

Bookham Bulletin



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Spring 2018



National Trust Commons

My cup runneth over...well, my pond actually.

At long last, the Isle of Wight Pond has refilled - the winter rains (so vital in avoiding droughts in the summer) suddenly topping-up the pond in a matter of days. Thanks to the Bookham Commons Conservation Volunteers, the sluice boards have been replaced and gaps plugged with sticky clay.

The commons are back to their rather squelchy winter wetness - not everyone's favourite for walking, but part of their character and beneficial for wildlife. One of the factors that saved this old swamp (apart from the wonderful support and far-sighted appreciation of its value for recreation by the locals), was the lack of drainage, and being too wet for farming. So, if you'll forgive my expression, there's a lot of mud and we're stuck with it!

One of the past year's highlights was the progress made on our Friends of Bookham Commons' "Edge Project", where in the dry autumn, we were able to do so much clearing along the woodland margins to encourage the return of the nightingales. Many other forms of wildlife, including wild flowers, insects, and many other bird species will benefit from this habitat management. The success of the operation means that this year we'll be able to finish-off with less disturbance, and a bit of "fine-tuning" from our volunteers to get these areas just right. Hopefully, our visitors will also appreciate the interesting wildlife in an attractive, varied landscape.

In the grazed areas, Belted Galloway cattle have been browsing the young trees and scrub, slowing down the rate of successional change. Beyond the fence, our other browsing animals (yes, the conservation volunteers!) have been very busy "browsing" with bow

saws and loppers - and we just couldn't manage without them. A great big thank-you to all of them, and to you, for your support.

Come and join us at our "Friends" Spring Buffet at the Barn Hall on 28th March 2018 for the talk on 'Purple Emperors', by Matthew Oates.

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Letter from the Editor

As I write this, the world outside is white - a smattering of snow landing here and there. A rather unexpected, albeit welcome surprise to wake to. Having nearly come to terms with the idea that many winters around the world don't have snow, I have been happily proven wrong by the Narnian landscape that currently exists beyond my lounge windows. As I thoroughly relish my one singular day of winter, the quiet and subtle beauty of the season captivates me - a gentle snow always being a much needed reprieve amidst the hustle bustle of the holidays. A blight of unnatural weather, a rainstorm frozen in a moment of magical, fluffy serenity...or perhaps I have just been staring out my front window for far too long now.

Welcome back to all of those who had a lovely winter holiday, and from all of us at the Bookhams Bulletin, we hope you all had a very happy, healthy new year! As the days begin to stretch, and the weather (hopefully) cheers up, the Bookhams are waking up, shaking off the winter blues into another year chock-a-block with excitement!

Moving onward into Spring, we are having a lot of interesting things happening behind the scenes. We are currently trying to find a happy balance between articles and advertising, which has resulted in an advertising campaign. We are very lucky to have so many activities in the Bookhams, and to receive so many articles - which makes the Bulletin such a good read! As the publication is published and financially supported by the Bookham Community Association, we have come to the conclusion that, in the future, we will only accept articles from Affiliated Organisations and community organisations such as local schools, etc. Items from commercial organisations will only be accepted as advertisements. There are many significant benefits of affiliation and we have already had a very positive response to this new directive. For more information, or queries about becoming affiliated please contact Keith Slark by telephone at 01372 457375, or by email at keithslark@tiscali.co.uk.

What an edition this has been! It goes without saying that the Bookhams Bulletin would not have been possible without the amazing support system that is our team. I would like to thank every individual who contributes time out of their busy schedules to help create this wonderful publication. To the contributors, thank you for your consistency and dedication. And to all of our readers, thank you for your unwavering support. It has been such a pleasure to hear all of the positive feedback, and I am truly grateful and humbled by the experience.

For the latest edition of the Bookhams Bulletin, and more information, please visit our website at bookhamcommunityassociation.org.

Have a comment, or story idea? Interested in contributing? Email the Editor at bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com

Jennifer Terry



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	Details from 01372 457375	
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Our 'clients' are very grateful for the service we provide which makes the 'job' very rewarding. There is no pressure to give more time than you feel you are able to and our 'clients' make donations to cover your fuel costs.

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Chairman's Report

June 2018 is going to bring an influx of bugs and bees and butterflies and birds as well as all sorts of flying things on Village Day 16th June when the theme is 'Bookham Takes Flight'. Already minds are at work designing costumes and thinking how stalls can be decorated to make this one of the most colourful Village Days ever. The birds of prey are booked so make sure you get the date in your diary. CAN YOU HELP IN THE RUN UP TO JUNE OR ON THE DAY PLEASE! Let me know if you can.

A Silent Soldier has appeared outside the Old Barn Hall and will remain there throughout this

year commemorating the end of the First World War. This is an initiative of the Royal British Legion to help us remember the millions of soldiers who fought and died in that war. Our soldier has been privately funded.

Our new kitchen for the Harrison Room is finished and looks magnificent! It is clean and bright with all new appliances and we are most grateful to the Wilson Family who donated the money for the refurbishment in memory of Graham Wilson. Graham was our Safety Officer and a working member of the BCA committee for many years and is still greatly missed.



Keith Slark 01372 457375 keithslark@tiscali.co.uk



**Bookham Village Day
16 June 2018**

**'Bookham Takes Flight'
Bugs, Birds, Bees, Butterflies
& all things that fly**

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Bookham Open Gardens Day – Sunday 17th June 2018

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Open Gardens Day can also be a source of inspiration for you – seeing lots of different gardens of all shapes, sizes, and kinds, finding out what grows in the local soil, and hearing how they have been developed over the years. We hope to keep our ticket price the same as last year and virtually all our takings go to the Old Barn Hall, thanks to all the volunteer help we get on the Committee, from others in the village on the day, and from our sponsors, supporters, and raffle prize donors.

Even better, if you have an interesting garden you'd like to share with people, how about opening on the day? As ever, we are always on the lookout for new gardens. If you think you might be interested, you are most welcome to contact us for a chat.



The joy is in the variety, from quirky to formal, productive to picturesque. It's a great way to get to know people and feel part of the community. Also if your children or grandchildren have their own patch, we'd love to see it. To make Open Gardens Day successful, we rely not only on our garden openers, but also many volunteers who help on the day, selling tickets, serving refreshments at the Old Barn Hall, driving the minibus, acting as garden stewards, or helping on car park duties.

If you would like to open your garden or help for

an hour or two in any other way, please contact Tina Hutton by telephone at 01372 457598 or by email at tina.hutton@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 'Like' our Facebook Page – Bookham Open Gardens' – to see pictures from last year's event.

Let's hope that 17th June 2018 will be a beautiful sunny day – see you there!

Diane Poole

1st Bookham Scout Group

1st Bookham Scout Group provide a large range of exciting activities which give young people the skills for life. 1st Bookham Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers are young people aged from 6 to 18 years. Along with their volunteer adult leaders, the members enjoy a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities at our purpose built Bookham Scouting Centre and other selected venues locally, in the UK and abroad.

We currently have places at our Friday, Greville Scout Troop, for young people from 10 yrs old. New members are welcome regardless of whether they have been in Scouting before. If



you know a young person who may be interested in joining in with activities such as outdoor cooking, expeditions, camping, climbing, water activities, team and individual challenges, and skill development, please contact Christine Whale, 1st Bookham



Group Scout Leader by email at christine@1stbookhamscouts.org.uk.

We also welcome adult volunteers to our leadership or administration teams.

Claire Thomas

Bookham Help Your Neighbour

Volunteer Drivers Needed.

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

If the answer is yes to any of these questions,

perhaps you would consider becoming a driver for Bookham Help Your Neighbour. We are a voluntary scheme providing lifts to medical appointments - doctor, dentist, hospital, etc. - for those no longer able to make these journeys independently.

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to any particular day of the week. For more information, please contact Heather by telephone at 01372 454403, or Ann at 01372 457204.

Bookham and Fetcham Gardeners Association

Everyone likes something for nothing and as any good gardener will tell you making free garden compost is a great source of goodness for any garden or allotment. You just can't have too much of it. It not only improves the soil enormously, but it will add nutrients to feed all your plants or produce for months to come.

Here's how easy it is. You will need a bin to get the ball rolling. There are numerous types of compost bins on the market, and everyone has their favourite. Perhaps the cheapest is one made out of 4 old pallets. This type is best lined, for which we sell the perfect breathable material for such purposes in the huts. Alternatively, the cheap 'dalek' type, provided by the council is a good start. You will probably need two though, and even that may not be enough.

For the quickest and best results, start by alternating layers of dry and wet material. Good examples of dry material are shredded paper

(preferably not highly coloured from a glossy magazine), leaves, torn up cardboard, wood shavings, and sawdust can all go in. Then add layer of wet - peelings, annual weeds, grass cuttings, dead flowers, horse manure (we sell composted horse manure in bags). If you have rabbits or guinea pigs, add the soiled bedding, which may be classified as wet or dry. Just keep adding.

A bin started at the beginning of spring will yield some lovely compost the following autumn. Anything that has not rotted by the autumn (usually the top six inches or so), goes back in at the bottom for next time. Some bins are faster than others, but they all work better in the sun providing they are not left to dry out. Some people stir or turn them, others just leave them to get on with it. The secret is getting the mix of layers right, and from that the level of moisture in the heap should also be just right. It's simply this,

as long as the layers are right you just can't fail.

You can use a compost accelerator, which may slightly speed up the process, and we are happy to sell you some of that too - but, to be honest, if you get the balance right you won't need any additives. In the autumn and winter, mulch with it or just dig it in, put thick layers everywhere. So that's our best tip for all gardeners this spring.

Of course, we sell several types and makes of potting compost for seed sowing, etc., but ordinary garden compost is there for all and you can make loads for free. Whatever your other basic gardening needs, you will probably find we sell that too and at very competitive prices. It costs just £3 a year to join the Association, so come along to the Allotment Huts at the bottom of Keswick Road any Sunday morning. Our shop is open 10:00 am till Noon every Sunday, so do have a look round. We are open to all.

Sonia Willfoft and John Humphreys

Bookham Recorded Music Club

During my programme on the 27th April 2017, entitled "Through the Night with Radio 3", I recalled the great fortune to be able to listen to entire works, played without interruption. My choice included Mozart, Brahms, and Schubert. We held our AGM on the 12th May 2017, when our Treasurer reported a healthy balance, despite purchasing a new CD Player and Amplifier, due to good membership attendance and successful raffles held at each meeting. On the afternoon of the 26th July 2017, we held a joint Anniversary celebration with the Guildford Music Society, (our 65th and Guildford's 70th) with seasonal music and afternoon tea. Both societies contributed to the selection of music, and Guildford provided the Anniversary cake.

We began our Autumn programme on the 14th September 2017, with a visit from Peter Conway when his programme consisted of music composed by "English Romantics", Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Finzi, and Bax, to name a few. On the 28th September 2017, Sheila Morley presented her programme, "Wings - Birds, Bats and Bees" which she had given earlier in the year, but did so again because so few members were able to attend her earlier presentation. Sheila Robert's programme, "Blowing In the Wind" involved woodwind and brass instruments. Ten composers contributed to this unusual but exuberant evening. Another programme was Mike Withers "And Now For The Shipping Forecast". He began with the "Overture - The Wreckers" by Ethyl

Smyth to represent Lundy, and ended with Ronald Binge's "Sailing By", encompassing eleven sea areas, including Fitzroy which was formerly Finistere. To represent this area, he chose "Nocturne - Sirenes" by Debussy.

