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From the Chairman

Thank You! A very big thank you to those who responded to our appeal so generously.

We have received individual donations varying from £1,000 to £5 totalling over £6,000 as well as donations from affiliated organisations amounting to another £2,600.

This is a massive help during this very long period with virtually no letting income coming in.

We must also acknowledge the support from HM Government in the form of grants whilst we have been closed altogether including a recent one which will enable us to help groups start meeting again in possibly uncertain times to start with.

Halls - your halls are pristine and ready to receive you back as soon as you wish and are allowed! Roger has been working throughout to keep them ready and is happy to discuss what you can and can't do, and when, based on the information we receive from the Government. Hopefully from June 21st social distancing requirements will be removed, or eased substantially, to make indoor large meeting possible. We look forward to seeing you!

Open Gardens – you will see from the front cover that this is going ahead on Sunday June 27th. It promises to be a great day with lots of new gardens to enjoy and refreshments at the Old Barn Hall to keep you topped up. An opportunity to get out, see nature's beauty and meet friends along the way.

Village Day – postponed from June but will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August at the Old Barn Hall and Field. Music, fun, food and stalls with a fancy dress competition in the arena with the theme 'Nursery Rhymes'. There will not be a parade from the High Street this year.



Keith Stark

THE OLD BARN HALLS – REOPENING

The Governments Roadmap for lifting Covid19 restrictions mean that we can reopen the halls in stages

Step Three: 17 May

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- Controlled indoor events can take place with up to 50% capacity and social distancing.

The "rule of 6" will apply to indoor events. Guidance on social contact between friends and family will be reviewed.

The Covid19 secure main hall and Harrison Room will be open from the above dates for the activities allowed with Covid19 Special Conditions of Hire applying.

Step Four: 21st June

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What's Happening

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Bookham Food Festival

Bookham Food Festival - 11th September 2021

A group of local residents have come together to launch a new and exciting event for the village that is intended to revitalise the spirit of the community after the lockdown. Bookham Food Festival will be day of street food, local produce, craft beer and gins, live cookery demonstrations and great music in the sun (or under cover in the marquee).

The Founders of Bookham Food Festival commented "After such a traumatic year for so many people, we wanted to create an event to bring the local community together, celebrate and support our local businesses and help put Bookham on the map with fantastic food, top chefs and great entertainment for all. We are keen to engage with local businesses and are looking forward to welcoming people from far and wide to enjoy the festivities".

For those people looking for more than just great food and local produce the festival will also have family-friendly fun and games, DJs, cooking demonstrations from BBC Masterchef winners and local food heroes and above all, provide a unique opportunity for the community to come together and have some good old-fashioned fun.

There are a variety of ways for local businesses to get involved and the organisers are actively seeking sponsors and volunteers.

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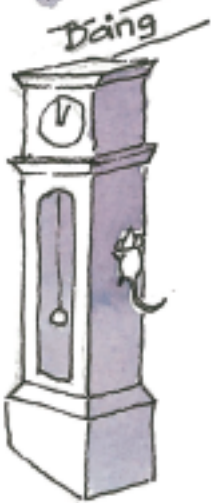
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Popcorn, Candyfloss & Drinks stall - all the stock is provided but we need someone to run the stall on the day please.

General help - help setting up and breaking down at the beginning and end of the day.

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Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club

It's not just May – it's - we will!



Yes, the opening of the indoor bowling should be underway on the 17th May in accordance with the Government's current road map. At the time of writing

this should be in line with the Fusion centre opening for indoor activities, and assuming the advice from the IBA is not conflicting - MVIBC will be ready to go. We know that everybody is very keen to get back into the game, pick up on the exercise and meet old friends again. It will also allow time to repair the damage caused to the woodwork and furniture by those practice bowls being sent up and down the lounge or corridors at home .

The previous facilities created to comply with the Covid regulations remain in place for player's protection. And it's a safe assessment

that the majority of players will have least had their first vaccination, so what further delay can there be? We are looking for some more help on the management committee, where there are a couple of important vacancies that need to be filled. So if anyone feels they can spare some time to help with the functioning of the club - then please get in touch for more details. There will be exciting times ahead as we return to 'normal' – they are great team to work with and it's very rewarding to see how much enjoyment our members get from the whole bowling experience.

We will likely be following the bowling system that we had in the run up to last Christmas, with internal league matches running regularly in the mornings, afternoons and evenings each week. As we settle to a fully unrestricted level of play – playing schedules and further

announcements will be made, so it is important that all MVIBC members - watch your emails.

If you would like to find out why indoor bowling is so popular and share the benefits available, details can be found on our website at www.mvibc.co.uk . You can also email mail4mvibc@gmail.com or talk to our Membership Secretary on 01372 289873

Michael Mackie



We have had a very busy Spring Term. The children have enjoyed our virtual singing sessions with Gracewell of Bookham as well as maintaining contact with 'Nanny Moira' who we have adopted from the local 'adopt a church granny or grandad' scheme launched for Christmas.

The children have continued to enjoy regular 'well-being walks,' exploring the world around them as well as lots of different learning activities in the garden. The sunshine has been very welcome too! Topics this term have been 'Spring and Growing' which has included the children looking closely at photos of themselves as babies and comparing them to how they look now. The children have planted a range of seeds to grow including sunflowers, tomatoes, pumpkins, cucumbers and carrots. They have been watering and looking after the seeds. Let's hope they grow!

Next term we are looking forward to lots of sunshine and outdoor activities. The eldest children will be preparing for their transition to school. The topics for next term include 'Transport' and 'Creatures of the World.'

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Girlguiding - Leatherhead Division

A Bookham family is continuing the family tradition of being involved in the Girlguiding and Scouting movement – inspired by a photograph taken more than a century ago.

Douglas George Theodore Smith is pictured in 1920, alongside the founder of the world Scouting and Guiding movement, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Smith was a close friend of Baden-Powell and was very involved in scouting and charity work throughout his life.



A century later, Douglas Smith's great great granddaughter Rosie Dunn is a member of 7th Bookham Brownies and her six year old brother Harry is a Beaver with 1st Bookham Scouts. Rosie and Harry's Mum Emma was a Brownie and Guide as a child and their grandmother Ruth ran a Brownie unit in East Sussex.

9-year old Rosie is delighted to keep the family tradition going. She said: "I love Brownies, we always do so many interesting things! We were talking about the history of Guiding on Zoom recently and when Lord Baden Powell was mentioned, I was so proud. I love the photo of my great grandpa – it's a really big thing in our family!"

Emma Dunn says there are so many positives for children who take up Guiding and Scouting: "I love the fact that through Brownies and Beavers, my children get to meet other youngsters from different schools and backgrounds. They're constantly learning important life skills, which helps build their

confidence. They really feel that they've achieved something. It's so important for them both to be involved".

