our December meeting will take the form of a Christmas party. If Eastwick WI sounds good to you, please visit our website at www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk for more information. Alternatively, simply turn up to one of our meetings and you will be made very welcome.

Sally Dampney

Bookham Wine Club



Our club members have enjoyed an excellent summer, with three fascinating and informative presentations, with wines from Australia (June), South Africa (July), and Bordeaux (August). Both our June and July meetings were ably hosted by two of our long-standing members and knowledgeable wine buffs, Eric Martin and Michael Welford. Presentations by members of the club are always highly valued and enjoyed - thank you both! Wines from Bordeaux, presented by wine educator Nina Cerullo, truly opened our eyes to the modern styles of red and white wines being produced in this region of France. In a bid to dispel any preconceptions, and to put our taste buds to the test, Nina also had us blind taste her surprisingly affordable and delicious selection.

In July we held our summer event, and our first ever wine tasting with dinner and live entertainment proved tremendously popular with members and guests alike. In sweltering temperatures, our friends from Ex Cellar in Ashted and specialist wine importer ABS Wines hosted a tasting comprising a magnificent selection of 25 wines from around the world. This was followed by a tasty hog roast with homemade desserts and music provided by the wonderful 'Band from the Pub'. An enjoyable evening that has raised the bar for next summer!

Following the successful reformatting of the AGM agenda last year, we had a swift business half of our October meeting, leaving plenty of time for the club's traditional Ploughman's supper with presentation by our very own David Mendus. David shared tales from a recent wine tasting trip to Northern Spain, which was, of course, accompanied by two wines carefully selected by David. In November, we attended 'My Big Fat Greek Wine Tasting', which was hosted by popular presenter, Lits Philippou. That only leaves December and our Christmas event, when we will be joined by wine educator, Deborah Zbinden for festive drinks and food.

As per last year's meeting, the AGM will offer members a sneak preview of our 2019 programme, though it is possible to say that it will commence in January with 'Wines from Germany', presented by Ex Cellar. For more information, please visit our website at www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk. If you're interested in finding out more, contact us through our details on the Bulletin Board.

Frances Sanders



Bus Stop Nursery, Pre-School and Forest School



Bus Stop is a wonderful, happy place. Whether spending all day in the woods making bows and arrows, balancing on logs, having lunch around the fire, or in the garden playing in the sandpit, feeding the chickens, helping in the vegetable garden, or even gathering round the fir square for a hot chocolate, Bus Stop children are happy children.

As the nursery and pre-school children started the autumn term, there were many beaming faces pleased to be back, pleased to be seeing their friends, and delighted to be

reacquainting themselves with much-loved toys, games, and activities. There were new buddies to welcome and look after, and with the movement of some of the older children to 'big school' at the end of last term, some of the younger children suddenly found that they were the big ones, leading the way and showing the new children the ropes.

This term has been full of discovery. Working out how to play with new friends, settling into a new environment, discovering the changes in the garden as autumn touches it, exploring the Block Area where anything can be made from wooden blocks and joining in music and movement classes, which are run for all the children by one of the Bus Stop team.

In their frequent Forest School trips around the Polesden Lacey estate during the autumn term, the Bus Stop children learned about the lifecycle of trees and built on their understanding of how to live within and respect the natural world. They are regularly visited by a woodland elf called 'Sage', who appears when they're out in the woods to tell them stories and who, strangely, cannot be seen by anyone other than the Bus Stop gang!

In October, the children embraced their annual

Harvest theme and, as well as learning harvest songs to be shared with family and friends, spent a lovely morning visiting Keswick House in Bookham to deliver some harvest gifts and show off their singing voices. This is an annual date which is much looked forward to by Bus Stop children and team and Keswick House residents alike! Next up...Christmas!

Cathy Liversidge



Bookham, Fetcham, and District Garden Society



This has been another exciting year for us! We have had interesting talks on varied topics including bees, herbs, fruit for small gardens, and how to garden an allotment in just two hours a week. We were fortunate to have good weather for our outing to High Down Gardens - the internationally renowned chalk garden within the South Downs National Park. This was started by the prominent horticulturist, Frederick Stern and his wife Sybil around 1919.

Participation in Village Day generated interest for our wonderfully successful Summer Show, which was held once again in the beautiful 14th century Tithe Barn in Little Bookham. Our thanks again to the Nicholls family for the privilege to use this beautiful venue. Despite the unusually hot and dry weather, we had an incredible number of entries in all the flower, fruit, and vegetable categories. The flower arranging sections are becoming more and more popular, and this year we were pleased to welcome participants from the Gracewell Home. There was a great deal of support for the domestic section with delicious bakes and preserves, the 'Mens Only' section being one of the most competitive. Crafts, paintings, and photography completed the diversity with such skills being shown. The show had a lovely atmosphere and was wonderfully inclusive, with many new participants entering for the first time this year! The teas and cakes in the garden, the raffle, and the plant stall all added to the fun. Next year's show will take place on Saturday 13th, July 2019. Have a look at the village website for more details on how to enter. The show schedule will be available from November, so you can start planning your planting, preserving, or doing some crafts over the winter.



We have an exciting programme for next year, with talks, a coach outing to Sissinghurst, and - of course - our Summer Show. Do come and join us. Our meetings are usually held on the last Monday of the month, in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall, Church Rd, Bookham KT23 4EN. For more information, please refer to the Bookham Village website, contact our Chair Angela Stevens on 01372 456713, or craigstevens@aol.com

Jennifer Smitheman



Bookham Toddler Group

After the long summer holiday, Bookham Toddler Group once again opened its doors and welcomed lots of new and familiar faces to our fabulous village group. The term continued with visits from local businesses. Tropic, The Body Shop, and Bead Inspired visiting us to share their wonderful products. Lorna Bailey from Massageology visited us to provide mums, dads, and carers with relaxing head massages. Tracey Alexander has also continued to give toddler brilliant haircuts.

Bookham Library visited us to share a story session, and to tell us about the fabulous services they offer. 3D Tots also joined us for a lively singing session, and had all of the children singing and dancing along with bubbles, parachutes, and pom poms thrown in for extra fun!

Our Halloween session was a great success, with the children coming in fancy dress and making scary crafts, listening to spooky stories, and eating devilish delights.

Sadly, we have had to sell the bouncy castle, but we will be using the money to make the group even better with more super toy and fun for the children.

The end of the winter term will see us welcoming Ceramica which will enable the children to produce pottery pieces for Christmas. Our final session of the year will end with the annual sell-out Christmas party where we have lots of exciting crafts, games, face painting, and many, many more surprises planned!

We'd like to thank Jackie and her team of

wonderful ladies who each week serve the tea, juice, and those important biscuits for us. Many more volunteers have also kindly joined our craft and set up teams, which make the group run so efficiently.

Bookham Toddler Group is a large, friendly group which meets every Tuesday in term time, 9:45 am - 11:30 am, at the Old Barn Hall. New members are always welcome, with your first session being free. After that, it is £2.50 for the first child and 50p per additional child (babies under 6 months are £1), including refreshments for adults and children. For more information, including upcoming events please see our Facebook page, or contact Hannah at hannah@bookhamtoddlergroup.co.uk.

Hannah Hennessy

Bookham FDC (English Country Dancing)

With the dark evenings now with us, come and brighten them up by joining lots of friendly dancers enjoying English Country dancing. It keeps you young, not to mention it's good exercise for both the mind and body! And, of course, it's great fun. English Country Dancing is easy and varied, we do dances from as far back as the 16th century, right up to the present. We always have a caller and some lovely music that will make you want to get up and move!

