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Winter 2024

## St Nicolas Church achieves ECO Church Gold Award

St Nicolas Church ECO team recycled thousands of used blister pill packs, braved six-foot-high nettles to create a bug friendly garden, and got their whole congregation taking shorter showers – all to win a prestigious ECO Church Gold Award.

Led by a seven-strong ECO Team, St Nicolas Church becomes the 54th church in the country and 2nd in the Guildford diocese to have received the award, in recognition of their dedication and determination to walk in step with nature and take action on climate change.

The award was given by the Christian conservation charity A Rocha UK and reflects the commitment of St Nicolas Church to place

creation care at the heart of everything they do.

“The ECO Team aims to get our congregation to consider the environmental impact of everyday life,” explained Margaret Hibbert, who has led St Nicolas’ ECO Team for 20 years. “We swapped plastic cups for china crockery and use Fairtrade products when we serve refreshments and for our Communion wine.

“We cleared overgrown areas of the garden to create insect friendly areas to increase biodiversity, a wildlife corner for children and designed a tree and wildlife trail for visitors to follow. We installed new efficient radiators to replace an old Victorian system and we have a wide-ranging “unusual” recycling programme – from blister packs and binoculars to



postcards.”

“St Nicolas is a heritage building on consecrated ground listed in the Domesday Book,” said Rector, Rev Alan Jenkins. “There are many challenges but the ECO Team have worked round them. They also encourage us to be greener in our own homes, including taking shorter showers!”

The ECO Team will not be resting on its laurels, says Margaret Hibbert, “we look forward to continuing our environmental improvement journey with our exceptional team and the enthusiasm of our church family and wider community.”

Helen Stephens, Church Relations Manager at A-Rocha, explained: “Our huge congratulations to St Nicolas Church on their well-deserved Eco Church Gold Award. It has been a delight to read how they have been managing their churchyard and other garden spaces for the good of nature. There is still so much for us all to do, as they recognise, but in the meantime we hope St Nicolas Church enjoy celebrating this award and seeing others inspired to join them in taking action to care for this amazing world.”

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## From the Chairman

This is our Pre-Christmas edition and you will find details of a number of Christmas concerts, activities and services as well as Bookham's own Panto in January.

Many thanks to everyone involved in organising these and to Bookham Residents Association who have, once again, made possible the wonderful Christmas lights in the High Street and Church Road.

We have our AGM coming up and this will confirm the appointment of our new Treasurer, David Ryder, whom we welcome to the Management Committee. David has been our Village Week Treasurer for some time so is no stranger, but we are very grateful to him in taking on this new role. He replaces Ian Baker who has been Treasurer for 16 years and seen us through various challenging times with money flooding out on major refurbishments and no money coming in during Covid! Despite this, he leaves our finances in excellent health and we much appreciate all of his work and advice over the years. Thank you Ian.



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**We also organise community activities such as Village Day and Open Gardens for people of all ages to come together and enjoy whilst raising money for the Association.**

**We very much need help on our Management Committee which looks after the business side and the building. This only involves a few meetings each year but with legislation an ever-changing challenge a few more minds on the job would be much appreciated.**

**If you could help please contact me for a chat.**

*Keith Slark* keithslark@tiscali.co.uk 01372 457375

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### Regular events at the Old Barn Hall

Bookham Country Market - Friday mornings

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BF&D Garden Society - Fourth Monday

Bookham u3a - First Tuesday

Bookham Stamp Club - Fourth Tuesday

Cancer Chat Café - Second Wednesday

Eastwick WI - Third Wednesday

The Arts Society - Fourth Tuesday

Bookham Bees - First Wednesday

### Elsewhere

Bookham Litter Pickers - First Sunday

Bookham Seniors Computer Club - Friday

Bookham Scottish Country Dance - Friday

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# Bookham Bowls Club

What a year controlled by the weather from start to finish! However we had some notable wins, surprises and an event that has changed our Club forever.

A pleasant surprise to start the President's Day for Janice Begent when an honour party from the Surrey County Women's Bowling Association came onto the green: Pam Lawrence, President; Sheron Mitchell, Past President and Charlotte Emanuel, President Elect for 2025.

Pam Lawrence made a perfect speech honouring Janice's 28 years plus of loyal service to her club & bowls. Pam then presented her with a Certificate of a 'Loyal Service Award'.

A group photograph was taken before an afternoon of bowls followed by a meal provided by Janice.

The ladies played in the finals of the Surrey



Advertiser Trophy. They came out victorious.

The four teams were Cranleigh, Castle Green, Windlesham, and Bookham E. Bookham played Cranleigh in the morning and won comfortably after a tight start. They then played Castle Green in the afternoon. Again a tight start but then Bookham dominated the game. The team were VALERIE WILKINS, JANE FIDUCIA, PRUE MILES, JO SHAW with SUSAN MULLINS reserve.

They got to this final with the help of the Bookham E squad - LIZ ROBERTS, PATRICE TRING, JENNY DAVIES, JACKIE COLLETT, GILL TUCKER, SUE PEARSON AND JANET ANOYRKATIS.. We will be hosting the Surrey Advertiser finals day next year.

'Newbies' Steve Collyer, Jackie Collett and Mike Ellis won the Newbies Trophy at Auriol Bowling Club in what were described as spongy conditions ie wet! Congratulations



As the bowling season is coming to an end we have now played all the MSL matches; many congratulations to Bookham for winning.

And finally sad news - Our 90- year-old Pavilion collapses!

The pavilion was given to the Club by local resident Herbert Allen in 1933 and served us well in recent years as an equipment store. Structural movement was noticed on the 30th August 2024 which progressed to a sudden collapse in the early hours of Monday 2nd September 2024.

So Bookham Bowls Club comes to a soggy end soon with the closing drive and we start the process of winter maintenance and refurbishment ready for the 2025 season ahead.

Many thanks to all our readers and The Bulletin - Richard Sealy – retiring Press Officer.

# Eastwick Schools



Explore the impressive grounds and encounter the nurturing ethos of Eastwick schools

Tom Dell, Principal of Eastwick Schools

In September, I took over as Principal of Eastwick Infants and Juniors. I've been part of the Howard family for many years (the trust that Eastwick belongs to) and I'm incredibly excited to join the Eastwick team.

Eastwick schools are known for being places where children grow to be "ready for everything". Since joining the team, I can clearly see why. Our staff are committed to delivering high-quality teaching and I am excited to lead the school forward in securing

and maintaining the highest standards of learning, personal development and pupil behaviour. Pupils work hard, behave well and have fun.

But one thing surprises me. Every time I show a first-time visitor around the schools, it becomes clear that the size, beauty and greenery of our school site has become a well-kept secret. It features a swimming pool, two large playing fields, two woodlands and lots of playground equipment. It's time this secret was shared.

Tucked away at the south end of Eastwick Drive, the scale of our site is hidden from public view. So we wanted to give everyone a chance to see it for themselves. Our open days are throughout the autumn and winter (both infants and juniors). If you are interested in coming along, please book via our website [www.eastwickschools.uk](http://www.eastwickschools.uk)

Our school site is impressive. However, it is our children, families and staff that are truly at the heart of our nurturing and inclusive school community. Both the Infant and Junior school



are rated GOOD by Ofsted. When it comes to results, the schools perform above the national average. We are incredibly proud of our pastoral support services and our ability to help young people with special educational needs.

When Ofsted inspectors visited the Infant school last term, they found that the "school is highly aspirational for all pupils. This is evident in the strong relationship and extremely inclusive practice." This is high praise, but I don't think you should take Ofsted's word for it. If you have a child due to start Infant or Junior school, why not come and see us for yourself?

# Howard of Effingham School

## Sixth Form

On Thursday 10 October The Howard held an Open Evening for students to find out a bit more what life in the Sixth Form is like. There were general talks and the opportunity to discuss specific subject choices and find out more about each course. The Howard offers over 30 courses in the Sixth Form including A Levels and BTECs. Some subjects will be new to the students, for example: Economics, Government & Politics, Psychology, Environmental Science and Sociology.