On 9th November 2017, John Dicker presented "SHSSSS" comprising works by Schubert, Schumann, Shostakovitch, Schonberg, and Chopin, pronounced with a 'sh' instead of a 'ch'. A Fantasy and a Waltz which enhanced his delightful programme. To end our year, we met in the afternoon of the 6th December 2017 for our annual "Christmas Festivities", with music selected by the Committee and our customary mulled wine and mince pies.

Mary Brooks

Bookham Baptist Children's Centre

We are an independent Children's Centre based out of Bookham Baptist Church in the heart of the village. We have lots going on for parents, grandparents, and carers so do check out our Facebook page at 'Bookham Baptist Children's Centre'.

Our baby and toddler group, Noah's Ark, runs on Thursdays from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm during term time, and RhymeTime on Friday mornings for babies and toddlers. This session is run in partnership with The Meeting Place Cafe, which is open here on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. You don't need to book for any of these sessions,

simply pop along for a cuppa and you are sure to find a warm welcome. We also have links to a range of other services, such as The Citizens Advice Bureau, Free Legal Advice drop in sessions, CAP free Debt Help charity, and Foodbank vouchers available.

We also work very closely with Rainbow Playgroup which runs here on weekdays from 8:45 am - 12:45 pm for 2-5 year olds.

We have a number of regular courses including the 'Talking Teens' Parenting Course, and Paediatric First Aid course for Parents and Grandparents - so do get in touch to find out more. In addition to our centre based sessions,

we also have a new family support outreach service, for those who may need a little additional support, for example, if you have postnatal depression or anxiety, are struggling with your child's behaviour, are a lone parent, or have a child with additional needs. Please get in touch with us if you would like any more information, or would like to chat about how we can help you.

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<http://bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk/bbcc/>

Bookham Youth & Community Centre

The Bookhams Youth Project (BYP) continues to flourish. The Monday and Friday sessions are well attended by a mix of young people. Other Youth organisations continue to use the large amount of space that is available, together with the much improved supplementary facilities. This allows the groups using the facility a large degree of flexibility in activities in a spacious environment. It is also used by other youth and young adult groups, such as Disability Challengers, Barnardos and St Nicolas Church. All these run Clubs in the evenings, and Disability Challengers use the Centre during the holidays. Other groups use the facilities on an ad hoc basis.

A dialogue continues to be held with Surrey County Council to replace the existing building, which has a limited life span. However, a new community facility would take

the centre beyond the current lease, which expires in 2019. A request to extend the lease for a further period has been sent to SCC which has the support of our County Councillor, Clare Curran. SCC have promised to out forward some outline proposals in the first quarter of 2018. The main rooms of the Centre were all painted over Christmas.

During Term time Smarty Pants Preschool use the Centre. It is now under new ownership by local staff, to find out more you can contact them by calling the Centre during term time hours, send an email at info@smartypantspreschool.co.uk, alternatively you can visit their website at <http://www.smartypantspreschool.co.uk>.

The Action Arts Theatre, run by Elizabeth Crawford, provides performing arts activities after school on Wednesdays from 4:15 pm. This

new group has been a great success since starting out earlier this year. For more information, please contact Elizabeth by email at elizabeth.crawford@me.com.

The Centre is used by many other members of the community for leisure activities, using the Sports and Social halls, such as U3A and Fitness classes.

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For information on bookings, please contact our volunteer Booking Manager, Ellen Thomas by telephone at 01372 458019, or by email at Ellen-Thomas@hotmail.co.uk, or at bookhamyouth@o2.co.uk. If you feel that you would like to give a bit of time to help us continue this asset for our community, please feel free to get in contact with David by telephone at 07825 354763.

David Cox



Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club

The current challenge is not just to bowl, but to find a spare green as activities within the club reach fever pitch! Players who have entered the various club championships are arranging dates with opponents and securing greens for their matches. Internal leagues run regularly in mornings, afternoons and evenings, coaching sessions at midday and during the week MVIBC will entertain visiting clubs for Surrey League and friendly competitions. Add to this schedule our team and individual entries into County and National competitions where the early rounds are often played at Leatherhead – then we have informal roll up's and practice sessions – hence a very busy period.

Recently, the club was host to a county competition for the Under 25's comprising teams from Kent and Surrey. A brilliant opportunity to see the skill and enthusiasm of the U25 players, many of them appearing regularly at County and National level.

Great to hear the excited calling and high fives celebration for a winning shot, and watch the easy flexibility and smooth delivery of the younger bowlers.

On another occasion MVIBC held their Disability Day, when bowlers with various disabilities from other clubs in Surrey came together for a day of friendly competition. Members from MVIBC provided help on the green collecting and returning bowls to those in wheelchairs or unable to move around freely, and for those with impaired vision, centre lines were laid and advice given on angle and weight of delivery, the players translated this with amazing precision. A very successful day with the winners receiving their awards from the Vice Chairman of Mole Valley District Council - Raj Haque and MVIBC Chairman Ken Prentice.

In the run up to Christmas, the Chairman's Christmas Triples took place. At this fun event, players dressed accordingly in seasonal colours, and with a brilliant selection of food providing ongoing support a winning team did eventually emerge to receive a cup from our main sponsor.

There continues to be plenty going on at your local club. If you would like to know more about MVIBC, please visit our website at www.mvibc.co.uk or email us at mail4mvibc@gmail.com

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Polesden Lacey Infant School

Not only were there fairy lights twinkling at Polesden Lacey Infant School in the run up to Christmas, but towards the end of last year, the glow of an extra terrestrial spaceship could be seen in all its glory, and as luck would have it, it landed right in the middle of the school hall! The pilot of this spaceship was the environmentally aware Captain Busta, who successfully navigated his craft along a lit runway within the hall, to the surprise and delight of a waiting audience, who had been expecting just another 'ordinary' assembly! Accompanied by Cbeebies presenter Maddie Moate, Captain Busta had come to celebrate the success of Polesden Lacey Infant School as they rose to the Home Recycling Challenge. The whole school had competed in the competition to highlight the range of recyclable goods within the home, and the children were entertained with songs and games to highlight the importance of their actions. Amid much excitement, it was announced that the school had won the top



prize, and the children were presented with a cheque! It will be discussed by the children the best way to spend their prize money, as they celebrate a win for the planet as well as for their school!

The children of Polesden Lacey Infant School excel at caring for others, and this was demonstrated in November when the children had an Orangutan Day. They wore orange, brown or green mufti and took part in orangutan themed activities throughout the day, and even had an 'orange' lunch. The Orangutan Foundation work tirelessly to save orangutans by protecting their tropical forest habitat, working with local communities and promoting research and education, and the children can feel proud that the money they raised will be put towards this cause. Much closer to home, the year 2 children in Badger Class also managed to sponsor a guide dog puppy from funds raised from the sale of apple

muffins that they had made.

Other more familiar visitors to the school in December were the guests who were able to attend the Grandparents Tea Party - an annual event where the children from Year 1 and 2 entertain their loved ones with a wonderful range of jolly seasonal songs. This also ensures that their voices are on top form for the joyful Christmas performances that all their family and friends are able to enjoy. And one more very special visitor in a red suit, with a long white beard, who goes by the name of Santa Claus, made a special visit to the wonderful School Christmas Fair! Carefully listening to everybody's wishlists, he composed his own list of everyone who had been good! And judging by what the children managed to achieve last term, that is one VERY long list indeed!

Julie Welby

Bookham Country Market

Bookham Country Market has had a very successful 2017, and a key part of this is the contribution made by those volunteers who help on a regular basis - these unsung heroes make nothing from selling produce but come along each week to help with the stalls. Not least of these are the team who man the kitchen selling teas, coffee, biscuits, and cake. Their cheerful contribution is much appreciated by the customers and the money they take makes a significant contribution to the running cost of the Market.

This photo was taken at the last market before Christmas, when they served mince pies and mulled punch in aid of our selected Charity - Cherry Trees, shows from left to right: Barbara Bayley, the newest recruit, who responded to our request for help earlier in 2017. Barbara is seen here helping in the kitchen but she can turn her hand to most things, and has been invaluable in plugging gaps when other stall holders are away. David Read, the longest serving member, has a big fan base amongst

the ladies in the cafe and came originally with his wife Nancy to help run the market. After his wife passed away David signed up in 2006 and he has been serving teas/coffees and washing up ever since. Joan Parkinson, the mainstay of the group, is part of a dynasty of helpers having been introduced back in 2009 by a neighbour Jenne Lane, who already helped in the kitchen before her death. As the market increased its sales in 2016 Joan Powell, a friend and neighbour, joined the team. This was initially on an occasional basis, but Joan No 2 is now a regular providing much needed additional support to cope with the increasing demand. Other helpers not pictured here are Pat Date, featured in an earlier Bulletin, who helps to set up every week and then sells our eggs, Christine Wheatland who can be regularly seen behind the cake stall, Lorraine Stewart who helps with the plant stall, and Frances Jones who has now mastered the complexities of running the meat stall.

The Market is open every Friday morning from



10:15 am to 11:30 am selling a wide range of homemade and local produce including baked goods, fresh free-range eggs, preserves, meat, vegetables, seasonal plants, and a great choice of craft items. Visitors can also buy tea, coffee, biscuits, or cake at very reasonable prices and join the friendly atmosphere in our cafe. We still meet people who have lived in the Village for some time but have never been to the Market. Why not pay us a visit in 2018?

Peter Almond

Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

2017 has been a very successful year for the garden society, with a well supported, beautiful show, interesting talks, and activities, and a delightful outing to the Saville Gardens - which was topped by seeing Prince Phillip there!

The committee have been very busy organising the programme, so please diarise the dates and come along and join us. The

2018 show promises to be very successful, and will again be at the beautiful Tithe Barn in Little Bookham.

The show schedules are already available, so please contact Angela Stevens by telephone at 01372 456713, or by email at craigstevens@aol.com to obtain one in order to start planting and preserving.

Jennifer Smitheman



Bookham Bowling Club

Our clubs bowling Captains, Liz Attwood and Chris Middleton, have recently presented a cheque for £426.77 to Bridget Carr, Chair of Trustees for Citizens Advice Mole Valley (CAMV) at their Leatherhead office.

This money was collected by members of Bookham Bowling Club and members of visiting clubs to Bookham during the summer

months of 2017, and will be used by CAMV to help cover the charity's running costs.

The club wishes all bowlers a very successful season during 2018 and should anybody wish to join us or for more information please visit our website: <http://www.bookhambowls.co.uk>

Richard Sealy



National Auricula and Primula Society

Next month sees the start of a new Bookham show season for members of the National Auricula and Primula Society (Southern). Their first show at the Old Barn Hall is generally the smallest, where the earliest choice primulas will be exhibited, leaving plenty of time to socialise with members new and old alike. The event will take place on Saturday, March 10th 2018 in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall

in Bookham.

On April 7th 2018, we will be celebrating the 50th Annual Primula Show where a few auriculas should appear depending on the weather! On April 28th 2018, the biggest of the three shows will take place - the Auricula Show, now in its 134th year, which attracts exhibitors from around the country. All three

shows are open to the public from 2:00 pm, with free admission. Come and feast your eyes!

If you would like more information about this traditional Society, please feel free to visit our website at www.southernauriculaprimula.org. Beginners and newcomers are always very welcome!