For more information about Girlguiding in the Leatherhead Division, including volunteering for one of the local groups, contact Christine Moss on ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk To find out more about 1st Bookham Scouts, contact Christine Whale on christine@1stbookhamscouts.org.uk



The Plastic Free Bookham project – Transition Bookham



Unsurprisingly, progress on the Plastic Free Bookham project has been slow since our last article. In January we held a steering group online, at which we agreed to put the project on hold until later in the year when shops have reopened and community activities are able to resume.

Our current focus is on recruiting businesses and Community Allies to take the plastic-free pledge:

if you'd like to get involved on behalf of a local business or organisation, please look at our website plasticfreebookham.org.uk to see what's involved and contact us at pfcbokham@gmail.com.

In March we attended an online meeting of Mole Valley District Council Environment Forum to hear about progress on the council's climate strategy. There's now a section on the molevalley.gov.uk website with lots of information about how residents can live a more sustainable lifestyle in relation to food, the home, travel and reducing, reusing and recycling. Visit the Community → Climate Change & Sustainability → Going Green section of the website for lots of helpful ideas.

At present Transition Bookham is not intending to carry out any activities outside of the Plastic Free Bookham project, as unfortunately there are not enough volunteers to take on the organisation of any other events. If you would be interested in helping out in future, or would like to organise a local one-off environmental event under the Transition Bookham umbrella, please email us at transitionbookham@gmail.com.

To keep-up-to-date with the Plastic Free Bookham project please like and follow PlasticFreeBookham on Facebook. We also still have the Transition Bookham Facebook page and Twitter account @ttbookham where we share items of environmental interest.

Great Bookham Belles WI

Well, what a full year it's been, full of lockdowns, rules and u-turns. Hopefully many of us have had our first vaccinations and the world is looking a much brighter place. Still not allowed to meet up the Belles have continued with their zoom meetings and January saw us all trying to work off the lockdown and Christmas eating with a fabulous Zumba Zoom with Tessa, a superb Zumba instructor and one of our Belles!! It was fun and lively and a great start to 2021.

Our Environmental Group is growing and being very innovative they presented us with a fantastic speaker in February – Fi Ball who is the Group Director for the Bigger Picture at Sky and she is responsible for all of Sky TV's environmental initiatives. She gave us a wonderful insight into what was happening globally at Sky and what we could do to reduce our carbon footprint locally. We also planted new trees in our gardens as part of the BBC Countryfile 'Plant a tree' campaign.

In March we had the most enlightening speaker in Andy Thomas who blew our minds

with his fabulous talk on Conspiracy Theories. We were all gripped as he went through history right up to today telling us some unexplained theories on incidents that have happened. It was very thought provoking and appeared that some of our husbands enjoyed the talk too!!!!

It has been the most trying and testing time for us all. However, the Belles have continued with their kindness and generosity in our community collecting Easter treats for the community fridges in Bookham & Dorking. We donated bags and bags of craft making bits for our friends at Bronzefield Bees, the WI in HMP Bronzefield in Ashford, Surrey, and made cake/treats for our NHS colleagues in the Covid Wards at Epsom Hospital.

We are extremely proud of all of our members who have stepped up during these hard times, keeping our spirits up and showing us what true community is all about. We look forward to the coming months when hopefully we will be able to meet up again as a whole WI.



Bookham Flower Club

Our AGM was conducted in March via Zoom. The reports were short and the only award to be given was one for service to the club which went to Valerie Wilson for all her work sending out emails to members, keeping them in touch with messages from the chairman, quizzes and our photographs for online shows.

We then looked forward to a floral art demonstration, again via Zoom, given by Kathryn Austin from her home in April. Her

title was "Wood you believe it" and she used a variety of containers made of wood, using colour and shape to complement the containers. She had sourced her flowers from several supermarkets and a nursery. Her designs were relatively small so that they would be possible for us to try ourselves at home and she gave us some useful tips.

May 7th is National Flower Arranging Day and for this we have been asked to put

arrangements in our front gardens for passers-by to see. We hope you see some.

NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) has organised a National Virtual Show in April with entries by photograph and demonstrations on YouTube. These can be accessed through the NAFAS website and their Facebook page.

The Grange

We wanted to say a huge thank you to all our supporters. Whether it be donating, volunteering your services or buying something from our online shop. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic community to support us so we can continue supporting people with learning disabilities to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

There is always lots going on at The Grange and we recently celebrated the opening of our New Multi Use Space funded by a grant from the Community Foundation for Surrey, Surrey Coronavirus Response Fund Phase 2.

Thanks to this generous funding our former Conference Room has been transformed into our new 'multi use space' for the people we support to use for key sessions and socialising.

The room features a wall-mounted large screen TV/sound system, Alexa-controlled lights, blinds, and audio, a range of comfy

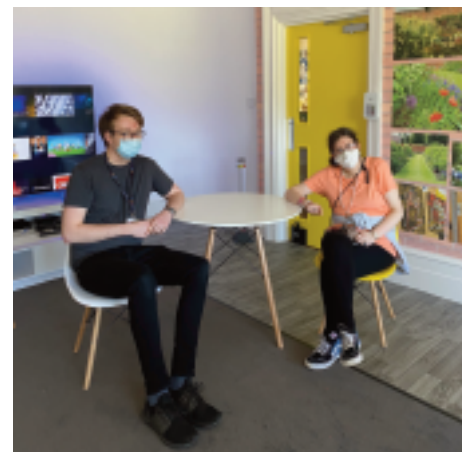
seating to suit all requirements and a bespoke Grange wall vinyl designed and installed by KallKwik Leatherhead. We would also like to say a special thanks to local office designer James Cornwell who gave his time for free to design the room for us.

We are all thrilled with the way the room has turned out and it will be enjoyed for years to come. Be sure to have a look at it yourself when we open again for Simply Scones and Cuppa & Cake, hopefully we will be able to



welcome you all back soon.

In the meantime, please be sure to follow us on social media and or sign up to our newsletter and we can keep you up to date on all our news and wonderful products we are producing for our shops.



Royal National Lifeboat Institution

After a long break I am again doing my favourite pastime sailing a safety boat on the River Thames.

I do this for two sailing clubs and one Sea Scouts troop. Last year I only went out on the Thames once. This is very much unlike the RNLI boats which had the busiest summer in the 195+ years it has been in existence.

It costs a lot of money launching a lifeboat and our income has suffered from our volunteers being unable to raise money for our funds.

I have always been impressed by how generous people are but, when I was selling souvenirs just before Xmas, the response was way above anything I have ever seen.

On behalf of the RNLI I would like to say a big thankyou to all of our supporters in Bookham.

If you would like to become a helper for the Bookham and Leatherhead Branch of the RNLI please ring me on 07952 221289 or Email bywaters@aol.com.

Richard Bywaters

Bookham Seniors Computer Club

Can you identify the device in this photo?

The answer is an ICL hand 80-column card punch dating from the early 1970s. Punch cards were used widely to input and store data for specialised data processing equipment in the 1900s but online terminals, magnetic tape and hard disks made them obsolete by the end of the twentieth century.

