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Spring 2020

Moist news from the somewhat damp commons

The heavy clays of the Bookham Commons retain water (you may have noticed?!), but this is probably why they are still here... it was too wet to cultivate, or for any other use apart from grazing with livestock and harvesting timber. Another advantage of these wet conditions is that the ground recovers very quickly from any disturbance, making our cleared areas hard to distinguish within a few years.

There are lots of interesting projects under way on the commons, in spite of the incredibly wet weather. Our main focus has been the reduction in the amount of Turkey Oak growing in our woodland, a task we have been putting-off for some years... and yet we still managed to get caught-out by the weather! The National Trust have a Woodland Plan agreed with the Forestry Commission and this work, along with the control of the Oak Processionary Moth, is a statutory requirement.

The Turkey Oak (Quercus cerris) is an "invasive alien" native to the eastern Mediterranean, that grows very vigorously in our wet climate,

outstripping and shading-out the English oaks, yet supporting very few species of wildlife and with timber that has no useful qualities. Our aim is to thin-out these unwanted trees and encourage the natural regeneration (from, surprise, surprise; local acorns!) of native oak saplings that will broaden the age range and structure of our woods, ensuring continuity of magnificent trees for future generations to enjoy. The harvested timber is being chipped to make bio-fuel for power stations.

We have also been quite busy on Banks Common with a very exciting re-wilding programme. No tree planting is allowed on the main body of Little and Great Bookham Commons due to their SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) status, but with the assistance of parents and pupils from Polesden Lacey Infant School, we have transplanted locally-sourced hawthorn to commemorate the retirement of Head Teacher, Mrs R Keedy. These shrubs will provide important shelter and nesting sites for the wonderful bird life of



this area. With further wetland scrapes and a bird hide planned with support from the Friends of Bookham Commons, this area ticks lots of boxes for the National Trust's Land, Outdoors and Nature Project, where we aim to make our countryside "bigger, better quality (for wildlife) and more joined-up"...so this land is an important bridge to the countryside on the western part of the commons.

Our thanks to our fantastic team of volunteers, to the wonderful "Friends" group that support the commons, to Colin Kemp for the brilliant photographs taken locally of a Kingfisher and Grey Wagtail and to you, the good people of Bookham, for your amazing support.

Ian Swinney

National Trust Area Ranger







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From the Chairman

As this is the first Bulletin in the 2020s I wish you all a very happy new decade!

What will it bring for the country and for Bookham in particular? Changes, that is for sure, but will they be for the good or not?

We have so many things going for us in these villages. Our community spirit is still strong as can be seen by the number of organisations flourishing, that our halls are bursting with bookings and the support for community events of all types.



Having said that, 2019 saw the closure of the Youth & Community Centre as well as quite a number of shops affecting the High Street, Church Road and Lower Shott. We do, however, still have one of the best village shop choice in the country and it is important that we continue to support them in the future.

We have a consultation period for the new plans for our hospitals with local meetings and details on www.improvinghealthcaretogether.org.uk and the BRA are actively involved in consulting on the MVDC Local Plan.

Talking of local support, we have been greatly helped at the Old Barn Hall by a grant of £750 from Surrey County Council and £4,500 from Mole Valley DC. The £700 went towards six new microphones in the main hall and the £4,500 was almost 50% of the cost for our new fire alarm system in the whole building. With a new dishwasher as well, we finished off the year with an expensive month.

We were surprised, and very pleased, to receive a bequest of £10,000 from the estate of the late Doreen Zoers who, with her late husband Alan, were great supporters of the BCA over many years. We are looking to put this towards refurbishing the Harrison Room cloakrooms later in the year.

Keith Slark

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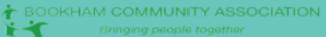
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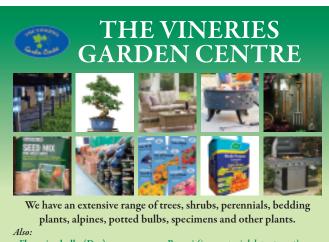


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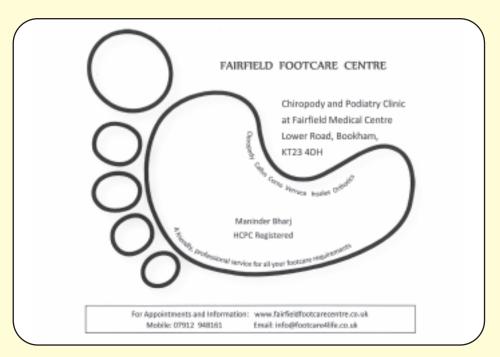
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Bookham Tennis Club

As reported in the Autumn edition of Bookhams Bulletin, our ladies team had made a good start to the 2019 season, winning their first two matches. They'd been promoted at the end of 2018 so were facing tougher opposition. They ended up third in their division which was a tremendous result so congratulations to all who played and particularly to the captain, Kate Savin.

The men's first and second teams, the mixed, and the veterans teams all finished roughly mid table in their various divisions. Not bad for a small tennis club, particularly as some had also been promoted in the last couple of seasons.

The year ended with a Christmas La Manga tournament on 22nd December which was organised by George Howard and Keith Gatford. Eighteen male and female players dressed up in festive outfits took part in a fun session lasting about three hours. Between matches players were able to make full use, for the first time, of the newly completed Social SPACE at South Bookham SPACE. The excellent facilities include meeting room, kitchen and a balcony overlooking the courts. Bookham Tennis Club helped fund the building work by hosting various events over the last couple of years including a golf day, quiz evening, gin tasting and two highly successful Summer balls at the Old Barn Hall.



If you're interested in joining this very friendly club, no matter what standard of player you are, then please go to our website for more information - www.bookhamtennisclub.org.uk

Effingham Golf Club Juniors Section

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

Juniors living in Bookham achieved notable successes in 2019. The Junior Order of Merit (best golfer of 2019) was presented to Rowan Noble by the Club Captain. Marc Bignell won the Junior Club Championship. Harry Hall was the most improved golfer having reduced his handicap by 10 shots. Other local winners included Lucas Townend, Freddie Dougherty, Max Foster, Luca Williams and Chris Rolfe.

Tom Sutherland was selected as Junior Captain for 2020. This saw him having to "drive in" on New Year's Day with the Club & Ladies

Captains in front of a massive audience of members.

2020 - Junior Membership – only £110 per annum plus subsidised coaching

The club is keen to extend the opportunity of Junior membership to existing young golfers in the local area. Much of the coaching is subsidised by the Club to make it affordable to all. The indoor simulator and coaching analysis facility is used, especially in the winter. As well as regular monthly competitions there are inter-club matches.

Some young and aspiring golfers may either not have an official handicap or not be quite up to the standard needed for immediate Junior Membership with the playing rights its provides. However, this is not a problem as

these can be addressed by the Junior Organisers in a number of practical ways that meet the individual's situation.

Juniors can enter Adult competitions but there are various conditions in respect of level of ability. At 18 years most current ex Junior members do



not have to pay the adult joining fee.

You can find out more by contacting our PGA Professional:- James Johnson. Tel: 01372 452203 (golf enquiries – pro shop) or email: jjohnson@effinghamgolfclub.com

David Cox

Local Rotarian receives Malaysian Honour

Last year we featured an article on a charity founded and run by Effingham resident and Rotarian Susan Sheward MBE.

Orangutan Appeal UK dedicated to the rehabilitation and preservation of orangutans, recently announced that chairperson and founder, Susan Sheward MBE, has been awarded the 'Title of Datuk' by the Head of State of Sabah – the equivalent to being knighted or being made a dame in the UK.

The title was bestowed at the Sabah State Palace by Sabah Head of State, Malaysia. Susan received the 'Title of Datuk' in recognition for her work to conserve critically endangered orangutans, Bornean Pygmy Elephants and the wildlife of Sabah. She was the only non-Malaysian to receive the title at the event, which is only rarely bestowed on non-Malay nationals.

Susan became involved with the plight of the orangutans whilst visiting Borneo and has been working closely with Sabah Wildlife Department and raising worldwide awareness of the critically endangered orangutan. Her charity has invested over £2 million in Sabah, which has included refurbishment of the renowned Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, sponsorship of eight local staff to work at the centre and the funding of numerous orangutan rescues, releases and translocations. It recently provided Sabah Wildlife Department's Wildlife Rescue Unit (WRU) with three fully modified rescue vehicles.