Lesley Roberts

Polesden Lacey Playschool



Last year was rounded off with our amazing end of term show. The children delivered an outstanding performance, displaying their singing abilities and dance moves with enthusiasm. A huge thank-you to the parents, for the wonderful costumes, the Committee for being on hand with refreshments and most importantly, the teachers for organising such

a memorable show. We must also express our thanks and gratitude to all of the local organisations and companies who donated a prize to our raffle. They include The Running Horses, Appletree

Studio, Tiny Talk, Dorking Halls, Denbies, a number of local farms, and Finefettle, to name a few. Links to all contributors can be found on our website.

With Christmas 2017 as our starting point, we have used this term to discuss festive celebrations and have looked at the importance of celebrating with family and friends. This led us to look at what 'winter' means to us. We have enjoyed pretending to be the next Torvill and Dean - ice skating on our own imaginary ice rink. We have also gone on a walk in Bookham woods to look for signs of winter. In between making snowmen,

discovering toys hidden in ice, and building an arctic scene with sugar cubes, we cannot believe how fast this term is going.

After half term, we look forward to having more fun with our friends and teachers, as we learn more new things and create new memories. If you would like more information about the playschool, like to arrange a visit, or enquire about admissions, please contact us by telephone at 01372 458145 (for general enquiries/admissions, please leave a message if there is no answer), 01372 453162 (during session times- so brief conversations only please), or email us at alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com. You can also visit our website at <http://polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool>

Natasha Matthews

Little Bookham WI

At Little Bookham WI's Christmas meeting, members were entertained by a fun pantomime based on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', which was staged by the committee. Members also enjoyed a Christmas tea and a grand raffle with lots of prizes. The annual bursary draw for a place at Denman College was won by Jan Heasman. Members were also able to view our creative Christmas Tree that had been on view at St Nicolas Church in Bookham as part of its annual Christmas Tree Display. Under the theme of 'Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace', Little Bookham WI's tree featured hearts, prayer hands, angels, and doves in a most effective red and white colour scheme.

In 2018, members have resolved to learn new skills beginning with craft demonstrations and workshops at the January meeting. Activities on offer include narrow boat art, sugarcraft, flower arranging, quilting, knitting, and making 'hedgehog books'. Future plans include a trip to the New Victoria Theatre to see the Carole King musical, "Beautiful". Visits to Churchill's home at Chartwell, as well as a visit to Leeds Castle will also follow.

Little Bookham WI meet on the third Wednesday of every month, at Little Bookham Village Hall from 7:30 pm. Visitors are always given a warm welcome.

Fay McGregor



Bookham Choral Society

The members of Bookham Choral Society and our Director of Music, Lewis Gaston, would like to wish everyone a very happy new year! We hope that those of you who came to our concerts in 2017 enjoyed the wonderful music. We bade farewell to our outgoing conductor, Christopher Hann, at a lovely concert at Manor House School in November. We performed Faure's 'Requiem', and 'Requiem for an Angel'



by Paul Carr. All the singers and musicians were thrilled to meet the composer, Paul Carr, at our dress rehearsal and his hints and tips proved most useful during the concert.

Our new Director of Music, Lewis Gaston, took the helm in December and our Christmas Carol Concert was a huge success. St Nicolas Church in Bookham was filled to capacity, and our audience was in fine tune, joining us in singing some of the carols. We all enjoyed a glass of wine and mince pie at the end of the concert and felt that Christmas had really arrived.

This term, we will be rehearsing very hard for the annual Leith Hill Musical Festival. We have new competition this year from the Choral Societies of Dorking, Holmbury. St. Mary, and Mickleham. After a day of competition, however, all rivalry will be set aside as the four choirs join forces for the evening concert, in which the main piece will be 'The Kingdom' by Elgar. Competition day for us is on Thursday



12th April 2018.

Quite a few members of our choir will also be singing in the Festival Oratorio. This year it is Handel's 'Messiah'. This very well-loved work is always popular and the concert is on Sunday March 11th 2018.

If you are interested in attending either of these concerts, tickets are available at Dorking Halls. For more information about Bookham Choral Society, please visit our website at www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk.

Cheryl Mendham

Topic of Cancer

Topic of Cancer is your local charity providing support for patients and their families across Surrey and Sussex, and fundraising for our amazing research team in Guildford. Towards the end of last year, we had a reorganization of groups due to losing the Dorking SG leader and we are looking to replace him and locate a new venue there. The Bookham group was first set up in 2009 and met at the Preston Cross Hotel, which we sadly lost to developers, then at the Bookham Baptist Church Rooms, before moving again to Thatcher's Hotel, who very generously gave us accommodation free of charge. However, it was a bit too far for

some members and we are now settled in the Old Barn Hall on the 2nd Monday of every month from 7:00 pm. Meetings are free, with no booking required, and open to anyone with an interest or concern in cancer. We try to arrange a mix of social and educational evenings, and have enjoyed talks from scientists, consultants, celebrities, and therapists, as well as our local MP, who is a Patron.

We have now launched a new group at Turnfit Studios in Bridge Street, Guildford who meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00

pm, and ToCFit exercise classes for people in treatment or recovery at 10:30 am every Friday morning. They have a lot of fun and each member is individually assessed. Why not give it a try?

Check us out at www.topicofcancer.org.juk or www.facebook.com/topicofcancer, or just phone for more information. We really do understand where you are coming from and offer refreshments and a listening ear, so please pop in and share your experiences to help us learn from and support each other.

Nigel C. Lewis-Baker

Bus Stop Pre-School



The children have enjoyed their winter term at Bus Stop, and been kept very busy, as always! To celebrate Halloween, one of the rooms at Bus Stop was turned into spooky potion house, dripping with cobwebs, hairy spiders, bats, rats, potion mixing bowls, and magical spells. It was a great opportunity to read Julia Donaldson's "Room on the Broom", collect hazel 'whips' (skinny sticks) for making magic wands and thicker lengths of hazel to make broomsticks, and to do some pumpkin carving – the pumpkin seeds have been saved and dried and will hopefully provide next year's crop!



Following on from Halloween, the crafts and activities focused on fireworks! This is one of the favourite themes at Bus Stop as it supports all of the areas of development, particularly children's literacy and physical skills as they make big arm and big body movements, use describing words and moving within the space around them.

The children have also enjoyed listening to "Frances the Firefly". This story supports the children's understanding of keeping safe around fires, matches, and lighters. The story encourages the children to tell a grown-up if they find a match or lighter, and indoctrinates that only grown-ups should use matches/lighters. It's a very effective story, and all the children have shown great awareness, recalling how we keep safe around our fires at pre-school.

Another November activity was making wooden Menorah (candelabra), these are lit to remember the eight days of Hanukkah. To make the Menorah, the children used four tools: the bow-saw to saw the hazel to the correct length; a bill hook and mallet to split the hazel in half making the Menorah base; and a palm drill to drill the holes for the candles.

The children have also had great fun learning how to play the Hanukkah game, Dreidel. This game supports the children's mathematical development for counting, understanding halves, simple fractions, and using mathematical language, such as 'more' and



'none'. The game develops turn-taking skills and an understanding of winning and losing.

In December, the children visited the Polesden Lacey House all dressed ready for Christmas. The last day of term, parents, grandparents, and carers were invited to the annual Christmas song time! It was lovely to watch the children in the Nativity and to listen to all the songs they had been practising at pre-school and home!

The theme for the spring term is 'Nursery Rhymes' and so will be creating an array of crafts and participating in activities that tie in with these!

For more information on Bus Stop Pre-School, please contact either Kate or Kelly by telephone at 01372 879712, or by email at busstoppreschool@aol.co.uk.

Emily von Reibnitz

Bookham Residents' Association



The BRA are supporting an initiative by Peter Wakeham of Surrey's branch of the Royal British Legion, in honour of British troops who fought and died in the First World War 100 years ago.

Near life-size silhouettes of World War 1 soldiers will be appearing in the village during 2018, in memory of those in the armed forces who came home 'silently' from the war, as well as those who were not fortunate enough to return.

The theme of this national campaign is entitled 'Coming Home', and the 'Silent Soldier' silhouettes will have at their base the words: "1914-1918 Lest We Forget".

Businesses and local authorities are being invited to support the campaign by sponsoring and displaying one or more silhouettes until late 2018, when the nation will commemorate the armistice and the end of the war. Any business, or similar undertaking, can buy and sponsor a silhouette and have its company name incorporated in the base.

The monthly litter-pick continues to be a most effective way of keeping our village as tidy as possible and throughout 2018, as teams of local volunteers work hard to clear rubbish that has been thoughtlessly dropped.

If you can spend 90 minutes to keep Bookham tidy each month, please come along on the first Sunday of each month to Lower Shott car park at 11:00 am. Safety equipment, bags, and grabs are all provided. The next two dates are Sundays 4th February and 4th March 2018.

Ray Pritchard



Effingham Golf Club Juniors

Effingham Golf Club boasts a thriving Junior Section (up to 18 years) of boys and girls providing a progressive programme, from new starter to accomplished player. To find out more about playing golf at Effingham, please visit our website at <https://www.effinghamgolfclub.com/juniors>. The majority of Juniors at the Club live in the Bookhams, with the rest in the immediate area so it is a truly local club which is very supportive of Junior Golf.

The Section has had a great year winning 7 of 8 matches played. The end of the year was celebrated with a Prize Giving ceremony for those who won competitions in the second half of the year, hosted by the Club Captain, George Sutherland and Lady Captain, Lindsey Penman. Seventeen year old Bookham local Angus Lonsdale, was appointed 2018 Junior Captain and led the way by winning the last competition of the year, the Adams Shield.

A number of those in the Cadets programme graduated to Junior membership, and others received their club caps for achieving CONGU handicaps.

2018 Junior Membership is only £100 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. As well as regular monthly competitions, there are also inter-club matches. There is no joining fee for a new qualifying Junior Member, but there is a modest annual subscription of £100 which includes some free and subsidised coaching packages. Juniors can enter Adult competitions, but there are various conditions

to this in respect of level of ability. Some young and aspiring golfers may either not have an official handicap or may not be quite up to the standard needed for immediate Junior Membership with the playing rights 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.

There is also a Golf Development Programme, from Starter to membership level. If you are either a complete novice or interested in just giving golf a go, the club is keen to help you with its junior golf development scheme which provides value for money coaching programmes with the aim of getting you to Junior Member with the benefits provided. More information on the website above.

You can find out more about joining Junior Golf by contacting our PGA Professional, Robert Daw by telephone at 01372 452203 (golf enquiries – pro shop), or email at rdaw@effinghamgolfclub.com.

David Cox



Bookham Seniors Computer Club

At the Bookham Seniors Computer Club Christmas session, we all had a look back to the days when computers in popular use were mostly for playing games. We had a chance once again to play Space Invaders and Pacman! For those more accustomed to the offerings today, there were also interactive quizzes and jigsaw puzzles. And then, of course, Brian presented his deliberately difficult quiz on 'Christmas and Technology' - it was all good fun.

Bookham Seniors Computer Club sessions try to make sure that keeping up with the changes in technology is fun as well. The Club offers help to those over 50s who want to get started with digital technology, or simply make the most of computing devices they already own. The courses we offer are based

on the requests that we receive from our members. We also welcome experienced users who would be willing to help out with any of the sessions.

We meet every Friday morning at Little Bookham Village Hall, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Our courses are informative, but informal. For this term, we have had courses on Spreadsheets, Digital Photography, Word Processing, and PowerPoint. In March 2018, we have courses using Edge to browse the internet, a review of skills in Windows 10, and getting the most out of android tablets. Our fees for all courses are set at £5 per session.