We had fantastic examination results this summer and know that we can offer an academically outstanding and great experience in the Sixth Form. If you would like to know more please do visit our website: [www.howardsixthform.org](http://www.howardsixthform.org) or contact the school on 01372 453694 or phone direct on 01372 414166.

## Celebrating Success at The Howard

We celebrated our success over the summer with our KS4 and KS5 results, with students achieving what they needed to go on and be successful in the next stage of their careers: whether this be Howard 6th Form, a 6th Form College, an apprenticeship, a university course, or a first job. Outcomes were improved on

2019 (the only relevant comparison given the variability of the Covid years) at both KS4 and KS5, and remained well above Surrey and National averages. At KS5, we achieved 33% A\*/A (%) 60% A\*/B and 80% A\*/C. These excellent results are testament to the partnership between students, staff, and parents/carers which is so strong at The Howard, and which we know will continue this academic year.



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# Great Bookham School

The start of the autumn term has been a happy and positive one here at Great Bookham School. It has been a privilege to welcome and settle so many new children into our Pre-school, Reception and Year 3 cohorts, and it is a testament to the staff and children that this transition has been a nurturing and seamless one.

At the end of last academic year, we were delighted to share with our school community that our end of year results for our children were the highest that we had achieved in many years. 88% of our Year 6 cohort met the expected outcome in reading, writing and maths combined with 23% reaching the greater depth standard. When compared to national averages, our children have achieved significantly well.

Our maths results were particularly impressive with 95% of children meeting the expected standard and 60% meeting the greater depth standard. These results are just one measure of our children, and we also revelled in some fantastic celebrations of art, music, science,



sport and other areas of the curriculum. Our wonderful staff team are dedicated to the continual pursuit of excellence in all aspects of learning and school life.

As part of our offer to support all children in building their cultural capital and being able to experience memorable moments and events, our fantastic PTA have worked with school to organise a whole school trip to Leatherhead Theatre to watch this year's pantomime, Dick Whittington – what lucky and well deserving children!

Christmas is fast approaching and we have



many exciting and traditional events planned for all children and families. Our Christmas Fair is scheduled soon and we welcome any members of our local community to attend so please do come and share our festive celebrations.

School tours for the September 2025 school intake have started so if you are interested in touring Great Bookham School please look at our website for available tour dates or contact our school office to schedule a tour with myself.

**Sarah Bennett, Office Manager**  
[www.greatbookhamschool.org.uk](http://www.greatbookhamschool.org.uk)



# Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

Our Annual Show on the 13th July was such a happy, sunny event as you will see in the pictures. Perhaps you would like to come along next year.

If you would like to find out more about this society, attend our talks or start preparing to take part in next year's show, please contact Angela Stevens on 01372 456713 or email [craigjstevens@btinternet.com](mailto:craigjstevens@btinternet.com)



## POSE



### SNOW WHITE COMES TO BOOKHAM!!!

POSE is a Bookham based drama group and has performed a pantomime at the Old Barn Hall for the last 50 odd years. We stick with the traditional family pantomime format, suitable for everyone and the stories we tell will be familiar to all; this year it is 'Snow White' by Ben Crocker.

Tomorrow is Snow White's birthday and when the Wicked Queen asks her mirror, Speak True, who is the fairest of them all, she is horrified to

be told that it will be Snow White. In a rage, The Queen cancels all Snow White's birthday plans and orders her Woodsmen, Bogwort and Stinkwort, to take Snow White into the woods and kill her. With the help of the fairies, Snow White escapes and is found by..... well, we're sure you know how the story goes from here.

Come along to support your local drama group and join us for lots of fun and laughter as we follow our friends to The Wild Wood, enjoy a sing song and find out if Fairy Goodheart earns her wings.

Snow White is at The Old Barn Hall, Bookham on Fridays 17th & 24th January 2025 at 7.45pm and Saturdays 18th & 25th January 2025 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

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## Little Bookham WI



Over the past few months our main member meetings have been very lively and busy with varied talks, raffles and plant sales. Memorable talks have included 'The Day it Rained Crabs and Frogs' by our friendly local weatherman Ian Currie; an interesting talk by former nun Marion Dante on 'Dropping the Habit' and a talk by Kate McBain entitled 'Oh for a Slice of Naughty but Nice' describing her exciting career in the food industry. Kate spoke at our birthday meeting and kindly brought a birthday cake with her to help us celebrate.

Our individual interest groups have also been

busy. The Garden Group have visited the charming Wren's Nest Cottage garden at Cobham, the Grace and Flavour Allotment Garden at West Horsley and the National Trust gardens at Hatchlands and Polesden Lacey. The Knitting Group have made blankets for both Epsom and Guildford premature baby units and are at present knitting vibrant red poppies to go on sale with proceeds going to The Royal British Legion. A second craft group are crocheting squares to create a blanket for Cherry Trees Children's Hospice.

Our very popular Sunday Lunch Club has enjoyed delicious meals at The Old Windsor Castle in Little Bookham, The Cricketers at Downside, Cobham and The Plough at Effingham. The next visit will be to the Onslow Arms at West Clandon.

A large group of our members visited the fascinating Fire and Iron Gallery in Leatherhead. It was really interesting to see the forge working and to hear about the history of the site going back to medieval



times. A smaller group visited Sir Winston Churchill's family home at Chartwell in Kent. We also all enjoyed our lovely summer tea party.

Now we are looking forward to festive activities at Christmas and next year, as it is our 60th birthday year, lots of special activities and visits.

If you would like to come and join our friendly group, we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3pm at Little Bookham Village Hall.

F. McGregor



# CAROL SERVICE



**When** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Where** Eastwick Road Church  
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**Time** 10.15am Refreshments  
11.00am Carol Service

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Please note that the Carol Service will be suitable for those on a dementia journey and their carers.



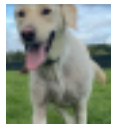
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# Bookham Bees WI



Although it hasn't been the best weather this summer, nothing could stop Bookham Bees WI from having a very busy few months.

In July we had a most interesting talk from Major Paul Whittle, who spoke about the River Kwai Railway; which told us if the true facts resembled the famous film of 1957.

Despite the cold cloudy evening for our August meeting, nothing deterred a large group of 'Bees' attending our drinks and nibbles night. It was a lovely social evening with plenty of chatter and a few games with prizes including pass the parcel which many of us had not played since childhood.

In September we had one of our most memorable speakers. Richard Griffin, LVO, gave us the most interesting talk about his time as a bodyguard to the Royal family. Richard served firstly with Prince Edward at Cambridge, then with Prince Phillip, and finally served the Queen for many years. Richard had many tales to tell but was very discreet. For those who can recall the story of the Queen meeting the American couple walking the

Scottish hills, it was Richard that the Queen was with.

Also, in September the committee held a complimentary afternoon tea in the Harrison Room for over 30 members and we raised £123 from donations for our nominated charity, CRY.

Our sub-groups, of which we have over 25, are running very successfully and allow members to meet in smaller focus groups. The groups include Coffee, Lunch, Theatre, Gardening, Sewing, Knitting, Family History, Bridge, Art, Supper, Pub, Ukulele, Gin, Gin and Spirits,



Cheese and Wine, Sunday Roast Lunch, plus many Book and Walking groups.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Old Barn Hall at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. If you would like to be added to our waiting list or visit us as a guest, please contact our membership secretary Heather Broadhurst (heather@broadhurst.org.uk) for more information.

**Jenny Bissell**  
President Bookham Bees WI



# Bookham Stamp Club

[www.bookhamstampclub.com](http://www.bookhamstampclub.com)

Bookham Stamp Club, founded in 1993, meets every 4th Tuesday of the month (except for December) at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham with our very popular Trading Tables opening at 1.30pm, and displays commencing at 2.15pm. Our programme includes visiting speakers, members' displays and auctions. We also have a packet exchange through which members can buy and sell stamps.