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month (unless a bank holiday disrupts the order) in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall in Bookham from 8:00pm - 10:00pm. Don't worry, we always take a much needed break for a cuppa, a biscuit and chat. It's a cheap evening's entertainment among friendly people at only £4 for each evening as a visitor, or £40 for the year - your first two evenings are free.

We all look forward to our Christmas Dance,

and have visitors from other clubs in the area. This year, it will be on Monday 17th December in the Main Hall of the Old Barn Hall, and we will have Ivan Aitken calling.

It's always good to meet new people and make new friends, why not come and give dancing a try? Call Bryan at 01372 274081 or Jan at 01306 889329. Beginners are welcome, and there is no need to bring a partner.

Jan Martin

Hardy Plant Society - Southern Counties Group



The Southern Counties Group holds talks once a month at the Old Barn Hall on Saturday mornings, from October until April (excluding December). We welcome new members of all ages and gardening experience, from beginners to experts - all you need is to love plants and gardens. Our particular interest is hardy herbaceous perennials, though our talks cover many aspects of plants and gardens. We

open the doors at 10:00am, and free tea and coffee are served. At 10:15am, there is usually a plant sale where you can buy good quality home-grown plants at very competitive prices. In addition, there is a range of garden sundries, HPS booklets, second-hand gardening books to buy, and a raffle. At about 10:45am, the Chairman will officially start the meeting and a guest speaker will talk for about 1 hour,

followed by a questions-and-answer session. The topic will relate to plants and gardens. In the summer months, our members enjoy a programme of garden visits across Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, and Kent. This included the visit in May to Gertrude Jekyll's garden at Munstead Wood near Godalming (shown in the photo). Do come as a visitor and get to know us. It will cost you £4, but if you join at the meeting, half is refunded. Members pay £2 to attend meetings or contribute two home grown plants. Our January to April 2019 talk programme is as follows:

Saturday 12th Jan (10:00am to 10:45am)
'Succession Planting', Steven Edney

Saturday 16th Feb (10:00am to 10:45am)
'Epimediums', Sally Gregson

Saturday 16th Mar (10:00am to 10:30am)
AGM followed by 'Plant Hunting in Manipur', Paul Barney

Saturday 13th Apr (10:00am to 10:45am)
Please see website and/or posters for details

You can find out much more about us on our new website at www.hps-southerncounties.co.uk, or you can contact us at info.hps.scg@gmail.com, or 'Like' us on Facebook – Hardy Plant Society – Southern Counties Group.

Diane Poole

Eastwick Road Church



Eastwick Road Church in Bookham recently welcomed a new minister. The Reverend Ted Bellingham was ordained and inducted at a special service conducted at the church and led by the Synod Moderator, Reverend Nicola Furley-Smith. Among those present to welcome Ted into his new role were representatives from the other two churches in the village, and members of his home church in Dorking and members of his new congregation at Eastwick Road. In welcoming Ted and his wife, Jane, the Secretary of the church, Sue Ferguson said: 'We warmly welcome them both in this new chapter in the life of this church. We look forward to all God has for this Fellowship in the future'. Ted and Jane live locally in Westhumble and travel up Bagden Hill to Bookham to get to the church. In doing so they retrace the very steps taken by the founder of the church, Willian Ansell, who in the late nineteenth century was instrumental in founding the Congregational Mission in the village. Ted trained as a lay preacher before being accepted as a candidate for ordination and then spent two years at

Westminster College, Cambridge. Before ministry Ted worked with the Christian charity, 'Send a Cow', where he was the volunteer coordinator for Surrey, Kent, and Sussex. Before this role, Ted had a career with the Surrey Police and spent 32 years in the force, serving at various stations. On his appointment Ted stated: 'I am delighted and excited to have been called to Eastwick Road Church. It is such a friendly and welcoming church which openly displays the love of Jesus. I am sure Jane and I will be very happy here and we look forward to getting to know the Bookham community'. Eastwick Road Church holds worship services at 10:30 am each Sunday, and everyone is welcomed to attend. We particularly welcome those who may be interested in exploring more about the Christian faith. An energetic Junior Church for children meets at the same time. Eastwick Road Church is a part of the United Reformed Church denomination. The denomination describes itself as a family of Christians, worshipping in the name of Jesus in about 1500 local churches from Orkney to Cornwall.

Eastwick Schools

It's been wonderful to see Eastwick School almost literally 'buzzing' over the last few weeks as parents, children, and staff settle into the new school year. New friends have been made and existing friendships cemented. Children joining Reception and those moving into Year 3, have been exploring their new environments, well supported by their teachers and teaching assistants, and are settling in impressively well. Outside of the usual school-day activities, Eastwick offers a wide range of early morning, lunchtime and after-school clubs and it's been amazing how quickly these have been booked up - from art club to gymnastics, book club to tennis, many children have been keen to find their particular talents and to discover new ways to challenge themselves.

Reception children are enjoying their amazing outdoor classroom, as well as getting used to their indoor ones! As part of their settling-in activities they have enjoyed telling each other about their families and the important people in their lives using photographs that they have put up around the classrooms. This supports them in developing their confidence and communication skills as well as helping all of their classmates learn a little bit more about their new friends.

Year One are no longer the smallest people in the Infant school, and have definitely developed a new confidence in their abilities! They have absorbed extremely well the change in their daily school routine towards more classroom-based learning than they have been used to in Reception. Happily, they

will still be using the outdoor classroom as they progress through Years 1 and 2, particularly in their Forest School learning, which all children in the Infant School have access to every term.

Year Two are enjoying being the eldest in the Infant school, and taking on some new responsibilities. This term is focused on Around the World experiences, discovering how life is lived by people in other countries and cultures. This topic is greatly enriched by Eastwick parents, who have experience of living in different countries and who come in to school to share their first-hand knowledge with the children. Year Two enjoyed a drumming workshop delivered by World Music Workshops which enhanced their learning about music in other cultures.

Year Three have been immersing themselves in the distant past, with their learning about the Stone Age. They have been looking at how people lived and writing job descriptions for a prehistoric monster hunter! The children have also been busy creating cave paintings using pastels. An upcoming highlight of the term is a visit to Butser Farm in Hampshire, which is a showcase for prehistoric Britain and includes a Celtic Village from that time.

Year Four have been developing their writing skills with some inventive character descriptions on Roald Dahl's story 'The Twits'. They have also had great fun investigating the Mayans as their topic. They have made chocolate, played Patolli games, made maracas and learned about the Geography of Mexico.

Year Five have been Antarctic Explorers, immersing themselves in the experiences of Shackleton, his team and his ship just over 100 years ago. They have built models of Arctic shelters, developed their own Arctic dens, researched the expedition in detail and created some wonderful artwork.

Year Six have begun their final year at Eastwick by thinking about conflict and 'The Right to Fight'. This topic is always very resonant at this time of year, but they also learn to think about other forms of conflict, such as differences of opinion in the last century over women's right to vote in the UK, peaceful mass protest, and the Jarrow March.

The whole Eastwick community is looking forward to our annual fireworks night for school families in November and, of course, the run up to Christmas. The build up is punctuated by our seasonal productions and school fairs. One in the Infant School, at which the children buy presents for their friends and families (escorted by volunteer 'personal shoppers'), and one in the Junior School which happens on a Saturday and to which all Eastwick families are warmly invited.

