

# Bookham's Bulletin



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Spring 2019

## Bookham Country Market



It had been a while since the Market had been able to display any woodcraft for sale so it was a pleasure to welcome Mike Easton as a new producer back in March. Mike, an engineer by trade, spent his working life designing water pipe, heating, air-conditioning and alarm systems

After retirement he became a volunteer at Norbury Park Sawmill where he produces picnic tables, benches and signposts, mainly from oak, to use around the park, in schools and for the National Trust. Mike's wife is a keen

National Trust and gardens visitor so he thought a home based hobby for himself perhaps based around his love of wood would be a good idea. Mike attended a wood turners' course in Axminster where the required machinery is made and invested in! Bowls of all sizes were created, along with platters, candleholders, rolling pins and dog bones. The latter are made from beech, an especially hard wood, which doesn't splinter. It is a time consuming process, which involves turning, sanding with five grades of sandpaper, sealing and finally polishing with a food safe polish.

His work includes the use of pyrography or pokerwork, which is a method of decoration where the pattern is applied by burning with

a soldering iron, useful for plant labels, house signs and adding the type of wood and date to bowls. There were enough bowls for home use so Mike thought it would be a good idea to sell his creations at the Market, donating profits to the RNLI and the Air Ambulance. When last we met he was busy discussing creating a candleholder with a customer who had an interesting piece of wood for processing.

Why not come along any Friday morning to The Old Barn Hall between 10.15-11.30am and see Mike's latest productions, see what else the Market has to offer and treat yourself to a coffee and homemade cake in the Coffee Shop?





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## Letter from the Editor

With spring very nearly on the horizon, many a Bookham resident are eagerly waiting for the first bit of sunshine to melt away that last niggling bit of frost that insists on staying. It has been a cold winter and the promise of warmth will be a welcome one.



Due to the increased number of articles we receive, we kindly ask contributors to try and keep the word count to 350 words per article, and one photo per group. "Going Local", features the newest business to enter our community, 4 Seasons UK. We would love to see 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 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 mentioned before, in our pursuit to create a better balance between articles and advertising, we have created an advertising campaign. 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](mailto: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 also 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](http://www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org). If you have any suggestions, questions, or are interested in contributing, feel free to email Keith or myself at [bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com).

*Jennifer Terry, Editor*

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### 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

Bookham Flower Club -

Tuesday every week Bookham Toddler Group  
9.45 to 11.30am



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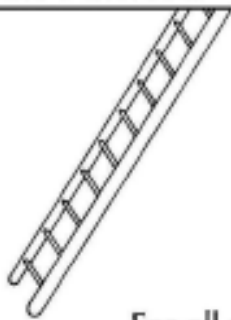
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# Chairman's Report



What a wonderful show Community Entertains was in February! Music, dance, comedy action!

Very many thanks to all of the 60 performers who entertained us, to the backstage staff and, particularly, to Lizzie Crawford who pulled it all together - no mean feat!

Looking forward we have Village Day on 15th June with the theme

'All at Sea' which encompasses anything on, in or under the sea. Look out for sea creatures, vessels perhaps even plastic bottles!!

*Keith Slark  
Chairman*



## Village Day White Elephant Stall

Many of you already know that my White Elephant stall raised over £1,000 for the B.C.A. last June.

**Can you help me to achieve an even greater amount this year?**

Please consider turning out, updating and tidying your homes and gardens and donating to this stall for the upkeep of the Old Barn Hall for Village Day

Either phone 01372 454897 or email [margaret4touchwood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaret4touchwood@hotmail.co.uk)

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# Christmas Charity Post

Thank you to everyone who made use of the Christmas Charity Post this year. Whilst the value of stamps sold was down about 6% on last year, we still sold £3,391 worth and delivered over 10,000 cards during December. A very good result.

Thanks again to the six Area Managers, their volunteers who sell stamps and deliver cards, as well as all the shops who sell stamps and act as posting points.

The Area Managers have a very interesting time getting some cards to their destinations, particularly if the card only has a name and no address on the envelope, or if the card is

completely misaddressed. This is where their local knowledge gained over many years comes into play. In carrying out some final detective work on cards that the Managers couldn't find homes for, I particularly want to thank all those who gave me advice on who or where the cards might be for, by answering my posts on Nextdoor. In the end we found homes for all the cards posted

The Committee have agreed that the £3,000 will be distributed to four charities, split as follows :

£750 to Aprender, a local charity involved in the education of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

<https://www.aprender.co.uk>

£750 to Practical Action to help farmers in Zimbabwe which will be matched by the Government <https://practicalaction.org/>

£750 to Mary's Meals 'Double The Love' appeal matched by the Government <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

£750 to Medecins sans Frontieres for their continuing work in Yemen <https://www.msf.org/yemen>

The two Government matched projects will add another £1500 to the amounts dispersed, giving a wonderful total of £4,500.

*Michael Agius*

# Groveside Badminton Club

## WE'RE RECRUITING! MEMBERS WANTED

Every Tuesday, 7.30PM to 9.30PM, St Teresa's Sports Hall

Groveside Badminton Club had a busy time in the run up to the festive period, with new members joining and organising our festive social event. Our club is a fun and vibrant badminton club focused on the social and fitness aspect of badminton. Over the last two months, with the help of Bookham Bulletin and

online adverts, we managed to grow our club.

We're always on the lookout for new members so why not drop for a game and get fit in 2019. We're currently running 4 courts at the sports hall at St Teresa's. Although we are a non-league club we play to a good standard. The club prides itself on its friendly atmosphere and provides an excellent opportunity to make friends and get fit.

We play every Tuesday evening throughout the year from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and offer "pay as you play"

or subscription based membership costing between £4 and £7 per session depending on the term.

Contact Ed Carr on 01372 819171 email [ed.carr@talk21.com](mailto:ed.carr@talk21.com)



# Bookham Late Night Christmas Opening 2018

This year the event with the theme 'The Road to Bethlehem' was held a week earlier at the request of the traders. The Mole Vallley Silver Band, All Aloud Choir and Churches Together Choir performed outside in different locations and inside the Bookham Baptist Church local school choirs, The Pantastics, and Action Theatre Group performed with music and drama.

In St Nicolas Church there was a display of decorated Christmas trees and a range of children's activities and Father Christmas! The library hosted a school choir.

The local traders put an unusual item in their windows, one they would not normally sell, for children to look for and then report back to St Nicolas at the church lychgate which they thought was the most unusual object. The Grange at No 5 won with a Toblerone palm tree.

A Cheese and Wine event in January is our opportunity to say Thank You to all the traders in Bookham and the Library for the way in which they serve us throughout the year.

This year's event will be on Thursday December

5th 2019. We hope to see you there!

Churches Together and Bookham Traders Planning Committee



# Bookham Bowling Club



Our 2018 bowling Captains, Liz Attwood & Chris Middleton presented a cheque for £1,035.91 in November to Claire Woodward for Princess Alice Hospice in Esher. This money was raised by our members and members of

visiting clubs during the 2018 season and could now pay for 2 hours of running the wards or 38 hours for a Community Princess Alice Nurse. The hospice requires over £9.9 million to provide their services and only 26% comes from the NHS.

At our AGM held at the Barn Hall three new Honorary Life-Time Vice Presidents were inducted for their services to the club. Tessa Davis, Ron Parslow and David Emery. The photo shows two of the recipients with the re-elected club officials. From left to right are:

David Brownsill (Chairman), Tessa Davis, Richard Wilson (President), Ron Parslow and Tony Moore (Secretary).

Our 2019 men and ladies Captains and Vice Captains were appointed and are Les Burgess, Jane Fiducia, Shirley Prentice (Ladies Captain), Richard Sealy (Mens Captain) and Steve Mullins.

If you are interested in joining the club please contact the secretary whose details and more club information can be found on our club website: <http://www.Bookhambowls.co.uk>

## Bookham Butterflies WI



Bookham Butterflies WI ended a busy 2019 with a festive party to celebrate both Christmas and the group's 4th birthday. Members tucked into a special Butterfly-themed birthday cake, washed down with Bucks Fizz, as we enjoyed a number of different activities.

A group of 30 members took part in our ever popular wreath-making workshop. Meanwhile, a coachload of Butterflies and their guests had a fantastic day out in the historic city of Winchester, visiting the famous Christmas

Market. Set in the shadow of Winchester Cathedral the market has an ice rink and more than a hundred stalls.

Members painted Christmas gifts and decorations at a Pots and Prosecco evening at Appletree Studio, Horsley. Great fun was had by all, with a wide variety of items being painted, while we drank Prosecco!

Recent speakers at our monthly meetings include Jennifer Harkins from the Woodland Trust. She explained how trees are very good

for our health and well-being, they help cool our cities and prevent soil erosion. We also heard about our local "Centenary Wood" which is being planted by the Woodland Trust at Langley Vale near Epsom.

We were delighted that a Bookham Butterflies team were the winners of the recent Emlyn Downs Quiz for local WI's – we are holding our own charity quiz night in February.