Bookham Seniors Computer Club (BSCC) does not teach its members how to use card punches but provides help on using modern devices such as desktop computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones and applications such as Windows 10, email, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, WhatsApp, YouTube and Zoom. These are some of the topics that will be covered during the club's summer term programme which started with an Open Day

on Friday 16 April and runs until Friday 2 July 2021. These sessions will continue to be held via Zoom video-chat and start at 10:00 and run for about one to two hours. On the first Friday of each month the club holds a general meeting to provide updates and other news as well a short quiz. The club is considering running some sessions during July and August but details have yet to be decided. The programme, as well as other information about the club, can be viewed on our new website at bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk.

The autumn term will start with its AGM at 10:00 on Friday 10 September 2021 hopefully back in its normal home of the Little Bookham Village Hall but this is to be confirmed nearer the date.

The committee will continue to provide help to its members by email, telephone and occasionally by remote connection with

answers to questions, advice and solutions to computer related problems and will keep its members up-to-date, including details of our summer programme, via email and its website at bookhamseniorscomputerclub.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. New members are always welcome.



Bookham Bowling Club

Many thanks to those that took part in our Come & Try Day, With a little more practise you will soon be bowling during the summer and getting over the Lockdown calories.

The club has been following all the Government rules regarding Covid alongside those issued by Bowls England. We are Covid compliant and looking forward to opening up the club house when we are allowed.

The first part of our season has meant that several early matches have had to be cancelled till later in the year. We look forward to hosting matches in late May and early June. Our green

is looking bright and ready to be used. Our Management & Playing committees have worked very hard to get us ready to start bowling.

We hope to support the Bookham Village Day this year if all goes well and continue our quest to raise funds for the Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance.

Please check our website for more information and we would like to hear from you.

www.bookhambowls.co.uk Richard Sealy - press officer 01372456280 07857617693



Local RSPB Group – Dorking and District



The local RSPB group for Bookham is a friendly group that provides members with a range of bird watching walks and relevant talks. We are all looking forward to the restrictions being lifted, but we have continued through the lockdown with a series of really interesting talks via Zoom and occasional 1 to 1 socially distanced walks.

Over the last few months we have got

together for occasional "coffee mornings" on Zoom and had talks on ospreys in Cumbria; a French nature reserve in La Brenne; an introduction to bird watching session and a talk about visits to Estonia and Madagascar; all supported with some wonderful photographs.

Our full programme will be published soon in our Newsletter (published three times a year) and is made available on our website (search on Dorking and District RSPB local group) or on Facebook (RSPB DORKING). For the Spring we plan:

- A weekend Walk to Westcott in May
- Mid-week walks in May to Knepp Estate, Thursley and RSPB Pullborough.
- More monthly Zoom talks on a range of topics.

If you would like more information do please contact me via email glenn.carmic@btconnect.com.

Glenn Carmichael

Weekend Walks Leader



Leisure Learning Current Affairs Classes

Leisure Learning has now been running its two classes in Bookham for 14 years and despite the pandemic we have had a very busy season with many different speakers all giving their talks on Zoom. Among the many subjects discussed have been China, the US Election, the two Koreas, the UK's relationship with Europe, how Covid will change our lives and the British Empire – was it a force for good?

Our speakers have included retired headmasters, travel writers, a former British Ambassador, an Iraqi born engineer and an Emeritus Professor. They bring their own brand of expertise to their special subject using a PowerPoint presentation for the first half of the two hour meeting, then after a coffee break it's question time with lots of interchange of ideas.

Despite the lack of face to face contact, the Zoom sessions have worked extremely well with no technical issues. Because there are no geographic limitations to our search for speakers, we have found people hundreds of miles away to give their presentations as if they were in the same room!

Our attention is now focused on next year starting towards the end of October through to early April. We are continuing to run the classes on Zoom until Christmas before (if circumstances permit) returning to our Church Halls.

Despite the serious content of the classes, we hope to reinstate the social side with Christmas and Easter buffet get togethers for members. While we currently have a short waiting list for the year 2021-22, it is always

worth registering your interest in case there's a space after renewal invitations have gone out in July.

Each of the 20 classes lasts two hours and there are identical sessions for morning and afternoon classes on Thursday mornings and afternoons. There's no paperwork and you're in a comfortable environment listening to expert commentary on domestic and world events followed by a healthy exchange of views.

Because we run the courses ourselves, we have low overheads and the projected cost for the year ahead is £75 for the 20 sessions. If you do join us, you will get a warm welcome from existing members. To find out more or even join one of these classes, call TERRY on 01372 454223 or 07570 133838 or e mail terryhulme@outlook.com

Bookham Butterflies WI

Members of Bookham Butterflies received a surprise Easter goody bag, containing chocolate treats, an Easter greetings card – and a small packet of sunflower seeds! Prizes will be awarded for the tallest sunflower and the largest flower head grown over the coming months, with progress pictures being shared on our Facebook page.

As lockdown gradually lift, face-to-face gatherings are starting to resume, within government restrictions, including some members getting together for a garden catch up and a meeting of the Mahjong group.

Monthly meetings are continuing on Zoom – in recent months we have had our usual eclectic mix of speakers! Paulus the Cabaret Geek transported us back to the clubs of Berlin and Paris more than a hundred years ago during his talk about the history of cabaret.

Paulus has worked as a singer, compère, cabaret teacher, mentor, producer, public speaker and as a judge on the TV show “All

together Now”. As well as giving us a fascinating talk – in full cabaret costume – Paulus also sang and performed three wonderful songs on the ukulele, including of course the legendary “Life is a Cabaret”.

We also enjoyed a very entertaining (and interactive!) talk from Jo May, a percussionist. Jo taught us how to play the spoons, giving us various tips on technique. Having raided our kitchen drawers for some “instruments”, we all had a go, but thankfully for those taking part, with Zoom on mute! We have further speakers and activities planned for virtual monthly meetings in the near future, talking about subjects as diverse as foraging and what happens behind the scenes of TV quiz shows.

Throughout lockdown 3, members were kept entertained by regular quizzes, emailed by our resident quizmasters, member Linda Rockett and her husband Warren. With reading becoming ever more popular while we’ve all had to stay at home, we have also set up

another book group, our third!

For more information about our WI, visit our website www.bookhambutterflieswi.com



Polesden Lacey Infant School

In March we were excited to welcome all of our children back into school. Although, like all of the local schools, we were always open for some of our children and families who needed the children to be in school, it was amazing to hear the laughter and chatter of all of the pupils together and see them running into school on March 8th.

As families dropped off and collected their children they saw our beautiful new welcome



sign. The wood, originally from Bookham Common, was donated by a parent, and had the amazing illustrations and wording burnt on by a very talented mum and finally another set of parents spent an afternoon putting it up.

Over my year and a half of being Headteacher parental support has been a constant. With their help we have continued to develop our woods, allotment, pond, orchard and wildflower meadow and they are always there supporting their children with their learning. With the help and guidance of the teaching staff, our parents enabled their children to continue with their academic progress during the lockdowns whilst also looking after their own and their children’s physical and mental well-being.