Eastwick School is proud to be part of The Howard Partnership Trust family, which enables us to collaborate and share best practice amongst all schools in the Trust. There is a commitment to 'bringing out the best' in young people of all abilities and aptitudes, so increasing their life chances. More information about Eastwick School can be found on our website at <https://eastwickschools.uk/>.

Cathy Liversidge

Leatherhead and District Twinning Association

You will have seen the signs when driving into Leatherhead, that the village of Bookham (including Fetcham and Ashted) are twinned with Triel-sur-Seine, a French town some 25 miles west of Paris, beautifully situated on the banks of the River Seine. The Twinning Association was formalised about 14 years ago to further the links between us and Triel. We enjoy exchanges with the Triellios and social events throughout the year. This year, we welcomed the Triellios to Leatherhead and enjoyed a great day out exploring Arundel, as well as a lively dinner dance at Tyrrell's Wood Golf Club and danced to the music of Atlantis. We also shared the joy of drinking Denbies wine with them.

May 2019 will herald our turn to visit Triel, and we warmly invite new members to join us.

When we went back in 2017, our ages ranged from 6 to 96, so there are no worries about barriers. We travel by luxury coach for a 4-day visit, with 3 nights staying with a French family. We can match your ability to speak French, as we have host families who speak very good English and some who speak very little. The visit includes a civic reception to mark our 15th year of formal twinning, two visits to places of interest (in recent years, we have been to Paris, Versailles, Monet's garden, and the Chateau of Vaux-le-Vicomte), and a great dinner dance in a venue on the banks of the Seine. All this and full board for around £200pp!

We also have social events during the year, the next will be a wine and cheese following our AGM at 8:00pm on Tuesday 20th November, 2018 in the Leatherhead Parish Hall to which



you are most welcome. Please see our website at www.friendsoftriel.com for further details, information, and newsletter. Please contact David and Elaine Crutchley for more details by telephone at 01372 452845, or by email at elaine.crutchley1@gmail.com.

Elaine Crutchley

Effingham Golf Club Juniors Section

Effingham Golf Club has a thriving Juniors Section of boys and girls providing a progressive programme from new starter to accomplished player. To find out more about playing golf at Effingham, visit our website at <https://www.effinghamgolfclub.com/juniors>.

The 2018 Junior Club Championship was won by Bookham resident, Marc Bignell, pictured with the Club Captain at the half year Prize Giving & BBQ which was attended by over 120 people. Prizes were also presented to youngsters from all the different ability levels. A Junior Team also won the fastest team to play the 17th par 5 hole beating the PGA



Professionals team by one second!

How about giving the gift of golf lessons, or even membership (if meets requirements) for Christmas?

2019 Junior Membership is only £100 per annum, including subsidised coaching. The club is keen to extend the opportunity of Junior membership to existing young golfers in the local area. Much of the coaching is subsidised by the Club so as to make it affordable to all. The indoor simulator and coaching analysis facility is used as well especially in the winter. As well as regular monthly competitions, there are inter-club matches. There is no joining fee for a new qualifying Junior Member but there is a modest annual subscription of £100, which includes some free and subsidised coaching packages.

Some young and aspiring golfers may either not have an official handicap, or may not be quite up to the standard needed 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. Juniors can enter adult competitions, but there are various conditions to this in respect of level of ability. At 18yrs, most current ex Junior members do not have to pay the adult joining fee.

For more information about joining Junior Golf by contacting our PGA Professional, Robert Daw on 01372 452203 (golf enquiries – pro shop), or by email at rdaw@effinghamgolfclub.com.

David Cox

Great Bookham Belles WI



Women's Institutes are renowned for their wonderful baking, and Great Bookham Belles WI proved they were definitely not the exception at our July monthly meeting. Members had been asked to enter their summer themed bakes in 'The Great Belles Bake Off'. Members definitely rose to the challenge and judges, Terri Gamble (housekeeper of Manor House School and former chef) and guest Fiamma Pather (CEO of Your Sanctuary), had the enviable task of sampling every single entry to determine our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners! Congratulations to winners Tina, Lynne, and Ann, and to all our contestants for entering - the standard was outstanding.

Being the last meeting of the season, we were able to present our cheque of £1824.91 to this past year's selected charity, Your Sanctuary, and subsequently we voted for this year's cause, the selected charity being: The Bookham Youth Project – Girls Group.

It was another glorious day for Village Day in Bookham in June, the theme this year was 'Bookham takes flight' and our Belles Committee opted to be aviators for the day. Our stall really did take flight on the day, winning for the 4th year running! This year, we were pleased to share the 'Best Dressed Stall' trophy with our peers, the newly formed Bookham Bees WI who were of course, Bees!

It was an incredible day and our stall was constantly busy with young people wanting to win our Jolly Jars; this year they donned beautiful handmade airplanes made of pegs and lolly sticks. Our costumes, cleverly made by Emma Bavin, were absolutely amazing but the Great Bookham Belles WI airplane, made by Gilly Phipps and Jacky Stedman, really stole the show – everyone wanted to wear it! We would like to thank everyone that took part and contributed to what was a truly great event!

We would like to say a huge well done to both our Great Bookham Belles Decibelles Choir, who performed a Summer Concert on 6th July,

and our walking netball team, 'The Netbelles', who took part in walking netball festivals this summer at Manor House School and at Crystal Palace in July.

The new term opened with a wonderful talk at our September Monthly Meeting. We were fortunate to have guest speaker and author Biff Raven-Hill visit our members and introduce us to 'The Wartime Wife'. Based on her own personal experiences, Biff related how having had to be brought up by her Grandmother, she had learnt the ways of how to keep house in the ways that a woman would have experience during the 2nd World War. Reminiscing in the ways of the past, she showed us that even though the world has moved on, the knowledge of previous generations has not necessarily been passed on, causing a lack in the present generation of how to survive without the technology that we rely on today! Obviously an extremely able and experienced raconteur, Biff kept us thoroughly entertained throughout making us laugh out loud in many places. We even ended with a 'guess the use' quiz for various war time household utensils and appliances – which kept us all pondering! All her discoveries and tips have been published in her book of the same name and can be purchased on Amazon.

J Burrows

Cherry Trees



Haven't yet got your staff party organised? Wanting to help a good cause this year? Then why not come to Cherry Trees Christmas Ball! This year, the party will be held at the opulent

Harbour Hotel, Guildford. Friday 23rd November 2018. There will be a live band, the 'Surrey Pumas' performing, a three course meal, and both live and silent auctions hosted by Sky TV and Sports Personality. Tickets are £65 per person, with booking space still available online at <https://www.cherrytrees.org.uk/Event/cherry-trees-christmas-ball>.

Ticket sales will go towards the continuation of our children's centre and family support for Cherry Trees families. For more information, please contact the Cherry Trees Fundraising office by telephone at 01483 222 507 with any further queries.

Anna Reid

Howard of Effingham School Friends



The Howard PTA "The Friends", is as much about raising funds for the school, as linking with parents and the local community. We are lucky to have an active and extremely friendly PTA committee. There are a range of annual events which they organise to raise funds, but also to provide a platform for everyone connected to the school to meet and have fun.

Regular annual events include a Quiz Night, Music Festival, Autumn Dinner Dance, and Winter Shopping Evening.