Our various special interest groups have also been busy. Our theatre group attended a wonderful performance of Seasons Greetings, a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, at Leatherhead Theatre. In March we are going on a trip to the New Victoria Theatre in Woking to see "Calendar Girls", written by Gary Barlow – a musical with the WI very much at its heart!

Our Exploring Gardens Group completed a varied year of visits to local gardens with a guided tour of Winkworth Arboretum to see the stunning autumn colours.

For more information about our WI, our special interest groups and programme of trips, visit our website [www.bookhambutterflieswi.com](http://www.bookhambutterflieswi.com) or our Facebook page Bookham Butterflies WI.

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## The Arts Society Bookham



Our enthusiastic and expert speakers fire the imagination and enhance the understanding of our members and guests. You may not have known anything about the cartoonist Giles or the

artist Gainsborough or the golden age of English Furniture but if you were with us for the last twelve months you would! And that's only three of last year's talks; imagine what you would have heard if you had listened to all ten!

We had a memorable five day trip to Malta, visiting the Three Megalithic Temples of Taxien dating back to 3000 BC, and the many other ancient remains in the main island and Gozo. Our talk on "Street Art" in September was

followed by a visit to Dulwich Art Gallery and a tour of the village to see its street art; each piece being an interpretation of a painting in the Gallery.

We had a most excellent Christmas lunch and this was followed by an interesting and lively talk by Annie Gray about Mrs Beaton that dispelled any thoughts of an after-lunch nap.

In 2019 we continue with Eveline Eaton who will return in February to present an evening about Rodin. The Thames and its history from the Tudor age to the present day follows in March. Peter Warwick will show how it has been the inspiration for artists and architects, including, Canaletto, Doré, Kent, Turner and Wren.

Angela Stevens is fully manned with

volunteers for recording the library at West Horsley Place but the vestment repairs at Guildford Cathedral are progressing well alongside like-minded volunteers from other Societies in West Surrey. If you are interested please contact [craigjrstevens@aol.com](mailto:craigjrstevens@aol.com)

Chairman Brian Williams writes, for the coming year, everything will be exactly the same, but completely different! There will be the ten lectures, the six visits and the two tours as tradition dictates. Will the programme be boring? Will the visits go to the same familiar places? Will the tours be a drag? Well, if you think the sculptor Rodin just bashed a bit of stone around or the fine art of photography is just a matter of clicking a button or Mozart couldn't compose a melody yet along some of the most beautiful operas ever written; then join us for the lectures to learn more and have your prejudices assuaged. If you want a visit to be a real exploration, led by expert local guides who will bring the house or gardens or gallery to life as only they can, join us and have your eyes opened. If you want to spend five days in the company of a group of interesting and friendly people who enjoy travel, seeing and learning about all aspects of the Arts, then join us for the time of your life!

For more information about The Arts Society Bookham's 2019 programme go to [www.theartsocietybookham.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietybookham.org.uk)





# Bookham Choral Society

Most of our Autumn term was taken up with rehearsals for our ambitious Autumn Concert in November when we presented 'Moravian Melodies'; a programme of music by Dvorak and Janacek. We were accompanied by the Kingston Philharmonia Orchestra and the concert featured four very talented young soloists. Our audience who had gallantly



travelled through the worst rain of the autumn thanks to Storm Deidre, enjoyed listening to the Orchestra playing 'Serenade for Strings' and the choir singing songs inspired by Czech, Moravian and other Slavic traditional music. In the second half we sang Dvorak's magnificent 'Mass in D Major'; a most appropriate piece for the Remembrance Weekend.

In December we held our traditional Christmas Carol Concert in St Nicolas Church, Bookham. The church was filled to capacity and our audience was in fine voice, joining us in singing some of the carols and Christmas songs. We all enjoyed a glass of wine and mince pie at the end of the concert and by the end of the evening everyone felt that Christmas had really arrived.

This term, after the Christmas break, we will be rehearsing very hard for the annual Leith Hill

Musical Festival. Our competition day is on Friday April 12th when we will be competing against the choirs of Dorking, Holmbury St Mary and Mickleham. After a day of competition, however, all rivalry will be set aside as the four choirs join forces for the evening concert in which the major piece will be 'Carmina Burana' by Carl Orff.

Quite a few members of our choir will also be singing in the Festival Oratorio. This year it is J S Bach's 'St John's Passion'. This very well-loved work is always popular and the concert is on Sunday March 10th.

If you are interested in attending either of these concerts, tickets are available at Dorking Halls. For further information about Bookham Choral Society please visit [www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk)

*Cheryl Mendham*

## Mole Valley WI

Our members have been out and about in recent months with visits to Gunwharf Quays in Portsmouth and to London. The Portsmouth visit was on a very sunny day in November and some members even met up with Henry VIII at the Mary Rose exhibition! Our London outing was to see the Christmas lights but before it was dark, we had a visit to the ice rink and pop-up Fortnum and Mason shop at Somerset House. We boarded the coach for a journey around the West End to see the colourful lights followed by a carvery meal before heading back home.

We have supported the Village Hall Christmas

Fair selling cakes and had a stall at the Fetcham Christmas Fair selling Christmas gifts. Members were entertained by the Drama group in December with a collection of amusing sketches and poems.

Ann Layman is our new President for the next year and we are looking forward to hearing speakers from Leatherhead Museum, the Air Ambulance and tales from a 'blue badge' guide. This is in addition to our other groups – knitting, rambling, reading and gardening who meet between our monthly meetings.

Further details of Mole Valley WI can be found on our web site '[molevalleywimvwi.btck.co.uk](http://molevalleywimvwi.btck.co.uk)'.

We meet at Fetcham Village Hall, The Street, Fetcham KT22 9QS on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm.



## 1st Bookham Scout Group



This Spring our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts, along with their enthusiastic team of volunteer leaders are

taking part in a range of indoor and outdoor activities. We are fortunate to have our Bookham Scouting Centre - 10 yrs old this year – for our meetings and we enjoy activities at a variety of other venues.

Our two Beaver colonies will be enjoying games which teach valuable skills in having a go and teamwork - with quite a few giggles! The Beavers will be finding out about other countries for their World Badge.

A popular 3 yearly event for the Cubs is SCRAM! at Hook Road arena which is a day of

awesome activities. Cubs just love to earn badges to adorn their sleeves and many will be tested for their cyclist, animal carer, sports, hobbies and book reader badges. They can go on a trip to RAF Hendon and take part in a Cross County running event.

The Scouts will be learning indoor rifle shooting for a competition, visit Bletchley Park, learn camping skills including cooking, first aid and leadership skills. Scouts will also be discussing faith and beliefs for their Environment badge.

Our Explorers, with Bookham Ranger Guides, are planning their expedition for the Easter break where they make maximum use of their map reading and team skills to hike and camp. Their committee organise a variety of activities at the Scouting Centre such as Giant Paella

cooking or outings such as Ghost tours!

This April our Group and families will be celebrating St Georges Day with other Groups in our area, with a traditional parade, presentation of awards, renewal of our Scouting Promise, activities and games, including Trek Cart racing!

Scouting offers something for everyone between 6 and 18. Parents tell us Scouting gives their children more confidence, responsibility and a broader set of friends. Scouting can help develop a child's social skills and encourage self-sufficiency, and gives young people access to new activities and opportunities.

If you know someone who would like to join us as a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer or part of our leadership team, please contact [christine@1stbookhamscouts.org.uk](mailto:christine@1stbookhamscouts.org.uk).

## Meet the Makers - Tina Pedrick

Tina began making lace in 1992 with the help of members of Mole Valley Lacemakers who lent her a pillow and bobbins, and a member gave her individual lessons to teach her the basics of lacemaking. This interest was sparked after Tina visited the Stitch Show at Islington Business centre and the 'having a go pillow' on the Lace Guild Stand. Understanding the principles of Torchon lace, Tina began attending twice yearly, two-day workshops at Mole Valley Lacemakers, then in Leatherhead, with lace teachers Kate Riley, Kath King, and many others. It was at this time that Tina had realised her love for Bedfordshire lace and whilst on these workshops, had heard about Bradwell Abbey (Milton Keynes) and began attending those workshops with Kath to extend her Bedfordshire lace, and completed a raised and rolled Lace Collar. She was then tempted to have a go at Honiton lace and during a weekend with Christine Hawkens, Tina discovered a summer school at York - five days of lacemaking, this was heaven!

Over the years of attending the summer school, Tina challenged herself to make a raised and rolled Honiton lace fan, which took 10 years of summer light to complete, whilst doing many other lace projects. Tina fed her appetite for different laces by attending weekend workshops at Battle with Sandra Langworthy (Milanese), one-day workshops with Pat Perryman (Honiton) and Patricia Read (Milanese) at Mayford lace makers, and a two-day workshop with Ingrid de Court at Knuston Hall (Russian). Along the way, she also attended St Ives, Knuston Hall, and Dillington workshops with Patricia Bury, where over 15 years Tina was able to extend her knowledge of the above laces. During that time learning Idrija, Chrysanthemum, and Russian, and finally went on to Flanders and Binche laces.