We were delighted to see the progress the children had made with their learning when they returned to school and how they have relished the opportunities for learning more now that they are in school. Huge congratulations to the staff, parents and the children themselves for being so resilient and courageous and finding the positives in home schooling.

We are now completely back into the swing of things and the teaching staff are enjoying setting challenges for the children, working hard to bring out the best in them and



instilling in them a growth mindset. When talking to the children they often tell me, ‘I’m stretching my brain!’ sometimes with a puzzled look on their face which then turns into a smile when they achieve success. As always, we have been making the most of our woodland with the children particularly thriving in our Forest school sessions.



Mole Valley Runners

lockdown challenges and the return of Group Runs!

Following the great success of the January MVR Bingo challenge, the group decided to continue the fun challenges in February and March, with again, hundreds of runs taking place keeping people active and providing a fun challenge during the long winter lockdown.

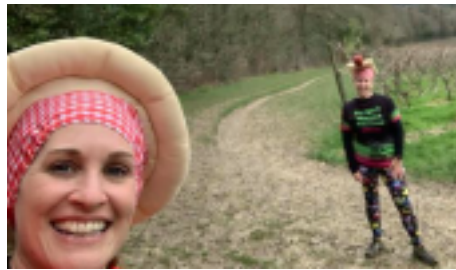
People undertook many 'buddy runs' too during lockdown, exploring the local area and finding lots of new trails. Lots of people decided to undertake exciting new challenges, often for charity, like running every day for 100 days or running 100 miles in a month. Two of our members even achieving the amazing feat of running 10 marathons in 10 days over Easter! What a fabulous achievement! Those two runners, together with another runner who is undertaking the virtual 630 mile South West Coast Path run, have raised over £3,500



for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity through their exploits.

Following the great news from the Government and England Athletics that organised group sport can now restart, the club are kicking off with 4 runs per week from 19th April. The runs will be taking place on Monday mornings, Tuesday evenings, Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. The runs will be from Bookham Common, Norbury Park and KGV playfields in Effingham. There will also be lots of additional ad hoc runs for members of the club.

At Mole Valley Runners there is no pressure to be a fast runner, the emphasis is on getting outside, doing something that is good for you and having some fun along the way! The club is an England Athletics Affiliated Club and we



are able to offer safe (fully COVID compliant) runs for all levels of participant.

Please do join us on our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/MoleValleyRunners if you are looking for some inspiration for some exercise and we would love you to come and join us for a run and make some new friends.

March Challenge

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PICTURE WITH A SCOOTER	USE A COIN TO DECIDE TO TURN LEFT / RIGHT	WEAR A BILLY HAT	WALK BACK TO DETERMINE HOW MANY WALKS / RUNS YOU CAN	FOLLOW A WOODLAND TRAIL
PICTURE OF / FOR A BRIDGE	WEAR YOUR T-SHIRT BACK TO FRONT		RUN 100M BACKWARDS	WEAR SOMETHING GREEN
BUDDY RUN 100M	RUN / WALK EXACTLY 100M	RUN A DISTANCE OF 100M FROM YOUR START POINT IN 1 MIN	SPELL OUT YOUR FAVORITE COLOR IN ROAD COLOURS	PICTURE OF A GARDEN
UNWEIGHED RUN	EASY POST-RUN WARM UP (OR SHOWER)	CHEAT A ROUTE PICTURE MULTIMAPS	RUN WITH A SALVAGE HULL (OR SHOWER)	USE ANOTHER WAY TO GET TO YOUR START OR FINISH POINT

Bookham Country Markets



We'll be open again!

On Friday June 4th Bookham Country Market will open from 10.00 to 11.30

Old Barn Hall, 55 Church Road, Bookham, KT23 3PG

Because of COVID the market has been closed for over twelve months but now, once again,

you will be able to buy high quality homemade and locally produced Food, Preserves, decorative and edible Plants, seasonal Garden Produce and a wide variety of wonderful Craft items.

Suppliers are eager to provide these wonderful products for you to come and buy.

The market will be organised on a socially distanced scheme, and you must wear a mask. It may feel rather different, but it will be a safe, and hopefully pleasant, environment. So don't be shy.

We may not be able to serve the usual refreshments, until the COVID restrictions are fully lifted, but hopefully that will not be long now.

We hope to welcome you on 4th June

Anthea Sokell, Chairman 01372 452052 email bookhamcountrymarket@gmail.com

Website: Buy local at Bookham Country Market, Surrey (wixsite.com)

Bookham Rifle Club

We have had to adhere to the various lockdown periods over the past year, briefly opening up last summer but then a longer break these past few months. It means we haven't been able to take on new members and we have had to employ a range booking system to allow our current members to come shooting in a socially distanced way with all the safeguards that are all very familiar to us all.

We have just recently opened up again and we look forward to inviting new members as soon as our coaching and probation processes are

fully allowed. This doesn't prevent anyone contacting us though and expressing an interest to come and join us - you can also arrange a visit to the ranges if you like to see the extensive club facilities and the 6 different ranges we have in operation and our new clubhouse.

It's been a strange experience for all, and it's been a moment where everyone has had time to reimagine and reach out to do things we might not have thought of doing before. Target Shooting is a wonderful sport and can be quickly learned and is always something



you can progress in. If it's something that sparks your interest, please link to our website and send us your contact details www.bookhamrifleclub.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you !

The Dawnay School

Wow what a year! The Friends decided this year we would work on the school's wish list and spend! Our infant children have benefited from a new train. 'The Dawnay Express' steamed in during the Christmas break. Both infant playgrounds have had their markings repainted. I'm sure you'll agree it looks refreshingly beautiful, bright and bold. Towards the end of term Mr Moses wanted to recognise every child's achievement during this lockdown, and we were approached to



fund medals, as a 'well done'. Each and every child was recognised with a wooden medal that will make a lovely keepsake. And finally, Easter wouldn't be Easter without giving the children an Easter bunny, we even managed to find a Dawnay blue bunny!

During this past challenging year we have managed to raise funds, firstly through our well supported school lottery and then after Christmas we decided to give Zoom Bingo a try! Zoom Bingo was a huge hit, the children and parents were very keen, we had over 100 people play, it was lovely to see so many friendly faces.

From Alister Moses

I have been so proud to be head teacher of the Dawnay school during this past year. I have been so proud of the resilience our children have shown. As always, a huge part of this success is due to the staff: Team Dawnay have time after time proved to be fantastic. At our last assembly of the spring term, with support



from the friends, we gave every child a Dawnay commemorative medal. The medal is to recognise the individual achievements each child has made during lockdown. They all now have something to keep, to recognise this momentous time during their education. We want them to keep it safe and use it to remember how they were all Lockdown Legends during 2021!

Peter Pan Playschool

During the spring term we were initially very quiet when the January lockdown was announced but we remained open, and children steadily returned. We focus our weekly planning on the children's new experiences and interests as well as introducing new ideas and experiences to extend their learning opportunities.