Just as important as our fundraising events, are the social ones and this year we held a spectacular Autumn Dinner Dance at Denbies Wine Estate in October. The theme was Mardi Gras style and fun was had by all. Our Winter Shopping Evening in November was also extremely popular, with a good mix of stalls selling quality items and gifts.

For more information, or if you are interested in being a vendor at future events please email us at friends@thehoward.org.

The Grange



It has been an amazing 80th Anniversary year for The Grange - one of the highlights being our Summer Fete, which took place on a blistering hot Saturday in July. We were delighted to see so many new and familiar faces enjoying looking at the classic cars, marvelling at the beautiful owls, and sampling the BBQ and delicious tea and cakes made by The Grange's catering team. The event was rounded off by a fantastic drumming session, run by Ray Watters of 'Drum with Us'. Around 70 visitors and people from The Grange were involved, creating a great finale to an amazing day.

Once again, on a sunny weekend in September, we welcomed visitors as part of

the annual 'Heritage Open Days' event. It was a special day and, for the first time, we opened our brand new Heritage Room to the public - a project which has taken over a year of planning. Thanks to a generous grant of £97K from the Heritage Lottery Fund, along with donations from other Trusts - including The Worshipful Company of Broderers - this venture was made possible. The Heritage Room preserves and conserves a selection of items, including those with a Royal connection, and showcases The Grange's fascinating history. On September 25th, 2018, we warmly welcomed our Royal Patron, HRH the Duke of Gloucester to The Grange to



officially open the new room and spend time touring the main house. During his visit, the Duke met staff, people supported by The Grange, engaged in some of the teaching sessions including cutting scones in the kitchen and seeing his own specially designed mug come to life in our Creative Arts Studio. After a delightful visit, the Duke chatted to guests over lunch before unveiling a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

We look forward to our 80th Anniversary Christmas Concert at The Menuhin Hall, December 1st, 2018 from 7:30pm. All are welcome, please book your tickets directly via The Menuhin Hall Box Office, www.yehudimenuhinschool.co.uk. For more information about The Grange and our work, please visit our website at www.grangecentre.org.uk

Marion Chow

Leatherhead and District Lions Club

Months of hard work and planning resulted in a fantastic day for the Leatherhead Lions Donkey Derby, held at Polesden Lacey on Sunday 2nd September 2018. Under cloudless skies, thousands of local people enjoyed the benefit of a free entry and parking event with variety for all the family.

Whether it was watching the Donkeys racing, The Dog Show, the Train n' Rides, or placing a bet on the Tote, there was something for everyone. Food and drink stalls were in abundance as well as the enjoyment of the

funfair. This was the Lions fifth annual event, and it is estimated a record so far with nearly 7,000 visitors! Income from the day will be shared with the National Trust, with the bulk of Lions funds going to local community projects.

Andrew Mansfield Lions President stated, "I was overwhelmed by the numbers of people and it was great seeing so many young families out having a good time. We are grateful to The National Trust for the Lions to be allowed free entry to the event, as it allows



visitors to spend, free from car park and entry charges. It's been hard work but it follows our tradition of raising funds for local good causes which will be announced later. If anyone feels like joining us, please contact me by email at andrewmansfield@btinternet.com."

The Leatherhead Lions Club have presented to Eastwick Schools funds to provide a new outdoor seated reading circle for the pupils to enjoy reading lessons. Funding for the project was donated from bequests by the late Joy Marshall of the Leatherhead Lions, and the estate of Pat Hastie a former teacher at the school. Helen Addison of Eastwick said "We are delighted to have this seating to provide a quiet area for the children to read, it is a most welcome addition to our school playground, thank you to the Lions and Pat's estate."

Mike Rushby



Peter Pan Playschool



Back in the summer, we held our annual Peter Pan Playschool Sports Day, where we said goodbye to our school leavers as well as several key committee members who have supported Peter Pan for many years.

The new and returning children have already settled well into playschool life, and are enjoying learning through play supported by our caring and attentive staff team. The staff

work closely with parents to ensure each individual child's needs are met, and that each child is able learn and develop at their own rate. We continue to have a parent rota where we invite parents to come in to spend the morning with us, and this provides an invaluable opportunity to discuss progress and also to see how the children play and explore alongside peers. Our families tell us time and again how they benefit from our open door policy, and it is with this enormous support and positive feedback, that we are incredibly proud to say all our spaces are now full for the rest of this academic year.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2019/2020 academic year, and we welcome parents to come and visit us to find out a bit more about us and what we offer.

Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive setting, which caters for children from 2.5 until school age. We offer morning sessions 9:10am - 12:10am during term time, with optional extended hours until 1:10pm and 2:40pm on Monday and Friday. To find out more about us, please take a look at our facebook page www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool, and



our website www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk. Alternatively, you can send us an email at peterpanplayschool@gmail.com, or call us on 07908 018924. Louise and the staff team will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Louise Sutherland



Leatherhead and District Local History Society



As local historians prepare for the months ahead, they can look back at the past year as one of major commemorations - above all, the end of World War One in November 1918 and

victory at last in the painfully long battle for women's representation in Parliament. Both featured extensively at the Leatherhead Museum, owned and run by the Leatherhead and District Local History Society at Hampton Cottage in Church Street, Leatherhead. New books were also published on both Little Bookham and Fetcham in the war as well. During Heritage Weekend in September, an amateur company performed "Keep the Homefires Burning" at Leatherhead Institute, a poignant drama about love and loss in 1914-18. It interweaved the story of men in the trenches, nurses in field hospitals, and the loved ones left behind. The same weekend also heard two contrasting talks about women in our neck of the woods. Museum curator, Lorraine Spindler, spoke on *The Women of Leatherhead: Suffrage and Struggle 1850-1950*. Using oral interviews, photographs, and newspaper accounts, she showed how education, war, romance, household responsibilities, religion, and entertainment all continue to enhance recognition of women's



roles in society once they had finally been given the vote.

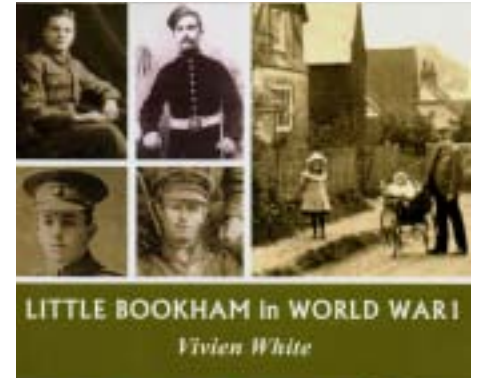
Very different was Bookham Historian, Judith Witter's talk at the Pastoral Centre, St Nicolas Church on 'Mary Chrystie (1838-1911), benefactor, property developer and temperance activist. Mary was one of the district's most remarkable women, whose activities and development of property made a major contribution to the appearance of the local villages we know today. Monthly lectures arranged by the L&DLHS at the Leatherhead Institute have previously included author Alice Graysharp, who revealed what happened when her mother, Edith Tompkins, was evacuated from London to Leatherhead as a child during WWII. Her lecture, "Out of the Frying Pan", followed the recent publication of her book, "The Keeping of Secrets" about a working class girl who experienced the shock of life in a largely rural society, while Britain endured bombings and massive social disruption.

In January, Tony Matthew's presentation on the extraordinary historical owners of Cherkely Court, the massive country estate now known as Beaverbrook on the edge of Leatherhead district. These people all left their mark locally in very different ways, whether philanthropic, popular, or controversial. Abraham Dixon, founder of the Leatherhead Institute and supporter of local education, could hardly have been a sharper contrast with Max Aitken, the media magnate and politician, who became Lord Beaverbrook and gave his name to the exclusive luxury hotel today.