## Sell your stamp collection

We are interested in purchasing unwanted collections. Please contact either Barry Feltham: [secretary@bookhamstampclub.com](mailto:secretary@bookhamstampclub.com) 01372 450288 or Malcolm Cole: [programme@bookhamstampclub.com](mailto:programme@bookhamstampclub.com) 01372 457392

## Become a member

If you are new to stamp collecting or want to renew your hobby, come along to one of our meetings, you will be warmly welcomed by up to 50 plus members attending each meeting, To find out more details before attending contact our Membership Secretary Fred Mitchell on 01372 374614, or look at our website [www.bookhamstampclub.com](http://www.bookhamstampclub.com)

## Our recent meetings

In July we had an enjoyable display from Sue Burns titled "Smithy and his Bus." Sue's display was structured around Ian Mackersey's book on Charles Kingsford Smith, or as he was known to everyone, Smithy.

August brought us a wonderful display from John Davies - Fifty years of the Uniform Penny Postage and the introduction of the Penny Black which were celebrated with major events.

September was a members' day with a thematic theme for the annual Roy Gilbert Cup. A variety of material was shown from 12 members (photos of the members who entered) The winner will be announced at our Christmas meeting.



## Our upcoming meetings

Tuesday 26 November – Peter Wood – "It's an Irish World."

Wednesday 18 December – Christmas Buffet

Tuesday 28 January 2025 – One Page Members' Display & Captain Robert Falcon Scott display by Robert Prentice.

Tuesday 25 February – The Titanic – Philip Cant

**We welcome experienced stamp collectors and newcomers.**

**Barry Feltham**  
Hon. Secretary



# Bookham Youth & Community Centre - Update



The Bookham Youth and Community Association (BYCA) and Bookhams' Residents Association (BRA) have been working to get the new Youth Centre built (old one closed 2019). MVDC

granted Outline Planning to SCC (2021) to build the new Centre on a corner of Lower Rd Recreation Ground. Various delays meant that costs increased, design had to change and the planning approval expired.

## We now have some news:-

- The design stage of a new single storey centre, on the same site, has been completed by SCC with input from BYCA, BRA and Bookham Youth Project (BYP - a branch of the Leatherhead Youth Project).
- MVDC (owns the land), has worked with

SCC, (funding & building the Centre) and agreed terms of a lease, including a peppercorn rent.

- SCC, say they hope to seek planning permission in the new year. We are hoping that the new centre, with a youth and community focus, will be completed by end of 2026.

## Youth work

Youth work, activities and strategies will be managed by BYP.

- Closure of the old centre and effects of the pandemic has led to an increase in young people's support needs.
- Jude Crome, Chief Executive of LYP, has told us:-

The new centre will allow us to increase our provision and enable us to work with more young people. Work will be led by Lucy Hicks,

our newly appointed BYP Youth Worker (pictured).

## Centre management - community volunteers needed

BYCA will manage the building and finances, on a sub-lease from SCC, on a "not for profit" basis, as it did the old centre. David Cox, Chair of Trustees, said:

We need volunteers to join our team to help us prepare for the takeover and ongoing management of the Centre. Our job is to facilitate the benefits it will bring our young people and community.

No experience is needed except in some specific areas such as financial recording & reporting (1-2 hours per month). It is nice to help "make a difference".

Find out more, please contact:- e: david.cox502@ntlworld.com mob: 07825354763

# Bookham Butterflies WI



Over the summer, members of Bookham Butterflies WI and their guests had a fascinating visit to Waddesdon Manor in Buckinghamshire (see photo). Waddesdon was built by Baron Ferdinand Rothschild in 1870 to display his extraordinary art collection and entertain the fashionable world. The house also has one of the finest Victorian gardens in England.

Our August monthly meeting at the Barn Hall was a relaxed social evening, with Butterflies

chatting to fellow members over prosecco and nibbles. As part of the fun, each table had to build the tallest free-standing paper structure in 15 minutes - we were allowed to use scissors and sellotape.

In September, we held a silent auction to continue our fundraising for Yorda, our chosen charity for 2024. Members brought along a variety of items and we raised a fantastic total of £130.

Our speaker for the evening was Peter Smith, a Surrey beekeeper with ten years' experience. Peter explained what honey is, how it evolved from the dinosaurs to the present day, what it is for and gave a brief guide to honey and its uses through the ages. He put five types of honey on each table in small pots for everyone to taste - he asked us what we thought about each one, before telling us what type of honey

we'd tasted. The last one was his own Surrey Hills Honey, which we voted as being better than the Waitrose honey!

Our Coffee and Chat group met recently in the cafes at Polesden Lacey and Bocketts Farm. Meanwhile, members of our Exploring Gardens group visited Bens Acre in Horsham, Whitehanger in Haslemere, as well as Imber Park Road and Ember Lane in Esher, to enjoy the wonderful gardens and of course some delicious cake!

We have a busy schedule of activities planned for the coming weeks, including a ghost walk in Guildford, a Christmas outing to Wakehurst's "Glow Wild" light trail, a Christmas wreath workshop, Christmas craft evening and even a panto trip! For more information about our WI, visit our website [www.bookhambutterflieswi.com](http://www.bookhambutterflieswi.com)

# Mole Valley Runners

At Mole Valley Runners our aim is to have a lot of fun while being out running with old and new friends. Back in September we had a labour of moles manning one of the aid stations at the Bacchus 10k and Half Marathon at Denbies plus



some moles running in fancy dress.

We have our monthly meeting last Friday of the month, pub run from a different venue each month, which is open to all members as a fun and relaxed social. September's run was from The Queen Stage pub in Effingham.

We have club runs four times a week and have a range of groups running from 6-10k. We're purely volunteer led and are affiliated with England Athletics to ensure all the runs are led by trained leaders.

If you'd like to find out more about us, we have a



website found here [www.molevalleyrunners.org](http://www.molevalleyrunners.org) You're very welcome to book on a trial run to come and meet us and have a go. Please feel free to email club chairperson Louise Sutherland on [louisesmvr@gmail.com](mailto:louisesmvr@gmail.com) to find out more about us.

# Polesden Lacey Infant School

At Polesden Lacey Infant School, curiosity is more than just a trait and is one of our school values; it's a vital part of the learning environment. The school has embraced a philosophy that encourages young minds to ask questions, explore their surroundings, and engage deeply with the world around them.

Recent projects have highlighted the school's commitment to nurturing this innate curiosity. In the classroom, children are encouraged to lead their own learning experiences. Teachers have observed that when students are given the freedom to follow topics that intrigue them, their engagement levels soar. From investigating the life cycles of butterflies to exploring the solar system, the topics are as varied as the children themselves.

One particularly successful way of developing this curiosity is in our weekly Forest School session. Out in our onsite woodland, the children engage with the natural world, notice the changes that occur throughout the year and collaborate with their peers to solve challenges set and have fun. The joy on their faces when they make discoveries is a testament to the success of our Forest School. Maybe this year we will be lucky enough to see our woods under a blanket of snow in time for the Christmas break.