For group time we explored Chinese New Year and were all invited to join in making a Chinese dragon's head, which we worked together to decorate in stages the week before having a dragon dance using our parachute with some traditional Chinese music. We tasted some



noodles, and had a go using chopsticks. We continued sharing activity ideas for children at home on our weekly newsletter so they could continue learning and when they return still felt part of playschool.

We love stories and looking at books, so World Book Day was once again a big hit, with lots of children and staff coming in dressed as their favourite characters. We also supported Red Nose Day, as although we're a charity we feel it's important to support other charities when we can.

We are fortunate to have strong links with Eastwick Road Church, the home of Peter Pan Playschool, and Ted the Minister led a short Easter service for us at the end of term which parents could attend. We're looking forward to the summer term and helping our older children prepare for the transition to school, and hopefully being able to hold our end of term sports day event for all families this year!

Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive pre-school setting, for children from two years old until school age. We offer weekday morning sessions 9.10-12.10 during term time, with optional extended hours until 1.10 and 2.40 on Monday, Thursday and Friday. We accept Government FEET and FEE funding as well as the extended 30 hours funding.

To find out more about us please take a look at our facebook page www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool and



our website www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk Or send us an email at peterpanplayschool@gmail.com or call us on 07908 018924. We have really limited availability for September 2021, so please get in touch as soon as possible.

Louise Sutherland
Playschool Manager

The Arts Society Bookham



As with all local groups, life continues to be challenging for the Society but, also common to the groups has been our venture into Zooming. Under the expert guidance of our treasurer, Chris Rose, lectures to members continue to go without a hitch including post lecture question and answer sessions.

Unlike in background, temperament and painting style, the creative geniuses Constable and Turner transformed the art of landscape in the 19th Century. Our March lecture by the independent art historian Nicola Moorby put them head-to-head and examined their differences, their similarities, their battles and their shared triumphs.

In June Ross King will discuss the work of the 'Wild men of the North – Tom Thompson and the Group of Seven'. These landscapes of Canada's northern lakes and rugged backwoods, painted in a boldly Post-Impressionist style, had been produced over the previous decade by a collective of Toronto-based painters, including their talismanic colleague Tom Thomson, known as the 'Group of Seven'.

Timothy Walker brings a lifetime of experience as a botanist to our July lecture 'The Healing Power of Plants'. Despite being used for thousands of years, the role of plants in modern medicine is still considered to be peripheral by many people. COVID willing the talk will be followed by our traditional July drinks and nibbles.

Following the August break our September talk will introduce some of the traditional tools of the early artist. In 'First Catch a Squirrel'

Chantal Brotherton-Ratcliffe will explain how the 14th century artist Cennino Cennini's The Artists' Handbook gives us an understanding of some of the surprising materials which any artist had to master before he could begin to paint.

In September (and also COVID willing) Judy Money has organised a five day tour of the 'Historic Houses and Heritage of Norfolk' including visits to Ely, Norwich and Sandringham. It looks interesting.

Members will be kept informed but all will depend on the government response to how the virus affects distancing and social contact. Eventually, new members will be warmly welcomed. Lectures are at 7.30 on the fourth Tuesday in the month at The Old Barn Hall



<http://theartsocietybookham.org.uk/>.
Meanwhile, anyone interested in joining the Society and receiving the Zoomed talks should contact Linda Tickner via the website and she will be pleased to send information by email or in the post.

John Cook



Bookham Choral Society

As I write, we are just coming to the end of our Spring Term which we will celebrate with a short Online Concert this evening (30 March 2021). We have now had two terms of rehearsals on Zoom and while it has not been ideal to sing in this way, it is still nice to meet up with a regular group of singers on a weekly basis and to sing some lovely pieces of music.

We owe a really big 'Thank You' to our wonderful conductor Richard Robbins and our brilliant accompanist Anthony Merryweather for getting to grips with the technology and running us through our paces each week. The beautiful pieces that we have been singing this term are: 'Lux Aeterna' by Morten

Lauridsen and 'A Little Jazz Mass' by Bob Chilcott.

In the absence of the Leith Hill Musical Festival this year, we have enjoyed a special evening of the 'St John Passion' by JS Bach. Our Director Jonathan Willcocks talked us through the history of this wonderful work and we were able to sing some of the choruses. In early April the LHMF organised a special evening with Brian Kay, a former Festival Conductor and now President of the Festival.

We will return after the Easter break with our first rehearsal on Tuesday 4 May at 7.30 pm on Zoom. For the summer term we will be singing some light music from Bob Chilcott

and Rogers and Hammerstein. If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome. Just get in touch by e-mail using the address below.

Obviously we would love to be back in a 'real' situation, singing as a choir in our rehearsal room each Tuesday. We will have to wait and see how the next few months progress. It is lovely that some regulations have been lifted so fingers crossed that by the end of the year we might be able to sing to an audience.

Best wishes to you all

Cheryl Mendham

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

Bus Stop Pre-School Nursery and Forest School



The spring term has been very busy, almost all our children returned after the Christmas break which we felt was a great testament to Forest School, outdoor learning and the freedom we have to explore the amazing Polesden Lacey house grounds and the wider estate. We have spent many carefree days down in Freehold Woods building wigwams, and eating lunch cooked on the camp fire while enjoying the great themed books.

'Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Gruffalo' are two great books that come to life when you act them out in the woods. Going on a Bear Hunt fits well with our journey down to Freehold Woods as we splash in the puddles along Admiral's Walk and cut across Nursery Field swishing through the long grass. We built a bear cave in a new wooded area we have now named 'The Vine Woods'.

For The Gruffalo we divide the children into small groups and each takes a role from the story. Back at the fire square some of the children take turns making up and telling their own stories. They used the bow saw and a palm drill to make their own hazel wood

Gruffalos, enhancing holistic development through hands on experiences.

In the second half of the term we turned the Bus Stop garden into a Pirate Island as we were reading 'The Night Pirates'. We made pirate swords, fishing rods and little clay and wooden boats using hazel branches. A great opportunity for mark making, drawing treasure maps and searching for buried treasure.

We also had lots of cooking opportunities with Chinese New Year, enjoyed stir fry and pancakes cooked on the open fire and lots of

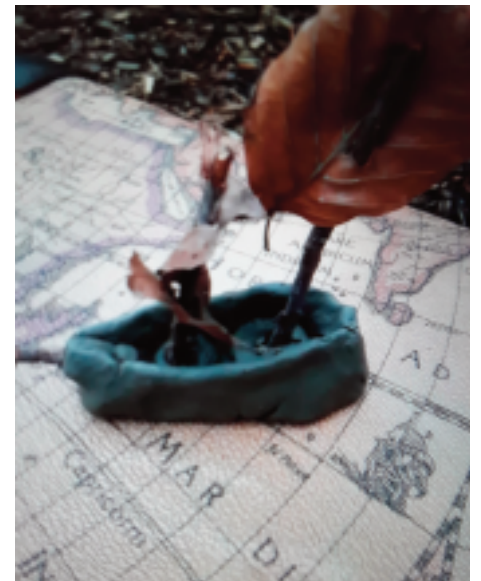


yummy Easter treats, the traditional chocolate Easter Egg Nest making and Easter Egg hunting around the garden.