Our monthly talks start at 8:00pm in the Leatherhead Institute with coffee served from 7:30pm. Entrance is just £2 per person. The Museum closes in December until April 2019, but next year's temporary exhibitions may include fashion through the ages, artistic representations of the local area, and a special

tribute to local historian Goff Powell - whose recent death sadly meant the loss of one of the history society's best loved and most active figures. For more information, please visit our website at www.leatherheadhistory.org.

Tony Matthews



Going Local

Southey Court Eastwick Park Avenue, Bookham Surrey, KT23 3NE

Southey Court is a development of 33 studio flats and 7 one bed flats, managed by Clarion Housing Group set in lovely wooded grounds. These have been designed for over 50s Independent Living. The flats are serviced by a manager who is not on-site, but covers office hours and at present, 7-days a week. There is a Centra pull cord in all of the flats, and communal areas which are covered 24/7 for all concerns, repairs, or emergencies.

This is a wonderful place to live, as it has a safe, happy community for working, retired, or semi-retired people that are either isolated or in need of safe accommodation that provides a bit extra. We offer a 7-day week meal service, and the meals are cooked freshly once a day. We use local suppliers from the village of Bookham. There is a laundry and hair salon on site.

The Social Committee arrange entertainment throughout the year, and often there are exercise classes, a church service or a tea party

going on in the communal lounge. We have community eyesight testing, and visits from other agencies to help support anybody that has mobility or health issues. If you would like to find out more, or come and visit, please call the Manager Jan on 01372 450996. To apply for housing, please visit Mole Valley Housing advice and apply for Homechoice. You do not need to sell a property, or be homeless to rent here. Vacancies are always available and there is no waiting list.

Leatherhead Hockey Club

Want to get your fitness fix over the winter months? Hockey is a celebration of many things: fitness, being social, and running around during the winter months with a squad of equally awesome people. Not only is it accessible to all age groups, fitness standards, and hockey skills, it is a great sport for those wishing to meet new people in the area.

Leatherhead Hockey Club is the only hockey club in Mole Valley which keeps the club super casual and friendly amongst its members. Whilst there is a competitive streak in our first teams, we consider ourselves to be more focused on happy hockey and giving people the opportunity to play as much or as little hockey as they like – or family commitments allow.

We host coached training sessions every Wednesday at Therfield School, Leatherhead, from 8:00pm - 9:30pm. We run through drills, fitness exercises, and gameplay, giving teams

the chance to bond and different LHC members to meet. The first session is free for newbies, and we always have spare kit to hand if you fancied a few weeks before committing! We have five teams entered into the Surrey League, with matches taking place on Saturdays between September 2018 and April 2019. Our mixed team play occasional matches on Sundays, choosing to take on local clubs in friendly games. This is the perfect chance to get a bit more time on the ball and to mingle with LHC members you might not see on a weekly basis. For the younger players, we run a weekly colts session on Sunday mornings, 10:30am - 12:00pm at Therfield School. These are aimed at 7-14 years old, and are designed to be fun, engaging, and educational to make sure your children have the best introduction to hockey.

As well as training, LHC also run a whole host of socials throughout the year, including an end of year dinner dance, charity rounders

tournament, quiz night and Christmas dinners. We also host or attend weekly post-game teas, giving teams the opportunity to celebrate and grow as squads!

Whether you have played hockey before or just feel like giving it a go, everyone is welcome at Leatherhead Hockey Club, from the little people in our colts section to the slightly taller people in the adult leagues!

Sue Ogden (LADIES) - ladies@leatherheadhockeyclub.co.uk
Mark Powell (MEN) - men@leatherheadhockeyclub.co.uk
Liz Aeissame (COLTS) - colts@leatherheadhockeyclub.co.uk
Eloisa Tovee (Mixed) - mixed@leatherheadhockeyclub.co.uk

Find us online at www.leatherheadhockeyclub.co.uk, our Facebook page, and Instagram.

Eloisa Tovee

Leatherhead Youth Project



Jenny recently joined Leatherhead Youth Project, as their new Lead Bookham Youth Worker. Having grown up in Surrey, Jenny went to Therfield,

where she focused on maths and sciences, with the plan of becoming an engineer. However, after two gap years working as a youth worker, at St. George's in Ashted and then in Cape Town, South Africa, Jenny changed her plan and decided to study applied theology with youth and community work at Moorlands College in Bournemouth.

At LYP, Jenny is working alongside Bookham schools, churches, police, and the community, creating safe and supportive spaces and aspirational projects for young people in Bookham. Jenny will be setting up a girls' project for local teenage girls, as well as

running a whole host of other exciting projects!

BYouth our relational after school drop in for local young people, will remain as the primary project in Bookham, based out of the Bookham Youth and Community Centre. BYouth aims to provide a safe space for youth people 11-17, to come after school and spend time with friends, enjoy activities, and games, whilst building positive relationships with youth workers, volunteers, and peers. Following on from BYouth, Jenny plans to set up a weekly Girls Group in Bookham. These sessions will support girls in Bookham and engage the group in conversations about issues affecting them in a fun and interactive way.

Jenny will be supporting the local schools, leading assemblies, lunch time clubs, and supporting the schools in other pastoral ways. Jenny will also continue to lead the monthly youth Christian worship nights, jointly with the

three Bookham Churches. These will be hosted at BYCC and open to all young people in Bookham, with evenings filled with music, inspirational talks and games. Jenny also plans to set up an Explore group for young people who want to discover more about the Christian faith.

Alongside these projects, BYouth will be involved in community projects and residential, with LYP. We are excited to see more young people getting involved this year!

Jenny Coffin



Tuesday Friendship Group

Since March 2018, we have had a new ladies club in our village. It has now been going for several months and is proving to be very successful (according to our members). As of September, we had 32 members, and a couple more about to join us.

We have called it the the "Tuesday Friendship Group". We meet in the Harrison Room in the Old Barn Hall, normally on the third Tuesday of

each month, beginning at 2:30pm. Our ideal is have fun and to share our friendships. Our programme is quite wide and varied. So far, we have enjoyed a Beetle Drive, talks on aromatherapy, activities of Age Concern, a Bingo afternoon, Ploughman's Lunch, Garden Party, a Discussion session, and a Show & Tell event. We will finish the year with a talk "My Life as a Health Visitor", a Christmas craft

afternoon, and round off with a jolly Christmas Party and singalong led by a fun choir. Membership is £25 per year, reduced by half for joiners halfway through the year. If you are interested, please feel free to contact our organiser, Sylvia Dickinson, on 01372 454333 and give us a try.

Sylvia Dickinson

Polesden Lacey Infant School



Have you ever tried to tackle a challenging piece of work when you were angry, sad, hungry, or feeling sluggish? It's pretty hard to focus, isn't it? One of the things we value most about Polesden Lacey Infant School is that the school understands that the health and wellbeing of the children has a big impact on their ability to learn and reach their potential both in the classroom and beyond. A word often used to describe the school among the parent community is 'nurturing' and – thanks to an incredibly thoughtful and balanced

curriculum – we mean the minds, bodies and souls of our children.