Teachers also emphasize the importance of questioning. Instead of providing immediate answers, they encourage students to think critically and propose their own solutions. This approach not only enhances problem-solving skills but also cultivates a love for learning. "I

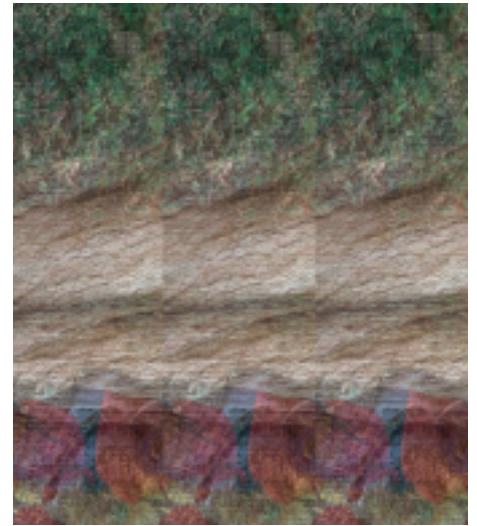
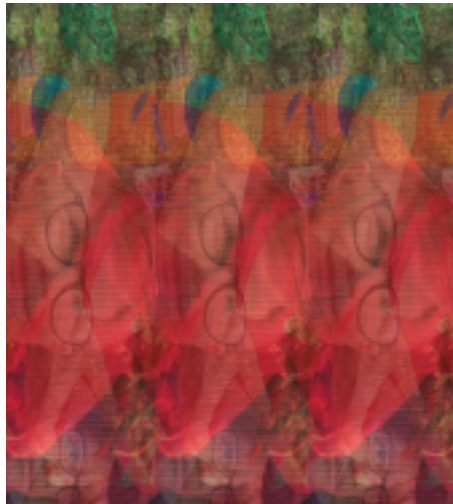
love asking questions!" exclaimed one excited pupil. "It helps me find out new things!"

In a world that often prioritises standardised testing and rigid curricula, the school stands out by valuing the wonders of curiosity. By creating an environment where questions are welcomed and exploration is encouraged, the school is shaping not just knowledgeable students, but lifelong learners who are excited about the world around them

Looking for an amazing school for your child (ages 4 to 7)? Please do contact the school for a tour [office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PolesdenLaceyInfantSchool>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/polesdenlaceyinfant>



# Old Barn Hall Jazz Club



Members of the Old Barn Hall Jazz Club invite you to join them one coming Sunday when they meet at the Hall, 55 Church Road. Concert meetings are held every Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. We are highly rated nationwide as a well-known venue for New Orleans Traditional Jazz played by leading bands, many of international repute.

We draw regular support from both local and other people from the home counties and elsewhere, Great Bookham being a good catchment area for our generations of music

lovers that have followed this style of music from the 60s up to the present day and hopefully the present generation as well.

Our local helpers include Margaret, Alan and Barry, under the direction of Graham. They are assisted by other willing supporters who create a happy atmosphere into which newcomers are always welcome. There is no membership fee to join the club, so why not pop in any Sunday, when the music and dancing starts at 1pm (entrance fee £14). Don't forget your dancing shoes and any drink required.

### Calendar of events 2025

- January – No jazz this month
- Feb 2nd John Maddox Jazzmen
- Feb 9th Southern Revival New Orleans Jazz Band
- Feb 16th Golden Eagle Jazz Band
- Feb 23rd Tony Scriven's Sunshine Band

- March 2nd – no jazz today
- Mar 9th New Orleans Jazz Bandits
- Mar 16th San Jacinto Stompers
- Mar 23rd Jake Leg Jug Band
- Mar 30th Sarah Spencer's Quintet
- Apl 6th Paula Jackman's Jazz Masters
- Apl 13th T J Johnson & His Band
- Apl 20th Hugh Crozier's Incomparables
- Apl 27th Golden Eagle Jazz Band
- May 4th New Orleans Bump
- May 11th Gambit Jazzmen
- May 18th Old Barn Hall Ragtime Jazz Band
- May 25th Jake Leg Jug Band
- June 1st Sarah Spencer's Transatlantic Band
- June 8th Excelsior Vintage Jazz Band
- June 15th Louisiana Rhythm Kings
- Jun 22nd, 29th – No Jazz – Village/Garden Days

# The Rampant Roosters Morris Dancers

After a season of 30 dance-outs, the Roosters have hung up their baldrics, bells, sticks and hankies for the winter, and have started their practice sessions, learning a few new dances for the 2025 season.

From daybreak on the 1 May to the end of September, we have danced all round Surrey, mainly outside pubs, keeping the Morris tradition alive, and entertaining the public! We've also danced in wet fields, wet high streets, at Festivals and with other Morris sides at their Days of Dance. We have travelled to Sinalunga in Tuscany, a Medieval hilltop village, where we danced in the L'Incantaborgo festival, both entertaining and confusing them!

We've had five new members this year, one of whom comes from Bookham. That now makes three of us, and we're on the lookout for number four.

Our three musicians have steadfastly played for us in the rain and the sun and kept us all in step and on time. We'd like to find a few more musicians to enlarge our trio into a band. We've just started a new practice season, so if you're interested, (no dancing involved!) follow the link below.

Of course, we will always be happy to meet anyone eccentric enough to want to dance the Morris.

Our last pub stand of the season was at Ye Olde Windsor Castle where we had a large appreciative crowd, many of whom joined in our audience participation dance Tinnors Rabbit, happily dancing around, waving and clashing large sticks.

We visited Sinalunga, one of Dorking's twin towns, in July. Luckily we danced in the evenings, as the daytime temperature reached

40 degrees. We went on to Florence for a couple of days sightseeing. We've now been invited to another festival in France, in a village called Gouvieux, just outside Paris next September.

In the photo are the internationally globe-trotting Roosters, posing in Dorking Park, Sinalunga.

If you're interested in playing or dancing, please visit our website, [www.rampantroostermorris.co.uk](http://www.rampantroostermorris.co.uk) for more information. Cheers!



## FaB Repair Cafe

### 450 Successful Repairs!

Since the opening of the FaB Repair Café in January our talented team of volunteers has successfully repaired over 450 items which could otherwise have ended up in landfill. The Café, serving Fetcham, Bookham and the surrounding areas, was started by members of Bookham and Horsley Rotary Club along with St. Mary's Church and a team of local volunteers with the goal of living more sustainably and helping the environment by repairing items and reducing landfill.



We meet in the church hall at St. Mary's, Fetcham (off The Ridgeway), on the first Saturday of every month to enable anyone to bring broken possessions to be fixed by our volunteer repairers. You stay with the repairer while the work is being done so that you can see the work being carried out and maybe learn to help yourself next time.

We have volunteers who can repair a wide range of items including:

- Bikes
- Computers/IT
- Clothing & Textiles
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Jewellery
- Wooden items
- Upholstery
- Garden Tool Sharpening

We also offer a houseplant clinic and seed swap facility at the FaB Repair Café. Bring

along your peaky looking houseplants and let our volunteers assess and offer advice on how best to rescue them. Whether it be yellowing leaves, root rot or bug infestation, they'll be able to help you! You can also bring any excess seeds you may have hanging around at home which are still within the date, and swap them for something new to grow in your garden.

So, if you have anything at home that is not working as it should, why not bring it along and we will see if we can fix it for you (only one item per visit please). Alternatively, just drop in for a coffee to see what we are up to!

If you have any queries about whether we can help you, we can be contacted on [fabrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:fabrepaircafe@gmail.com).

[www.fetchamandbookhamrepaircafe.com](http://www.fetchamandbookhamrepaircafe.com)

There is no charge for our service, but donations are welcome to help cover costs.

## Eastwick WI

This year Eastwick WI is 54 years old and still has a handful of members who joined when it was founded. This year we celebrated our birthday with an entertainment by harpist Margaret Wilson. As well as playing well known melodies from Bach to the Beatles, Margaret told us how the harp is strung, the use of the pedals and problems of transporting such a large instrument. After this the WI enjoyed a party supper with food contributed by members.

There was no formal meeting in August but we met for a delicious afternoon tea at the Grange Training Centre, served by the students. Some

members went on a trip to Whitstable. In September, back in the Barn Hall, the WI had a very informative and useful evening with a team of local First Responders. They explained how to deal with an emergency situation while waiting for an ambulance. We were shown how to check for breathing, clear airways and administer CPR chest compressions. Defibrillators were demonstrated and members had the opportunity to try these procedures on a dummy.