Forest School Training and Outdoor Learning Workshops at Bus Stop are also going well with five more students in their final stages of becoming Level 3 Forest School Leaders and several contacts from Surrey Infant and Primary Schools wanting to enhance their own Outdoor Learning practice and environments. We plan to offer more workshops in the future,

Kate Rice

Bus Stop Owner and Forest School Trainer



Eastwick Road Church

Eastwick Road United Reformed Church recently launched a new community initiative employing a church community worker to help extend the reach of the church, particularly among those aged between 55 - 75 years of age, known elsewhere as the baby boomers or grey wave! Here, Lesley OrmistAon introduces herself and shares some of her early ideas.

Describing to you what specific activities I will be leading is at this moment akin to commentating on a football match that hasn't kicked off, but ideas are plentiful. My aim is to be a bridging piece between church and community, supporting some activities already run by the church, then initiating new interest-groups. ERC is already a church which focuses on kindness, inclusivity and care for the middle and older age groups. My mission is to extend that work specifically among 55s-75s, sharing the fun and faith journeys together.

With a background in music teaching and

youth/children's work for Surrey County Council, my early efforts might be musical, such as a 'seniors' band for 1970s-80s covers, some open mic style singing/playing sessions to grab some old 4-part harmonies and indulge our nostalgia, or a course on how to read music. I will keep on walking, writing and having coffee as before, but with new friends on the way. I know this is more random, but I'd love to see a Clean Joke Society formed where people practise their skills and make each other laugh.

My gardening skills will make you laugh anyway, but we do have an untended patch awaiting some attention which could yield a lovely harvest in capable hands. Please let me know if you have a wish to co-lead a group, suggest one, speak at one or join one. We will of course be celebrating the church calendar events with usual gusto.

All are welcome! Noting the paradox that lockdown has unlocked community awareness; a huge well done to Hylands garage

on the corner of our road, who are continuing their free deliveries to the elderly, vulnerable and needy. Please do feel free to contact me at: lesley.o@eastwickroadchurch.co.uk or call me on: 07856 193871



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Leatherhead & District Local History Society

THE STORY OF THE GRANGE

The Grange in Bookham provides homes, skills, social opportunities and care for some 130 adults with learning disabilities. The site in Rectory Lane pre-dates 1600 and was the subject of a fascinating online lecture by local historian Vivien White in March.

She showed how the original building was a yeoman's house, was then used as cottages for farm labourers, then transformed into a gentleman's residence in the 19th century and was sold to the School of Stitchery of Lace, forerunner of the present charity, in the 20th century. Its 500-year history is filled with human interest stories and Vivien hopes to complete a book on The Grange later this year, if archives open to allow her to complete the research.



Eloise training with The Grange Scottish walking team

In the meantime Eloise Appleby, today's chief executive officer of The Grange, is training hard for a sponsored 95-mile walk along the Wst Highland Way in Scotland in late June to raise funds for the charity which was hit hard by the Covid-19 restrictions.

Vivien explained why The Grange has always technically been in Great Bookham although right on the boundary with Little Bookham. Historical maps show that while jutting into Little Bookham, it was probably built on that spot to be close to strips of land in common fields overlooked by and belonging to the original owner.

One early owner was Henry Collins, a rector of Little Bookham church half a mile away. He died in an epidemic leaving a wife and young family. After the children grew up, the property was sold to a local yeoman.

It was occupied by farm labourers until the late 18th century when a rich London gentleman, Henry Seawell, who was renting a house nearby, bought it together with the land. His great-grandson developed the building into a substantial residence and gave it the name The Grange. This he sold to wealthy London solicitor, Arthur Bird at the end of the 19th century and Bird extended the house. He also bought other property in Bookham and even had the route of Rectory Lane moved in order to give The Grange a lawn in front of it and a grand entrance.

The School of Stitchery of Lace, established to give employment to nurses injured in the First World War, moved there in 1938. The name changed in the 1970s and it became a registered care home in the 1980s,

encouraging disabled adults to live more independent and fulfilling lives. Please support Eloise's sponsored walk via <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com>



Arthur Bird



The Grange

Polesden Lacey Playschool



This term our learning has been themed around senses and with the warmer weather it's been a great opportunity to get out and about in our excellent outdoor facilities.

We've been able to enjoy a number of forest sessions in the Orchard, investigating the natural environment, listening and exploring sounds, as well as a re-enactment of the Gingerbread Man, which the children particularly enjoyed.

We've been getting grubby on our gardening days and planted sunflower seeds as well as preparing the allotment for some seasonal produce over the Summer.

In the kitchen we've been making popcorn, fruit kebabs, pinwheel pastry with ragu sauce and jam tarts, along with a tasting session where the children were encouraged to describe the textures, taste and fragrance of the foods.

This term we will be raising money for the Playschool with our Sponsored Trike Ride. This has become an annual fundraiser and firm favourite as the children have so much fun completing our playground track. The aim is to complete as many laps of the track as they can in one minute, using their chosen wheeled apparatus, which in previous years has included trikes, pushchairs and scooters.

Having missed out on both our Christmas and Easter shows this year, with COVID-19 restrictions starting to ease we are hopeful that we will be able to hold a Sports Day at the end of term and are looking forward to our Bocketts Farm trip in June that was cancelled last year due to lockdown.

For further information about the Playschool, please get in touch or visit our new website. If you have enquires with regards to admissions, unfortunately we are now full for the 2021-22 academic year. If you would like to join our growing waiting list, please get in touch as soon as possible with our Admissions Officer, Alison

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Bookham Wine Club

Zoom and beyond ...

With lockdown restrictions still in place at the start of the year, the committee was determined to be able to offer members the best opportunities to enjoy some informative presentations in 2021. As many others have



done, the Club turned to Zoom, and our inaugural online meeting took place in February in the form of a light-hearted wine-themed quiz.

The Zoom programme continued in March with an invitation to a virtual wine tour of the Loire Valley with Lits Philippou. The Loire Valley is UNESCO's largest World Heritage Site and also France's most diverse wine region in terms of terroir. Lits guided us through the area's famous grape varieties in an entertaining and informative presentation as members enjoyed a glass of one of his wine recommendations; a Muscadet or a Pouilly Fumé for white, or a Cabernet Franc from the Chinon/Saumur region for the red.

Remaining in France for our April meeting, local wine educator and presenter Heather Dougherty provided a very interesting

presentation on the wines of the Northern Rhone. As one of three Certified Rhone Educators in the UK, Heather was able to suggest several different wines from the region ahead of the meeting that members would be able to buy locally.