In the last couple of years, Tina has participated in workshops with Clare Allen for Hinojosa and been lucky to attend workshops with Anne-Marie Verbeke-Billiet of Brugge in Leatherhead and Swindon, further developing her

knowledge of Continental laces, in Rosaline Perle, and Duchesse/Withof. Tina is currently working on a mask in Duchesse, with Anne Marie, whilst completing a Russian lace shawl collar and Binche table runner edging of spring flowers. Tina started her teaching experience in a small way by helping others at meetings and giving the odd weekend workshop at Mole Valley lacemakers. Helping beginners to get started in the same manner in which she began making lace, which was to always learn the techniques of each lace type, from the basics. She now has two small groups that she teaches, and a class of twelve at Addlestone, both of which are on a monthly basis.

Tina would now like to spread her wings to help keep the craft alive and give something back to the lace making family by holding more workshops and classes for both experienced that would like to learn more, and anyone thinking about taking up lace as a hobby. For more information, please get in touch by email at [pedrick.sp.tl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pedrick.sp.tl@hotmail.co.uk).

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## The Action Theatre Club

It was another busy term for the talented students from local stage school, The Action Theatre Club. The performers took to the stage to perform their very own original pantomime! They fully embraced all that panto has to offer, from songs and dances, to cream pies in their faces and water pistols drenching the audience. It certainly put everyone in the Christmas Spirit.

On top of this, four of the Action Theatre

students were cast in local professional pantomimes; Leatherhead Theatre's 'Aladdin' and Dorking Halls 'Beauty and the Beast'. Evie West, Evie Amner, Amelie Orsmond and Evie Orsmond danced their socks off over the holidays, spreading lots of Festive Cheer.

The Action Theatre Club are now back in rehearsals, preparing for their "Mini Musicals" Season as well as a performance at local event, Bookham Community Entertains. It looks set

to be a busy year, with a show at Dorking Halls planned as well as lots of local events and even competitions.

The group are very keen to keep as active as possible within the community, so if you are organising a fete or local event that the children can perform at, please do get in touch! [www.actiontheatreclub.com](http://www.actiontheatreclub.com)

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## Bookham & Horsley Inner Wheel

Our club has had a most enjoyable Autumn / Winter programme with some stimulating talks. Our District Chairman came to visit and brought news of the great International world of Inner Wheel. You may be amazed to hear that it is the largest Women's Organisation in the World and even has a seat on one of the UN Committees. Wherever one travels in the world, you can usually find an Inner Wheel club to visit.

At our Birthday evening in October our guest speaker was Tim Caffell who is Chairman of the Leatherhead Theatre charitable trust. The theatre runs drama classes for young people, both able bodied and disabled, is the site of

the Leatherhead Drama Festival and of Opera Brava which works in local schools. The theatre is totally self-financing and is struggling to find innovative ways to raise the monies necessary to keep the theatre afloat. He stressed how important it was to support it or lose it.

We have enjoyed several skittles matches against other clubs in our District of Surrey & Sussex, the latest being at the Six Bells Pub at Newdigate where dined on delicious freshly cooked food afterwards.

In December, we had an excellent Christmas meal at the Effingham Golf Club and then the

hilarity began with silly games and laughter. Watching normally sensible people, doubling over in mirth as they tried to figure out what was being moulded out of playdough, was a very happy sight.

Before we went home, our Chairman's beautiful jewel was passed from Iris Heims to Carolyn Trott who will lead us for the next two months.

In January, we look forward to hearing about life as a Lighthouse keeper and we will be enrolling a new member too, which is always a pleasure. If you would like to join us on that evening, ring 01372 454951.

# Bookham Baptist Children's Centre

We are an independent Children's Centre run out of Bookham Baptist Church in the village. We offer activities and groups for little ones under 5 and their parents, grandparents and carers and also offer support and courses to parents of older children and teens too.

Christmas has been and gone in a flurry of glitter and wrapping paper and we are now into the new term with lots of activities planned for children and families in Bookham and surrounding areas. Noah's Ark Toddler Group on Thursdays in term time, 1.30-3pm, Rhyme Time on Fridays from 10.30am and The Meeting Place Coffee Shop open from 10-12. We also have a new Bumps and Babies Group run jointly with the NCT on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 11-12.45, with MILK feeding support available from qualified Breastfeeding Counsellor. So if you want to come along and meet new people and have a cuppa and cake the do pop in to any of the sessions. You're sure to find a warm welcome.

Parenting can be one of the most rewarding jobs in the world but, at times, also one of the

most challenging and children aren't born with a manual! We recognise this and we are here to support families through the good times and the tough ones. Whatever season you are in at the moment we've all got a lot to learn. We have a new course 'Help! I'm a Parent, Get Me Out of Here!' for parents of children 0-7, facilitated by early years expert, Rachael Underwood. Our Talking Teens Course is for parents of 11-18s who are experiencing the challenges of the adolescent years.

We also offer a range of other services including Employment, Training and Housing Options Support through the ETHOS project. Are you wanting to get back into the work place or need help to apply for a course or write a CV? Want to brush up your skills to make yourself more employable? If this is you then get in touch and we can book you in with the ETHOS adviser. Other things you can



access via the Children's Centre are free debt help via Christian's Against Poverty (CAP), Foodbank vouchers/donation drop off point, referrals to The Besom furniture project, free legal advice drop in and family support worker.

For more information: Web: <https://bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk/bbcc/>

Email: [famliyservices@bookhambaptist.org](mailto:famliyservices@bookhambaptist.org)  
Facebook: Bookham Baptist Children's Centre  
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## Advice from Bookham and Fetcham Gardeners Association

The Association has a shop situated on Eastwick Allotments. The entrance is in Keswick Road. We are always looking for new members who, for a subscription of just £3pa, can purchase most of their everyday garden sundries and seeds at 50% discount on normal catalogue prices. We are open every Sunday morning between 10am and noon. If you have a garden and like to save money then you should definitely come and see us next Sunday!

We also have members who have the experience necessary to give good gardening advice. Such as for anyone who hates grubs in their apples and plums:

### Plums

Plum moth is to blame. After egg laying in May/June caterpillars hatch and crawl into the fruit via the stalk. They grow up to 12mm in length inside the plum and can be identified easily by their pale pink body and brown head. Cut open an infected fruit and you will find the caterpillar and brown excrement next to the stone where it has been feeding. Infected fruit is unfit to eat. When fully fed they emerge and overwinter inside silk cocoons under loose bark and other concealed places.

### Apples

Codling moth is the culprit here. Adult moth emerges and lays eggs near developing fruit. After hatching the small white, brown-headed caterpillar bores into the fruit and feeds in the core region for about 4 weeks. When fully grown it emerges from the fruit and often its exit hole can clearly be seen. It then overwinters in leaf litter or loose bark and pupates in the spring to start a new cycle.

### Control

Surprisingly, controlling these pests is similar and starts with a pheromone trap which are open-ended boxes shaped like small houses and a sticky card which fits neatly inside and a pheromone pellet is placed in the middle. It is hung in the middle of the tree and the pellet emits a synthetic pheromone smell like that produced by female moths. The male moths enter the box and are trapped by the sticky substance inside. When there is a heavy infestation spray the tree using Provado Ultra Fruit and Vegetable Bug Killer or Westland Resolva Bug Killer. Spraying should not be later than the third week of June, followed by a second spraying three weeks later.

### Other tips

Ensure all windfalls are removed from under the tree as soon as possible and taken off site. Cover the ground under the tree with mypex to stop the caterpillars burrowing into the soil. Remove all leaves and debris, effectively removing all hiding places for overwintering embryos. Use grease bands on the trees to stop crawlers and apply a winter wash application paying particular attention to the main trunk of the tree which will harbour overwintering pests.

### Finally

In 2017 I lost 95% of my plums with plum moth as I relied totally on the pheromone traps and did not spray. I estimate that at least 50% of apples had codling moth. This year I followed the advice given above and I have lost less than 5% of the plums and have no codling moth damage in my apples. You can purchase all the products mentioned from the BAFGA hut any Sunday morning. If you are not already a member JOIN US NOW.

*Brian Smith*



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# In it for the long haul... Far-sighted news from Bookham Commons

It was good to see so many people enjoying the sights and sounds of nature on Bookham Commons during the Christmas holidays. The commons were saved by the thoughtful vision of local people who, as far back as 1923, cared about their environment long before public awareness or deep regret showed the vital need to protect our surroundings... They bought Great Bookham Common from a developer and presented it to the National Trust.

An important milestone in the history of the commons will therefore be reached in 2023 – They will have been in the care of the National Trust for 100 years. We might have to find a way of celebrating this?! I shall just miss out on the celebrations with my retirement due the year before... I will have given nearly half a century of service, having started my work for the Trust in 1973. I might have to threaten to come back as a volunteer!

Another (not quite so important) milestone was reached on January 13th. I've been looking-after Bookham Commons for 40 years. It is not for me to say how good (or indeed, how bad) an influence I've been, but I have to say that the commons are still a wonderful place to be and I'm very privileged to work here – and that there is still a great deal of work to be done, to keep this place full of wildlife and beautiful scenery for people to enjoy, both now and in the next hundred years. Those are the sort of timescales we work on in landscape and nature conservation. I am very grateful to local naturalist and photographer Colin Kemp who is providing a wonderful record of everything to be seen.