Eastwick WI is always very pleased to welcome visitors and new members. Full details from [eastwickwi.chessck.co.uk](http://eastwickwi.chessck.co.uk)





## Father Christmas and his Sleigh

coming to a road near you in 2024

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Bookham 'Spirit of Christmas' Event High Street 1.30 - 4pm

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December EAST HORSLEY**

Horsley Christmas Fair

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> LITTLE BOOKHAM**

Sole Farm Ave, Little Bookham St, Childs Hall Rd, Long Meadow

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> BOOKHAM**

Dowlans Road, West Down, Groveside

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> BOOKHAM**

Lower Shott, Newenham Rd, Overton Way, White Way, Beales Rd

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> EAST HORSLEY**

Northcote Rd/Cres, Nightingale Ave/Cres, Edwin Road

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> BOOKHAM**

Hawkwood Rise, The Lorne, Middlemead Rd, Sole Farm Ave

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> BOOKHAM**

Howard Road, Dawnay Road, Hale Pit Road, Hilltop Rise

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> EFFINGHAM**

Effingham Festival of Christmas 2 – 4pm

Norwood Rd. Strathcona Ave. Links Way, Orchard Gardens

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> BOOKHAM**

Barn Meadow Lane, Merrylands Rd, Twelve Acre Cl, Oaks Lane

**Sundays 4.30 to 7pm, Weekdays 5 to 7.30pm (Weather permitting)**

Further information from [keithslark@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:keithslark@tiscali.co.uk)



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On behalf of the churches in Bookham, I welcome you to our services over Christmas. As always, the churches will provide a rich variety of opportunity to celebrate the event which changes everything. Come along and take a little time to wonder at the extraordinary gift at the heart of Christmas.

*Revd Canon Alan Jenkins – on behalf of Churches Together in Bookham*

2024

### St Nicolas Church

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 pm A service of Christmas readings and carols reflecting the joy of Christmas.  
Christmas Eve 3.00 pm A Crib Service, especially suitable for those aged 7 and under  
Christmas Eve 4.30 pm: AND repeated at 6.00pm: A family carol service suitable for older children and adults.  
Christmas Eve 11.30pm: A service of Holy Communion with carols to welcome in Christmas Day  
Christmas Day 10.00am: An all-age service including Communion to celebrate the joy of Christmas.  
*for details go to [www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk/](http://www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk/)*

### Bookham Baptist Church

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10:30 am Family Service AND at 6pm a Contemporary Carol Service  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6:00 pm Christmas Carol Service  
Christmas Eve 11:00 pm Advent Communion Service  
Christmas Day 10:00 am Christmas Day Family Service

Visit [www.bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk) for details or check out YouTube channel; [www.youtube.com/user/BookhamBaptist](https://www.youtube.com/user/BookhamBaptist)

### Catholic Parish of Effingham and Fetcham. Christmas Masses

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 4 pm. Carols Around the Tree at Effingham  
Christmas Eve 8 pm Carols leading to 8:30 Mass at Fetcham  
Christmas Day 9 am Christmas Day Mass at Effingham  
Christmas Day 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass at Fetcham

See website [www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk](http://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk) for updated information

### Eastwick Road Church (United Reformed)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10.30 am Carol Service followed by mince pies  
Christmas Day 10.00 am A short Christmas service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

More details of services available on- line go to [www.bookhamurc.org.uk](http://www.bookhamurc.org.uk).

### St Lawrence Church, Parish of Effingham with All Saints Little Bookham

#### At St Lawrence, Effingham

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Christingle Service  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Carols by Candlelight  
Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service  
Christmas Eve 11pm Midnight Mass

#### At All Saints, Little Bookham

Christmas Day 10am Christmas Day Family Service

For full details of how to attend and of more events go to [www.effinghamwithlittlebookhamparish.org.uk](http://www.effinghamwithlittlebookhamparish.org.uk)



Anna Chaplaincy in Bookham and district was launched in September 2021 specifically to provide spiritual support and care to elderly folk who have become isolated through physical and cognitive frailty. Our **Carol Service** will be held on **December 4th at Eastwick Road Church at 11am with refreshments from 10.15am.**

For more information contact Liz at [ac@themeetingplace.org.uk](mailto:ac@themeetingplace.org.uk), or phone 07518 735729

# Bookham Litter Pickers



This continues on the first Sunday of each month, unless it's a bank holiday week-end, in which case it's a week later.

We meet at Lower Shott car park at 11.00am. After signing in, equipment is provided and routes to litter pick are allocated. We collect for an hour or so.

All are welcome.

For further details please contact me at [litterpicking@bookhamresidents.org](mailto:litterpicking@bookhamresidents.org) or go to the BRA website.

**Margaret Lawson**

# Dorking & District RSPB Group

## Birds that go 'seep' in the night

Redwings are small thrushes that migrate to the UK from colder climes, including Iceland, Scandinavia and Russia. These birds fly in under cover of darkness and if you head outside on a still night, you may hear them overhead, calling to each other with a soft 'seep seep'. They arrive in their thousands and can be heard all over the UK, typically from late September through October.

They make the journey to our shores to feed on berries and during the day you might spot

them alongside other birds, such as Starlings and Fieldfares, in trees and hedges. Look for small thrush-like birds with a rusty red patch under their wings and a white stripe above their eyes.

Image courtesy of RSPB

Take a look at our group's activities, photos and information using the options below.

Facebook: RSPB Dorking and District

Instagram: @rspb\_dorking

Website:

<https://group.rspb.org.uk/dorkinganddistrict/>





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Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 9LG

# Mole Valley Quilters and Crafters

Mole Valley Quilters and Crafters were delighted to decorate the stage again this year at Bookham Village Day with an amazing 'Olympian' quilt taking centre stage, made by one of our very talented members.

There was an assortment of stunning quilts on display, all made by members of MVQ. A lot of which will be donated to the Linus Children's Charity and the Combat Stress Charity.

The sales table had an array of handmade items for sale from bags, cushions, fabric flowers and so much more.

Despite having had a very busy year so far with interesting speakers, workshops and sewing evenings, we have already started planning and making Christmas sales items. This Autumn we have in the diary workshops, sewing evenings, speakers and a retail evening (you can never have too much fabric),

We are a very friendly group who share the love and enthusiasm of fabric, quilting, patchwork, knitting and crafts. A lot of our work is donated to Charities.

If you would like to learn more about Quilting, Patchwork or other crafts why not pop in for a coffee and chat, or join one of our workshops.

All are welcome. We meet at The Harrison Room, Old Barn Hall, Great Bookham on the 1st Thursday each month at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. (excluding January and February which are Zoom meetings).

If you require more information visit [www.molevalleyquilters.org.uk](http://www.molevalleyquilters.org.uk) or enquiries@[molevalleyquilters.org.uk](mailto:molevalleyquilters.org.uk) or phone 07968 444375 or 01372 451462

# Great Bookham Belles WI

Our Autumn term started with a fascinating talk by Nick Barratt, a genealogist, broadcaster and historian who works on the TV show "Who do you think you are?" He explained how the show started and has evolved to become the popular programme it is today.

October was our 10th birthday and we had a very exciting special birthday treat meeting for our members.

Our charity for this year is Leatherhead Swans (a charity which enriches the lives of local people with disabilities through sports and recreation). We held a very successful Race Night at the Tithe Barn in September to raise funds for them. All betting was virtual but that didn't stop a great competitive spirit amongst participants, including in the "hat parade" (see photo)

As we are such a large WI our sub groups are very important in allowing members to get to

know each other better and form lasting friendships. Our gardening group, the Blooming Belles, has been very active over the last few years. They visit each other's gardens and swap plants and seeds.

Amongst others they have also visited Dunsborough Park (for the tulip festival), the Lavendar Farm, Wisley, Claremont Gardens, Sissinghurst Castle and Sheffield Park (see photo). They have also made Christmas wreaths and winter vase displays and went to hear Monty Don speak at G Live in Guildford. The group has been so popular that a second gardening group "Budding Belles" is being set up.