Susan said: "I am honoured to be bestowed with a Datukship in recognition for the work that both myself and my colleagues at the Orangutan Appeal UK have been involved in over the last two decades."



For more information on the charity visit https://www.orangutan-appeal.org.uk/

Bookham Baptist Children's Centre



Many of you will know that lots of Children's Centres across Surrey are sadly closing due to funding cuts. This includes the closure of Leatherhead Trinity Children's Centre last year. The good news is that Bookham Baptist runs its very own independent Children's Centre during the week for local families. There has been a real increase in demand on the Centre

with the closure of Leatherhead, so it's fantastic that the Children's Centre is able to offer so much for the local community.

Families can access all kinds of information and support from the specialist staff at the Centre, including a Family Support Worker (Emma Usher) for any families who need a little extra care and support.

Plus, in an average week at the drop-in groups the Centre sees:

2 new mums coming to Bumps & Babies for the first time for support with feeding, help with baby sling carriers and to meet other mums;

20 pre-schoolers playing with toys, playdough and craft and enjoying healthy snacks at Noah's Ark stay-and-play toddler group; and

37 children and parents/carers singing nursery rhymes at Rhyme Time group!

It also has some other services that you may be less aware of, including ETHOS. Once a month on a Wednesday people can book a 1:1 session for support in applying for jobs, writing CVs, advice and guidance around employment plus access to online courses; suitable for all ages, not just parents or families - please pass the word on to anyone who might be interested.

The Centre offers a variety of courses for the local community, including Talking Teens parenting course, Talking 2s-5s course for parents of pre-schoolers and a new Wellbeing Course, which is for everyone! 45 families benefitted from these courses in 2019.

The Bookham Baptist Children's Centre is here for the community, so do pop in and use it!

Find out more at bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk/bbcc Facebook: bbchildrenscentre

Rachel Wedd, Children's Centre Co-ordinator

Bookham Butterflies WI

Bookham Butterflies WI enjoyed a very busy build up to the festive season! Our first annual Charity Christmas Shopping Evening was held in the Old Barn Hall, raising £380 in aid of local charity Home Start, the total including a generous donation from Peter Eisenegger. A group of members visited Appletree Studios in East Horsley for another relaxing pre-Christmas evening of "Pots and Prosecco". We painted ceramics, decorations and other items such as mugs, coasters and spoon rests, to be given as Christmas gifts.

Our Christmas wreath and table decoration making sessions were very well attended as always and a group of Butterflies and their guests also travelled to Kew Gardens to see the Christmas illuminations. We followed a well-marked path through impressive displays of changing light and foliage.

The Christmas celebrations concluded at our December monthly meeting, which is also the

anniversary of when Bookham Butterflies was formed in 2014. We tucked into a special fifth birthday cake, featuring photos of some of our many activities over the last few years, washed down with Peach Bellinis or a non-alcoholic alternative. Many members wore Christmas jumpers and we were entertained by Cobham Show Choir, who sang some Christmas favourites for us. Two members won a hamper each in a raffle and we all took part in a quiz.

Amongst the speakers at our other recent monthly meetings was Galit Mersand, a professional belly dance performer and teacher. She spoke about "The transformative power of Belly Dance", explaining the huge benefits which belly dancing can bring in terms of body confidence. Galit demonstrated a number of belly dance moves, which mainly focus on the shoulders, tummy and hips, and generally not the arms and legs.

Speakers already booked for meetings early in

2020 will be talking about subjects as varied as "Walking to the North Pole", "An organised home life" and "A mission to live life without plastic".

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



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Bookham Bowling Club

The captains of Bookham Bowling Club, Richard Sealy and Shirley Prentice, were delighted to hand over a much needed cheque to the Horsley & Bookham Riding for the Disabled Club just before Christmas. The sum of almost £1,200 was raised throughout the bowls season by means of donations, fines and a dedicated charity day for them.

Pictured are Richard, Sheri with Toffee & rider from RDA and Shirley See http://www.bookhambowls.co.uk for more details of our club.



Bookham Wine Club



In November, Audrey Zarach from Malux Hungarian Wines provided us with a fascinating introduction to Hungarian viticulture with carefully chosen quality wines from family producers. With 22 wine regions and a range of terroirs, Hungary has a large home market but is beginning to export more. Interestingly, 99% of the country's winemakers ferment their wine in barrels made using the slow growing Hungarian oak, resulting in a rather different flavour profile when compared with wines aged in French or Californian oak.

This was followed, in December, by a successful and congenial 'Wines for Christmas' event presented by Heather Dougherty with a selection of wines sourced from Laithwaites. From a lovely Crémant from the Languedoc to a delicious Grand Cru Sauternes which accompanied the trio of desserts. This year we were treated to a hot main course of Coq au Vin with seasonal vegetables, all beautifully cooked and served by the Barbeque Chefs team and paired admirably with a lovely Chardonnay and a Cotes du Rhone.

Members are now looking forward to an exciting and varied programme of wine tasting events in 2020. Following the rather different format of our January meeting, "Where in the World", hosted by Deborah Zbinden, the Club will be welcoming back Ed Herzog (ExCellar) and Elliott Awin (ABS Wine)

in February to present "Australia's Best Kept Secrets" and Pippa Hayward will return in March to present "Wines from the Languedoc". This will be Pippa's second visit to the Club and follows her excellent presentation on new wave wines from Spain last year when she impressed everyone with her knowledge and choice of wines.

To find out more about our wine travels in the forthcoming year, you can check out the full 2020 programme on our website: www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk. If you enjoy wine and would like to learn more about the different grape varieties, wine production and producers from around the World, email us at membership@bookhamwineclub.org.uk. We'd be happy to welcome you at one of our future meetings.

Frances Sanders

Polesden Lacey Playschool



A happy New Year to all. We were incredibly busy in December, putting up our tree and performing our Christmas Show. The children proved they are the stars of tomorrow, singing beautifully and performing with gusto. We all enjoyed singing along with 'I'm a little angel' and 'The Reindeer Hokey Pokey' while eating mince pies and cakes. We also had a raffle with amazing prizes kindly donated by many local businesses. Please see our website for full details. A huge thank you to all of you for helping make our raffle so great, to our fantastic fundraising team for organising it and our committee for running everything. Also thank you to Father Christmas for making time in his busy schedule to visit us.

With the twinkling lights of Christmas behind us and a brand new year in front, we have started this term's topic of 'Food'. The children have been very enthusiastic when explaining which foods are their favourites (and definitely not their favourites) and why. They have discussed how we can have a balanced, healthy diet and even tried some new fruits. One day we walked to Laytons Greengrocers, where every child was given 50p to buy a piece of fruit to share at snack time. All of the children felt very grown up, paying, receiving change and taking the fruit away in bags. Thank you very much to all the staff at Laytons for helping us have such a memorable morning.

As the term continues we are looking forward

to painting with spaghetti, making gloop from custard powder and finding out about food from around the world. The children will also be making pasta necklaces, fairy cakes and making good use of our allotment amongst many other activities. As term draws to a close, we will also start rehearsing for our Easter show.

If you would like more information about the playschool, like to arrange a visit or enquire about admissions please call us on 01372 458 145 email us at alison.s.roberts@btinternet.comor visit our website - http://polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool

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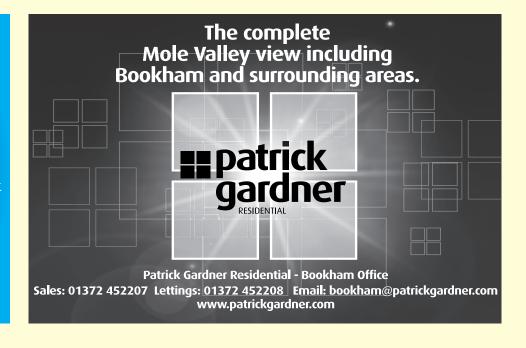
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Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club



Your local indoor bowling club moved into the New year with a full membership and a full programme of challenges for our members in 2020. This includes targeting new successes at county and national level, and Bookham members are helping in these achievements from both our ladies and gents teams.