None of my work would have been possible without my amazing band of volunteers or the wonderful support and encouragement of local people... My sincere thanks and best wishes to you all

*Ian Swinney – Bookham Commons Ranger*

And very many thanks to you Ian – we have been very lucky to have you looking after our Commons.

*Editor*



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## SPRING BUFFET

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## Bookham Seniors Computer Club

If you don't know how to do something on your PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone or have a problem you can't fix, do you know who you would contact for help or advice?

Although there are many local, commercial organisations you could go to, the Bookham Seniors Computer Club (BSCC) provides lessons on a wide range of topics and devices and runs informal, drop-in sessions, where you



can get help with any problem you are having. The club can also help you set up new hardware and software and offer independent advice on buying new devices.

The club was established in 2010 to help seniors learn how to use a computer and also offers courses aimed at laptops, tablets and smartphones. Our friendly and relaxed lessons cover a wide range of topics from absolute beginners, through writing letters, keeping records, presentations, communicating using email, video links and social media to using the internet to find information to save time and money, shop, tax the car or watch 'on demand' TV.

The club meets during school term time at the Little Bookham Village Hall on Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00. Annual membership costs £5 and there is a charge of £5 per session

which includes tea, coffee and biscuits provided during a mid-morning break.

The club runs informal, no-need-to-book, drop-in sessions, where you can get help with any problem you are having with your PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone. These sessions are free for members.

The Summer Term starts with an Open Day on Friday 26 April 2019 and courses run from Friday 3 May to Friday 5 July 2019. Details of the courses can be found on our website at [bscc.btck.co.uk](http://bscc.btck.co.uk).

If you are interested in finding out more about the BSCC then phone Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604 or visit our website at [bscc.btck.co.uk](http://bscc.btck.co.uk). Alternatively, come along to our Open Day on Friday 26 April 2019 at the Little Bookham Village Hall from 10.00 until 12.00.

# Transition Bookham



With the start of a new year we begin this article with a brief outline of what Transition Bookham does. We're part of the

Transition Network, an international organisation of groups of local people, who get together with the intention of reducing the carbon footprint of their town or village. We aim to raise awareness of the problems and provide information about ways in which everyone can take action to reduce their own impact on the planet. Anyone can get involved with our activities by coming along to our

open meetings and events – there's no membership as such.

Our open meeting in October was an interesting talk on electric vehicles by members of Dorking Solar Group. We highly recommend visiting their website ([dorkingsolargroup.org](http://dorkingsolargroup.org)) for lots of useful information about how to reduce energy usage. Follow the links at the bottom of the home page for information about electric vehicles, solar power and plastic pollution, and the top link What can I do?

A fun and productive time was had by all who attended our October Christmas card upcycling day, where we created new cards from last year's cards and other reused materials. Glitter isn't recyclable so reusing cards keeps it out of landfill for another year.

We also gave some jewellery a new lease of life in a November repair session.

Our quarterly open meeting dates for 2019 are Wednesdays 20th February, 19th June, 18th September and 20th November. All meetings are held in the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre from 7.30pm until around 9pm, are open to all and free unless stated otherwise. To keep up-to-date with meetings and events - as well as hearing about local and national items of green interest - email us at [transitionbookham@gmail.com](mailto: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. Visit our website [www.transitionbookham.org.uk](http://www.transitionbookham.org.uk) for more information.

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## Bookham Flower Club

We have enjoyed a varied programme during the last months, including a special meeting in November when we celebrated the Emerald Anniversary of the Club. 55 years is a great achievement, and members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, and a birthday cake which had been made by a member, Margaret Wilkins. This was followed by a magnificent demonstration by a National Demonstrator, all the way from Cumbria, Derek Armstrong.

The December demonstration entitled "Jingle All the Way", put members into a festive mood.

2019 started with a talk entitled "Nuts" by

Alison Gillott, and February had an Oriental flavour when Sachiko Pearce comes along with a demonstration entitled "Orient Hana Express". The March meeting sees another lunch – we do enjoy the social side of our Club - as well as the floral part, followed by our AGM.

Visitors are welcome at Bookham Flower Club which meets in the Barn Hall. The meetings start at 2.15pm, on the first Monday of the month, apart from Bank Holidays, and they are a very enjoyable way to start the week. On 1st April David Thomas will entertain everyone

with his interpretation of "Florimania". If you are interested in flowers why not come along and give us a try!

Bookham Flower Group is a member of NAFAS – National Association of Flower Arranging Societies and details of what is going on in the area can be found on their website: [www.surreynafas.org.uk](http://www.surreynafas.org.uk).

On 27th April NAFAS have their Area Show at Woking. This is a great opportunity to admire, and be inspired by, some first class flower arranging and creative designs.

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## Bookham Open Gardens Day – Sunday 16th June 2019

For a great day out looking round gardens, do make sure you put the date in your diaries.

As ever, it's the day after Village Day and we like to think that it is one of the highlights of the local social calendar. Each year we aim to have 10-15 gardens open, old favourites and new ones too. To help you get between them, we provide a free minibus service. Last year we had a record 930 visitors and raised over £7250 towards the upkeep of our Old Barn Hall.

Open Gardens Day can also be a source of inspiration for you – seeing lots of different gardens of all shapes, sizes and kinds, finding out what grows in the local soil, and hearing how they have been developed over the years.

We hope to keep our ticket price the same as last year and virtually all our takings go to the Old Barn Hall.

Even better, if you have an interesting garden you'd like to share with people, how about opening on the day? We are always on the lookout for new gardens. If you think you might be interested, please do contact us for a chat. The joy is in the variety, from quirky to formal, productive to picturesque. Don't worry if you think your garden is small – it's good to see what can be achieved in a small place. Opening is a great way to get to know people and feel part of the community.

To make Open Gardens Day successful, we rely not only on our garden openers but also many

volunteers who help on the day, selling tickets, serving refreshments at the Old Barn Hall, driving the minibus, acting as garden stewards, or helping on car park duties.

If you would like to open your garden or help for an hour or two in any other way, please contact Tina Hutton on 01372 457598 or [tina.hutton@btinternet.com](mailto:tina.hutton@btinternet.com)

Look out for more detailed information in the next edition of the Bookhams Bulletin and on our website – [www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk](http://www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk). You can also check out pictures and 'Like' our Facebook Community Page – search for 'Bookham Open Gardens'

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## Bookham and District U3A



October marked a milestone in the life of Bookham and District U3A as we celebrated our 25th Anniversary in some style. From our founding in the summer of 1993 we have grown into a vibrant organisation of more than 600 members with more than 80 different interest groups. The common theme that binds us together is the founding concept

of the U3A; coming together, enjoying learning in areas of interest and broadening our knowledge of interesting subjects.

The Old Barn Hall has been our home for our monthly meetings from the very start and whilst our membership exceeds the capacity of the hall, we always seem to find enough

chairs for all our events and meetings.

In October we celebrated our Silver Anniversary with two major events in the Old Barn Hall. In the afternoon we held a Showcase – where all the interest groups took part in display tables showing the wide range of our activities. From foreign languages to gardening, art to wine tasting and walking groups to bridge classes, there was something for everyone. The range of talent on display was remarkable and over 300 people came to see the Showcase.

For the evening the hall was transformed for our Silver Anniversary Party when 125 members and partners enjoyed fine food and were entertained by Karl Stokes from Real Vintage. Karl specialises in golden age of the crooners and the Rat Pack era and was the perfect choice for our Silver Anniversary. A great time was had by all.

Our Silver Anniversary was a memorable occasion and if you are interested in learning more about us, or potentially joining us, please visit our website <http://bookhamdistrictu3a.org.uk/>

*Roger Mendham*

# Bookham Rifle Club

## Target Shooting: Brain food without the calories!

The sky is the limit for target shooting at Bookham Rifle Club, which is based off Thorncroft Drive in Leatherhead. Target Shooting is an Olympic and a Paralympic discipline - but is also accessible to people with a wide range of abilities. We are very proud of the fact that we have a number of people who shoot for Great Britain. Lina Jones, Britain's Ladies 50m champion took part in the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia and James Miller (aged 18) represented GB at the Youth Olympics in Argentina in Air Pistol.

Shooting is the sporting activity in the UK with the second most active participants - after fishing. Club Members participate in a wide range international, national, county and club competitions - many of which are scored by handicap so everyone who enters has a chance of winning. For people who like sport but aren't necessarily interested in being a

member of a team, it's something that can be done as in individual just as much as in team competitions

In recent research carried out by Dr Jean Coleman, a psychologist at Ellesmere College, indicates that shooting, through discipline and concentration, has significant benefits for the brain being comparable to mindfulness practice. Many parents have commented on the way that their children can focus and apply themselves much better due to self-discipline and concentration that is practiced in shooting.