Following the easing of lockdown rules from the end of March, plans were made to re-start the garden meetings which many members enjoyed last summer. From May to August, up to six members will meet to taste interesting wines outdoors and, looking further ahead, the committee is planning for a welcome return to the Barn Hall in September. All being well the Club will be able to start planning a regular programme of tasting events. In the meantime, you can always find out more about the Club and meetings on our website: www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk

Frances Sanders

Howard of Effingham School

Return to school

The Howard of Effingham's return to school has been greatly appreciated by us students across the local area. It has been a chance to talk to our friends and have lessons face to face with our teachers while following government guidelines. The return to school is going smoothly and teachers have been very considerate letting us get back into the school routine. Meanwhile testing of all secondary school students is going well with most students now being given their home testing kits, to test twice a week.

Home learning

During home learning we had five online lessons daily as well as work set if teachers were absent, so it was just like being at school. Even though we were learning online Howard of Effingham still managed to 'bring out the best' of all students. I found home learning a very enjoyable experience and many others did too.

Keeping us entertained

While at home the school ran many competitions, such as an art competition and a sport competition, with prizes for the winners. They also ran some online events such as the careers fair where we went onto a website with loads of different careers which we could research with just a click of a button. Towards the end of home schooling we were also given digital detox afternoons where the

last two lessons were not set and instead, we were given them for a mental health break. We set ourselves challenges such as baking a cake, seeing how far we could run in 30 minutes and many more.

Thank you, teachers, and staff, at the Howard of Effingham for making our return to school so easy and enjoyable.

by Oliver Berryman, Year 9

As a student in my final year at the Howard of Effingham, the challenges of the COVID pandemic have come thick and fast for myself and my peers in Year 11. Having already had a Year 10 marred by the first lockdown, as well as a spell of isolation in December which resulted in an intense two weeks of back-to-back mock exams squeezed in before the Christmas holidays, the news of lockdown in January and the cancelling of exams brought a strange mix of emotions for many students in my year.

Some were happy – they felt they had produced a good set of mocks and were in a strong position going forward. For others, this news brought stress, anxiety and a mix of emotions seldom seen in many young people before. To add to the challenge, the inevitable feeling of isolation presented the possibility of hundreds of Howard students feeling they had to face this alone. For many, the first lockdown had been some of the hardest months

imaginable, and lots of people (myself included) were scared to go back to a situation like last March.

I remember sitting down at my computer on the first of what would be many days of online learning joining my first lesson and being told the message which went a long way in comforting those feeling lost in a sea of anxiety and doubts. The message was simple – "right now, we do not know any more than you. But you are not alone, and we get what you are going through. Remember, we are just at the other end of the phone, and together we can get through this." It accurately sums up the Howard's attitude towards its people during this crisis.

The rest of the period of home learning raced by. While each day seemed to go on forever, the unavoidable boredom soon set in, the weeks and months flew. Before we knew it, the 8 March rolled around and Year 11 trooped in to get tested before returning to lessons a day later.

The younger years followed soon after, and the classic hubbub of school life has returned in full force. So despite the concerns about exams and final grades, all at the Howard can share a smile in the knowledge that the full daily timetable of online lessons gave everyone the routine needed to emerge from the nightmare of coronavirus stronger and more resilient than ever.

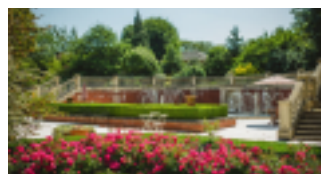
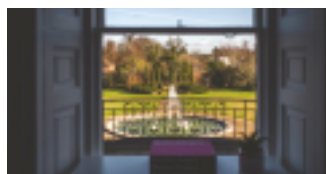
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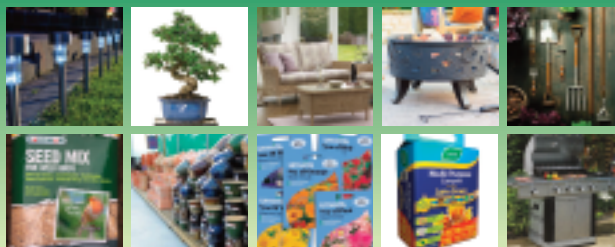
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We have a wide range of books on gardening and inspiring walks in Surrey. If you are starting to plan your next big travel adventure for when the situation allows, we can help you with travel books too. We continue to receive new books and good quality, recently published donations are also welcome to boost our stock.

From July 2021 there will be changes in the staffing at Bookham Library, due to a

reduction of staff hours and numbers of staff. Some of the library assistants may be working at another library, or leaving the library service. We have all enjoyed helping all our visitors and being such an important part of our community with our activities with schools, playgroups and village events.

Please continue to visit and enjoy the services of your local library.

Claire and colleagues,
Library Assistants, Bookham Library

Little Bookham WI

Thank goodness spring has arrived at last with longer daylight hours and flowers, blossom and bulbs opening up, as well as more shops and pub gardens. There is a feeling that things are getting better at last.

Little Bookham WI have continued to 'Zoom' meetings to their members over the past few months. In January we were treated to a recorded floral art demonstration. It was a relaxing way to spend an afternoon watching someone else creating amazing floral displays. Afterwards members chatted about how they would like to adapt the displays to their own preference with perhaps a different colour selection.

In February we had a session where members shared their personal knowledge and skills of different crafts. In March we listened to a talk

from Callum Russell explaining about the local charity 'Sight for Surrey' and how they had supported him over the years. Rebecca Dorkins, Fund Raiser and Events Organiser added background detail to the talk about the Charity's organisation. We learnt such a lot about this worthwhile local charity who not only help people with sight loss but also those with hearing loss too.

We are all looking forward, when Covid regulations permit, to meeting up in person in our main members meeting and our smaller groups. In the meantime our knitters are continuing to busily manufacture delightful knitted doctors to give to children who are visiting hospitals and clinics at this time.

Fay McGregor



The Meeting Place



We are looking forward to moving on with our lives as this summer goes on. People are still in need and we are working hard to keep in touch with people isolated or lonely in any way. We are grateful that our volunteers have been kept safe during the pandemic.

The team at the Community Fridge continue to gather and distribute food. The number of people that we deliver to has started to reduce as we emerge from lockdown and some have found new work opportunities. We operate a Help Yourself table at the front of the Youth Centre on Saturdays between 11am and 12noon. The food is there for all to enjoy and this helps reduce the amount that goes into landfill. The fridge has started a cookery course - a Fareshare initiative sponsored by Tesco with recipes devised by Jamie Oliver to encourage more people to cook from scratch. There are 15 students enjoying learning new recipes

with Judith Cox as course teacher. The photo shows Edna, our Manager, with the Certificate awarded to her by Lavender Catering acknowledging services provided in the community.

Our Telephone Befriending service is now up and running for older people in the district who may be feeling lonely and isolated. Our trained group of befrienders are in touch with individuals and hope to be face-to-face soon. Jane Bellingham can be contacted on 07596 837063 to ask for yourself or to refer someone else.

The Coffee Shop held in Bookham Baptist Church hall is hoping to reopen in the summer on Saturday mornings. There will be table service of excellent coffee and tea as well as wonderful cakes which we buy from The Grange with whom we have been partnering since we opened 10 years ago. When we reopen, we are hoping to celebrate this Anniversary. New volunteers would be welcome, do get in touch.