Beside these more demanding competitions many members find playing in the weekly roll ups and/or local friendly matches will provide just the right level of involvement for a break from home based routines. Everyone can enjoy indoor bowling – a competitive game away from the cold wet days of winter, while combining the opportunity for some social buzz with easy exercise.

Disability Day is one of the club's annual events, and on Disability Day 2019 clubs from Crawley, Epsom and Mole Valley came to MVIBC to pitch their skills against each other. All players have amazing determination - and all the skills required to enjoy the opportunity to come out and play in these competitions. After an enjoyable day of bowling and refreshments, the final presentation was made by the Chairman of Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club.

In the run up to Christmas a fun day was held – known as the Chair's Christmas Event. Players dressed in seasonal costume, and along with

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a brilliant selection of food, providing fuel for the day, a winning team did emerge. Prizes for the winners and runners up were presented by the MVIBC Chairman - the winning team taking the Wealth Cup awarded by one of our sponsors

Throughout the season there are internal league matches running regularly in the morning, afternoon and evening each week, and for new members there are free coaching sessions available as required.

Come along and 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 for more information.

Michael Mackie

Bookham Library

Bookham Library has a fantastic travel section to help you with your holiday research. We are able to provide travel books from Austria to Zambia with everywhere in between. Alternatively travel around the world without leaving your armchair by reading a book from our travel writers section. Experiencing the world through someone else's eyes can sometimes open your eyes.

Have you ever found an author you love then discovered that you have read everything they

have written? The 'Who else writes like?' section on the Surrey Libraries website online reference shelf can help with suggestions to guide you to your next reading adventure. Parents may also like to go to the 'who next?' area to help with ideas to expand and encourage their children's reading.

During February half term, we will have activities and crafts with a Chinese New Year theme and a Guide Dog and handler will be visiting to give an informative talk about their

work to adults and children.

We are keen to welcome people to our new Reading Groups to meet at the library during the day, so do get in touch if you are interested. For Information on any of the above, see the Surrey Libraries website, Bookham Library Facebook, Twitter and come in to chat with us!

We look forward to seeing you soon – Don't forget Bookham Library puts the Books into Bookham!

Peter Pan Playschool



The lead up to Christmas is always a fun and exciting time at Peter Pan Playschool, and this year was no different. We were very fortunate to be invited to visit some of our friends at The Dawnay School and Eastwick Infant School to watch their nativity plays. It was very exciting to see our old friends who had moved on to school earlier in the year, and it really helped us prepare for our own nativity play which was held in the Eastwick Road Church where playschool is based. The nativity play signals the end of term, and is followed by a fun party and raffle, with generous donations from so

many local businesses. As a non-profit playschool, we rely on the funds raised at these events, so we are incredibly grateful for the support from the village and beyond.

A highlight of our Christmas preparations was a visit to Keswick House care home in Bookham, where the children and staff had made Christmas hats at home, and we all wore them along to show the residents. We also practised our nativity songs and shared a drink and a biscuit.

We decorated a tree for the Bookham Late Night Shopping Christmas tree festival at St. Nicolas Church, and took the children with us to deliver the tree. We enjoyed having a look around the church, admiring the many beautiful Christmas trees. The children gain so much from these outings to the village and local schools, and we are incredibly grateful for the support from the parents who have accompanied us, as well as our friends who have invited us to visit.



Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive setting, which cares for children from 2 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

Bookham Open Gardens Day – Sunday 21st June



For a great day out looking round gardens, do make sure you put the date in your diaries now. As ever, it's the day after Village Day and we like to think that it is one of the highlights of the local social calendar. Each year we aim to have 10-15 gardens open, some old favourites and usually some new ones too. To help you get between them, we provide a free minibus service. Last year we sold 820 tickets and raised £7215 towards the upkeep of our Old Barn Hall, so we've a hard act to follow!

As ever, we are always on the lookout for new gardens. If you think you might be interested in opening and would like to share your garden with our visitors, you are most welcome to contact us for a chat. The joy is in the variety, from quirky to formal, productive to picturesque. Don't worry if you think your garden is smaller than some of our usual gardens – sometimes it's good to see what can be achieved in a small place. Opening is a great way to get to know people and feel part of the community.

To make Open Gardens Day successful, we rely not only on our garden openers but also many volunteers who help on the day, selling tickets, serving refreshments at the Old Barn Hall, driving the minibus, acting as garden stewards, or helping on car park duties.

If you would like to open your garden or help for an hour or two in any other way, please contact Brenda Kent (01372 453952, Email bnb.selworthy@btinternet.com), on behalf of the Bookham Open Gardens Day committee.

Look out for more detailed information in the next edition of the Bookhams Bulletin and on our website - www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk. You can also check out and 'Like' our Facebook Community Page – search for 'Bookham Open Gardens' to find it – to see pictures from last year's

Let's hope that 21st June 2020 will be a beautiful sunny day - see you there!

Diane Poole



Bookham Flower Club

Bookham Flower Club has had an exciting and happy year with new members joining, and existing members regularly supporting the monthly meetings. The Club meets on the first Monday of the month (apart from Bank Holidays) in the Barn Hall, and meetings start at 2.15pm. Visitors are very welcome.

Unlike many flower clubs, Bookham still has a regular monthly competition for members who can progress from Novice right through to Senior Advanced. Entrants enjoy the challenge of trying to improve their skills and use their creativity, and members attending meetings enjoy admiring (or even criticising!) the entries. To encourage entry to the competitions, and just for fun, workshops are regularly arranged for members to learn new skills, and enhance their designs.

One of the highlights of 2019 was the Club's Flower Show entitled "Enchantment". It was greatly enjoyed by members and visitors, and the entries were exciting, varied and of a very high standard. The November Club meeting

was centred around a "Pedestal Dash" where teams of members competed to produce the best design, each team having started with identical flowers and pedestal container. The last demonstration in 2019 featured Lucy Ellis, a National Demonstrator, with a fantastic demonstration entitled "All I want for Christmas".

The new year kicks off with a talk entitled "Monopoly" by Jean Ford. Many of us remember playing Monopoly as children and with our own children, or grandchildren now, so it could be an afternoon of memories! "Herbidacious" is the intriguing title for our February speaker, Gill Smaggasgale, and in March the AGM is held, preceded by the traditional lunch, and the start of another Club year.

If you have never been to a flower club but enjoy flowers, why not come along and spend an afternoon with us. You will be very welcome, and might be introduced to a new hobby.

Bookham Flower Club is a member of NAFAS - National Association of Flower Arranging Societies and details of what is going on in the area can be found on their website: www.surreynafas.org.uk.

Anne Webb



Pictured at the Christmas demonstration are (left) Flower Club member Rosie Mumford, a resident of The Grange in Bookham, with carer Alex Caradoc-Hoggkins.

National Auricula and Primula Society



Not long now and members of the National Auricula and Primula Society (Southern) will be watching their plants for the first signs of flowers, and hoping there may be a winner among them.

Their annual shows – all held at the Old Barn Hall, Great Bookham - begin with the Early Primula Show on March 14th, followed by the Primula Show on April 4th, and the main Auricula Show - their 136th - which will be on May 2nd.

There are always novice classes, and new members are very welcome and encouraged to have a go at exhibiting.

All shows are open to the public after judging from 2.30 p.m. See our website at www.southernauriculaprimula.org

Transition Bookham

and the Plastic Free Bookham project



PLASTIC FREE
BOOKHAM
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

In October we enjoyed our annual Christmas card upcycling session. We also attended an initial Environment Forum convened by Mole Valley District Council for local environmental groups. MVDC updated us on the actions they are taking following the

climate emergency declaration and we discussed the activities that the groups are carrying out. Another meeting is scheduled for January.

In November we launched a project to work towards Plastic Free Community accreditation for Bookham. This initiative, run by the charity Surfers Against Sewage, aims to reduce the use of single use plastic in our community and will involve individuals, schools, businesses and groups. Find out more about the initiative at www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-communities/. If you are interested in getting involved as an individual or as a representative of one of the above, please email us at the project address pfcbookham@gmail.com. We'll be setting up a dedicated project website; in the meantime see the Plastic Free Bookham page on www.transitionbookham.org.uk for progress updates.