The Club has ranges from 20yds to 100yds, and modern indoor air ranges. We welcome visitors to come and see for themselves. To help the complete beginner we provide coaching in shooting technique and safety which is available, free of charge, in all disciplines. Further details of our activities and an application form are available on the Club website - [www.bookhamrifleclub.org.uk](http://www.bookhamrifleclub.org.uk)

Shooting does not need a high level of physical strength, some disciplines are shot from a rest or support, and you can also shoot from a wheelchair. Our facilities are accessible and the Club has been accepted as a member of British Shooting's Disability Hub Club scheme. The Club has worked with the Leatherhead based charity Dyscover, which supports people with the communication disability aphasia, many of whom have suffered strokes. Several Dyscover members now compete in County competitions at the Club.

The Club also hosts weekly term time sessions run by the Target Shooting School which provides Air Rifle and Air Pistol shooting for young people aged 7-9 and 10 to 18 - for further details see [www.targetshootingsschool.co.uk](http://www.targetshootingsschool.co.uk) The August Summer Course for juniors is from 5 to 9 August. Early booking is advised at [www.bookhamcourse.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.bookhamcourse.eventbrite.co.uk)

# South Bookham SPACE

## Funds are needed to expand the facilities at South Bookham SPACE!

NOTE!!! The extra SPACE will be more critical than ever when the Youth and Community Centre on Lower Road closes in 2019.

SO Please put in your diaries and support the following events!

29th March 2019 - Golf Day:

Join us on 29th March 2019 for a fun golf day and post competition dinner at Guildford Golf Club.

Families and teams of four most welcome and no handicaps required!

For details contact Keith Gatford at [keithmgatford@gmail.com](mailto:keithmgatford@gmail.com)

4th May 2019 - Quiz Night:

This ever-popular event again. Make up your teams and book in!

Contact Lorna Lock at [lornalock61@gmail.com](mailto:lornalock61@gmail.com)

8th June 2019 - Summer Ball:

Following the great success of the first Carnival Ball at the Old Barn Hall, organized by Bookham Tennis Club on behalf of SPACE, this is to be held again!

For further details contact Chris Browning at [chris.browning.uk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.browning.uk@hotmail.co.uk)

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Thank you all for your support.

The new Social SPACE will be large enough to accommodate meetings, classes and social events for 20-25 people, with adjoining kitchen facilities and a balcony overlooking the Outer SPACE multi use games area and Bookham Tennis Club courts, plus covered area for parents to watch their kids.

# Eastwick WI



Eastwick WI is one of the longer established WIs in the village and next year will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. Older WIs have long friendships and many traditions which make them well able to compliment the new

younger WIs in the village.

In the autumn we had a lively Barn Dance in The Old Barn Hall, enjoying a fish and chip supper cooked on site to restore us during our exertions. In December we visited Winchester Christmas Market on a sunny day in the midst of a week of rain, and we enjoyed a Christmas meal at Clandon Regis Golf Club. Our Christmas meeting was a lively affair with games, quizzes, carol singing and a potted version of Cinderella where the cast wore identifying head gear and spoke their lines devoid of expression. It was much funnier than it sounds!

In the coming months we are looking forward to outings to The Royal Hospital Chelsea and "Calendar Girls" at The Victoria Theatre, Woking. Speakers in the coming months will talk about The Isle of Man, and being a housewife in wartime. Meanwhile the Mahjong, Scrabble, Book Group, Camera Group, Craft Group and Badminton continue, and the Garden visiting Group will start up again in the spring.

Eastwick WI meets on the third Wednesday of every month in St Mary's Annexe, The Ridgeway, Fetcham at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always made welcome. If you want to know more about us look on [www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk](http://www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk).




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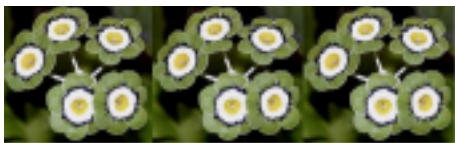
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## National Auricula and Primula Society



### SPRING AGAIN – WELL NEARLY.....

The Summer of 2018 pretty well fried many of

our precious alpine plants, so members of the National Auricula and Primula Society (Southern Section) will be anxiously watching our plants to see how they fare in the run-up to the shows this year.

As usual there will be three shows at the Old Barn Hall in Great Bookham. The smallest – the Early Primula Show – will take place on March

16th, then on April 6th it will be the Primula Show. On April 27th it will be the 135th annual Auricula Show, the biggest of the three.

You are very welcome to join us and see exhibits to cheer the soul, after judging from 2pm on. There will be a few plants for sale, and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.

[www.southernauriculaprimula.org](http://www.southernauriculaprimula.org)

## The Rotary Club of Bookham and Horsley

### Our thanks to the local community from the Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley

The main purpose of our local Rotary club has always been to really make a difference in the community, whilst enjoying the company of like-minded friends.

The festive period is key to our annual fund raising, and we rely on the generosity of the wider community. Our sincere thanks to all residents of Bookham, Effingham and The Horsleys for their tremendous generosity this Christmas. The total collected during December was just over £4,200 – a fantastic 20% increase on the previous year. This fund-raising will benefit a variety of local charities, plus families in the local community who are

in need who receive retail vouchers from us.

We made collections at various supermarkets and in the 3 villages in December, along with Santa on his sleigh touring local streets, which is always a popular sight and generously greeted. This year we added a new Horsley sleigh route, and we were considerably helped by several extra Club supporters. We hope that some of them may join the Club full-time, having found us during our autumn 'get to know Rotary' campaign.

Last November's Saturday morning Bookham Brunch has become an established and popular event in the village community calendar; it was as successful as ever, raising over £1,200 for charities. Many thanks if you were able to support us and come along.

Other well-supported autumn fund raisers included our Race Night, plus our regular bridge evening.

Coming up: please support our Music event on Friday 10th May at the Old Barn Hall, Bookham. See local press and our website for ticket details. Thanks as always for your support!

A really positive experience awaits you at Rotary – whether as a Club member or if you help out occasionally. Why not join us for a trial Club evening, or simply join our mailing list for occasional updates.

For all details and to see what's coming up, visit [www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org](http://www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org) or contact our secretary Mark Secker on 01372 458733 or [mark.secker@outlook.com](mailto:mark.secker@outlook.com)

# Orangutan Appeal UK

## TIGER'S FOREVER HOME



Sue Sherwood lives in Effingham but regularly travels to Borneo to visit Sepilok Rescue Centre in Sabah as Founder/Chairlady of the Orangutan Appeal UK which has raised over £3million for the Centre over the past 18 years. Here she shares with us the heart-warming tale of Tiger

Tiger was rescued from the banks of the Kinabatangan River after becoming separated from his mother during a skirmish with plantation workers who were trying to stop them eating the palms. The plantation manager realised that such a young infant would die unless he was cared for, so he took him to Sepilok Rescue Centre which was two hours' drive away.

After a couple of years at the centre Tiger was transferred to a local reserve which had a small sanctuary so he could practice his climbing skills in the surrounding forest. Unfortunately his luck was out again when a band of men broke into the reserve one night and stabbed him and his two friends, injuring him badly. The alarm was immediately raised by the guards and Tiger was rushed back to the vets

at Sepilok to be treated. Tiger had been traumatised by this experience and his recovery was very slow and it took nearly two years for him to recover and return to full health.

Tiger was approaching his teenage years when he was released into the Kabili forest reserve which surrounds Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre. He settled in well but after several months he had a fight with a dominant male who was visiting the reserve looking for a girlfriend. Tiger was no match for the wild male and sustained some painful injuries and again returned to the clinic where he stayed for over a year being closely monitored.

Once recovered, he needed the chance of freedom once more and a joint effort was made by Sabah Wildlife Department and UK Appeal to release him into the Tabin reserve some 4.5 hours drive from Sepilok. All went smoothly and the Team prepared to track Tiger for the next few weeks to ensure he was able to find his own food, make his own nest and travel freely through the canopy. Tiger lived happily in Tabin Reserve for several months and reported sightings confirmed that he had found a lady friend!

Then, much to Sepilok's amazement, a plantation owner contacted the Centre asking the Rangers to come and remove a large male who he had caught trying to steal a worker's motorbike! The team recognised the male as Tiger. The rangers immediately set off to return him to Sepilok where he was found to have a severe chest infection which needed urgent treatment. So once again Tiger was a resident at Sepilok for some months until he fully recovered.

By now Tiger had matured into a fully fledged adult male so it was important to find a home for him far from civilisation where he could breed and contribute to the critically endangered species. Dr Sen Nathan, Sabah Wildlife Department's Chief Vet and Deputy Director discussed the situation with Sue and it was decided to repeat the successful relocations which Dr Sen and Sue had performed by helicopter back in 2004 and fly Tiger to the most remote area of Tabin by the mud volcano. There are no roads to this area, so we knew he was unlikely to have any human contact but the area has a good wild orangutan population and plenty of fruit for him to eat.