As well as a fantastic art programme, weekly singing, and regular Forest School sessions, the staff has this term begun to embed a mindfulness programme, having successfully trialled these techniques over the previous year following training from Surrey County Council's Schools' Mind Up Programme. When your 5 year old comes back from school telling you what the amygdala, hippocampus, and prefrontal cortex do - it really makes you sit up and listen. We were shown how to do a 'Mindful Minute', which we now use at home when someone needs to feel calmer. Mindfulness is a hot topic, because research shows it can help to prevent or overcome mental health problems, and with the worrying rise in mental health issues for young people, it's wonderful that our children have the chance to start practising it from such an early age.

From a healthy mind to healthy eating, when it comes to food, Polesden Lacey Infant School quite literally offers the gold standard! The ever cheerful and much-loved school cook serves up the Surrey Schools' 'Gold' Menu,

which includes organic or Red-Tractor assured meat and locally-sourced vegetables, not to mention her delicious homemade bread and moreish shortbread biscuits. Each year, the Rabbit (Reception) parents and carers are invited to join their children for lunch in the school hall. It is such a treat for the mums, dads and other carers to get a rare insight into their little one's days and have the opportunity to taste the healthy food that the children come home raving about.

And alongside all that wholesome food, there are also ample opportunities to get active, which as we know helps us to keep our brains, as well as our bodies healthy. The school has long taken part in the Mile Run initiative, but this term staff and pupils have really pushed themselves to new levels by supporting the latest challenge of 51-year old Nikki Love, who ran 750 miles around Ireland to raise money for charity while inspiring schoolchildren to keep active and find their own physical and mental strength. Working together as a team, the children and staff ran a total of 750 miles by the October half term – what an incredible achievement!

Sarah Hayward

Polesden Lacey Playschool



As another school year begins, we are looking at the colours that make up our world. This is a particularly lovely topic, as we watch the wonderful setting of our playschool slowly turn from the lush greens of summer, to the gold, browns, reds, and yellows of autumn. We have been busy planting in our allotment and have enjoyed watching the flowers, vegetables, and herbs grow. We have then used our fantastic produce to make colourful pizzas and smoothies. On our craft table, we have explored the colours and textures of feathers, and tissue paper, whilst creating special rainbow hats. We have also made special butterfly pictures to perch on the sunflowers we have made to decorate our classroom. One memorable lesson, was spent making musical instruments so we could sing and play along to "Yellow Submarine". We continues to use these instruments when

singing all of our other colourful songs, including "Little Boy Blue" and "I Can Sing a Rainbow".

We have also practised naming all the colours we know and using crayons to make marks and pictures. This led to amazing marble paintings, and Elmer the elephant creations. Not only have we been looking at the rainbow colours, but at the importance of black and white. Talking about all of the black and white animals we know showed just how aware the children are not only of animals they often see in this country - such as sheep and cows - but also demonstrated their knowledge of further afield.

We are also looking forward to Christmas, and have created beautiful reindeer cards for our families and friends. Preparations for our Christmas Show are also well underway. Children will show off all of their singing and dancing talents within the tale of the Christmas story. The children are diligently practising, whilst their wonderful grown-ups are finding costumes to ensure one of the most memorable shows ever.

A huge thank you to the staff and committee, who work tirelessly to keep our brilliant little playschool running.

If you would like more information about the playschool, arrange a visit, or enquire about admissions, please call us at 01372 458145 (for general enquiries/admissions, please leave a message if there is no answer), 01372 453162 (during session times - brief conversations only please). Email us at alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com, or visit our website at <http://polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool>.

Natasha Matthews



Knit One, Poppy One



As this year's special Centenary Armistice Day approaches, we can look forward to seeing some beautifully hand knitted poppies for sale in the village. A group of local ladies have been busily knitting for months! And as a result, they have produced over 2550 little works of art!

For the 3rd year running, their poppies will be for sale at Wishing Well, and Rawlings & Kensett Butchers in Bookham High Street, Casselden's Shoes in Church Road, Bookham and also at nearby National Trust, Polesden Lacey.

In previous years, the knitted poppies have been in high demand so be sure to head to one of these local venues around 20th October to ensure success! Your donation will be very well received. All money raised will go

directly to the Royal British Legion, as with normal poppy sales. Last year the poppy knitters raised £3700 for the British Legion and they hope to raise even more this year. Amongst, the knitted poppies there will be a small number of special 100 year anniversary versions, so keep an eye out if you fancy one



of these! When I met the group a few months ago, I was delighted to also meet Mr Ron Pearce, pictured here with an impressive chest full of medals! A 100 year old War Veteran, Ron came to see how the group were getting along. Ron still lives



independently, and enjoys tending his Koi Carp in his garden pond. As well as this, Ron still works regularly on accounts for The Royal British Legion, what an amazing man. Very well done ladies, it will be an honour to wear one of your poppies!

Courtesy of Look Local Magazine

Transition Bookham

It's been a quiet summer for Transition Bookham, with just the one open meeting in July where we had a general catch-up. In October, we had a presentation on electric vehicles, followed a few days later by our annual Christmas card upcycling day. Continuing the crafty theme, we had a jewellery repair session in early November, and we also carried out the autumn tidy-up of the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre garden.

We're always keen to hear of ways to cut down on waste and are delighted that an "unpackaged" shop has opened up in

Greenwise Grocers in Fetcham. You can take your own containers along to "Fetcham from the Cupboard" and buy food such as pulses, rice, pasta, and nuts without the unrecyclable plastic packaging, along with other eco-friendly goods.

Some local recycling news, a collection point for used pens has been set up in Bookham library. If you find yourself with any takeaway coffee cups, you can recycle them in the carton bank in the Lower Shott car park. See our website page "10 Things You Can Do" for links to more local recycling information.

Our timetable for 2019 is still under construction, but if you'd like to be kept up-to-date with what we're doing, as well as hearing about local and national items of green interest, email us at transitionbookham@gmail.com and ask to be added to our mailing list. If you're on social media, like and follow TransitionBookham on Facebook and follow @ttbookham on Twitter. We're always pleased to hear from people who'd like to help us spread the green message. Visit our website www.transitionbookham.org.uk for details of our meetings and other information.

Win Magyar

Quilters Guild of the British Isles



Quilters Guild Surrey celebrated Regional Day on 22nd September, 2018. It was a wet Saturday, but in the Old Barn Hall, seventy quilters and patchworkers from all over Surrey, Sussex, and Kent had a really enjoyable day. We gave a very warm welcome to our speakers, Stephanie Crawford and Jennie Rayment.

In addition to the speakers, we had a quilt challenge, which was won by Gunn Fenn from Surrey. Four traders volunteered their time so

we could buy fabric, patterns, notions, and try out sewing machines. A severe case of sewing machine envy was felt by one or two of us when we saw the latest models!

Quilters of Sutton produced a quilt display of colourful quilts in all sizes and techniques, to show off their skills and creative abilities. Project Linus (after the Peanuts namesake) - who distribute quilts for children in hospital - came to collect quilts made by their supporters. The number of quilts made and distributed in the UK is mind blowing.

We also had tea and coffee on tap and homemade cakes to keep us going. All this was organised by volunteers from Surrey, and the Old Barn Hall is already booked for next year. You will find a warm welcome if you join us. For more information, visit the Quilters Guild website to check out what Region 2 and us do.