2019 finished on a festive note when we participated in the late-night shopping event.

Our first meeting of 2020 is on Wednesday 19th February in the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre and will be a talk on Forest Gardening, starting at 7.30pm. Other meetings will be on 20th May, 19th August and 18th November, subjects tbc.

Keep up-to-date with our meetings and events by emailing us at transitionbookham@gmail.com and ask to be added to our mailing list. You can also like and follow TransitionBookham on Facebook and follow @ttbookham on Twitter

Great Bookham Belles WI



We have had a busy and fun filled autumn term, at our monthly meetings we have listened to speakers enthralling us with tales of being a West End dresser, an ex-royal protection officer and a stunt woman.

In the run up to Christmas 80 members enjoyed an evening of

entertainment with a Michael Buble tribute act at La Meridiana Restaurant in Horsley.

Our sub groups have been very active with Netbelles (our walking netball group) winning tournaments across the South of England and our Crafts and Laughs group displaying an amazing handmade Christmas tree at the Bookham Late Night Shopping evening dedicated to previous member Carol who sadly died in March. Book groups, theatre groups, choir and walking groups have met regularly to expand interests and establish friendships.

We have a new sub group in the form of our Environment group who are encouraging all members to do all we can to be as environmentally aware as possible and our monthly meetings serve as a place to collect recyclable items such as crisp packets and bread bags.

During the term we have donated festive items to our local food bank and made up kindness bags to give to homeless women via Crisis at Christmas.

Great Bookham Belles meet at Manor House School on the 3rd Monday of each month, we have 120 members and currently have a waiting list for membership, if you would like



to add your name to the waiting list please email contactbelleswi@gmail.com, we also welcome visitors at our monthly meetings (visitors can attend up to 3 meetings at a suggested donation of £3 per meeting), again please email us if you are interested in coming along.

Alison Roberts

Usui Reiki Academy Surrey



The Usui Reiki Academy Surrey had a wonderful year and is looking forward to another even bigger and better year. We have been growing as a group of like-

minded reiki practitioners in the area and many travel miles to attend our not-for-profit Reiki Shares at the Old Barn Hall every third Monday of the month in the Harrison Room. All profits go to Connecting Reiki with Medicine, a wonderful initiative at St George's Hospital in Tooting. For more information on this charity go to www.reikiwithmedicine.org

Our shares are open to anyone who is attuned to reiki and all branches and levels are welcome. We begin with a guided meditation and reiju (spiritual blessing) followed by reiki shuchu (reiki share of this beautiful healing practice) and close by chanting the Gokai (the 5 reiki precepts).

So what is reiki. The original Usui method is a Japanese spiritual practice, with influence in Tendai Buddhism, Shugendo and Shinto practices. As a happy consequence of the meditation methods practitioners are able to help others remember their innate capabilities to heal. Reiki is fully inclusive and works well with all faiths.

A reiki treatment is performed by the practitioner laying hands on or off the body and works on the 4 levels of healing which are the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. The practitioner is guided to bring all these aspects into balance promoting healing and wellbeing.

Amanda White, Usui Reiki Master/Teacher, founder of Usui Reiki Academy Surrey, also teaches in the local area and gives reiki treatments from her home in Bookham. For more information see www.usuireikiacademy.co.uk or contact Amanda on usuireikiacademy@gmail.com or 07432 777875.

The Grange

Kick-starting Christmas with a sell out Concert



Once again The Grange Christmas Concert was one of the highlights of the year. Involving as many of the people we support as possible - as part of the choir, singing solos or in the case of Jack, reading a poem he had written himself. We were so pleased to welcome our new Musical Director, Juliet Hornby who

created a thoroughly enjoyable evening, engaging the audience and creating a jolly atmosphere. The event was a sell out and I am delighted to report that we broke last year's record and raised over £3300 in profit for The Grange!

The New Year always brings a flurry of good intentions, if one of yours is to catch up with friends, why not meet up at one of our Cafes? Enjoy our Simply Scones Café on a Tuesday afternoon or have a chat over a Cuppa and Cake on a Friday morning both in our Victorian Conservatory. Perhaps take your friends to our newly rebranded Cockerel Cafe at The Point in Lyons Court, Dorking - we even have a 'chatter and natter' table to meet new friends, open Wednesday - Friday.

Don't forget if you are passing our shop - The Grange at No 5 in Church Road, you can fill up your water bottle as part of the national 'ReFillMyBottle' initiative - helping the environment.

We are looking forward to welcoming Andrew Robson OBE to host our popular Bridge Masterclass on 12th March 2020, tables are available at £200 please email marion.chow@grangecentre.org.uk for more information.

Thanking you all for all your support in 2019.

For more information about these events, The Grange and our work, please look at our website: www.grangecentre.org.uk

Marion Chow

Bookham Country Market Mole Valley Women's

Every Friday, 10.15 am – 11.30am at the Old Barn Hall.

Marion Kemp is a regular contributor to the market along with her son Colin who takes beautiful photographs of local wildlife which often feature in the local paper. Marion has written a poem about the market which says it all:

Every Friday morning, now keep the date, Just an hour and a quarter, so don't be late To visit Bookham Country Market, where you will find Tempting stalls of every kind. Craft and cards, pottery, preserves, Plants, with instructions, and also herbs, Cakes made to order, or an impulse buy, Fresh eggs, fresh meals all ready to try. Whatever you choose, there is no doubt That a very high quality is maintained throughout. So if you feel fed up sitting at home, Reluctant to get up and go out alone, Pop along to the Barn Hall, go through the door And wonder why on earth you haven't been before!! For people regularly gather for coffee and cake, To meet with friends, to keep up-to-date, "The Hall is alive with the sound of chatter", For keeping in touch does really matter.

Marion Kemp - August 2019

Marion has published a book of her poems entitled "In Praise of Hugs and Other Poems which can obtained either from the Country Market or at Wishing Well in the village high street.

The Market has an urgent need for new cooks to maintain its supply of cakes and baked savoury items. If you enjoy baking and think you might be able to contribute please contact us. You can visit our Website www.bookhamcountrymarket.co.uk, check us out on www.facebook.com/BookhamCountryMarket, email us at bookhamcountrymarket@gmail.com or call in at the Barn Hall any Friday after 9:30am and talk to the Market Manager.

Mole Valley Women's Institute (WI)

We have been very busy during the last 3 months with outings, interesting speakers at our meetings and our activity groups getting more popular.

Our annual quiz night was a success and enjoyed by all who came along. We were able to send £500 to the Friends of Leatherhead Hospital.

Our outing to Essex villages was very successful and members enjoyed travelling by vintage buses through pretty villages in warm sunshine and eating lunch and tea along the way!! Members enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch at Effingham Golf Club and this may become an annual event!

The craft group made Christmas napkin rings at their latest get-together and the second gardening group will start meeting in January. The rambling group have not been walking due to rain and muddy conditions underfoot but hope 2020 will be kinder.

With Ann Layman being re-elected as our president for 2020, we are looking forward to a busy year with talks about Surrey Fire and Rescue, being entertained by 'The Courgettes and Zucchini Sisters' for our 55th birthday meeting in February, along with the annual jumble sale in March.

If you would like to come along to a meeting or find out more about Mole Valley WI further details can be found on our website 'molevalleywi.btck.co.uk'.



Mole Valley Ramblers Spring Walks Festival 2020

Friday 24th April - Sunday 3rd May



Help us to mark the 40th Anniversary of our walking group by joining us to witness first-hand the spectacular arrival of spring in our sublime local countryside. Surrey is blessed with miles of footpaths, bewitching woodland and divine scenery and the Mole Valley Area is particularly fortunate to be located in the heart of this glorious countryside.

Recapture your passion for adventure and fun

by accompanying this welcoming and sociable group on one of their free guided walks.

This agreeable, friendly and healthy leisure pursuit is open to anyone and with just a few basic items like sensible clothing, footwear plus a snack and some water you can get started. The walks are graded as leisurely, moderate or strenuous so you are guaranteed to find a walk to suit you.