We are currently full with a waiting list but if you would like to put your name on the list or come as a visitor to one of our monthly meetings (usually the 3rd Monday of the month), please email [contactbelleswi@gmail.com](mailto:contactbelleswi@gmail.com) for information.



## The Meeting Place



Classes at the Language Hub have restarted for the autumn term. These are for people for whom English is not their first language and are organised in two groups, Beginners (at Mole Valley Skills Hub in Leatherhead) and Intermediate level (on zoom). If you are a TEFL/CELTA trained teacher and would like to find out more about volunteering with us, the team would be very pleased to hear from you. It's a rewarding role and the classes are well attended and very much appreciated.

Our Coffee Shop continues to run on Saturday mornings in the Baptist Church Hall, 10am-12 noon. All are welcome. About once a month we organise Hearing Champions sessions, with

free support on the operation and basic maintenance of NHS hearing aids This is a drop-in service, no appointment is necessary – and you can enjoy a coffee too! Please bring your brown NHS battery book. The next session is 7 December. The Meeting Place also runs Lip Reading classes with a professional teacher – contact us for more details.

The Community Fridge continues to be busy – people from about 200 households a week come along to Bookham Baptist Church on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings throughout the year to help reduce food waste by collecting surplus food that would otherwise be wasted. All are welcome.

Our Anna Chaplaincy for older people and their carers has several events in the pipeline including the next in our series of Living Well

in Older Age talks on Wednesday 27 November 10:30am – 12pm at Bookham Library. We will meet Georgie and her beautiful fully trained therapy dog Jackson who is a perfect companion for those who are elderly and struggling with anxiety. Come and hear how those with dementia and Alzheimer's respond to his visits.

You are also very welcome to join us for a short service with memorable carols at Eastwick Road Church on Wednesday morning, 4 December 2024. This will be led by Liz, our Anna Chaplain – and there will be mince pies and refreshments.

For more detailed information about The Meeting Place and all our activities, please go to our website <https://themeetingplace.org.uk/> or leave a message on 07425 133431.

## Friends of Bookham Commons

The Friends of Bookham Common Celebration and AGM took place on Wednesday October 9th at The Barn Hall in Bookham. Members enjoyed a tasty meal prepared by local caterer Home Cooking by Elizabeth.

The event was well attended by over 100 members. They met, in person, the very recently appointed National Trust area ranger for the commons Ella Brasington, and the new lead ranger for Surrey Hills, Max Sheldon. The well respected and admired former ranger, Ian Swinney, was also in attendance- his expertise and continued support being much praised by the new ranger team. The rangers outlined some of the maintenance work that will be

undertaken over the winter including fencing work to enable the cattle to come back onto the Plains area. There will be more news on this activity in subsequent Friends newsletters and on the Facebook page.

A local passionate, amateur photographer Kirsten Asmussen entertained members with an illuminating talk on how to take an effective Pocket Photo on Bookham Commons whilst sharing some outstanding video clips and photos of wildlife on the Commons and other areas in the world where she has travelled. Members were thanked for their financial support towards the upkeep and special projects on this very special natural resource on our doorstep.

The FOBC extend a very big, thank you to the local businesses which supported the fundraising raffle. The enclosed photo by Colin Kemp shows two local fishermen on one of the ponds this week.



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# The Arts Society Bookham



The Society returned from our summer break in September to an excellent and informative talk by Chris Stater entitled 'Here's one they prepared earlier: the first efforts of Britian's Greatest Architects'.

They included Inigo Jones pavilion at The Queen's House in Greenwich now being restored as an arts centre. The chapel at Pembroke College, Cambridge, Christopher Wren's first attempt as an architect. Joseph Caxton's greenhouses, and the Case at Chatworth that led to the Crystal Palace.

In October our thoughts turned to music with an excellent illustrated talk on Gustav Holst 'The Planets and Beyond' by Roger Askew. As Director of Music at a school, Holst believed that music belonged to all, and he gave special support to all amateur musicians.

In November Christopher Bradley gives an account of the history of coffee from the 1650s, the growth of coffee houses where

ideas were debated and thoughts discussed. The Christmas Lunch Lecture in December is by Caroline Walker and combines illustrations of Max Gill with the words from Eleanor Farjeon's 1916 book of nursery rhymes about our capital city, 'Nursery Rhymes of London Town: Miscellany of Poems, pictures and anecdotes'.

Rosie Francis, Programme Organiser, has put together a comprehensive set of lectures for the New Year including a feature on the life of David Niven, music from the Caribbean, Byzantine and Romanesque influenced architecture and a celebration of the centenary of Art Deco at the 1925 Paris Expo. For full details see the website.

Whilst continuing their work at Guildford Cathedral, Angela Stevens and the Heritage Volunteering group have also turned their skilled attention to more literary matters. Cleaning and documenting the vast number of books in the library at West Horsley Place continues where Angela is looking for interested volunteers.



New members are warmly welcomed to the Society at lectures at 7.30 on the fourth Tuesday in the month at The Old Barn Hall. Tea and coffee are served from about 7pm before the talks. Meanwhile, anyone interested in joining the Society should make contact via the website: <http://theartsocietybookham.org.uk/>

John Cook

# Peter Pan Playschool

We've had a lovely start to the new academic year, welcoming our new families after saying goodbye to our school leavers in the summer. We've been on some outings to the village to Laytons Greengrocers as well as to the Bookham Tesco store which is about as far as our little legs can manage. We purchased fruit and vegetables to eat and then we made some donations for the harvest collection at Eastwick Road Church, which we took along to our Harvest Festival Service in aid of Leatherhead Start.

Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive setting, offering term time care to children from age 2 to school age. Admissions are really busy so please do get in touch as soon as possible if you'd like to book a tour and register your child.

To find out more about us please take a look at our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool](http://www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool) and

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# Mole Valley WI

The last three months seem to have flown by and we have as usual been very busy. In July we listened to Dr Jay Woogara who shared with us his journey from poverty in the sugar canes of Sri Lanka to an education in the UK.

We didn't meet in August. Victorian Pharmacy

was the topic of an interesting talk in September. The Anne Glyn plate was presented to the winner of the handicraft competition. Our Annual Quiz was on the 18th October and we are looking forward to our Christmas Outing in November.

We have lots of interesting groups from knit and natter to gardening clubs. Why not come along to one of our meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of the month (except August) in Fetcham Village Hall at 7.45.

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# Bookham Rifle Club

## Winning the Astor Cup for Surrey!

Back in August 6 intrepid members of the Bookham Rifle club shot for the Astor Cup trophy. (Clive Gordon, Dave Crispin, John Belringer, Adam Fowler, Lina Jones and Tim Hammond).

This prestigious award is hard won since it begins with the clubs in each County having their own competition to see who will progress to shoot on its behalf. Here in Surrey, Bookham had to beat Wimbledon Park and Croydon to get there - a huge achievement already.

The finals are then shot at the National Smallbore Rifle Association meeting at Bisley

ranges where Bookham had to face 10 other Counties (Sussex, Essex, Cheshire and North Wales, Middlesex, Devon, Hampshire, Berkshire, Kent, Bedfordshire and Derbyshire). The competition is 20 shots each at 50m and 100 yards - and it was incredibly windy that day too!

Bookham won the Astor Trophy beating all other counties, and ahead of Sussex by just 10 points. Every shot counted!

In other matches that day, Surrey won the County Sextette, shooting 20 shots at 50m and 100yds again where we beat the National record score for the competition by 15 points. The same County team then went on to shooting 60 shots at 50m (the wind had not let up!) to win again and also taking the Ladies

50m trophy for teams of three. Our team was made up of three ladies and three men with Bookham RC supplying three team members including the County Captain. It was a pretty amazing day for Bookham RC and for Surrey!!