Jan Godding



Rainbow Playgroup



We had a very busy summer last term at Rainbow Playgroup. Along with getting ready for Village Day and preparing for our leavers for their transition to school, we celebrated the royal wedding by having a tea/street style party. The children spent the week before the wedding making flags, reading books about the royal family, and discussing why royal weddings are significant events. One of the favourite activities of the week was making scones - and of course, eating them in our snack bar with jam, cream, and strawberries! The week culminated with a traditional tea party, where the children sat along a long table, waved their

flags, and enjoyed some lovely treats.

The summer term saw us preparing our 4 year olds for the big changes that starting school entails. In order to get our children 'school ready', we invited them to our Rising Fives sessions. These two-hour afternoon sessions happen once a week throughout the last half of the summer term, usually 6/7 sessions. We focus on helping the children develop skills which will aid their independence and familiarise them with the routines of the school day. For example, having a packed lunch, getting ready for PE, and sitting at a table to focus on more structured activities. The activities this year included watching caterpillars turn into butterflies (and setting them free), making mini beasts, planting and measuring growth of bean plants - all of which was recorded by the children into their individual plant diaries with the help of experienced staff. Our sessions have been held for a few years now and we have noticed how they ease the transition to school and prepare them for life in receptions class.



The autumn term finds us busy developing our work in our varied outdoor environments, and supporting our new children to settle well. We work closely with children and their families, helping new children adjust to preschool life, so that over time every child feels confident and happy to come to playgroup.

For more information about Rainbow Playgroup, including an interest in finding a place for your child, please contact us at Bookham Baptist Church via our website at www.bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk, or by telephone at 01372 811313 (ask to speak to Manager, Heidi Watson).

Tracey Pratt

The Rotary Club of Bookham and Horsley



An important part of our Rotary remit, which many readers may be less aware of, is to support young people in our community as they develop life skills. Rotary does this by working with local schools and youth groups to promote a range of national Rotary competitions, including creative writing, music, and debating. Another popular activity is an annual Youth Leadership development course held each spring at nearby High Ashurst on Box Hill. This one-week residential camp brings together youngsters from across the South East. Our Bookham and Horsley candidates this

year were two very impressive and enthusiastic students, Hannah Causebrook and Ben Taggart. They are shown here collecting participation certificates from president Barry Davies, after their September feedback talk to the Club. Howard sixth former Hannah, described her standout moment as building the confidence and courage, egged on by teammates, to plummet off a small platform high in the trees as part of a high-ropes course!

We are hosting an important initiative this autumn to expand our engagement with local companies, organisations, and supporters. They are being invited to join our wider community database get occasional news of Rotary activities and fundraising. On Thursday 1st November we held an informal drinks reception at the Grange to tell supporters more about what we do. Please join us at any regular weekly meeting to get a flavour of the breadth of our activities and who we are! See contacts below.

Other activities to report and look forward to are as follows, and your support is very much appreciated. On the 21st September, we had the annual Race Night in Bookham which raised £1,600 for international charities, including the impressive Children on the Edge working to help vulnerable youngsters in the refugee camps of Bangladesh. We have just contributed £1,000 to this essential cause. See <https://www.childrenontheedge.org/>.

Rotary combines the opportunity to really make a difference in your community, both locally and globally, whilst enjoying the company of good friends. See our website or get in touch for a snapshot of what goes on. Do get involved, either as a member or occasional helper. For all details and to see what's coming up, visit www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org or contact our secretary Mark Secker on 01372 458733, or by email at mark.secker@outlook.com.

Andrew Smith

R. N. L. I.

Many years ago, I changed from being a supporter of the R.N.L.I. to being an unpaid worker. At my first meeting with the bosses, I remarked that it might be an idea to get coverage on the media, such as television. I was told with no uncertainty, 'We do not do that sort of thing'. Thankfully, times have changed and we are now led by people who are very much in this century. You may have seen our television programs, "Saving Lives at Sea". These are having quite a beneficial effect. When we meet people now, we have so many

tell us how much they enjoy the programmes, and how much they are learning about the Lifeboats.

We have also noticed that we are getting more cash in our collection buckets. Bookham residents have always been great supporters of the R.N.L.I. and it is nice that they can now see where their money is going to, and the good they are doing. Speaking of support, once again, Bookhams Traders have been immensely supportive. Many thanks to

Rawlings & Kensett Butchers, Laytons Greengrocer, the Co-op, Michael's Fish Shop, and the landlord of the Royal Oak. Not only are they great supporters, but they are great places to do your shopping.

Some of you will have been to our Barn Dance at the Tithe Barn, in Little Bookham. This very enjoyable event would not take place without the kindness of owners, Scruff and Mike, to whom we are very grateful.

Richard Bywaters

The Arts Society Bookham



The Society has continued to thrive throughout the hot summer, despite no meeting in August. We did visit Frogmore House, following a Thames River cruise downstream from Maidenhead to Windsor.

The House, just half a mile from Windsor Castle is still very much used by the Royal Family - and only occasionally open to the public. We were very fortunate to have a private tour of the property so steeped in the history of Kings and Queens from the 17th century to the present day!

The month before we visited another Castle, Deal Castle; with its ancient battlements defending Britain from all who may have wished us ill. But it was not just castles this summer, in June TAS Bookham viewed a very much humbler establishment, the Clergy House at Alfriston. Built in the 14th century it was bought in 1895, the first property purchased by the recently founded National Trust, for just £10.00! The oak leaf logo, now synonymous with the NT, is copied from a carving found in a corner of the cornice in the



main room. The name of the carpenter is unknown, but his work lives on and will remain the emblem of this national organisation for years to come.

TAS Bookham is rightly renowned for its monthly lectures, and our recent programme was no exception. They included talks on the architecture of Surrey, seen through the 'eyes' of Nikolaus Pevsner from his 1960s travels around the county, and in July a sparkling lecture on an appreciation of Seaside Piers - just in time for those contemplating a visit with bucket and spade!

2018 will continue with the final lecture of the year in November devoted to 'Giles: his Life, Time and Cartoons'. The endlessly amusing characters, including the ruling matriarchal Granny, will be presented by Barry Venning from the Open University. To round off the year, our popular Christmas lunch will be held, followed by a talk 'Taste of Mrs Beeton's Cookbook' by Annie Gray.

2019 will begin on an historic theme, with a study of foreign artists in London in the 16th and 17th centuries, and their influence on British art. To follow this, we shall be looking at the work of the French sculptor Auguste Rodin, perhaps best known in England for "The Burghers of Calais", and highly influential in the world of modern sculpture. March sees a contrasting theme with pageantry and the River Thames.

Angela Stevens is the Heritage Volunteer Representative for East Surrey, and in this role she has been exploring the possibility of recording the library at West Horsley Place. There are in excess of 10,000 books left on the



shelves, following 7,000 going to Trinity College. All of these need to be recorded and training for the task will be provided by the Arts Society. If you are interested do please contact craigjrstevens@aol.com.

The members of the Arts Society Bookham are a very vibrant, inquisitive, and friendly group who are open to fresh ideas and new experiences by listening to expert speakers and travelling to places of interest both locally, with the UK and abroad. Join us and learn so much more! We meet in the Old Barn Hall at 7:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information, please visit our website at www.theartsocietybookham.org.uk.

John Cook

The Dawnay School

The Dawnay is a 'Good' school with amazing grounds, staff with boundless amounts of energy, and fantastic opportunities for all. We are a primary school in the heart of Bookham village and community, with an intake at Reception and Year 3. We offer a secure and nurturing environment in which children can thrive. We believe children should be treated as unique individuals and their learning should be personalised and directed at their stage of learning, not necessarily their age.