If you have a single problem that has you stumped, or want some help using a particular application, we have a drop in session on the first Wednesday of the month (except August)

at Little Bookham Village Hall from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm. No fee is charged, but donations are always welcomed.

Our Spring Open Day will be on Friday 20th of April 2018, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at Little Bookham Village Hall. Do come along for refreshments and a chance to see what courses will be offered for the April-July 2018 term.

For more details, or to register an interest, please contact either Sue by telephone at 01372 454461, or Brian at 01372 450604. For those of you who are able to access the internet, please visit our website at bscc.btck.co.uk, for dates for courses in 2018 and other information about our club.

Sue Halford

Transition Bookham



This year, Transition Bookham is holding quarterly open meetings: the dates are Wednesday 18th April 2018, Wednesday 18th July 2018, and Wednesday 17th October 2018. Meetings are held from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm in the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre, all welcome, free entry unless otherwise advertised. We may be working on projects, have a guest speaker, or just have a catch-up about all things green.

Check our website, social media or local notice boards for information nearer the time. Other events may be added at a later date.

Things we will definitely be doing this year include an environmental audit of the local area, maintaining the wildlife-friendly garden at the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre, giving our backing to campaigns such as the current move to reduce the use of plastic, and supporting a variety local events. Something to note for the current quarter, St Nicolas Church are planning a local, organic, animal friendly, and fairly- traded meal on Saturday 10th March 2018 to mark Fairtrade Fortnight – more details nearer the time.

If you'd like to be kept up-to-date with what we're doing, as well as hearing about local and national items of green interest, please email us at transitionbookham@gmail.com and ask to be added to our mailing list. We would also like to hear from you, especially if you're interested in joining in any of our events or have suggestions for future activities.

Find out more about us on our website www.transitionbookham.org.uk for a wealth of helpful tips and local information about living a more planet-friendly life. You can also like and follow TransitionBookham on Facebook and follow @ttbookham on Twitter.

Win Magyar

Quilters Guild of the British Isles

We are on track again for our Surrey Regional Day on Saturday 22nd September 2018, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. We will take over the whole of the Old Barn Hall and all the rooms! Our speakers will be Jenny Rayment and Stephanie Crawford.

There will be traders, a small quilt show from a local group, demonstrators, a challenge, and a raffle. For more information about the event and booking forms please contact Jan Godding by telephone at 01372 453801 or email at jan.surrey@btinternet.com. You do not have to be a member of the Quilters Guild to enjoy this annual event.

We are also continuing our three-session patchwork and quilting tasters for people who have always wanted to try these crafts, but so far have not had the opportunity. You can make a 9-patch cushion using all the basic techniques in 9 hours, so watch out for local publicity about the next set of taster sessions. These sessions are unique in that all materials, equipment, and teaching are completely free - all we ask is for a small contribution towards the hire of the Hall. The group that completed the October/November course gave us good feedback, displayed their cushions proudly, and so far we have had one photograph of a small quilt, completed in time to be a Christmas present.

Last year, our beginners exhibited the quilts they made as a follow up to the cushion at Hever Castle in September 2017, 9 quilts in the section called 'My First Quilt'. The Quilters Guild Region 2 will be holding the quilt exhibition at Hever Castle early in September 2018, and if you belong to a group affiliated to the Guild, you can exhibit your quilt – there is no judging for any quilt except those entered in the Hever Challenge section. Contact Jan for more information.

There is a lot more information about the Guild on its website at www.quiltersguild.org.uk

Jan Godding

South Bookham Space

The small team of volunteers that manage the South Bookham SPACE community centre in Dorking Road are looking for an additional volunteer to help with marketing activities.

The centre has gone from strength to strength in the six years since it was opened, and a survey taken in October shows over 400

people attend the 19 different activities each week at South Bookham SPACE and Outer SPACE. In addition, about 100 local children under 10 attend parties at SPACE each month.

We need a Marketing Volunteer to help continue this success through promoting SPACE as a great place for Children's parties, in

addition to the regular classes.

If you are interested in writing short pieces for the SPACE website, local publications and websites, as well as other PR activities including Facebook, please email Trevor at info@southbookhamspace.org.uk for a friendly chat.

Eastwick WI

Eastwick WI's December meeting fell during Christmas week, so they were right in the mood for joining in with the Christmas songs performed by singer Frances Fry. Earlier in December, members had enjoyed a Christmas meal in the lovely panelled dining room at Effingham Golf Club. We also paid a visit to the Portsmouth Christmas Market. In the new year, Eastwick WI visited a London Theatre to see "42nd Street".

At the Quiz Evening in the Old Barn Hall, members and their visitors had their brains stretched by an ingenious set of questions posed by Paul, our regular Quiz Master.

Speakers in the last few months have told us about such diverse subjects as Tibet, Guildford Cathedral, and hats. In the months to come, we are due to hear about climate change, the Titanic, and an amusing look at TV advertising in the sixties.

Members have been busy knitting. They have made more than 60 miniature bobble hats for premature babies in addition to the many tiny blankets. The little blankets are in pairs, one stays with the baby in hospital and the other goes home with the mother. They are swapped frequently to keep the mother and baby bond

strongly intact, which is one of the most important aspects of supporting premature babies as they get ready for home life.

Find out more about this busy WI on our website at www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk. Eastwick WI meets on the third Wednesday of every month, from 7:30 pm at St Mary's Annexe, The Ridgeway, Fetcham. Guests are welcomed to our meetings, and we no longer have a waiting list as we have extended our membership to 110 to cope with the demand.

Sally Dampney

The Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley



Rotary combines the opportunity to really make a difference in the community, whilst enjoying the company of like-minded friends. We rely completely on the generosity of the wider community to make our efforts count. The Club sends its sincere thanks all residents of Bookham, Effingham, and the Horsleys for their tremendous generosity this Christmas, which enabled the club to raise £3,800 to benefit local charities, and many families from the local community in need over the Christmas holiday period.

As usual we made collections at various supermarkets and in the three villages in the run up to Christmas, along with Santa and his sleigh touring local streets and flying in for Bookham Traders Night, which is always a popular sight and generously greeted. Our

own collections were supplemented by Rotary Christmas shoe box donations from the Howard of Effingham and RGS Guildford. Younger students from these two schools adopted our charity, again filling about 80 Rotary shoe boxes with toys, toiletries, educational items, or household goods. They bring a small taste of happiness to people who live in poverty in countries such as Albania, Croatia, Romania, and Ukraine. For many recipients, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares.

Meanwhile our Club has had an active autumn as ever. Highlights have include evening talks at the Club about travels in The Galapagos Islands, and the development of the new aircraft carrier Queen Elizabeth – both by really excellent

speakers. Our excellent Christmas meal featured a specially adapted version of Cinderella, with star appearances from various Rotarians. Last November's Saturday morning Bookham Brunch has become an established and popular event in the village community calendar, and was as successful as ever, raising over £1,500 for charities. Many thanks if you were able to support us and come along. Other well-supported autumn fund raisers included a Race Night, plus our regular bridge evening.

Forthcoming events include our Bridge Night on Friday 16th February, and our Music event planned for Friday 4th May 2018. Both evening events will be at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham. See local press and our website for ticket details. Thanks as always for your support!

A really positive experience awaits you at Rotary. Whether as a Club member, or as an occasional help – for example, help with our Christmas fund-raising and supporting our events. Why not join us for a trial Club evening, or simply join our mailing list for occasional updates? For all details, and to see what's coming up, please visit our website at www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org, or contact our secretary, Mark Secker, by telephone at 01372 458733, or by email at mark.secker@outlook.com

Andrew Smith

Bookham Rifle Club

Bookham Rifle Club, nestled in the old orchard gardens of Thorncroft Manor, just south of Leatherhead, provides the local community access to a unique sport. Our members shoot on all levels in county and national competitions at our lovely large clubhouse facility, and is open to all ages from 8 to 80, men, women, and people with wide ranging disabilities. David Sprigg accepted, on behalf of BRC, the Mole Valley Sports "Disability Sports Award Winner". Peter Vigar and Nikki Campana also worked with Dyscover group (supporting people with Aphasia) to shoot air rifle, significantly changing people's outlook on their abilities. It's both an individual and team sport which does not require a high level of physical strength - Bench Rest is as challenging as standing, or a prone position. Test yourself across different disciplines, including Long rifle (basically using live .22 ammunition) or lightweight sporting rifle, (standing) on ranges from 25 yards, 50 yards, and 100 yards. Our amazing indoor facilities for air rifle and pistol is definitely worth trying out - not to mention, an archery range too! All equipment and

instruction is provided by the club.

Shooting is for everyone, and that is why the club itself is a diverse and friendly group of people. Throughout the year, we have Open Days to try-out the sport. You can apply for membership at any time, beginning as a probationer while receiving excellent training and coaching. The Target Shooting School also uses our ranges and provides top-class coaching. Coach Mick Gault, famous as the all-time highest medal-winning pistol champion, visits regularly to coach our newest members, as well as the National standard shooters. You can become very good very quickly at shooting, and a majority of our members compete in local leagues and club cup competitions. Our best shots are regularly winning top national honours, and we are very proud that club member Lina Jones has been chosen to shoot for Great Britain in the Commonwealth Games in Australia this April.

Shooting at the National Championships in August at Bisley, both Bookham Club and Surrey County teams (Lina, Simon Aldhouse, Tim

Hammond, Dave Crispin, Peter Jones, and John Belringer) all did amazingly well, 1st in 50m and 100 yards and coming 2nd at the Queen Alexandra Cup and Astor County Championship. Neale Parry shot brilliantly in the "Bobs" final (2nd) and Welsh prone (2nd). Both Lina and Simon shot for GB vs USA team in the Earl Roberts, narrowly beaten by just 11 shots.

Lina did win for England in the Home Countries match though – being awarded the Wilkinson Sword Trophy.

For Air sports, in the British Schools Pistol Championships, notably Toby Meek and James Miller won silver and gold medals at the South East regional competitions, with Luke Read and Martha Hansford getting through to the finals at the senior level. Among our junior members, it is more than likely we will find future British champions!

With such a wonderful shooting facility right here in the Bookham area, why not encourage your children to become athletes in this challenging and elite sport?

John Buckley

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club continues to thrive, with our bridge sessions on Monday and Thursday afternoons at the Old Barn Hall. We usually have in excess of 18 tables (that is 72 players), and visitors are always welcome. We aim to be a friendly club with a warm and pleasant atmosphere, but at the same time maintain a good standard of bridge. Our website has a wealth of information about the club for both members and visitors, which we keep consistently updated with the latest news and information. Feel free to visit our website at <http://www.bridgewebs.com/bookhamafternoon/>

We were pleased to participate in Children in Need, and Surrey County wide charity duplicate bridge sessions in 2017. December

2017, Joyce Munns and Ulla Adilz had the top score in all of Surrey on Monday 4th December, in the Dorin Salver Charity Sim Pairs event (66.26%), the best score of the week. They are the winners of this year's Dorin Salver Award. We also had a very successful Christmas party lunch, with a quiz and fun bridge on the 14th December with 83 members in attendance.

This year, we will again be again be participating in raising funds for the Bookham Community Association through our Bookham Village Week Bridge Drive, and hope to match the £850 we raised in 2017 for the BCA.