This shows Bookham Rifle Club has some of the best shooters in the UK. They lend their expertise freely to encourage, teach and share their knowledge and help our members become more proficient and enjoy the sport of Target shooting. This could easily be you. We welcome all ages, gender and abilities to take up this great sport. We have all the equipment you need to get started, or to pick up where you left off. Search for Bookham Rifle Club online to make an application to join your local club!

# Eastwick Road Church

Harvest Festival was celebrated early October with a lunch including a wide selection of apple crumbles. Peter Pan Playschool had a short service in the church with all food donations going to START in Leatherhead.

Looking ahead to Christmas there will be an Advent Carol Service at 11am on Wednesday December 4th with refreshments from 10.15am organised by the Anna Chaplain Liz Tapp. The Golden Years group will be having a Christmas Lunch at 1.15pm at the church. Tickets will be available from November. Phone Nicole on : 01372 453473.

Golden Years continues to meet throughout the year on Wednesdays at 2pm – 3.30pm, 1st and 3rd at Bookham Baptist Church and 2nd and 4th at Eastwick Road Church.



Any aspiring knitters are welcome to join the Knitting Group which meets every Tuesday 10am to 12.00.

**Sue Ferguson**  
Church Secretary.



# Leatherhead and District Twinning Association



Our summer garden party on 2nd September was a great event in which we quaffed excellent champagne given to us by our French friends in honour of our 20 year partnership. We also raised a glass to Joyce Marshall, a long standing member, who celebrated her 100th birthday.

We want to thank Bridget Carr for her contribution to the Association. Bridget was Chairman of Mole Valley District in 2004 when we signed the partnership agreement with Triel-sur-Seine. The AGM on November 12th was a great opportunity to come and meet members and join us in our partnership with our great French partner town. The

subscription for the year is £15pp, under 18s are free, so it is great value to join as a family.

The newsletter with photos of our 20th anniversary celebrations is now on our website [www.friendsoftriel.com](http://www.friendsoftriel.com). There you can see a picture of the two beautiful iron sculptures designed by Lucy Quinnell of The Fire and Iron Gallery, one of which we gave to the Triellois and the other which will be displayed in Leatherhead Theatre in the near future. This work was made possible through a grant from the Thomas Flack Trust.

If you are a lover of any aspect of France – its language, culture, cuisine – why not consider joining us? You will be part of a friendly group which is already planning the next visit to Triel-sur-Seine. Please ring the number below if you would like to learn more.

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# St Lawrence Primary School

## Local school receives national recognition for world-changing work

St Lawrence Primary School receives national accolade for embedding “Be the change” principles across the curriculum

An Effingham primary school's commitment to “green action” has won praise from a national awards scheme.

St Lawrence Primary School has been named runner up in the “Primary Awards For Green Education in Schools” (PAGES) green action category. The accolade recognises the school's ‘Be the change’ whole-school curriculum, which encourages children to learn how humans can impact positively and create a lasting legacy.

Tom Dell, Partnership Principle, said: “Our school curriculum provides children with meaningful opportunities to make positive

contributions to society and the environment more widely. It empowers them to 'Be the change' they wish to see in the world. It's fantastic that this work, and its impact, has been recognised by PAGES.

“Some 270 entries were submitted for the award, so to be selected as one of only a handful of runners up, against such fierce competition, is hugely motivating and validating for both our staff and our children.”

The school's “Be the change” curriculum is based on the themes of “impact”, “sustainability”, “fragility” and “equality”. Each theme focuses on specific learning enquiries that develop children's understanding of these.

The 'Be the Change' Curriculum approach is now fully embedded across the school providing children with the knowledge, skills and opportunity to make positive contributions through their 'Great Works'.

Children share their learning beyond the classroom to make positive contributions to the world around them.

The Primary Awards for Green Education in Schools (PAGES) is a new awards scheme for primary schools in the United Kingdom. It aims to assist and encourage environmental education for young people aged 5-11. They promote cross-curricular work on the environment and any work schools are doing that covers any kind of environmental issue can be entered.



# Mole Valley Silver Band



## Silver Band Sings In the Rain!

The Mole Valley Silver Band (MVSb) has played in some grim weather over the years. But the forecast for our September Sunday gig at Guildford Castle bandstand braced us for the worst. The musicians were keen to stage their Guildford comeback: we last appeared there before Covid, not rain, stopped play. The setting in the castle gardens is a band favourite, a gently sloping, tree-shaded lawn next to a bowling green.

But trees don't shade you much from lashing rain, and why endure a soaking if no-one comes out to listen — even to Singing in the Rain?

Never trust the forecasts: Guildford's nearby

Tunsgate thronged with shoppers and coffee-sippers as we played that dry afternoon (pictured), and enough of them crossed Castle Street to make a decent audience for Pirates of the Caribbean, Country Roads, Dancing Queen and many more of our chosen tunes. Including Singing in the Rain.

Now the band is gearing up for the annual Christmas concert on its home turf, at Fetcham Village Hall, on Wednesday 18 December. This is another event band members look forward to. As in previous years, MVSb will play its own set of marches, film and TV themes, classical themes and popular tunes. The £10 ticket price includes tea or coffee and a mince pie!

Meanwhile, our Training Band, led by Roz Crotaz, welcomes musicians of all ages and abilities: all you need to join the fun is enthusiasm and a bit of commitment. If you

don't have an instrument, perhaps because you thought your playing days were over, we'll lend you one.

Our website [www.molevalleysilverband.co.uk](http://www.molevalleysilverband.co.uk) has more on this and much else, including a history of our band and the others in this part of Surrey that led to its formation.

For concert tickets or any other info contact our secretary, Sarah Kent, on 01372 456176, email [secretary@molevalleysilverband.co.uk](mailto:secretary@molevalleysilverband.co.uk).



# Fetcham/Bookham Chicago Bridge Club

Fetcham Bridge Club moved to the Harrison Room at the Barn Hall in January 2023 and has been rebranded as Fetcham/Bookham Chicago Bridge Club. We are small but beautifully friendly and would welcome new members.

We meet on a Wednesday afternoon for three hours of sociable bridge at 1.15pm. We stop mid-session for refreshments and chat.

A free taster session is offered. We will always try to accommodate single players but as most members have a regular partner please endeavour to bring a partner with you! We are looking forward to Christmas when we share lunch, play a few hands and award a couple of annual prizes.

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# The Plastic Free Bookham Project



Our project to gain Plastic Free Community status for Bookham continues and is now over 85% complete.

Local business Hit The Trail recently became a Bronze level Plastic Free Business Champion, having eliminated three different items of single-use plastic. We need just four more local businesses to gain accreditation to reach our target number. Farnham has recently become Surrey's first Plastic Free Community, having been working towards the accreditation since 2021.

Alongside the project we aim to raise awareness on reducing waste and recycling. As we've previously mentioned, Bookham's

Residents Association has helped us develop a search tool where you can find local recycling points for a wide variety of items (see the Reduce Reuse Recycle section on [www.bookhamresidents.org.uk](http://www.bookhamresidents.org.uk)).

We'll be reviewing and updating the content as a result of recent changes, including, sadly, the closure of the long-running Tadworth Terracycle collection scheme. However there is also a scheme supporting West Ashted School with a collection point in Leatherhead. There may be a collection point in Fetcham too by the time you read this.

We've also previously mentioned the Refill app ([www.refill.org.uk](http://www.refill.org.uk)). This originally just listed places where you can refill reusable water

bottles, but has since expanded to also show cafes and food stores that accept reusable coffee cups and/or containers.

We've noticed that the list of Bookham businesses is out of date so we'll be looking into getting that updated. If you run a business that's started up in Bookham in recent years and are interested in registering as a Refill location, please do let us know.