We have created an exciting 10 day programme of 35 walks and on each day. There is to be a selection of 3 or 4 different routes differing in length between 3 and 15 miles. The walks also vary in difficultly so there should be something to satisfy everyone from the most experienced walker to the complete novice. There is no need to pre-book just check the website to establish the starting time and

location and turn up. On arrival, one of our team of experienced and knowledgeable volunteer walk leaders will greet you and take your details before introducing you to the rest of the walkers.

A few of the walks will include a stop at a pub or a café and even a music venue; others will simply have a drink and or a picnic break. We are planning a walk/rail combination, a night time hike, a nature trail, a 'follow the mole' trail, a riverside walk and much more.

There is even a 100 mile challenge for the more energetic amongst us.

Please visit the Mole Valley Ramblers Association website for details.

http://www.molevalleyramblers.org.uk/festival

Leatherhead and District Twinning Association



There are still places available for our 2020 visit to Triel-sur-Seine, from Thursday 21st May to Sunday 24th May. We will be travelling by executive coach and

ferry, stopping off for lunch in Amiens, when there will be an opportunity to explore the famous cathedral.

In Triel we stay with French families. There will be no language problems because we are "matched" with hosts. Those who speak no French are welcome by those who speak good English.

Our programme includes a full day's guided visit to Chantilly, with its famous stables, château and gardens. There is a magnificent art collection and library, or if you prefer, what about some retail therapy? There will also be an optional half day visit to the summer residence of Emile Zola, the renowned 19th century French author. Alternatively, you may prefer a day with your host family and could take the train into Paris. There will be a gala dinner on Saturday evening. We return on Sunday and usually stop for lunch in Le Touquet, where you can enjoy a stroll along the promenade.

All this for just £210 pp (£160 for under 18s) to include coach travel, ferry, visits and full board in Triel. You would be most welcome to join us. For more details please contact David and Elaine Crutchley on 01372 452845 or elaine.crutchley1@gmail.com. You can download the booking form for this visit from our website, www.triendsoftriel.com, as well as reading our recent newsletters with details of our other social events, and application from for membership of the association. And if you are worried you are too old or your children are too young, last time we went to Triel our ages ranged from 6 to 96!

Eastwick WI



Autumn for members of Eastwick WI was varied and interesting. Tom Way, a wildlife photographer, gave a superb presentation of his photographs as he recounted how they had been taken and how long he had sometimes had to wait to get just the right shot. Members displayed some of their own wildlife photographs for all to admire.

In October we had an insight into the life of a policewoman from the time she joined the force, in the 1960's, until she retired. It was a fascinating reminder of how attitudes to

women in the workplace have changed over the years. Our Annual Meeting in November was followed by a wonderful flower arranging demonstration by Neil Bain and some lucky members won his beautiful arrangements in the raffle. In December we had a Christmas jolly with wine and nibbles, followed by a "Reindeer Drive", a fun evening which was much enjoyed by all.

In addition to our monthly meetings we have had an outing to the D-Day Museum and Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth and to the Festival Hall for a superb Christmas Concert. A programme of outings is being prepared for next year as well as our most enjoyable coffee mornings in different locations, mostly garden centres.

Our big social fund raiser was a delicious meal with entertainment by Cameron Brown and

the Blazing Saddlers which gave us the chance to join in with some of the songs of the 60's and 70's. Our year ended with a splendid dinner at the Tyrrells Wood Golf Club when we invited husbands and partners to join us – a first!

Visitors are most welcome at our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at St.Mary's Annexe, The Ridgeway, Fetcham. For further information do visit our website www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk.

Brenda Kent



Little Bookham WI

Speakers at our monthly meetings have included an amusing and entertaining talk at our birthday meeting in September by Mel Rees entitled, 'My family and other setbacks'. In October the charming and informative speaker, Cherrill Sands, told us about, 'Women gardeners of the 20th century'.

As well as our monthly meetings there are many other opportunities to join smaller groups in our WI. We have a flower arranging group; a 'Knit and Natter' group and a book club where the group chooses books to read and then meets to discuss them. Our walkers group plan a programme of varied and interesting walks followed by a coffee stop or sometimes a lunch stop at venues such as Denbies, the Vineries, the Grumpy Mole or Gomshall Mill. Finally, for those who simply want to relax, a coffee and chat group meets once a month in a member's house.

In the busy run- up to Christmas a group of members decorated a Christmas tree for the St. Nicolas Church tree festival, another group made glass decorations at 'Glass Fusion' in Ripley while others went on a Surrey Federation coach trip to the Greenwich Christmas markets. This included a Thames boat ride, roast dinner and an opportunity to view the Christmas lights in central London. Our annual Christmas lunch was at the Drift Golf Club where members enjoyed a delicious meal in beautifully decorated surroundings.

Our December monthly meeting included stories, poems and amusing anecdotes read by members. We also played the, 'left, right game' based on pass the parcel which caused a lot of laughter.

Next year's programme includes, in February, a talk entitled 'Showtime' giving a behind the scenes look at the RHS Chelsea flower show. In

March there will be a talk on antiques followed by the opportunity to value objects brought along by members. In April we will hear a talk about Clandon Park, 'The fire and future'.

Little Bookham WI meets at Little Bookham Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 3pm. New members and visitors are welcome.

Fay McGregor



Pictured is the table of Christmas decorations made by Little Bookham WI members

Polesden Lacey Shakespeare



Undoubtedly one of Shakespeare's best loved plays, next year's production of Romeo & Juliet, by Polesden Lacey Shakespeare explores the usual themes of thwarted young love & passion, youth, family status, violence and the

inevitability of fate, with some interesting twists in both performance and setting.

Join us in the beautiful surroundings of the theatre lawn at Polesden Lacey on Saturday 27th, Sun 28th June and Sat 4th, Sun 5th July. Performances at 2.30pm. Theatre lawn open for picnicking from 1.00pm. Children under 16 go free. Group rates. Free parking with ticket. Tickets available online from January 2020 www.polesdenlaceyshakespeare.co.uk

We shall be holding open auditions on Sunday 2nd. February at the Archway Theatre, Horley and on Sunday 9th February at the Follett Hall, United Reformed Church Dorking from 3pm – 6pm.

We'd love to welcome anybody from the local community who would like to audition and also to provide backstage/ FOH help. We're now in the run up to 2021, our 70th anniversary year, when we shall be presenting A Midsummer Night's Dream, the first play performed on the Open Air Stage at Polesden Lacey in 1951. There are also lots of other exciting plans for this 70th anniversary year. If you'd like to get involved, please go to the website and contact our Marketing Director:

Franki Gray frankigray1@gmail.com 07818 43 85 02

Polesden Lacey Infant School



The end of my first term as the Headteacher of Polesden Lacey Infant School was a good time to reflect on what we had achieved and what we are planning for the future. The autumn term has been packed with exciting, engaging and inspiring activities planned for the children by the staff, who are among the most creative group of people I know. Our Year 2 children had a superhero day which was the culmination of several weeks learning. The children invented their own superhero, made

the costume (because we all know that every superhero has an awesome outfit!) and then worked together to solve the mystery of the missing badger. The Year 1 and 2 children went to Bookham Commons to help plant the trees that our parents and pupils so generously gave to Mrs Keedy when she retired as Headteacher in the summer. The Reception children have gone from strength to strength. They are so supportive of one another and it is incredible to see their progress with their academic learning – they love reading and their letters to Father Christmas were conclusive evidence of how much they have learnt.

We have experienced a wide variety of weather but no matter what it is like outside our children are eager to take part in their Forest School session. With their warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies on they delve into the woodland and explore the possibilities that

await them: hot chocolate around the magical fire, recreating the burning houses from the Great Fire of London, acting out Little Red Riding Hood, palm drilling and exploring what nature has to offer. Our children gain so much from their sessions. It helps them to appreciate the natural world, manage risks, have the courage to try new things and the resilience to keep going as well as making connections in their learning and the skills to work together as a team.

Polesden Lacey Infant School is all I had hoped it would be and much more besides – this really is a community where everyone is welcomed, children and staff relish challenge, strive to be the best they can be and use their passion to fight for the causes that they believe in.