Lawrence Penney



Bookham Butterflies WI



Bookham Butterflies WI ended a very busy 2017 with celebrations in December to commemorate our third birthday. We drank Bucks Fizz and tucked into a number of cakes, including a red velvet creation adorned with edible butterflies, made by president Clare Cody.

At the anniversary meeting, members were also delighted to welcome back Fiona Jones, for an update on her latest visit to Antarctica. Fiona is the daughter of Butterflies secretary, Margaret Jones, and is carrying out research into the penguin populations of the Southern Oceans.

We have also recently been working on Bookham Butterflies' contribution to a special book, being produced by the Surrey Federation of WI's to mark its centenary. Fitting in with our rather modern approach to the WI,



members came up with a unique butterfly "word cloud", highlighting what they believe their WI means to them. Surrey WI's book will be published later in 2018.

We recently took a large group of members and guests on a fascinating tour of the Houses of Parliament, visiting many historic areas of the building including the House of Lords, House of Commons, St Stephen's Hall, and Westminster Hall.

We were also delighted to win a quiz organised by Mole Valley WI - it must have been our lucky night, as we also won four raffle prizes! The speaker at our monthly meeting in November was artist Francis Jordan, who painted a beautiful watercolour landscape in just over an hour, starting with a blank piece of paper. Frances explained some of the techniques she was using and how she was mixing the colours to create different effects. We also raffled our three Christmas hampers at this meeting and raised a wonderful £130 for the Rainbow Trust.

Our members ended the year by getting very creative in December at a couple of Christmas wreath-making workshops organised especially for us.

2018 is looking to be another busy year for Bookham Butterflies, starting with a charity quiz evening in early February. Members are also looking forward to attending a flower arranging workshop and to hearing speakers at monthly meetings talking on subjects as diverse as interior design and women in the Royal Navy.

Our walking groups are continuing with their weekly and monthly walks in the local area,



and our Exploring Gardens group will be starting another busy schedule of visits to local gardens in the early spring. The last visit of 2017 was to Wisley RHS Garden, where we were given a tour by Butterfly member, Elaine Belt - who used to work at Wisley. Our Mahjong group, who meet every Wednesday to play the Chinese game similar to Rummy, recently celebrated its first birthday - with cake of course!

For more information about our WI, visit our website at www.bookhambutterflieswi.com or our Facebook page Bookham Butterflies WI.

Jen McAllister



Howard of Effingham School



Last year's Autumn Drama production was 'Skellig', a play about a young boy who recently moved house and found something strange in his garage. We went on a journey with Michael and his family to discover what the 'Skellig' is. The cast consisted of students from Year 7 right through to Year 12 who undertook a very intense rehearsal period.

As ever we were pleased and proud with the quality of the performances produced by our excellent cast, and enormously grateful for the hard work of the stage crew. This was a big

commitment for the cast, as it was a challenging script and students gave up many hours of their time.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. Both nights were a great success with a large audience. The production helped raise money towards our annual school musical.

Our spring musical this year is 'Sister Act, with performances from the 22nd to 24th March 2018, at The Leatherhead Theatre. It is based on the hit 1992 film, with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Glenn Slater, book by Bill and Cheri Steinkellner and additional book material by Douglas Carter Beane. When lively lounge singer Deloris Van Cartier sees her mobster beau, Curtis commit murder, she is relocated for her protection. Set up in the guise of a nun in a convent, Deloris proceeds to upend the quiet lives of the resident sisters. In an effort to keep her out of trouble, they assign Deloris to the convent's choir, an ensemble that she soon turns into a vibrant

and soulful act that gains widespread attention. The show will be performed by a 100-strong cast, with the lead roles taken by: Josie Smith, Zak Muggleton, Rhys Wallis, Sonal Patel, Catrina Gardham, Hannah Davison, Tom Walker, Henry Moodie, Matt Strutton, and Tom McGachie.

Tickets and order forms will be available through the school or Theatre – early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

Hannah Osborne



The Dawnay School



At The Dawnay we foster team spirit in our children. We recognise that all children are different and work at different speeds towards their own academic potential. However, we firmly believe that all children have got something to offer for the greater good of the school community, and need to learn the skills to become confident learners, independent thinkers, and responsible citizens. Our children have the opportunity to thrive in a supportive, creative environment, where all adults see

their potential and give them the chance to succeed. We value the contribution made by children in many different ways, and are always looking for the aspect of school life that will inspire fulfilment.

To recognise a range of attributes, at the end of each term, awards are presented for academic attitude and achievement (illustrated dictionaries – donated by the Rotary Club and presented to a child in each of the Junior year groups) and achievement in sports (sports' cups for Upper and Lower Junior girls and boys). During the term many achievements are celebrated, such as participation in maths competitions, musical achievements, sporting success, and participation and any achievement made in activities both in or out of school. Also, throughout the school year, all children have the opportunity to be recognised on the 'Achievement Tree' for exceptional work, exceptional characteristics, or an exceptional act.

On her retirement, the Headteacher Mrs Hard felt that there was an award missing. This was an award that would be presented to any child who consistently embodies the Team Dawnay ethos and upholds the values of the school, often an unsung hero! To this end, a new award has been initiated by Mrs Hard, this is to recognise a child in each of our three phases (Infants, Lower Juniors, and Upper Juniors) who embodies the 'Team Dawnay' ethos. Mrs Hard wanted to be able to recognise those



children who quietly and consistently live out the way we would like our citizens of the future to be.

The 'Team Dawnay' ethos has been fostered during the past eight years of Mrs Hard's headship, and is something that all members of the school community are familiar with. This expression has become synonymous with the positivity and fair play of our teams and individual children in all that they do. Hence, the Team Dawnay Star Award and the first recipients: Oscar E.H. (Year 2), Finley A. (Year 4), and Ellie-Anne W. (Year 6). Congratulations to them all.

If you are interested to see Team Dawnay in action, we would love to show you around. The Dawnay is a school with heart – come and feel its beat! For a visit and tour, please contact us by telephone at 01372 456774, or by email at info@dawnay.surrey.sch.uk

Serena Hemmings



Friends of Bookham Commons

It was a dry Summer and Autumn, which along with the repairs to the Isle of Wight pond sluice, resulted in an almost empty pond throughout this period and into the Winter. The Winter rains have now filled it with the help of drainage from the four upper ponds. Through of all this, the herons were regularly to be seen together with ducks, red kites, moorhens, coots, swans etc. Thankfully, Bookham Commons are still very much frequented by a wide variety of wildlife, including deer and smaller mammals.

Meanwhile, the 'Life on the Edge' project has had another good season thanks to the good work of A&K Elms. It may be recalled that the objective behind this project is to clear overgrown scrub from the Commons to produce grassy areas next to the remaining scrub. This will provide food (insects and grubs) to encourage nesting bird life to prosper with hopefully the return of the

nightingales and cuckoos. The final work of the three-year project is planned for the end of the 2018 season. We have now reached our target of £12,000 and soon will be able to take on other projects.

Our membership is still slowly rising, now topping 200. Members of the Committee will again stage a presence in the Tunnel car park, on Good Friday 30th March 2018 to answer any questions you may have.

If you would like a pleasant and informative evening, I hope you will join us for the Spring Supper at the Old Barn Hall on March 28th 2018 to enjoy a hot supper (and a glass!). There will be a very interesting talk by Matthews Oates, plus an update of what has been happening on the Commons from Ian Swinney - do join us.

Robert Hall

Christmas Charity Post

This year sales of stamps and numbers of cards delivered were much like last year, halting the declines of the last few years. Once again, my thanks goes to all concerned with the Christmas Charity Post [CCP], from the Committee, to the stamp sellers, both door to door and those in local shops, the leafleters, sorters and deliverers who turned out in all weathers during late November and December to get the cards to the door.

I would especially like to thank all the twelve shops that again sold stamps this year and acted as posting points. The total stamp sales at shops increased this year from £2,374 in 2016, to £2,469 - constituting 68% of total stamp sales of £3,612. Special thanks must again go to Wishing Well and Brackenburys in Bookham, who sold £840 and £576 worth of

stamps respectively, and Contact in Fetcham who sold £369. Open All Hours in Fetcham raised £137, Sibleys raised £117, and Parkers in Effingham raised £115 - all sold over £100 worth of stamps.

The Committee have agreed that this year, the £3,500 will be divided between three projects. Firstly, £1,500 will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee for their support of member charities providing temporary shelter, emergency healthcare, food, clean drinking water, and sanitation services to the Myanmar Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. In addition, £1,000 will be donated to Medecins Sans Frontieres, for their work in Yemen. Finally, £1,000 will be donated to Practical Action, for water projects throughout East Africa. This amount will be matched by DFID (Department

for International Development), thus rounding it up to a grand total of £2,000.

	2016	2017
Value of stamp sales	£3,598	£3,612
Number of stamps sold	11,993	12,040
Number of cards delivered	11,076	10,850
Donation to charities	£3,000	£3,500

This is a fantastic result, which hopefully indicates that the downward trend of the last few years has been halted. The total contributed to such projects over 34 years has amassed nearly £100,000, with over 450,000 cards delivered. A big thank you to all of you who buy CCP stamps and entrust your cards to us to be delivered around the three villages.

Michael Agius

Bookham Camera Club

Bookham Camera Club has had a terrific year, and will be celebrating with its Annual Exhibition in the Leatherhead Theatre during April 2018. The club is thriving, having close to 70 members and attracting photographers of all abilities. We meet every Thursday in the Eastwick Road Church Hall and our programme is designed to be active, informative, engaging, inclusive, and, very importantly, enjoyable. We hear from a mix of external and internal speakers, conduct practical sessions and participate in regular

competitions. In the latest Surrey Photographic Association competition, Bookham Camera Club achieved notable success, winning the Nature Class, coming third in the Open Class and gaining 3 of the 6 Judges Awards.

Our annual exhibition is the highlight of our year. From 4th to the 27th April 2018, the Leatherhead Theatre will host a display of about 100 framed prints together with a rolling display of over 200 digital images. It

promises to be a spectacular display of some great photographs. The exhibition is free to view, and is available all the time the theatre is open. If you are interested in photography or just want to see some lovely images, please come along to the exhibition. You will not be disappointed! If you would like more details about the club, please visit our website at <http://bookhamcameraclub.zenfolio.com>, which includes the club's contact details.

Roger Mendham

Inner Wheel Club of Bookham & Horsley

Inner Wheel Club of Bookham & Horsley had a really busy and happy year in 2017. Not only did the ladies manage to raise a goodly sum for various charities, but they also cut a dash at the races, drinking champagne on Ladies' Day at Sandown Park.

In the Autumn of 2017, we held a Charity evening in aid of Parkinson's UK. This took the form of a 'Call our Bluff', a first for our club, which featured two teams of ladies and some gallant husbands who ventured to baffle both the opposing team and the audience. Judging by the laughter emanating from the hall, we counted it a great success. Neil Carter played

the Chairman with great dash, keeping the peace between the teams.

Our Christmas dinner at the Effingham golf club proved another winner, as post dinner entertainment found the ladies engulfed in laughter, as they tried to guess what was being created out of playdough in a fun team game. A big box of chocolates brought by the President of Bookham & Horsley Rotary club also helped the evening go with a swing.

Inner Wheel is the largest Ladies' organisation in the world, and on the 10th January every year, every club celebrates in some way. This

year, we had a soup and sandwich lunch in aid of the charity, Cherry Trees.