We're also interested to know if any local businesses offer a discount for customers who bring a reusable cup. To find out more about the project and the objectives we have to meet, visit our website [www.plasticfreebookham.org.uk](http://www.plasticfreebookham.org.uk) or email us at [pfcbookham@gmail.com](mailto:pfcbookham@gmail.com) We're also on Facebook as PlasticFreeBookham.

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## Bookham Flower Club

The weather and slugs this summer resulted in fewer flowers in the garden but members still managed to enter our monthly competitions, and our September demonstrator found enough in her garden to give us a wonderful display of floral designs using mostly home-grown blooms. Sue Flight is a National Demonstrator living in Sussex where she has a walled garden making some members quite jealous!

Claire Bryant brought us 'And now for something completely different' in July with an interesting mix of flowers and mechanics matched by her stories and useful information.

Our August Garden Party meeting had its venue changed at the last minute due to extreme heat forecast for the day! Fortunately,



the Harrison Room at the Old Barn Hall was available and our cream tea was enjoyed there, out of the sun.

Some of our members took part in two NAFAS shows this summer. The Surrey Area of NAFAS

held a show in July, in Ashted, entitled 'Green Planet'. Member Jayne Ellis, was awarded the trophy for 'Most Beautiful Flowers' used in her entry in the class 'Bee Friendly'.

The team of Pat Crawford and Liz Rosser were awarded third place in the Inter-Society Class. Anne Peck and Pamela Askew were on the committee for the Floral Art Show at the Wisley Flower Show in September. Club members Chrissie Cemm and Sue Slark received Commended awards, and Pat Crawford and Jayne Ellis were awarded Very Highly Commended for their Inter-Society entry in a show of very high standard.

The club welcomes new members. [bookhamflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:bookhamflowerclub@gmail.com)

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## The Grange

Over the last few months, The Grange has been buzzing with activity and new initiatives. One remarkable achievement was our sponsored swim event, where The People We Support collectively swam the English Channel three times!

This incredible feat demonstrated their dedication and enthusiasm, raising significant funds towards an accessible path to our newly installed greenhouse. Furthermore, in Horticulture, work has begun refurbishing existing outbuildings to create suitable classroom spaces for use during inclement weather.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting lineup of events. In September there was an exhibition featuring our pottery at The Watts Art Gallery.

Next day Heritage Day offered the community a chance to explore the rich history of The Grange and its impact on Bookham since the 1300s, featuring guided tours and historical exhibits

In October, a Firewalk challenge was a thrilling event when participants walked barefoot over hot coals, symbolising the overcoming of personal obstacles and fears. The Autumn Fair during half term week offered children and adults a chance to unleash their creativity in hands-on workshops and browse our unique range of gifts.

For Bridge enthusiasts, Café Bridge will take place in Cobham on November 20th, while on February 18th, Times Bridge Correspondent Andrew Robson OBE will return for his 12th masterclass at The Old Barn Hall.

As Christmas approaches, The Grange will host its annual Carol Concert at The Menuhin Hall on 7th December. This event promises to be a highlight of the season, with The People We Support showcasing their talents alongside local choral societies. It promises to be a heartwarming community gathering, ringing in the festive season.

We are immensely grateful for the continued support from our volunteers, donors and community partners. Their contributions help us provide exceptional services and opportunities for individuals with disabilities. We look forward to seeing everyone at these events; more details can be found on our website at [www.grangecentre.org/events](http://www.grangecentre.org/events) or follow us on social media.



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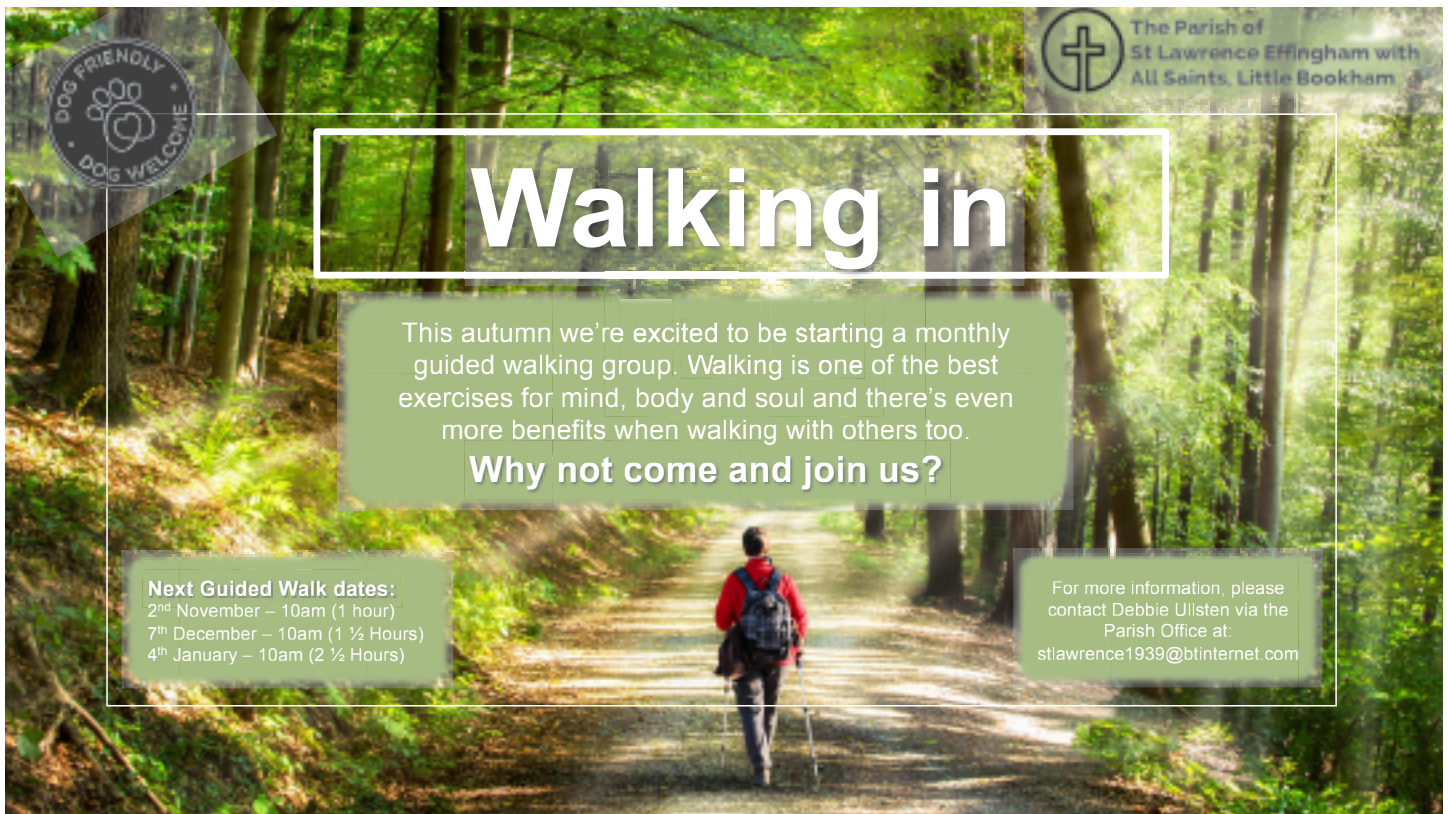




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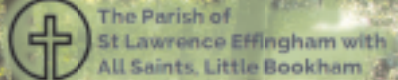
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Keep up to date with what is going on around the village.

Make sure you keep your organisation's details up to date and let us know if you have an event coming up.







# Walking in

This autumn we're excited to be starting a monthly guided walking group. Walking is one of the best exercises for mind, body and soul and there's even more benefits when walking with others too.

**Why not come and join us?**

**Next Guided Walk dates:**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 10am (1 hour)  
 7<sup>th</sup> December – 10am (1 ½ Hours)  
 4<sup>th</sup> January – 10am (2 ½ Hours)

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