Rebecca Mole

Hardy Plant Society - Southern Counties Group



The Hardy Plant Society seeks to encourage and stimulate interest in hardy herbaceous plants – or perennials, as they are more commonly known - and we are lucky that the Southern Counties Group meet at the Old Barn Hall. We hope our activities will appeal to all, from fairly new but enthusiastic gardeners to highly experienced ones. We aim to learn, to have fun, and to enjoy plants and gardens.

During the winter months (apart from December), there are monthly meetings on Saturday mornings with an illustrated talk by well-known or local experts. Doors open at

10.00 am. At 10.15 am there is usually a sale of plants brought by members, which is an excellent way to get hold of some unusual plants at very reasonable prices, and there is always expert advice on hand. Also available for sale are gardening sundries, books and magazines. There's also a raffle and free tea & coffee. At about 10.45am, a guest speaker will talk for about 1 hour followed by a questions and answer session.

Members pay £2 to attend the meeting or contribute two home grown plants. Visitors pay £4.

In 2020 our talks include

Saturday 15th Feb (10.00 for 10.45) What to do with this space? - Darren Lerigo. Ideas on garden design and maintenance.

Saturday 14th March (10.00 for 10.30) AGM followed by A tapestry of foliage - Geoff Hodge.

Saturday 18th April (10.00 for 10.45) From Cinderella to Princess - three gardens makeover on spaces, plant combinations & surprises - Laura de Beden

From May to September, we arrange both full and half day visits for members to gardens in Surrey and surrounding counties, with talks restarting in October.

If you require more information, please contact us at info.hps.scg@gmail.com. Do 'Like' us on Facebook – Hardy Plants Society – Southern Counties Group. You can also visit our website page at http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk/southern

Working To Keep Our Local Footpaths Open



Since the reduction in funding available for the Surrey Countryside Department many of the

walking groups in the Surrey area have stepped in to make an important contribution to keeping our footpaths well-maintained, navigable and safe.

Numerous walking groups enjoy visiting this stunningly beautiful location and have donated gates to demonstrate their appreciation.

The Mole Valley Ramblers maintenance team have been a dynamic force, generously giving about 475 hours of volunteer work.

They were involved in the installation of all seven of these gates either on their own (under the supervision of Surrey County Council).

This, however, has formed only a small portion of 2019's total effort as they have been diligently working to make safe and repair boardwalks and bridges. Replace or mend, as appropriate, damaged fingerposts, stiles and gates. All of this, in addition, to the never ending task of cutting back the overgrown vegetation.

Rainbow Pre-School

We have begun this term concentrating on promoting the children's communication and language development. In order to do this we have been very lucky to employ an excellent speech therapist, Sarah Kane, who comes in once a week. She is currently working with a few of our children where English is an additional language as well as children who have been identified as having a delay.

She joins us in the pre-school session and all our children are familiar with her presence now. She also works with staff and parents showing us strategies to help bring on all our children's communication and language skills, and sets up a specific strategy a week to work on. We are finding this all to be very beneficial, and we are looking forward to seeing further progress next term.

We had our usual exciting build up to Christmas! With the children making Christmas gifts to take home, and our annual Christmas



song performance which the children had been practising for their parents and family to come and watch. The children choose Nativity themed outfits especially for the occasion. After the performance the Rev Steve Elmes told the story of 'The little owl and the star', a nativity based story especially for young children. The children joined in, making it a lovely interactive experience. The children also made a fun wall display based on the owl and the star.

Along with employing a weekly speech therapist to our team, this term has been a busy one! December saw us visited by Ofsted, and

we are so pleased to say that we retained our Outstanding rating. The whole Rainbow team are naturally delighted with this result.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2020.

To learn more about Rainbow Pre school or you would like to visit us, please contact Heidi Watson (Manager) on Tel: 01372 811313 Email: rainbow@bookhambaptist.org



SOCIAL SPACE is OPEN!



The new extension at South Bookham SPACE has been completed and has welcomed its first activities, Ashtead Netball Club and Toni Wolf's Breath To Move Yoga (see attached photos).

Social SPACE is large enough for social events of up to 20 people, meetings of up to 12 and Pilates or Yoga style classes of six. It has its own kitchen and a balcony overlooking the Outer SPACE multi-use games area and Bookham Tennis Club courts.

To cater for all there is stair-lift access and an audio loop, plus a Smartboard and projector making it ideal for coaching and education.

Building of Social SPACE was made possible by funding generously provided by the LMCT, Mole Valley District Council, the Thomas Flack Fund, Bookham Tennis Club, Garfield Weston Foundation and Bookham and Horsley Rotary Club as well as individual donations by local residents, all of which supplemented funds from the charity's own reserves built up over the past nine years.

Major thanks also goes to all those that attended the various events organised by Bookham Tennis Club which raised over £8000 towards the total cost of around £135.000.

Social SPACE has now been chosen to benefit from the Co-op Local Community Fund to help provide the fixtures and fittings for the new facility. Co-op Members will be able to choose SPACE as their local cause by going online at www.coop.co.uk/membership.

The new Social SPACE facilities are ideal for smaller classes and can be hired together with Outer SPACE floodlit multi-use games area and changing rooms to create a self-contained sports complex.

For further information visit www.southbookhamspace.org.uk or email hire.southbookhamspace@gmail.com



Bookham Choral Society



A Very Happy New Year to all our regular concert audience members from Bookham Choral Society.

Our November concert, at St John's School Leatherhead, was a very new experience for us. We presented Georges Bizet's opera, 'The Pearl Fishers' in concert with orchestral accompaniment and some fine soloists. We were all looking forward to hearing the very famous duet, voted the most popular piece of classical music for several years running by Classic FM. It was a beautiful evening of music and a great experience for the Choral Society to try a new style of singing.

We held our annual Christmas Concert in St. Nicolas Church, Bookham in December. In spite of most inclement weather and roadworks on the crossroads outside the church there was a very large audience. We sang a very seasonal selection of Christmas Songs and Carols and there was plenty of opportunity for audience participation during the concert. At the end we offered everyone a complimentary drink and a mince pie and suddenly everyone felt most Christmassy!

We return to rehearsals on 7th January 2020

and will be spending the Spring Term preparing for the annual Leith Hill Musical Festival. On Sunday 8th March, the Festival Choir will be singing the Mass in B Minor by J.S. Bach and the festival itself runs from Thursday 16th April to Saturday 18th April. Tickets are available from Dorking Halls.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to our choir and hope that that they enjoy the experience of singing beautiful music and belonging to a very friendly group. If you are interested why not come along to one of our Tuesday rehearsals in Eastwick Church Hall at 7.45 p.m.?

For details of the Choral Society please go to our website on: www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk

Cheryl Mendham

Bookham Fetcham and District Garden Society



2019 was a very exciting and busy year with fascinating talks, a very enjoyable outing to Sissinghurst and a very successful show. Support and attendance has been excellent throughout and bodes well for 2020.

The year finished off well with the AGM and demonstration of two different wreath making techniques demonstrated by Angela and Gerda -see photo. There is always something new to learn from the Garden Society!

Details of our exciting 2020 program of talks,

activities and outings are given below and the 2020 show schedule will be available at the first meeting.

February 24th - Simon Richards on Richmond Park and the Isabella Plantation.

March 23rd - Margaret Arnott on the National Garden Scheme.

April 27th - Mark Dobell on Climate Change through a Gardener's Eyes.

May 13th - Outing to Leonardslee

July 11th - Summer Show.

September 28th - Steve Bradley on Making the Most of Bulbs.

October 26th - Paul Patton on Autumn Inspiration - Looking forward to Spring.

November 23rd - AGM.

Now that you have seen what is planned, perhaps you would also like to join in our activities. Our meetings are usually held in the Harrison Room at 7.30 on the last Monday of the month beginning with refreshments.

To join us or for more information please contact Angela Stevens on 01372 456713 or craigistevens@aol.com

Jennifer Smitheman.

The Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley



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

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

The festive period is key to both objectives, and we rely completely on the generosity of the wider community for our fund-raising plans. The Club thanks all residents of Bookham, Effingham and The Horsleys for their tremendous generosity this Christmas, when we raised just over £4,000 – a fantastic total. This fund-raising will benefit a variety of local charities, plus many families from the local community in need over the Christmas holiday period who receive retail vouchers from us.