On Friday, 2nd March 2018, we will again host a large Charity Tea Party at the Old Barn Hall. This year it will be in aid of the Coco Foundation. This has become an annual must for many ladies in the area, so do put it in your diaries and contact Clare by telephone at 01372 459147 for tickets as they tend to sell out rather fast.

May we wish all readers of this excellent magazine a wonderful 2018.

Jane Bishop

Royal National Lifeboat Institution

It's the time of year when we start thinking about our summer holidays. If you are going to spend any time at the seaside, it may be a good idea to go to a beach which has RNLI Lifeguards in attendance. We now have Lifeguards on over 240 beaches, which you can find by visiting our webpage at <https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches>.

Here in Surrey, we have more people die in water than in fires. Although we don't currently have the 2017 numbers, in 2016 alone we had 9 fatalities in water and 2 fatalities in fires. The Bookham and

Leatherhead branch of the RNLI has been working with Surrey Fire and Rescue Service to get our water safety message to as many young people as we can to try and lessen the number getting into difficulties in water.

Part of this is to tell children that they must ask 4 questions before they jump into water:

1. How deep is it?
2. What is on the bottom?
3. Is there a current?
4. Is the water cold? (A major danger is Cold Water Shock.)

Not long ago, a 10 year-old girl told me that she thought of a 5th further question - is there a way out? A great question and one very bright young lady. To help keep our children safe, please look at the following website at <https://www.respectthewater.com/> to see what you can do to help if you fall into cold water.

Please enjoy our waterways, but always Respect the Water and Stay Safe.

Richard Bywaters

The Downsmen



The Downsmen are a male barbershop chorus based in Leatherhead. We regularly take part in concerts at a wide variety of venues, from wedding receptions to civic events with the town mayor present. We have a number of social events during the year, of which the quiz nights are very popular.

There was no shortage of engagements for the Downsmen in December. At several events, the hosts thoughtfully provided some

seasonal mince pies. This certainly was the case for our concert for the ladies of the WI at Fetcham, who had song sheets full of carols for us to sing after we'd done our own material! The highlight of the month was our visit to the Islington Chapel, renowned for its Saturday lunchtime concerts.

The Downsmen also lent support to the Nomad Theatre in East Horsley, by taking part in the fundraising event for their new Green

Room. The theatre is a real gem and well worth a visit to one of their performances. The chorus has gone from strength to strength under the direction of Miguel Fernandes, in post for just over a year. Last year, we put ourselves forward for a series of music festivals in our area, including East Grinstead, Reigate, Redhill, and Sutton. The chorus acquitted itself well and came away with more than its fair share of silverware. We fully intend to take part in the same festivals in 2018.

New members are always welcome! Previous singing experience in any type of chorus would be useful, but not essential. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm, at the Methodist Church Hall, Church Road, Leatherhead. We keep a lively record of our adventures on our Facebook page, and the events page of our website at www.thedownsmen.co.uk/admin/events. For more details, please contact Allan Scott by telephone at 02086 428104.

David Bradbury

Bookham Stamp Club



51 members attended the September meeting to see and enjoy two displays from members; Simon McArthur and Barry Feltham. Simon presented a display on aspects of the Third Reich in the first half and Barry Feltham did a PowerPoint presentation of his Victorian Postal Stationery Postcards in the second half.

The 60 members in October were thoroughly entertained by Chris Harman FRPSL, a renowned philatelist who was elected to the roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 2003 and was President of the Royal Philatelic Society (RPSL) in 2005, along with many other distinguished posts. He is also currently Chairman of the RPSL Expert Committee, as well as being a Judge and International Large Gold Exhibitor. After such an introduction, Chris lived up to the billing with a superb display of 'Modern Postal History 1936 – Decimalisation'. Chris explained that it was a display that was affordable and you just needed to know what you were looking for. In the first half we saw single and combinations of stamps from different reigns and their usages from KGV, KEVIII, KGV1 to QEII. They included inland covers, Airmail letters, covers abroad, especially a cover to General Franco's wife. Chris mentioned a couple

of rarities in stamp usage, the Wildings 75d black which was issued on 28th January 1974 and was only in use for 4 days before the postal rates were increased on the 2nd February.

November brought us a super display of Dominica by Simon Richards, which is one of the most complete collections of Dominica to be seen today. Simon started by giving us a history lesson of Dominica. Simon showed us a superb and comprehensive display of material from the Island starting with the first known letter to England dated 1763. We were shown scarce postmarks, packet/ship letters, essays, master proofs, die proofs and specimens.

Our Christmas meeting was a great success, with 60 members attending. The members enjoyed a free buffet lunch with wine. The festive spirit continued with a raffle, the star prize being a superb hamper. We also had some small displays on view - the local Charity Christmas Post and Christmas Mail. We rounded the day off with a successful auction.

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. Our very popular Trading Tables start opening at 1:30 pm, with displays commencing at 2:15 pm. 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 by telephone at 01372 452537. We feel that we have built up an extremely good reputation locally, and we are



prepared to offer very competitive prices.

If you are new to stamp collecting or 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. If you wish to find out more details before attending contact our Membership Secretary, Fred Mitchell by telephone at 01372 374614, or look at our website www.bookhamstampclub.com

Our next few meetings:

Tuesday 27th February 2018
Members' Displays – Letter 'S'

Tuesday 27th March 2018
Alastair Nixon – Postal Mechanisation
(PowerPoint Display)

Tuesday 24th April 2018
Chairman's Afternoon

Tuesday 22nd May 2018
AGM and Auction (Club Material)

We welcome all newcomers and look forward to seeing you.

Barry Feltham

Bookham Toddler Group

It's been a lovely, busy term at Bookham Toddler Group, and we have all enjoyed marking the changing seasons with themed crafts, stories and songs. The 'Tuff Tray' has been a huge hit and the children have enjoyed filling, spilling, and making pretend cakes using conkers, Rice Crispies, Cornflakes and rainbow oats. At our Halloween session, the tray included wiggly spaghetti worms and our Christmas party featured peppermint infused red and green rice!

We appreciated the chance to link up with Bookham library again, when librarians Claire and Sarah joined us to read "The Stickman" to groups of children who also enjoyed making their own autumn wreaths on the craft table. We welcomed Emma from Monkey Music, who provided us with a brilliant session of instruments, songs, bubbles and games. We look forward to welcoming

Monkey Music back again in 2018. Katherine, from Tiny Talk, also visited in December to deliver us a wonderful Christmas session where we learnt some new songs and simple signs. The term ended with a magical Christmas party, where the children enjoyed face painting and lots of crafty fun, including decorating their own Christmas decorations, cards, and Rudolph biscuits along with the Tuff Tray. We ended the session with the entrance of Father Christmas, bearing a large sack with the gift of a book for each child.

We took the opportunity to say a big thank you to our wonderful tea ladies, who support toddler group by serving the much-appreciated tea and biscuits every week. We are delighted to make a donation in their name to two children's charities. We are also very grateful to the many local businesses who supported us by donating prizes

for our Christmas raffle! Thank you.

This new term will see us welcoming Pyjama Drama to our session at the end of January, as well as our brilliant toddler hairdresser, Tracey.

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

Hannah Hennessy

Bookham Wine Club

Club members experienced a very different Annual General Meeting in October last year, with the launch of a new, streamlined AGM format and 'mini' wine tasting event. Not only had the official business part of the meeting been shortened (to finish in half the time), but we were also able to enjoy an entertaining and light-hearted account of a wine tasting trip in the Rhône Valley, courtesy of one of the club's members, David Mendus. Complete with photos, anecdotes, and accompanied by two lovely wines from the area (a Lirac Blanc and a red Costières de Nimes), a convivial evening was had by all.

In November, we were delighted to welcome back Richard Bost, an experienced wine educator, and one of our regular presenters, to tell us more about some lesser known wines produced in Italy.



Members were astonished to learn that Italy is home to a tremendous 900+ indigenous grape varieties, many of which are destined only for local consumption, and the country has regularly been the World's largest wine producer since 2011. Perhaps not surprisingly, 99.6% of the wine drunk by its inhabitants is Italian and we love it here in the UK too – Pinot Grigio accounts for approximately 40% of all wine sales. One of our favourites of the evening was a white wine produced in Calabria from an ancient grape variety. This had previously been awarded Decanter silver status, and it also won our very own 'white wine of the month' vote. The winner of our 'red wine of the month', was a beautifully smooth Riserva from Puglia, the country's largest producing wine region.

An excellent evening was had by all at our recent Christmas event, expertly hosted by Heather Dougherty, wine writer, judge, and one of the Club's most popular presenters. The theme for the night was 'Wines for a sparkling (and red) Christmas', comprising some delicious wines selected carefully by Heather to compliment the different courses of a traditional turkey dinner.



Although a difficult choice, the Crémant du Jura (from a tiny region in France) was voted our favourite sparkling wine of the evening, and the food friendly Urbina Rioja Crianza, which paired well with our turkey, was voted the favourite red.

The Club's 2018 programme has now been finalised and can be viewed on our website at www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk. With presentations from a wide range of speakers, covering 8 countries and spanning a number of wine producing regions, we can expect to taste a diverse selection of wines this year.

Frances Sanders

Eastwick Schools

The last few months have been full of excitement for Eastwick children (and their families), as they got fully settled into the new school year, welcomed a new Head of School, Mr. Tim Smith, and enjoyed a whole host of seasonal fun.

The children's continuing academic focus has been extremely impressive, as has their desire to embody the schools' 'Value of the Month' - Eastwick's accreditation as a Values Based Education 'Quality Mark' School was reconfirmed in 2017 - this demonstrates that Eastwick provides an outstanding values-based education and creates a learning environment where every child can thrive. In addition to this, and to ensure that the children can show off all their talents, they raised over £600 for Children in Need, took part (and performed extremely well) in a number of regional sporting competitions, created and performed some wonderful Christmas shows, put on some incredible end of term performances at many of the extra-curricular clubs that run at the schools, and took part in two magical Christmas Fairs.

Reception children in the Infant School have settled into their first academic year wonderfully well. They have obviously very much enjoyed their extensive outdoor classroom, as well as learning more about themselves, their new friends, how to show key values of respect, happiness, thoughtfulness and friendship in their relationships with others, and 'travelling' around the world, finding out information about different countries and cultures.

In Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), the children have also been learning about the wonders of the world in their Amazing Machines, Fantasy Worlds, and Around the World topics. All the classes in these two year groups have had a big focus on dancing in the autumn term, as they explored different cultures and traditions through dance and music, and worked that into their amazing joint Christmas production.

At the start of Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4), the focus of their termly topics has been 'time-travel', as Year 3 learnt about the Ancient Egyptians and Year 4 looked both back in time and across the globe as they wove the topics of

the South American Mayans and the, slightly more local, Tudors into all of their work.

In Years 5 and 6 (the final two years of Key Stage Two), the older children at Eastwick have been extending their knowledge of historical themes by looking at the Victorians, the 'Smashing' Saxons, and the very broad topic of 'The Right to Fight', which encompasses all types of conflicts from the Suffragettes to the fight for workers' rights and on to the First World War.

All year groups use their termly topics to inform their writing, reading, maths, science, geography, history, RE, art, music, french, and PE as much as possible, so that everything is woven together and creates a rich learning environment for all Eastwick children.

Over the next few months the hard work and fun continues, as we head through the Spring Term and look forward to Junior School drama productions, Easter activities, the Eastwick May Fair, and a number of Year Group trips and experiences.