In November 2018, Tiger was once again prepared for his journey by road to Tabin and then transferred by helicopter to the mud volcano. The Team stood back to give Tiger as much space as possible and the door to his travelling compartment was opened. Tiger didn't hesitate. He climbed a nearby tree and started to move deeper into the forest only hesitating for a look over his shoulder as if to say "thank you"! After a shaky start, Tiger's confidence began to grow and soon he could be seen moving freely through the forest. He began to make "long calls" which could be heard across the forest for several miles and tells rival males and interested females that he was here to stay in his FOREVER HOME! Enjoy your forever home Tiger. You definitely deserve it.

Sue received an M.B.E. in the 2012 Queen's New Year's Honours List for the work of her charity

Visit [www.orangutan-appeal.org.uk](http://www.orangutan-appeal.org.uk) for more information and how you can get involved.



# Effingham Golf Club Juniors Section

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

Juniors living in Bookham achieved notable successes in 2018. The Junior Order of Merit



(best golfer of 2018) was won by Rowan Noble (pictured) who, apart from winning several other trophies during the year, managed to reduce his club handicap from 21 to 8 over the period. Marc Bignell won the Junior Club Championship and was selected as Junior Captain for 2019. This saw him having to "drive in" on New Year's Day with the Club & Ladies Captains in front of a massive audience of members.

Other local winners included Jimmy Nash, Frankie Lemmer, Ben Taggart, Freddie Dougherty, Max Foster, Ned Cox and Chris Rolfe.

2019 - Junior Membership – only £105 per annum plus 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 &

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 £105 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. Find out more about joining Junior Golf by contacting our PGA Professional:

Robert Daw: 01372 452203 (golf enquiries – pro shop) or email: [rdaw@effinghamgolfclub.com](mailto:rdaw@effinghamgolfclub.com)

*David Cox*

# Great Bookham Belles WI



Great Bookham Belles WI had a double celebration at their October 2018 meeting; we turned 4 and in doing so welcomed guest speaker Deborah James of @BowelBabe Fame who talked about her journey with bowel cancer.

One could be forgiven for thinking that this would not be a celebratory talk, however not

so with Deborah! A Deputy Headteacher and mother of 2, she was 35 when she first discovered she had bowel cancer and from that moment on her life changed considerably. From regular normality to uncertainty (it took various attempts to get the right diagnosis) to despair, anger and acceptance Deborah explained her rollercoaster journey of 'living it up' with stage 4 bowel cancer.

Deborah spoke of her family and friends, of the new friends she had met through having cancer and of those she had tragically lost to the disease. She explained that with their support she decided to live life to the full and is determined to spread the word in a 'fun way', to men and women, about a subject that no one wants to speak about, but should. She joked to us that, in an unlikely way, this path has led her to experience a variety of undertakings and lead a more varied life to the one she might otherwise had; with her cancer diagnosis came a career as a Sun Columnist

and the birth of her Bowel Babe cartoon, a BBC radio 5 Live Podcast presenter, a fundraiser, a blogger, an interviewee on news programmes and in magazines and an author!

There was not one Belle who was not touched by this inspirational woman who spoke so candidly of her feelings. Her optimism was infectious and gave hope to us all and, especially to those in our audience that have been touched by cancer. Her positive message is that life is still worth living and celebrating every day. Her book F\*\*\* you cancer! is available from Amazon

The Great Bookham Belles WI have many events to look forward to in 2019 including a trip to Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club for a behind the scenes tour and our annual fundraiser for this year's chosen charity, Bookham Girls Project. For more information about The Great Bookham Belles WI please visit our website: [greatbookhambelleswi.org](http://greatbookhambelleswi.org)

# Bookham FDC (English Country Dancing)

Hi everyone. Would you like to make new friends and keep healthy for 2019?

Then why don't you come along to one of our club evenings and give Country Dancing a try. It's good fun, easy - we always have a caller - and a very good way to exercise your mind as well as your body. We had a successful and very enjoyable dance just before Christmas with a good caller and live music, and we'll be

having a Spring Dance in May.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month (unless a bank holiday intervenes) in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall from 8 to 10 pm. It's a cheap evening's entertainment among friendly people and including a cuppa and a biscuit, will cost £4 for each evening as a visitor or £40 for the year. There is no need to bring a partner and we'll help you if you

haven't done any country dancing before, plus your first evening will be free.

So, if you're interested please give Bryan (01372 274081) or Jan (01306 889329) a call.

We look forward to meeting you.

*Jan Martin*

# Howard of Effingham School

This year's Autumn Drama production was 'Animal Farm', a play about three pigs who plan to take back ownership of the farm from the farmer and ensure 'all animals are equal'. Soon however, the pigs begin to relish in the power that leadership brings, causing a downfall to Animal Farm with 'some animals more equal than others'.

The cast consisted of students from Year 7 right through to Year 13 who undertook a very intense rehearsal period of only 5 weeks. Each student had a vital role in telling this intricate tale. The backstage crew created some amazing lighting and sound effects which dramatized the action further! The production helped raise money towards our annual school musical.

The musical this year will be the high school version of Kander and Ebb's Chicago, with performances from 14 to 17 March 2019 at The Leatherhead Theatre.

Set in Jazz Age Chicago, the musical is based on a 1926 play of the same name by reporter Maurine Dallas Watkins about actual criminals and crimes she reported on. The story is a

satire on corruption in the administration of criminal justice and the concept of the "celebrity criminal". All of this is shown through vaudeville style songs such as 'All That Jazz', 'Cell Block Tango' and 'Razzle Dazzle' and using the innovative choreography of the legendary Bob Fosse.

The 120 strong cast from the Howard of Effingham will be led by Josie Smith and Shannon Stirling-Loyer in the lead roles of murderesses Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly supported by Thomas Walker, Rhys Wallace, Hannah Barker, Sophie Storey and strong dance and vocal ensembles.



# The Grange



## Thank you to all of our amazing supporters!

A huge thanks must go to all of our wonderful supporters, donors and volunteers whose help and support created a truly memorable year - our 80th Anniversary year, at The Grange. With so many wonderful events taking place

throughout the year, we rounded it off in style with The 80th Anniversary Concert at The Menuhin Hall, involving over 30 of the people we support. We were sorry to say farewell to our Musical Director and pianist Ian Assersohn and Jan Assersohn who are pursuing other ventures and have patiently steered The Grange choir through nine Christmas concerts

- our grateful thanks to them for their hard work.

In such a positive and inspiring year, we were more than delighted to receive an early Christmas gift from Dorking-based property developer Stonegate Homes by way of a huge donation from their Stonegate Foundation of £35,000! Such a donation will have a huge impact on the work of The Grange and will enable pipe-dreams to become a reality. One of the Funds Trustees Jerry Hind said 'We aim to help good causes in the areas where we operate and also live. We are absolutely thrilled to be able to support such a wonderful charity and we look forward to working together in the future.'

With many activities planned for 2019 starting with an Art Exhibition at Denbies Vineyard 1-7 April, followed by a fashion show in May, Grange has got talent and the Dorking 5K run in June, and The Capel music Festival in July it will be a busy year ahead!

For more information about The Grange and our work, and future events please look at our website: [www.grangecentre.org.uk](http://www.grangecentre.org.uk)

*Marion Chow*

## St Lawrence School

We spent December spreading festive cheer in our local community. Our Musical Theatre club put on a spectacular show to parents, and then for the Tuesday Tea Community Church Group at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Year 5 class entertained at Gracewell nursing home with Christmas carols, while Year 1 and 2 classes sang carols on Effingham High Street to delighted crowds.

The whole upper school performed a wonderful Christmas Concert at St Lawrence Church, referencing not just the Christmas story but also the centenary of the WW1 armistice. The lower school put on a fabulous nativity for parents told through the eyes of a donkey.

We had more than just the festive season to be celebrating with the official opening in November of our new library extension by MP Tracey Crouch. This provides many additional learning opportunities – both to whole classes and smaller groups – together with improved facilities for our Reading Support Group, using volunteer local community members.

Thanks to the phenomenal support of local businesses, community members and our school families, the Friends of St Lawrence had a record-breaking first term of fundraising and

to help purchase an ICT suite of laptops. This resource will enable St Lawrence to take our ICT learning to a new level through a 1:1 deployment of technology.

With a good deal to be grateful for at St Lawrence, our Year 3 children reflected on why we give presents at Christmas and on those less fortunate than ourselves, as they set about creating our annual Angel Tree. The children created lovely paper angels which adorned a beautiful Christmas tree, donated by the Vineries Garden Centre.

People from the school community took home an angel and purchased a Christmas gift for another primary school aged child. As always, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents and the pile of gifts grew higher by the day which were distributed among the local community by local charity Be@titude.

We start 2019 ready to build on our recent successes and full of excitement for what the coming year at St Lawrence will bring for all our pupils!



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## Peter Pan Playschool



We've had a very exciting Autumn term at Peter Pan Playschool, including visits to lots of local places to really extend the children's learning, and to support their physical development by walking to different places. Back in October, we went to visit the Dawnay School forest school area which was great fun. We made crowns that we decorated with natural materials we found, including feathers, twigs and leaves. We visited the Eastwick Road Church for a Harvest Festival service and the children learned about things that grow. We collected a range of items for the Leatherhead Start charity.