The Language Hub continues to offer classes to anyone who has English as a second language. Classes (currently on Zoom) are run by a friendly team of TEFL trained teachers and take place on Tuesdays in term time: Pre-Intermediate at 10am-11.30am, and Elementary level at 2pm-3.30pm. We are looking for a new qualified TEFL teacher to join the team on a voluntary basis focusing on all four skills but with an emphasis on spoken communication. Contact Kate Dove on The Meeting Place email below..



Our Lipreading Classes on Mondays from 1.30-3.30pm continue on Zoom and this works well. The summer term of ten weeks will be running into the beginning of July.

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Rainbow Pre-school



We were pleased at the beginning of this year, and with our robust Risk Assessment in place, that Rainbow could open as usual for the children. It gave them some level of normality, social interaction and lots of space and activities to explore and have fun, both inside and outside.

The children loved the snow. They made snow castles and had a pretend Ice cream shop in our outside area, where they offered a wide variety of flavours of "Snow Creams" to other children and Rainbow staff.

They also enjoyed listening and joining in with the story 'Whatever Next' about a bear that goes into space in a cardboard box rocket. This led to discussing and imagining what it would

be like to fly to the moon and back and how we could get there, what we would take etc. The children wanted to make a large rocket. We collected several large boxes which they painted and decorated some and used in their pretend play. We displayed laminated posters of all the planets in the solar system and the children, using their imaginations, flew to Mars and Jupiter etc.

In addition to our usual 'Active Learning' small group time (where all children spend time with their designated Key Person, to engage in an open ended activity that supports children's next step in their learning), this term we will be starting some small groups to support and encourage listening and attention and turn-taking skills.

These are specific activities chosen from the CSH Speech and Language Therapy pack that helps and encourages these skills which are fundamental in all areas of learning both now and in the future. These vary from a few minutes to 10 minutes and are adjusted according to the children's age and needs.

With the weather warming up, we are looking

forward to making plenty of use of the Library garden and have plenty of exciting activities planned.

Rainbow Pre-School is an inclusive pre-school rated Outstanding by Ofsted, for children aged 2 to 4 years, set in Bookham Baptist Church's large hall.

To learn more about Rainbow Pre-school please contact Heidi Watson on 01372 811313 or email: rainbow@bookhambaptist.org



Rotary, Bookham & Horsley



Rotary looking forward to the end of the tunnel!

There seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel and, barring any major setbacks, we seem to have a roadmap that will take us back to a new normality.

Since lockdown began we have continued to meet each week albeit over Zoom. Luckily, our Club members and guests have adapted to this new way of meeting, but we are all looking forward to getting together again face-to-face in July.

Our weekly Zoom meetings have seen a wide range of interesting speakers combined with

our monthly business meetings where we discuss how we can continue to help the local community even when all fundraising activity has been cancelled.

EVENTS: all events over the past 12 months were cancelled, apart from our Search for Santa competition that we ran in conjunction with local shops. We are starting to plan events for the rest of this year and the beginning of next. We are hopeful that:

- our Gala Night will take place in October
- Cycle Surrey Hills 26 September 2021. A new event for us.
- Bridge Night – will recommence in October at the Old Barn Hall.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: Our charity funding

supports many local and global initiatives, as many of you know. During the current emergency we were still able to support families at Christmas time by providing vouchers that could be used in local shops. A number of other grants have been made to support local causes.

If you like what you read about Rotary, why not take a look at our website and/or call us, or simply join our mailing list for occasional updates. Once normal service is resumed, you are very welcome to come along to a trial meeting, we'd love to see you!

For all details visit:

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Polesden Lacey Shakespeare

We are delighted to be performing once again this year on the open-air stage at Polesden Lacey, for our very special 70th anniversary production, that firm favourite *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which was the very first Shakespeare production on the Open Air Stage at Polesden Lacey in 1951.

This will be a really fun production with a fantastic cast (familiar faces and new) in beautiful surroundings. Set in the Regency period (...think Jane Austen), although our fairies are far, far more ancient and very much a part of the land itself. Our mechanicals, instead of being 'rough-handed labourers', become somewhat gender fluid, under the guiding wing of the Rev. Peter Quince – adding an extra layer of comedy to what are already hilarious scenes.

Beautiful music, stunning costumes, some quite

“out of this world,” and an idyllic setting promise to make this an afternoon to remember.

Book early to make sure you get a ticket (just in case we have to restrict audience numbers due to any Covid-related rulings). Bring a picnic, (theatre lawn open from 1pm), wallow in the atmosphere and let this glorious play work its magic on you. The magic begins at 2.30pm June 26th/ 27th & July 3rd/4th! £12, under 16s go free. Discounts for bookings of 10 or more.

Book your tickets through the Dorking Halls website: www.dorkinghalls.co.uk or call 01306 881717. Your safety is our priority, in adhering to any Covid guidelines in place at the time of the production and, in the event of changes in government Covid regulations cancelling the performances, all tickets are fully refundable through Dorking Halls.



The Friends of All Saints Little Bookham Church and St. Lawrence Effingham Church

Due to the pandemic, and lockdowns, all our planned events for the autumn never happened and so sadly there is nothing to report. At the time of writing the future looks a little more promising so hopefully by the summer things will be getting better.

However, there was one thing with which we were involved. The Friends have been managing the refreshment stall at the Monthly Market at St Lawrence Church Hall, Effingham providing tea, coffee, cakes and selling fresh

farm eggs. The market stall holders offer artisan food, drink and crafts from local businesses. It has proved to be very successful with the Christmas market the largest yet. The market is held on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10am to 2pm but will not now restart until Government regulations permit.

The Friends is a secular organisation created some years ago in order to help fund the upkeep of the 11th century All Saints Church, Little Bookham, a key part of our community's

heritage. In January 2018 the parishes of Little Bookham and Effingham were merged and subsequently it was agreed that the charitable objects of the Friends would be extended to cover the upkeep of both All Saints Church, Little Bookham and St Lawrence Church, Effingham, another 11th century building.

Membership is £20 p.a. and for further details please contact our Chairman, William Hill at membership.friends@icloud.com

Mole Valley (WI)

Members of Mole Valley WI have been continuing with Zoom meetings. In January our speaker, Sarah Lott, explained how important especially in these technological times the importance of recording our family histories. So many photos taken on mobile phones and digital cameras never make it to print so we were encouraged to dig out our old photos and label them for future generations.

We were entertained on our birthday meeting in February by Fools Gold a very talented musical duo who sang and played to us weaving the true story of The Mystery of Flannen Island and leaving us wondering what

happened to the three lighthouse men who disappeared. In March our talk was on Complimentary Therapies and Iridology. Our speaker, Debbie Lewington, was in her holiday home in Spain!

A team of eight of our gardening group have been working hard on the recently acquired Eastwick allotment. We are all looking forward to the easing of the restrictions and hopefully will be back in Fetcham Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month before too long. Our website www.molevalleywi.btck.co.uk is regularly updated and we would always welcome new members.

June Webb



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