Cathy Liversidge

Bookham Craft Club

Bookham Craft Club has had a wonderful year and been most productive. We have made cards for all occasions, floral brooches, bracelets, cheeky chickens, and even had a go at Dorset Buttons.

We are now looking forward to 2018, making

an Easter Bunny, cards, tassels, mini handbags, a Scottie dog brooch, pewter bookmarks and Snomes.

Feel free to come and join us in the Old Barn Hall at 9:30 am on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, when we have free time (bring your

own project), or the 4th Tuesday for a workshop. For more information on the club and/or dates, please contact Muriel by telephone at 01483 282140 for more details.

Sylvia Giddings

Peter Pan Playschool



January was a very exciting time for Peter Pan Playschool, as we opened our doors for extended hours - meaning families can access up to 21 hours of childcare per week, in our traditional, child-focused parent-committee led playschool. We are looking forward to hosting our 25th birthday party in the Spring, and really feel the introduction of these extended hours will help to ensure Peter Pan Playschool continues to thrive for the next 25 years. If you are a past family of ours, please drop us an email so we can invite you to the party – we want to have a real celebration of our history mixed with looking to the future in the very different world of early years education!

The current children at Peter Pan Playschool have continued to learn about our local community by immersing themselves. In November, we walked to Keswick care home, and the children enjoyed singing songs, and chatting to the residents over a nice drink of squash and a biscuit. We also held the inaugural Peter Pan bingo night with fish and

chip supper. It was a roaring success, and we raised a whopping £580 to refurbish the playschool book corner! We have ordered a shiny new book trolley, with spaces for books, and drawers so the children can self-select puppets and puzzles to explore the books and characters even further. Another huge thanks to everyone who either attended the evening, or supported the event by donating prizes.

In December, we were invited to the Dawnay School to watch their lower school Christmas play, which helped the children prepare for our own nativity play held at Eastwick Road Church in December. We decorated a tree for the Bookham late night shopping event, and the children really enjoyed visiting St. Nicolas church to drop the tree off, with many returning in the evening to proudly show friends and family. As ever, we really do appreciate the support of the parents who have joined us on these outings, the children really do gain so much from these experiences, so a huge thank you to the parents at playschool.

We also need to thank the local shops and families for their support with our Christmas raffle and hampers. After our nativity play, and a visit from Santa, the children enjoyed a Christmas picnic party, while the adults enjoyed a cup of tea and a mince pie. The Christmas party and raffles raised a huge £615, meaning we can replace the garden storage cupboards - which have definitely seen better days! As a not for profit charity, all these

fundraising events really do make an enormous difference to us, as all money is used to purchase new equipment and resources for the children to enjoy – from simple things like new books and toys, to larger items like storage equipment for the garden. I hope reading this article gives you a real sense of the Peter Pan community, it's a real privilege to be able to work so closely with the children and their families.

If you'd like to come and visit us, please contact us by telephone at 07908 018924, or by email at peterpanplayschool@gmail.com to arrange a time. We'd love to show you round our lovely setting. We also offer a stay and play session for 18-months to 4-year olds during the regular playschool session on Wednesday morning from 10:30 am - 11:30 am for just £2 – book a place by calling the above number. For more information, please visit our website at www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk, or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool/>.

Louise Sutherland



Rainbow Playgroup

The children at Rainbow all enjoyed their Christmas celebrations with a bouncy castle, a ball pit, a party, and an interactive story told by the Minister of Bookham Baptist Church, Steve Elmes, with lots of lively participation from the children. We are looking forward to this term, especially when visiting our Outdoor Explorers area three times a week thanks to the Dawnay School who share this fantastic resource with us.

Rainbow Playgroup has also been involved in some overseas work! We recently linked up with the local charity, Aprender, to support their work abroad. Phil Hawkins and Rachael



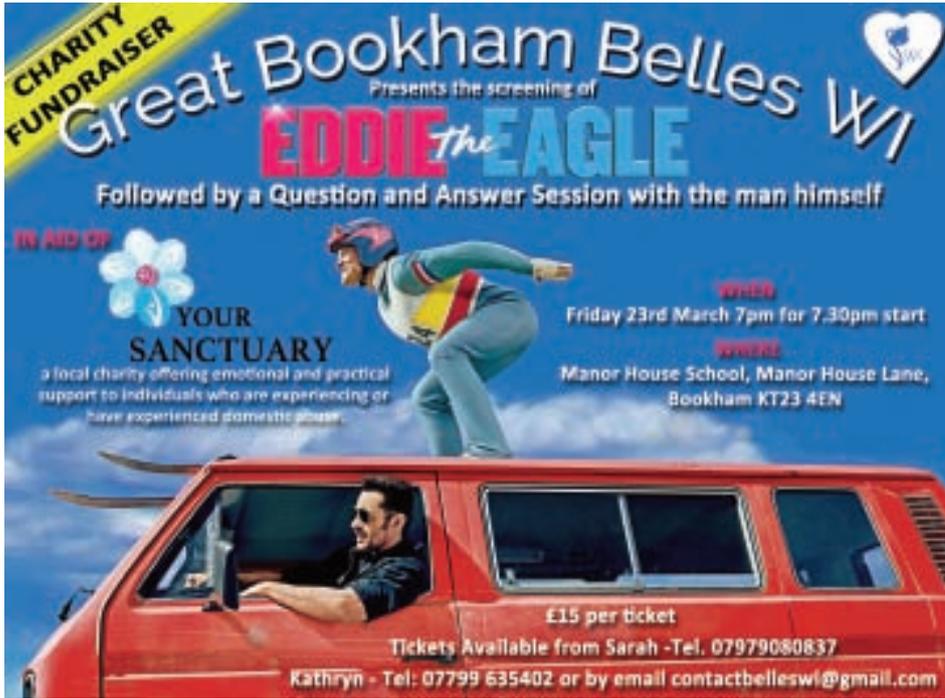
Underwood from Aprender planned to go to Lebanon to help a group of willing volunteers and teachers open up a pre-school for Syrian refugees in the Shouf, a mountainous region of the country. Rainbow were approached because we have a well established active learning curriculum. Phil and Rachael explained to us that for the project in Lebanon to be effective, they wanted some film clips to show the trainee teachers how the active learning approach works in practice. Most training films for teachers have been shot in well resourced classrooms, and Aprender wanted to put across a 'this can be done anywhere' message. They needed to be able to show video footage of active learning in action in a very simply equipped classroom. At Rainbow, we use a lot of natural and open-ended play materials to teach Maths and Science to the children, so we set up a room that could be replicated in places in the world where there are minimal resources to support education. It was exciting being filmed and, as

it turned out, the staff were more nervous than the children who just carried on as normal! Rainbow are proud and delighted to be supporting this international project, and Rainbow staff were filmed interacting with children and demonstrating different elements of the daily routine. Using the film clips and the training as their guide, the teachers in Shouf have set up their own active learning classroom using resources from their environment. When we saw photographs of their setting we noticed they have fantastic pine cones and leaves, and even a stream running through their outdoor area! The work in Lebanon will continue and we plan to do more filming with Aprender.

Although the children in Rainbow and the children in Shouf have had very different starts to their lives, it's exciting to know there is a link between our humble village and The Little School of Wells.

Rachael Underwood

Great Bookham Belles WI



Our third birthday celebrations got off to a rousing start at our October meeting, with a loud rendition of Jerusalem. It continued in the same vein with an inspirational talk from our very special speaker, Natalia Cohen. Natalia was part of the first all-female team to row unsupported across the Pacific Ocean. With no rowing experience prior to applying, Natalia showed us how, with a positive mind-set, a determined and aligned team, and a sense of humour, you can cross your own personal Pacific. She gave us a huge insight into the dramas, fears, issues, and triumphs of the six women who completed this amazing feat.

November's meeting saw our annual AGM followed by a fun craft activity. We also

continued to collect food, toiletries, and Christmas gifts for our chosen charity, Your Sanctuary. There were several trips and events enjoyed by our members in November and December. An evening of 'Pots and Prosecco', at the Apple Tree Studio in East Horsley, where members enjoyed a glass of fizz, while designing and decorating their chosen ceramics. The Book Group enjoyed a literary weekend trip to Oxford, and enjoyed a tour which featured many of the colleges of Oxford

University. Special highlights were visiting the haunts where C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien frequented, discovering the inspiration for C.S. Lewis Narnia's Mr. Tumnus, Aslan and The Lamp. Day two saw the Belles wandering

through the quaint streets of Windsor in glorious sunshine.

In December, 50 of our members enjoyed a coach trip to Salisbury Christmas Market and managed some Christmas shopping whilst taking in the sights, including a tour of Salisbury Cathedral. Our December meeting saw a stirring performance by our choir, 'The Decibelles'. Their back-drop was the wonderful pom pom Christmas tree created by our 'Crafts and Laughs' group, which went on to be displayed in the church during Bookham's Christmas Shopping evening. Our speaker for the evening was a representative from our chosen charity, Your Sanctuary, who explained about their work providing refuge for victims of domestic abuse. We were delighted to be able to hand over our donations and Christmas presents and, thanks to the continued generosity of our members, we hope that the team at Your Sanctuary were able to provide a good Christmas for those in their care.

We look forward to being able to provide more assistance to Your Sanctuary in 2018 through our annual fundraiser, which takes place on Friday 23rd March 2018, 7:00 pm, at Manor House School, where we will be showing the film "Eddie the Eagle" followed by a question and answer session with Eddie himself. The event is open to everyone 10 and over and we hope that it will be well-supported by the local community. Tickets are £15 each and can be purchased from Sarah by telephone at 07979 080837, or Kathryn at 07799 635402, or by email at contactbelleswi@gmail.com.

J. Burrows

Hardy Plant Society - Southern Counties Group



As our logo suggests, the Hardy Plant Society seeks to encourage and stimulate interest in hardy herbaceous plants – or perennials, as they are more commonly known. We are lucky that the Southern Counties Group meet at the Old Barn Hall, so we can easily access their varied programme of events. 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 lecture by well-known or local experts. Non-members are also welcome! 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. In the next few months, our lectures include:

Saturday 17th Feb 2018 (10:15 am - 10:45 am)
- 'Fifty Greys of Shade' - Colin Moat –
looking at shade-loving plants.

Saturday 17th March 2018 (10:00 am - 10:30 am) - AGM followed by 'Gardens of Sussex and Kent' - Nigel Philips

Saturday 21st April 2018 (10:15 am - 10:45 am)
- 'Space, Illusion and other Mysteries' - Paul Hervey Brookes

From May to September, we arrange both half and full day visits for members to gardens in Surrey and surrounding counties. For more information, please contact us by email at info.hps.scg@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook at the 'Hardy Plants Society – Southern Counties Group'. You can also visit our website at <http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk/southern>.

Diane Poole

Mole Valley Lacemakers

At our January 2018 meeting, we held our AGM, following a very busy year with outings to the Surrey Trefoil Guild back in October 2017, and an Exhibition at St Nicholas's Church in September 2017. Some members also spent a lovely couple of days attending an Embroidery Workshop, learning Goldwork and Needlelace techniques to enable us to make brooches and sweetie bags.

Unfortunately, like most groups and organizations of our age, 35 years old this year,

The group has been finding it harder and harder over the last few years to find members willing to take on the roles of Officers and Committee Members. So this year, we have taken the step to be run by a few volunteers willing to organise a group for members to come together and share their love for the art of making Bobbin Lace.

We meet six times a year, on the 2nd Saturday of the Month in March, May, July, September, November, and January. We hope that

members will organise amongst themselves workshops and events that are related, and promote the making of Bobbin Lace. There are already plans for a workshop on Needlelace for beginners.