We've also been to visit the library at Eastwick Infant School, where we enjoyed looking at a wide range of books, and it was very exciting to find that they even had some of our favourite books that we have at playschool. We hope that spending time at the local schools will really support the children's later transition to school, and have visited The Dawnay School again to watch their Christmas play. We will visit St. Lawrence School later in the year. We continue to work closely with the local schools to ensure our children and parents are prepared and ready for the eventual move on to school.

We held our annual Nativity Play and party lunch at the end of term, which was very well supported, and our raffle raised a huge £560! An enormous thank you to the local shops and companies who donated items as part of the impressive hampers, and thanks again to the Peter Pan friends and families for supporting us by purchasing tickets.

At Peter Pan Playschool, we believe children learn through social and inventive play, supported by caring adults in a nurturing environment. Our aim is to support the children to become confident, independent learners, and we achieve this by working closely with their families and supporting them on their parenting journey. We are run by a parent committee, which works closely with the staff team to ensure we continue to meet the ever changing needs of the Peter Pan families.

To find out more about us, visit our facebook page [www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool](https://www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool) our website [www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk](http://www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk) email at [peterpanplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:peterpanplayschool@gmail.com) or call us on 07908 018924 and Louise and the staff team will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

# Leatherhead and District Local History Society



Considering dates are so important to it, history itself is timeless. One generation's memories simply become records to the next. So it is fitting that the L&DLHS entered its 73rd year with the

Leatherhead Museum - which it owns and operates - about to undergo renewal and the monthly lecture programme at the Leatherhead Institute continuing both to entertain and educate those interested in the past.

This spring will hear Emma Corke speaking on Worms, Ashes and Bones: from Darwin to Today at Abinger on Friday, 12 April, a week earlier than usual to avoid clashing with Good Friday.

Our AGM is on Friday 15 March. The short talk

afterwards by our Chairman John Rowley and Pat Jenkins will cover the story behind their new book *Memories of Ashtead*, based on interviews with surviving residents who recall childhood there during WW2. They included the TV personality Bamber Gascoigne who has written the book's foreword.

In February Colin Jones, a former BBC film editor, chairman of Sanderstead Horticultural Society and a Chelsea Flower Show gold medalist, discussed the Secret Gardens of London, describing the capital as the world's greenest city with hundreds of public parks and gardens, flower markets and the botanic collection at Kew.

In January Tony Matthews told the tale of the two historic families that once owned Cherkely Court outside Leatherhead, the huge country estate that is now the Beaverbrook hotel, golf course and restaurant complex. The contrast



could not have been greater between the greatly loved and philanthropic Dixons and their successors, the widely disliked media magnate Lord Beaverbrook and his family.

In December the Society's Christmas Miscellany included two short talks on Ada Lovelace (1815-1852), the world's first computer programmer who lived at East Horsley and was the daughter of the poet Lord Byron (1788-1824), and Barton's Bookshop in Bridge Street, Leatherhead. The recorded voice of owner Peter Snell, also the town's local Father Christmas, was heard explaining all.

The monthly talks - usually on the third Friday of the month - start at 8pm with coffee served from 7.30pm. Entrance is just £2. The Museum at Hampton Cottage in Church Street reopens this spring after refurbishment. For more information on the L&DLHS go to [www.leatherheadhistory.org](http://www.leatherheadhistory.org).



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## Going Local - 4 Seasons UK

4 Seasons UK is a brand new shop in Bookham, specializing in seasonal clothing and sporting goods. I caught up with the owner, Nigel Freemantle to discuss his newest venture. Nigel has lived in the area for some 60 years. Educated at Barnett Wood Lane and Dorking Grammar schools, he started his first business in 1980, which was developed from his home in Ashtead and then various warehouses in Dorking, Tadworth, Epsom, Leatherhead, and now in the West Midlands. For the past 38 years, Nigel has developed a wholesale business in the golf trade with a small section of sports goods and winter products. On the rare occasion Nigel is not working, you can often find him either golfing or skiing.

From the golf wholesale business, and with his friends/partners, Nigel decided to branch out in other places with a shop dedicated to seasonal products (which at the moment is winter and ski items). As the seasons develop, they will offer a range of spring/summer and autumn/winter goods. There will also be a huge range of clothing and products that can be printed or embroidered including t-shirts, jackets, and school wear. There will also be a service center for electric golf carts/trolleys (for mainly MotoCaddy and Powacaddy) where all warranty work and repairs can be carried out on site by a qualified technician.

"Come and say hello in the shop and meet the people involved, we are here to help in many

ways and offer advice and help in what they are looking for. They will even see products they have not even thought of before, for instance, fabric snow chains that will get you home if ever the car stuck in the snow, easy to put on and very inexpensive. Sunglasses that filter out damaging blue light are ideal for all ages. We also have copper and magnetic bracelets, training aids, and massage equipment for all aches and pains."

For more information about the shop, or to speak to Nigel, please contact him by email at [sales@4seasonsuk.co.uk](mailto:sales@4seasonsuk.co.uk), [info@4seasonsuk.co.uk](mailto:info@4seasonsuk.co.uk) or by telephone at 07484245903.

# Mole Valley Ramblers

## Spring Walks Festival - 24th to 28th April

It is time to 'Get Inspired' about walking, there will be a warm welcome from Mole Valley Ramblers who are organising five days of especially led walks for anyone who wants to have fun, meet new people, exercise for healthy living and enjoy the lovely Surrey countryside. This is a great opportunity to do what you have always wanted to do, but never got around to doing it, just turn up and take part.

There will be a selection of 16 walks to suit your taste: ranging between 3 to 12 miles,

including shorter walks in conjunction with Mole Valley District Council – Walking for Health. For those with youngsters who would like to try walking with a group for the first time – there will be a family style walk day with a selection of walks for all ages, led by experienced Mole Valley walk leaders. All-day walks will include Pub and/or Picnic lunch breaks, with most walks finishing near places serving beverages, cream teas, etc. to enable individuals to socialise. For those that would like an adventure, there will be a late evening walk in the 'Nightlight' with views of the Lower Weald and South Downs.

It's well known that walking is great for your

health and well-being and it's the best way to view the countryside and make new friends. That's why we are launching the walking festival to help everyone discover more of what their local rambling group has to offer.

Go to the Mole Valley Ramblers website to find out more about each walk, with the contact details of the leader, who you can telephone, if you have any questions. Each walk description will give the start and finish location, type of walk, length and level of difficulty, plus any other specific information.

For full details of the walks go to <http://www.molevalleyramblers.org.uk/festival>

# Polesden Lacey Infant School



While the days grew shorter the pupils at Polesden Lacey Infant School were full steam ahead during a fun-packed term brimming with activities to ignite their imaginations and fire up their learning. The switched on teaching staff know how much the children revel in meaningful, hands-on experiences and that they help pupils to cement their understanding across every subject of the

curriculum and beyond.

To kick-start the second half of the autumn term, Year 2 pupils learnt they have the power to make a difference by raising money to sponsor a hearing dog. The children were absolutely thrilled to be visited by Ellis and his handler Vanessa from the Hearing Dogs Association where they found out how the dogs are trained to help people who are hearing impaired. They decided to make apple muffins to sell to parents and staff at pick up, collecting enough money to sponsor a dog for a year. Always eager to go one better, the children then learnt how to sign and shared their new skill by signing 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' at the school's Christmas shows.

During the annual Science and Technology week, the children's innate curiosity for how things work is fuelled with fun opportunities that bring these subjects to life. The Lego workshop saw budding builders and aspiring

architects turn the school hall into a construction site to create an entire Lego town. With an expert on hand to demonstrate how to build flat and pitched roofs, pupils were able to take their construction skills to a whole new level. School was never this much fun in my day!

As the festive season approached, the excitement was palpable with a plethora of Christmas activities for all years, such as our Christmas Making Morning, Christmas Jumper mufti-day and the Christmas party. But the clear favourite, as always, was The Grandparents' Tea Party. Year 1 and 2 children were so proud to welcome their grannies and grandpas to the school to watch them perform a selection of songs from the Christmas show. It really is a magical event that helps to make the time at the school so special for the children and the wider school community.

*Sarah Hayward*

# Little Bookham WI



## All Change at Little Bookham WI

Little Bookham WI had a very exciting end to the year with lots of Christmas festivities.

A members' working party produced an elegantly decorated Christmas tree for the Christmas Tree Festival in St. Nicolas Church.

The lovely white knitted stars from our 'knit and natter' group were much admired.

A little later in December a large and enthusiastic group of us enjoyed a Christmas lunch in the Gallery restaurant at Denbies. The Gallery is an atmospheric venue with lovely views of the vineyard.

At our monthly meeting there were displays of our book-fold Christmas trees, glass decorations and lovely knitted Christmas puddings. We have a creative group of members at Little Bookham! There was also a raffle and a Christmas quiz organised by Dianne Reeder. We all enjoyed festive refreshments and then came the piece de la resistance, a comedic pantomime performed

by the committee which was received with much laughter and enjoyment by the members.