During the 3 weeks before Christmas we made a total of 95 collections, at various

supermarkets and in the High Streets, along with Santa and his sleigh touring local streets and flying in for Bookham Traders Night.

Meanwhile our Club has had an active and varied autumn schedule. Highlights and forthcoming dates include:

- Club evening highlights have included an outing to the excellent Mandira's Kitchen at Silent Pool to learn about spices and sample some excellent Indian food, plus a pub games evening at The Crown.
- Last November's Saturday morning Bookham Brunch has become an established and popular event in the village community calendar; it raised well over £1,000 for our main benefactor, the Princess Alice Hospice Nursing through the Night campaign (despite a head-on clash with England's appearance in a rugby World Cup final!).
- 'Get to know your Rotary Club': an informal evening of talks with drinks and snacks, on Friday 20th March at The Grange. Do please contact us if you would like to come and have any interest in membership or offering your support.
- Wellness Fair Saturday 16th May at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham: this popular event returns, with stands expected from a very

wide variety of local clubs and health-fitness providers and lots of ideas for you to try.

 'A Touch of Glyndebourne' on Friday 15th May at the Old Barn Hall. A three course meal accompanied by light opera performed by Cameo Opera. Tickets £30 will be available from Wishing Well. Look out for more publicity from March.

Why not join us for a trial Club evening, or simply join our mailing list for occasional updates. Do also register to come along to the 20th March get to know us evening event listed above.

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



Bookham Craft Club



Our members have made 40 colourful blankets for the People on the Dump in Mombasa and an orphanage in Kenya and sent them out for Christmas.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday

morning each month in the Harrison Room where we have a varied programme. Visitors are always welcome, just come along at 9.15am.

Sylvia Giddings

Leatherhead & District Local History Society



The world of historical espionage is on your doorstep as you will hear if you drop in at the Leatherhead Institute on Friday, 21 February when Lorraine Spindler, former curator of Leatherhead Museum, gives the latest

monthly lecture on Spies and Trained Assassins-How events in Mole Valley changed the direction of WW2. Surrey's historical links to spying and undercover activities included crossword clues, secretive bank managers, and six Special Operations Executive (SOE) training centres.

This talk follows on from the December lecture when L&DLHS chairman John Rowley told the story of Commander Alastair Guthrie Denniston (1890-1961) who lived in Ashtead, founded what is now GCHQ, and secretly

served his country during both world wars. In the first he played a crucial role in bringing about American involvement on Britain's side by translating a decoded German telegram revealing a proposed invasion of US territory from Mexico. Shortly before the second war he led a delegation to Poland to see a codebreaking device whose principle would be developed for the Enigma machine. He also established Bletchley Park as Britain's intelligence headquarters and recruited Alan Turing among others whose work made victory possible over the Nazis.

The L&DLHS monthly talks are on the third Friday of each month throughout the winter. They are always at the Leatherhead Institute with refreshments served from 7.30pm and speakers getting under way at 8pm. Nonmembers are always welcome and the entrance fee is just £2.

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held there Friday, 20 March, the 73rd since its foundation in the 1940s. Member Simon Ritchie will then talk on Ordnance Survey Trig Points - Industrial Archaeology Hiding in Plain Sight. Trig points were used for producing maps before the days of GPS so nowadays are no more than historical relics.

Recent talks have included real eye openers. The one in January was entitled Photographs, Pen Pals & President Trump's Mother. A few years ago Leatherhead artist and author Cathy Brett discovered five faded photographs of her grandmother Agnes's pen pal, Mary Ann MacLeod. Lengthy research followed, culminating in a TV documentary entitled The President's Mother and a graphic memoir exploring the lifelong friendship of Agnes and Mary Ann, mother of US President Donald Trump.

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

Local historian Vivien White gave a very interesting talk about the village of Little Bookham before the Great War and the effect of the war on the community to around 80 people at Manor House School last November.

The population of the village according to the 1911 census was 375 and was probably much the same in 1914. It is known that 55 Little Bookham men joined the forces and saw action. The actual number was probably higher but cannot be confirmed because records were lost during enemy action in the Second World War. Using maps and photographs Vivien showed where some of the individuals lived in the village and gave a

potted biography of each.

We were greeted with a glass of mulled wine, or soft drink, and after Vivien's talk there were mince pies and coffee.

Our next event is an evening of virtuoso guitar music by Mark Jennings on 14 March at 7.30pm at All Saints Church. For tickets, priced £12 including refreshments, please call 01372 454273 or 01372 452024.

This will be followed by The Big Curry Lunch on 19 April, a concert by the Surrey Show Choir on Saturday 6 June and the Fete on 4 July. More details of these events will be available in due course.

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.

Bookham Bees WI



What a busy year the Bees have had with our worker bees arranging many activities for our groups.

The Theatre Group enjoyed trips to Woking to see Saturday Night Fever, the Globe in to see the Merry Wives of Windsor, a visit to the Rose Theatre and much more besides.

The Gardening Bees have been buzzing from garden to garden around the local area. Plenty of trips further afield, but some of our members have also kindly opened their own

gardens and the summer has passed with a flurry of visits and plenty of inspiration! A local garden safari was also organised with 4 gardens to visit, ending with tea and cake. Of course! This was done for fun and fundraising with donations to Breast Cancer Care.

We are very lucky to have some very knowledgeable and expert members within our group and we are always delighted to hear them speak. In July Bronwen Mills, Blue Badge Guide and Heritage champion was our member speaker "If it tastes nasty, it must be good for you!" A brilliant and entertaining talk on water and Spas. Jackie Varley, Polesden Lacey volunteer and also a Bees member, dressed in period costume, gave us a most interesting talk about the life and times of Mrs Maggie Greville. So much scandal! We also enjoyed talks from a Former Royal Protection

Officer, The Brigette Trust, Personal Protection advice from the Police, as well as an evening of book folding, crafting for Village day and so much more.

Bookham Bees have many sub Groups running, to which all members are invited including: Bees Creative, Book Club, Coffee Morning, Gardening Bees, Pub Night, Theatre Group and a Walking Group who venture out onto Bookham Common every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings at 8.00am, come rain or shine, and stride out for 45 minutes of walking & talking.

Lots of interesting activities and speakers lined up for 2020 including Air Ambulance, Lucy Quinnell from Fire & Iron and many more. If you would like to find out more please email us at Bookhambees@outlook.com

St Lawrence Primary School

St Lawrence pupils use new curriculum focus to inspire verse

To celebrate National Poetry Day, St Lawrence Primary School held a poetry competition, encouraging our pupils to develop an idea around our new 'Be the Change' curriculum. Through this theme we are aiming to show our children that they can, as Mahatma Gandhi said, 'be the change you wish to see in the world'. Every child at St Lawrence wrote a 'Be the Change' inspired poem and we were overwhelmed by the number of budding talented poets we have in our midst!

Here are the competition winners from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Both children won a 'Be the Change' poetry book to encourage them to further advance their craft.

Super Save Nature Girl

I am Super Save Nature Girl
I am GREEN
Not green like paint
Not green like plastic bottles
No, I am green like forests
I am green like the sea
I am Super Save Nature Girl
And I'm looking for an assistant
Would you like to apply?

By Charlotte (Year 2)

Help Save Our Animals From Extinction!

We don't need to help the animals So don't tell me They are hurt Should animals be protected? Should they live under shelter? Dirty and wild
Hungry and scared
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they come from
They cannot
Live in the same world
Eat the same food
Breathe the same air
Instead, let us
Kill them for their food
It's not okay to say
Let's help when they don't need it
(Now read from the bottom to the top)

We need to see who they really are

By Livi (Year 6)

Christmas Charity Post (CCP) 2019

The 2019 results are given in full in the table below.

	2017	2018	2019
Stamp sales	£3,612	£3,391	£3,039
Number of stamps sold	12,040	10,850	10,130
Cards delivered	10,850	10,103	9,746
Donation to charities	£3500	£3,000	£3,000

Thanks to all of you who bought stamps and to the stamp sellers, both door to door and from shops, the leafleters, sorters and deliverers who turn out in all weathers. Our deliverers often have to contend with poor addressing of the cards but luckily they have an intimate knowledge of their areas and the people who live there and can get 99.9% of the cards delivered without problem.