Please feel free to contact us through our website page if you are interested in coming to a meeting, or would like us to attend your event with a display of Lace and 'Have a go Pillows'!

Tina Pedrick

Bookham Tennis Club

Ever thought of taking up a sport that doesn't take up too much of your time? One that can be played at any age, doesn't cost a fortune? Tennis is a great way of making new friends, and is a fun way to get in your exercise and keep fit. Now that the days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer, it could be time to consider joining your local, friendly club. Bookham Tennis Club always welcomes new members of any age and ability and is the best value tennis club within the area. For more information, please visit the club's

website at www.bookhamtennisclub.org.uk

2017 was another successful year for the club. The men's team, in particular, went from strength to strength. At the end of the 2016 season, the team won the Dorking and Leatherhead League Division 5, and were promoted to Division 4. In 2017, they finished as runners up in Division 4, so were promoted again, and in 2018 they are playing in Division 3. Watch this space to see how they fare this season! The club also has a men's second team,

and ladies', mixed, and veteran's teams.

Amongst all the participants in the club tournaments for 2017, mention must be made of the winners in the ladies' and men's competitions. Emily von Reibnitz and Daniel Bourne were both very worthy winners.

The courts are being repainted in April 2018, so should be looking good for the coming season. We hope to see you there!

Michael Kay

Bookham Late Night Opening

Bookham Late Night Opening has become an annual event organised by the Bookham Traders and Churches Together in Bookham. This year's theme was 'Love, Joy, Hope and Peace'. Events included crafts stalls in Baptist Church, musical entertainment from the Steel Pans, trees reflecting the theme decorated by local groups in St Nicolas Church, and craft activities in the Pastoral Centre - where a visit to Santa was very popular! There was also a

children's trail looking for Bible characters. Carol singers moved through the village, and snow - from a machine - magically appeared in Church Road. Shops were invited to decorate their shop windows with the theme for this year. The winners were Granary Crafts, and The Grange at No 5. Patrick Gardner were runners up. A big well done to all.

A Cheese and Wine event was held in January,

to present prizes to the winners, and to thank all the traders for their service to all of us in Bookham throughout the year.

Active participation by both our Traders and by the public is what makes the event successful and we hope you will come along to the next one!

Sue Ferguson and Late Night Opening Committee

Mole Valley WI



Mole Valley WI members have been busy locally and further afield. We continue to have interesting speakers at our monthly meetings, and have enjoyed hearing about The Woodland Trust, who own 640 acres of land near Langley Vale, Epsom and hope to plant 200,000 native trees there. We have learnt

about the history of the RNLI and the involvement of women over the years.

The Downsmen entertained us at our Christmas meeting with their acapella singing and we even joined in with the carols. On a cruise around Southampton Water, members enjoyed an unexpected ride on a 100 year old train, and a ferry to reach our boat. A Christmas lunch with sherry and crackers awaited us, and we were amazed at the size of some container ships waiting to set sail from Southampton!

We are looking forward to the Surrey Federation Centenary celebrations at Bookham in May, and at Wisley in June. We are looking forward to speakers whose topics range from 'Whodunits', to R.M.S.Titanic, and



'Toytown to Buckingham Palace'. If you would like to join us, please feel free to come along to Fetcham Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm. Further details of the other activities are on our website at www.molevalleywi.btck.co.uk

Liz White

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Mar 4th & 11th No Jazz
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Apr 1st No Jazz
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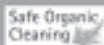
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The Arts Society



It is now official: following the AGM in October, Bookham Decorative and Fine Arts Society will in future be known as The Arts Society Bookham. This is in line with the change in name of the National organization to The Arts Society earlier in the year.

With the new name and Logo, our Society remained as busy as ever with the November meeting anticipating Christmas with a talk by Shirley Smith. She explained, by way of a brilliant selection of paintings, how the portrayal of the Nativity had changed over time, often with no proof these events actually occurred at the birth of the Christ Child - but why let a few facts get in the way of a good story!

The Society's traditional festive lunch on 13th December 2017, proved to be all that was expected. With 123 sitting down to an excellent meal provided by 'Elizabeth

Catering'. This was followed by 'Christmas at Covent Garden', this 300 year history of the Christmas productions at the Opera House was a real treat with Sarah Lenton, explaining the joys and traumas, the fun and dramas in the theatre at this time of year. Two days later, on 15th December, a coach left Bookham heading for the Royal Albert Hall for an evening of carols lead by the world renowned King's College Choir A great way for The Arts Society Bookham to finish the year - with 'five gold rings' still 'ringing' in our ears!

The varied and exciting programme planned for 2018 commences on the 24th January 2018, with 'Children's Book Illustrations', many

of which, from Alice, Pooh, and Matilda are justly famous. Our lecturer, John Ericson, previously came to talk to us about 'Pub Signs'.

In February, expert antique collector Janusz Karczewski-Slowikowski, will consider 'The Golden Age of English Furniture' during the eighteenth century, including makers such as Thomas Chippendale and George Hepplewhite. Angela Finlay will tackle the topical and moving subject of 'Counter memorials - Germany's post

WW2 Culture of Apology and Atonement' in March, while in April Mary Alexander returns to the Old Barn Hall, after her highly successful tour of 'the 1920's Riviera with us at the start of 2017. This time, she will be looking at 'Gainsborough in Bath - High Society and the Bath Season' which will be accompanied by an unmissable collection of pictures and architectural slides.

Future visits include the Royal Holloway College, Egham on the 26th March 2018 to view the architecture and the Colleges Art Collections that house world-class paintings, including works by British artists William Powell Frith, John Everett Millais and Edward Burne-Jones. On the 26th April 2018, we visit the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum to tour the collection of preserved building that includes workers' cottages, shops, farmhouses, barns, a watermill, and even a church set on a 40-acre canvas. Most are open for you to go inside, explore and get a real feel for what it was like to live and work in them.

The Arts Society Chair, Brian Williams, encourages those who are not already a member to come along to one of our meetings - you won't be disappointed. For more information please visit www.theartsocietybookham.org.uk

John Cook



Christmas Lunch
Photo Derek Simmonds

Bookham Folk Dance Club

Bookham Folk Dance Club would love to have some new members for 2018, so why not come and dance with us? It's a great way to make new friends, have fun, and shake off the after Christmas blues. English Country dancing is simple and straightforward. Many of you will have probably done some previously at school, or barn dances. We always have a caller, lovely music, and we do dances dating from the 16th century up to the present time, which makes it very interesting.

Our Christmas Dance was well attended again this year, and I think everyone enjoyed it and met up with friends from other clubs - isn't that what Christmas is all about? We meet on the first and third Monday of every month in the year, unless a bank holiday disrupts the order, in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall in Bookham from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. We will take a much needed break for an obligatory cuppa, biscuit, and chat. It's a cheap evening's entertainment among friendly people, and will cost £3 for each evening as a

visitor, or £32 for the year. Your first two evenings will be free. If you want to stay youthful, many people say that dancing is one of the best ways - so why not come and try it for yourself? There is no need to bring a partner.

Interested? Please feel free to contact Bryan by telephone at 01372 274081, or Jan at 01306 889329. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Jan Martin

The Grange

On the first Sunday of December, coinciding with International Disability Day, 16 people from The Grange braved the cold and took part in the inaugural Winter Wonderwheels challenge. They cycled 1 km, 5 km, or 10 km around the 2012 Olympic rowing venue, Dorney Lake in Windsor. Donning their superhero bright orange capes and sparkly masks, they set off with determination and a lot of laughter, many surpassing their own expectations. Thanks to the generosity of Stonegate Homes Ltd, one of the sponsors of the Superhero Series of events, The Grange was kindly gifted 12 extra places - which were needed in order to include everyone who wanted to take part. Stonegate Homes Ltd. also paid for the minibus which transported all the riders in one go, greatly adding to the team spirit and taking the pressure off the logistics of transporting all the riders and their assortment of bikes, scooters and adapted bicycles to the venue. The Grange's activity Coordinator Brenna Russell, who organised The Grange's 'Power Grangers Team' commented afterwards: "a HUGE pat on the back to our Superheroes.....they really rose to the challenge. For many it was a real test of endurance. Although our regular cyclists often cover the same distance they have never done so non-stop - we usually have to slow down, stop or wait for various numbers of



reasons, but yesterday they went at their own pace and did they go!"

The Power Grangers will be taking part in the next event in the series the Summer Superhero Tri on 18th August 2018, hoping to raise valuable funds for The Grange whilst having fun and achieving milestone moments. If you would like to support them please visit their website at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/PowerGrangers>

2018 sees a major milestone for The Grange, as it is our 80th Anniversary of being located in Bookham. We will be celebrating with a series of events, starting with a 'Bridge Tea' on 7th March 2018 (£40 per table of four), followed by a 'Night at The Movies' on April 27th 2018, and the ever

popular 'Grange Has Got Talent' on 8th June 2018. We will be holding an 80th Anniversary Celebratory Fete on 14th July 2018 - more details to follow.

Finally, calling all cyclists - we have 9 bonds available for the Ride London Surrey 100, which is taking place on Sunday, 29th July 2018. If you are a keen cyclist and can raise £500 per rider and would like a bond, please email Marion Chow at marion.chow@grangecentre.org.uk. For more information about any of the events mentioned, please email marion.chow@grangecentre.org.uk. To find out about The Grange and our work, please look at our website at www.grangecentre.org.uk.

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We are on the lookout for more volunteers! So if you think you would enjoy helping others get online and can spare a couple of hours a week or fortnight, or if you would like to book a free appointment for some digital help

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Leatherhead & District Local History Society



Bookham's local Museum re-opens after its annual winter break on Thursday, 5th April 2018, with the traditional official opening on Saturday, 7th April. Based at the 17th century Hampton Cottage in Church Street, Leatherhead, you can discover a wealth of information about the entire district from prehistoric to present day.

The museum is owned and operated by the Leatherhead & District Local Historical Society, which recently launched their brand new website at www.leatherheadhistory.org.

Alongside this comes a new corporate membership scheme, inviting local businesses to benefit from their premises' heritage. The



website's home page has the latest news, whilst both the Society and Museum also have their own separate news pages to cover monthly talks, events, special exhibitions, school craft days, etc. The site is brighter and simpler than before, designed to serve both the local history researchers of the future, and many longstanding supporters. The home page compares what Bookham, Fetcham, Leatherhead, and Ashted look like today with the same locations from over 100 years ago.

This is just a taste of what is available once you begin delving into the Society's huge archive of material dating back centuries. The area covered also encompasses both Mickleham and Headley. Archives containing seven decades of publications and sound recordings of locals past and present recalling the area as it changed from a largely rural community to the bustling growing residential villages of today.

The new corporate membership scheme offers sponsorship opportunities for local firms in exchange for help in learning about past achievements in their localities and how their customers have become the market they know today. The traditional printed Newsletter and other publications also continue with members getting advance deliveries, among other benefits. Digital versions are also available every quarter.

Spokesman Tony Matthews said: "The Society itself was originally created back on 16th October 1946, when historians used either fountain pens or old fashioned typewriters to report their findings and announce their talks on subjects of local interest. No-one imagined



such a thing as the Internet. Today's new members expect just to click once or twice and learn instantly what is going on now, what happened in the past, and what is coming up."

The Museum will be open between April and mid-December, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Thursday and Fridays, and from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays.

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