Also at the December meeting the members voted to ratify their previous postal and emails votes to alter the meeting time of Little Bookham WI meetings. There was an overwhelming majority in favour of the change from evening meetings to afternoons. Our new meeting time is at 3pm on the third Wednesday of the month at Little Bookham Village Hall. If you would like to join a friendly, fun WI group without having to come out on dark winter nights come and visit us.

*Fay McGregor*

## Bookham Wine Club



Club members have enjoyed three excellent and very different presentations, which covered wines from 7 countries. In November, Lits Philippou presented a selection of 6 delicious Greek wines, all of which were produced by boutique wineries across the mainland and islands. The Retsina took everybody (pleasantly) by surprise, tasting unlike any Retsina anyone had ever tasted before! Our Christmas event was presented by wine educator Deborah Zbinden who had chosen a diverse range of wines, including a

lovely Crémant, a Cinsault from Chile, and a sweetened Olorosso that paired beautifully with our mince pies and Christmas cake. Elliott Awin (ABS Wine) and Ed Herzog (ExCellar) jointly hosted our January meeting, which featured an interesting selection of white and some rather good red wines from Germany.

Members are now looking forward to an exciting and varied programme of wine tasting events in 2019. In February we will welcome back Rebecca Leumann from Gourvid, the specialist importer of South American wines. This will be Rebecca's second visit to the Club and follows her excellent presentation on Argentina last year when she impressed everyone with her choice of wines, and her relaxed, yet informative and engaging approach. During the evening, members will taste six carefully chosen wines from small family owned wine makers from different growing areas of Chile. In March, Pippa

Hayward will present on "New Espanol". Pippa is an accredited Rioja Educator and therefore highly qualified to present on this theme. She loves sharing her passion and enthusiasm for wine in an accessible, jargon-free, down-to-earth way and the club is looking forward to a very enjoyable evening.

Looking further ahead, our programme includes the wine regions of Lebanon and Moldova, but we'll also take a look at current trends in the world of wine. The full details of our 2019 programme are available and can be viewed on our website at:

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*Frances Sanders*

*BWC Secretary*

## Mole Valley Lacemakers

It is never too late to put your New Year's resolution into practice, so if you thought you would learn a new skill this year, how about giving Bobbin Lace making a try!

Mole Valley Lacemakers have another action packed programme planned for 2019, which include a talk and workshop from the renowned Embroider Kay Dennis, an

Exhibition and talk by Pam Overend of Japanese Embroidery. In July we have the chance to do retail therapy with Claire's Lace supplies, Claire not only supplies thread and equipment for Lace but she also stocks needles and threads for Embroidery. We are still in the throws of planning our Exhibition and Demonstration for National Lacemaking day in September and we finish the year with

a workshop on Honijosa Lace given by Claire Allen.

If you would like to find out more about our programme and/or learning to make Bobbin Lace please visit our website: [www.SurreyCommunity.info/MoleValleyLaceMakers](http://www.SurreyCommunity.info/MoleValleyLaceMakers) or call Cath Bell (Membership Secretary) 01306 885067.

## Polesden Lacey Playschool



Last term ended with an amazing array of songs and dances from our little super stars. The children were brimming with enthusiasm and performed with gusto. They really helped us all to start the Christmas holidays with a smile on our faces. We also had a very special visit from Father Christmas who managed to

catch the end of our show. A huge thank you to the parents for the wonderful costumes, the committee for being on hand with refreshments and most importantly, the teachers for organising such a memorable show. Thanks also to all of the local organisations and companies who donated a prize to our raffle.

This term we are looking at toys and will even try and make some ourselves. We will use puppets to retell some of our favourite fairy tales and create settings for them in our craft sessions. We will even use our three play houses in the orchard to re-enact the story of

the Three Little Pigs. We will also make some edible faces (on pizzas) and some gingerbread men. Hopefully we will have a warmer day as the seasons change so we can enjoy a teddy bears picnic with our favourite cuddly toy. At Playschool we are lucky enough to have a huge selection of toys and role play areas that we will be able to use to inspire the children. From moving toys to noisy toys and quiet toys to surprising toys, we have them all.

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

*Natasha Matthews*



## Rainbow Playgroup



We have had a very busy term here at Rainbow Playgroup and have welcomed a number of new children in to our setting, including more 2 year olds. It is great to see them all happy and settled and showing so much enthusiasm exploring our different areas of learning.

Before Christmas there were lots of festive activities including decorating our 2 Christmas

trees. We also had present wrapping, making festive table centre pieces out of logs and fir cones, making fully biodegradable reindeer food, cards and a hanging decoration for their tree at home, decorating a Christmas bag and lots more.

We had a great time practising our Christmas songs for our show for parents/carers at the end of term. The children came dressed up in Nativity costumes and sang the songs they had been learning, using musical instruments to accompany their wonderful singing.

At the end of this term all our staff went on a training course to further our knowledge on supporting development of children's communication skills, specifically listening and attention. These skills are vital for future language development. This provides the opportunity to build on what we are currently putting into practice.

We are looking forward to the spring term, which will include a few trips such as a visits to the local shops, a walk on Bookham Common to look at all the changes in spring and other exciting opportunities to get out and about.

For any parents of young children who may be interested, Bookham Baptist Children's Centre will be running parenting courses in the new year. These can offer much needed support in helping to deal with the inevitable challenges of being a parent, as well as a time to meet other parents. Please contact the church reception on 01372 811313 for more details or to book a place.

If you would like to learn more about Rainbow playgroup or to enquire about spaces for your child please speak to Heidi Watson on 01372 811313, and check out our website: [www.rainbowplaygroupbookham.com](http://www.rainbowplaygroupbookham.com)

## Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club



### What are the following?

Nationals; County; Club; Under 25s, Over 60s; Disability; Yetto; Mason; Presidents; Patrons

Yes, all represent indoor bowling competitions and members of MVIBC take part in all of these – except, unfortunately, the Under 25s!

November through to January is the busiest time for bowling competitions at MVIBC. As members move through the club and external

competitions the format for the final rounds begins to appear, and the pressure to find an available rink gets easier.

MVIBC hosted an Under 25's competition between Kent and Surrey prior to Christmas, this provided a brilliant opportunity to see the skill and enthusiasm of the U25 players, many of them appearing regularly in County and National matches. You have to admire the easy flexibility and smooth delivery of the younger bowlers and, in March, we have U25s singles competitions at MVIBC.

Disability Day is another day of rewarding bowls, where the skill of bowlers with various disabilities were pitched against each other. This year we had our local Swans in competition with teams from Elmbridge, Epsom /Ewell (Puffns) and Crawley (visually impaired). After an enjoyable day of bowling and refreshments, the final presentation was made by the Chairman of Mole Valley District

Council - Raj Haque and MVIBC Chairman Ken Prentice.

In the run up to Christmas a fun day was held – known as the Christmas Triples. Players dressed accordingly in seasonal colours, and with a brilliant selection of food providing fuel for the day.

We have internal league matches running regularly in the morning, afternoon and evening each week, plus coaching sessions. MVIBC will also entertain visiting clubs for Surrey League and friendly competitions.

As you can see, there is plenty going on at your local indoor bowling club. Bowling provides different levels of challenging competition, with some exercise and a warm comfortable environment for making new friends. If you would like to know more about MVIBC please visit our website at [www.mvibc.co.uk](http://www.mvibc.co.uk) and email [mail4mvibc@gmail.com](mailto:mail4mvibc@gmail.com)

*Michael Mackie*

## R. N. L. I.

I recently paid a visit to Teddington Lifeboat station and met several of the crew. Whilst we were talking the alarm went off and 3 minutes later they had changed into their wet weather gear and launched the first lifeboat. Another 3 minutes and the second lifeboat was launched and on its way. The crew members all live near the station and, when their pager rings, they are looking to get there in 2 minutes. Later one of the crew told me that, having launched in the middle of the night, she looked at her watch and realised that just 6 minutes before she had been asleep in her bed!

To be able to perform as well as they do they

undergo a lot of training. They also need to work well with each other and their friendship with each other was very noticeable. As they all live so close to the station and to each other they are members of two communities, the local Teddington community and the R.N.L.I. one.

Here in Bookham we also have our own little R.N.L.I community. Our local volunteers, besides working hard for us, on the occasions that we socialise we enjoy each other's company.

Here in Surrey more people die in water than

in fires. Our work with the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service still continues, talking to as many young people as we can about the dangers and what to do in an emergency. One of my favourite events is the Leatherhead Fire Station open day and we are looking forward to taking part again later this year.

If you would like to join with us or work with children at a school, scout group or elsewhere and would like one of us to visit and give our free Water Safety talk please contact me at [bywaters@aol.com](mailto:bywaters@aol.com) or by phone 07952 221289.

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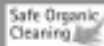
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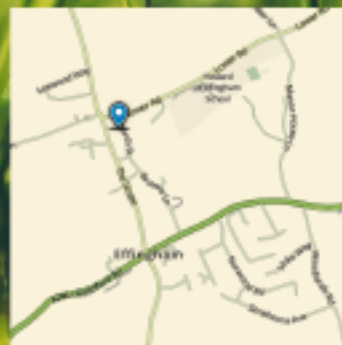
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