What will the funds raised this year be used for?

The Committee have agreed that this year £3000 will be distributed to three charities for their work in ongoing projects:

• £1,000 to Practical Action for their 'Turn the Tables' project to provide pragmatic solutions to climate change in Sudan. Practical Action

plans to work with farmers to rebuild dams, capture the rainfall and irrigate the soil. They will help villagers plant trees and grow community forests, see This project is being matched by the UK Government, thus £1000 becomes £2000.

- £1000 to Rotary for their worldwide campaign to end polio, see https://www.endpolio.org Money donated will be tripled by the Gates Foundation, thus £1000 becomes £3000.
- £1000 to the YMCA in Jordan for their work with Syrian refugees in Jordan. Dental care is restricted for the refugee families from Syria and Iraq and a portable dental unit, which does not need electricity, has been purchased.

Thus the £3000 being distributed will have a final value, with matching, of £6000, a truly wonderful amount.

One last thought. The Committee and their helpers are all getting older and could do with some young blood. If you know of any of your younger neighbours who might be able to help, please try and enlist their help for next year.

Michael Agius

Christmas at Eastwick Road Church



This year was the first time we did a 'Messy Tingle', a cross between Messy Church and a Christingle service. About 30 children came after school for this activity making a Christingle, then having a short service during which their candles were lit, and after blowing them out safely they had an informal tea.

On Christmas Day the Church had a Christmas Day Lunch after Morning Service at which all age groups from 4yrs to 90 came together to enjoy turkey with all the trimmings, with vegetarian options.

Our midweek Meeting Point restarted in January.

For more information contact the Church Office (9am – 1pm) on 01372 453473

Sue Ferguson – Church Secretary.

Bookham Seniors Computer Club

Did you know that support for Windows 10 build 1803 stopped on 12 November 2019, fear of the internet is known as aronophobia and, according to a survey in April 2019, the most widely-used password was 123456? These were answers to some of the more difficult questions in the traditional informal fun quiz during Bookham Seniors Computer Club (BSCC) Christmas party on 6 December 2019.

The club, established in 2010, provides lessons for absolute beginners through to more experienced users on a wide range of topics and devices, including laptops, tablets and smartphones. Informal, drop-in clinics, where members can get help with any problem they are having, are also run. The club helps members set up new hardware and/or software and offers independent advice on buying new devices.

Our friendly and relaxed lessons run during school term time at Little Bookham Village Hall

on Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00. Annual membership costs £20 and there is no charge for attending any of sessions which include tea, coffee and biscuits during a midmorning break.

The no-need-to-book drop-in clinics are free for members and held on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month (except August) from 14.30 to 16.30 at Little Bookham Village Hall.

Our Spring Term started with an Open Day on Friday 10 January 2020 and courses run from Friday 17 January to Friday 3 April 2020. The Summer Term will start with an Open Day on Friday 17 April 2020 and courses run from Friday 24 April to Friday 3 July 2020 (except Friday 8 May 2020). Details of the courses can be found on our website at bscc.btck.co.uk.

If you are interested in finding out more about the BSCC phone Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604 or visit our website at bscc.btck.co.uk. Alternativel come along to our free Open Day on Friday 17 April 2020 at Little Bookham Village Hall from 10.00 until 12.00 and to discuss the courses we run or to propose new ones that would be of interest.

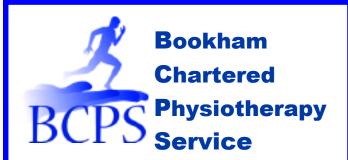




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The Arts Society Bookham



Angela Stevens was elected the Chair of the Society at the AGM in October. Membership Secretary Linda Tickner, Visits Representative Bronwen Mills and Tours organiser Judy

Money continued in their posts. She welcomed Chris Rose as Treasurer and Edmund Morgan-Warren as Programme Secretary. The post of Secretary remains to be filled. Being on the committee, she felt, really enhance one's enjoyment of the activities and hoped that there would be volunteers for the committee for the future.

The subject of the first lecture of the New Year is often referred to as one of the three giants of the High Renaissance. 'Raphael - a Master in the Making' was the lecture title of Sian Walters, Art Historian, who described him as one of the leading artists of the court of Pope Julius II, for whom he created some of the most sublime and influential frescoes of the early 16th Century. In February the presentation is by Joanna Mabbut who is a decorative artist and a member of the City Livery Company of Painter-Stainers. They specialise experimental surface decoration, combining gilding with print and hand painting. Originally created as two companies in the 1200s, the Paynters and Stayners came together in 1502 and for centuries have

decorated Royal palaces, coaches and barges, churches and even theatres. Antony Penrose makes a welcome return in March. His parents were Roland Penrose, curator and biographer of Picasso, and Lee Miller, the photographer. The family were regular visitors to Picasso's home in the south of France. In addition to describing the event of the title, 'The Boy who bit Picasso' he also covers the process of writing and designing the book. The April lecture features Dr James Taylor who will introduce the 'Beautiful curious and rare highlights of the Russel-Coates Art Gallery and Museum'. In May he will lead the visit to the Victorian cliff top house in Bournemouth that holds the eclectic collection of treasures from round the world.

In March, a visit is planned to Richmond Theatre and Strawberry Hill House, in the morning behind the scenes at the Theatre and in the afternoon a tour of the home of Horace Walpole.

We make a 5 day tour in May to Birmingham with visits to Soho House, the Jewellery Quarter, the Coffin Works and the Black Country Museum. Also included are a canal cruise and a guided tour of Coventry Cathedral.

New members are warmly welcomed to the Society. The lectures at 7.30 on the fourth Tuesday in the month are at The Old Barn Hall. Anyone interested in joining the Society can pick up a 2020 publicity card from Bookham Library that lists the year's lectures, together with our planned visits and holidays. For membership please contact Linda Tickner at http://theartssocietybookham.org.uk/ and she will be pleased to send information by email or in the post.

John Cook



Bookham Stamp Club



The members enjoyed the usual Christmas fare at our special Christmas meeting with some fine wine and a superb buffet lunch supplied by caterers Harringtons. A couple of short Christmas themed displays were given by the Secretary and the Programme Secretary. Our auction supplied 100 plus lots and was very successful. The Secretary drew the raffle prizes of which there were 33 items (mostly booze!) with a star prize being a superb hamper.

In November we had a thoroughly entertaining display from Tony Bosworth (pictured) on the 1936 Olympic Games. The presentation started with a background history of the modern Olympics and how Germany was eventually awarded the Summer

and Winter Olympics in 1936. To outdo the Los Angeles games of 1932, Reich Chancellor Adolf Hitler had a new 100,000-seat track and field stadium built. The games were the first to be televised, and radio broadcasts reached 41 countries.

Bookham Stamp Club, founded in 1993, meets every 4th Tuesday of the month (except for December) at the Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham and our very popular Trading Tables start opening at 1.30pm, with displays commencing at 2.15pm.

Our programme includes visits from an impressive list of visiting speakers, members' displays and also Auctions that are held three times a year. We also have a packet exchange through which members can buy and sell stamps.

We are interested in purchasing unwanted collections, so if you are thinking of selling, or indeed need advice concerning your collection contact our Trading Secretary, David Bravery on 01372 452537. We feel that we have built up an extremely good reputation locally, and we are prepared to offer very competitive prices.

If you are new to stamp collecting or want to renew your hobby come along to one of our meetings, you will be warmly welcomed by the 60 plus members that attend each meeting, but if you wish to find out more details before attending contact our Membership Secretary Fred Mitchell on 01372 374614, or look at our website www.bookhamstampclub.com

Our next few meetings:

Tuesday 25th February

Michael Elliot - Finland

Tuesday 24th March

Members' Displays

Christine Earle – The Stamp Show 2000

Tuesday 28th April

Chairman's Afternoon

Tuesday 26th May

AGM and Mini Auction

We welcome all newcomers and we look forward to seeing you.

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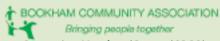
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www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org

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

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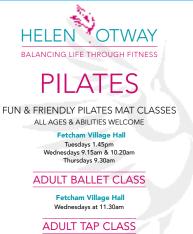


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