We encourage resilience and grit! We are Team Dawnay, and teamwork relies on mutual respect. Learning to solve problems and work together independently, is key to developing well rounded attributes for their careers. Our world, both near and far, is a diverse place and our children are the citizens of the future. We aim to help them live with, understand and respect diversity. We aim for excellence in all



we do: in attitude, in academic achievement, in sporting competition, in creativity, and in music. We ensure that all children are able to 'have a go' and that they strive for enjoyment as well as success.

We want them to be able to make informed choices based on experiences. Happy learners are successful learners!

Kayleigh Hewitt-Lee



Little Bookham WI



Our WI enjoys trying out different activities. A group of our members recently visited the Colour Cauldron Pottery Studio at Smithbrook Kilns, near Cranleigh. Having enjoyed a tasty lunch at The Bricks restaurant, we spent a relaxing afternoon painting a variety of pottery, vases, mugs, bowls, and ornaments and were delighted with the results. Another group ventured off to try glass fusing at Ripley.

A second group is hoping to try their hand at this activity soon, hopefully producing some Christmas decorations for the Christmas tree. A third group of our members travelled further afield to the WI Centre for Learning at Denman College near Oxford to participate in a variety of interesting courses, ranging from goldwork to history walks.

At our main monthly meetings, we listen to inspiring speakers, organise quizzes, competitions, food tastings, craft evenings, discussions, and member participation nights. We recently had a colour 'blue' themed night, where everyone wore something blue and all the talks and activities were built around the colour. Our September meeting celebrated our 53rd birthday with the marvellous Billy Clayton to entertain us with music of the 60s and 70s.

There is something at our WI for all tastes, and we always stop for a hot drink, piece of homemade cake and a chat halfway through our meetings. You would be most welcome to come and join us on the third Wednesday of



the month at Little Bookham Village Hall. Our meetings start at 7:30pm.

Fay McGregor

Reader's Corner

My name is Alan Walsh and I am a Historical Researcher for the National Trust at Polesden Lacey. I am hoping that some readers may be able to help us identify the names of the nurses who attended the eighty wounded officers during WW1, 1915 - 1916 at Polesden Lacey. We have ascertained that they were not VAD's and have tried numerous other lines of enquiry, all to no avail.

If any of your readers are able to assist us in identifying them we would be most grateful. Some of the ladies pictured in the photograph are not nurses, but employees of Mrs Greville, they also assisted in looking after the officers. Senior House Steward, Mr. Francis Bole and his



wife are pictured in the centre of the photograph.

alpamwalsh@virginmedia.com.

If you have any information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at

Alan Walsh

Mole Valley Lacemakers



Well, what a summer! There are those that would say it was too hot to make lace, and others that that used the excuse to sit quietly in the shade to work on their latest project. Obviously, it was great to make the most of the natural light.

National Lacemaking day coincided with our September meeting, which although we advised as on open

meeting, there was no visitors. However it was great to see the finished lace of those members present, as quite a few were away on holiday. I also had a display of Idrija lace, and thirteen members attending a workshop on this lace from Slovenia. Slovenia is one of the few countries that still teach lace in their schools today. The members were attempting to make - dare I say it - a Christmas tree, which gave them a good insight into quite a few of the techniques needed to make this lace. Two or three finished their trees on the day and we finished with a traditional cream tea.

As Heritage Day was the following week, we demonstrated bobbin lace making in the

wonderful newly opened Heritage Room at the Grange. It's well worth a visit to see the changing display and the history behind the school of stitchery and lace.

If you are wishing to take up lacemaking, or have a problem, please contact Pedrick.sp.tl@hotmail.co.uk, as I would love to start a lace class in the area. Our next meeting was on the 10th November, were a member gave a patchwork workshop and members put on a Christmas exhibition of work. This was the last meeting this year, and we will reconvene the 19th January 2019 at Fetcham church hall.

Tina Pedrick

The Topic of Cancer



The Topic of Cancer Toc Together local support group meets on the second Monday of every month at the Old Barn Hall, from 7:30pm. Our aim is to enable all people with a cancer experience to join us and share experiences, as well as enjoy the company of others who fully understand as both patients and families. We enjoy occasional guest speakers to educate and entertain us, and make no charge for membership. Recently our Chairman gave a presentation on his personal story, and the creation of Topic of Cancer, as well as an overview of the research the charity supports in Guildford.

We are also very fortunate to be invited to a monthly cream tea by the publican and staff of The Plough in Orestan Lane, Effingham at no charge. This event is held to encourage members of our other groups to join us for an afternoon of fun and indulgence. We plan to visit the labs in Guildford for a presentation by a leading scientist on current immunotherapy research being undertaken there, and the opportunity to visit the labs and meet the team in action. The charity now offer free ToC Fit exercise classes for patients in treatment or recovery, with specifically qualified trainers at the TurnFit Studios in Guildford three mornings a week. We also have our own ToC Voices choir that rehearses every Monday evening from 6:30pm, at All Saints Church in Onslow Village. They have already performed at G Live, and represented our area broadcasting live from Guildford railway station in this month's BBC Music Day, where we invited members of other local community choirs to join us. For more information on ToC, please visit our website at www.topicofcancer.org.uk,



www.facebook.com/topicofcancer, or email support-groups@topicofcancer.org.uk.

Nigel Lewis-Baker



Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club



The 2018 recruitment campaign for indoor bowling at Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club (MVIBC), situated within the Leatherhead Leisure Centre has been very successful, with the cut-off point at 300 playing members looking achievable as we start the new season. The final session of the current recruitment campaign was at the end of September, after which there will be a review of the overall membership status.

The success of the Open Mornings was due to a great deal of preparation and support from club members (many of them Bookham residents) over the preceding months, and on the open mornings in September. We were very keen to make sure all visitors felt welcome and comfortable, while they had a taster session of indoor bowling. Club members were there to ensure that our visitors were provided with suitable bowls, a rink was available, and qualified coaches with experienced helpers were on hand. Everyone

set out to make the experience for all visitors (particularly those new to bowling) as pleasurable as possible, giving a good insight into the enjoyment and challenge that is available from indoor bowling – especially at MVIBC.

Existing members returning to play indoors will have noticed the new scoring display system, and the new parking facility for mobility vehicles and/or bicycles near the club entrance.

An Opening Drive was held on Sunday 7th October, and matches from our Fixture List will be under way against other bowling clubs along with the competitions for members who have entered Club and County Championships.

The friendly roll ups continue twice weekly, and the club internal League matches started at the end of October, plus the coaching sessions for new members over the current period, all making it a busy time again at MVIBC - whatever the weather outside.

The winter months can be hard times weather wise, with those dull cold days giving no inspiration to move far from a cosy couch - but there is a place that has a warm and sociable atmosphere (and bar), providing some friendly challenges and a level of manageable exercise. Yes, it's indoor bowling! New for 2018, will be the sessions organised by the Club Captain to



specifically focus on team preparation and selection for Surrey League matches. Last season, MVIBC managed seventh position out of nine in the Surrey League table – so plenty of opportunity to move up.

If you would like to know more about indoor bowling at MVIBC, please visit our website at www.mvibc.co.uk, or email mail4mvibc@gmail.com. You could also speak to Guy Tortise on 01372 374653, or look for information at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre reception and check in at the club, any member will be ready and pleased to help.

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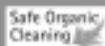
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