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## BOOKHAM VILLAGE WEEK 16th to 22nd JUNE



### 16th Village Day

11.30am to 4pm OLD BARN HALL

### 17th Open Gardens

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### 18th Bridge Lunch

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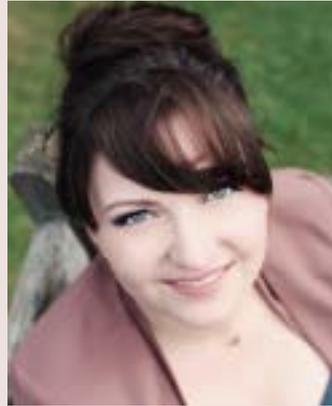
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## Letter from the Editor

Winter has come and gone...and then come back again. Now, as the weather is beginning to perk up, Bookham is awake with the vivid colours of spring. Despite the rain, the flowers are out in all their fineries - the first proper confirmation of the summer that Bookham residents desperate for the sunshine are enjoying so much. As for myself, I cannot wait until that brief flirtation of a heatwave returns for good! In the meantime, I'm grateful for the bits of sunshine that do decide to peek through the cold, dark clouds once in a while.



Welcome back, and we hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Easter holiday. As summer comes to the forefront, Bookhams Bulletin is gearing up for our busiest season including many exciting events right around the corner! Bookham Village Day is finally on the horizon, and everyone is getting ready for what looks to be a very fun-filled event! With our theme, 'Bookham Takes Flight', we are all looking forward to all of the different interpretations and the variety of interest in the stands and costumes. And, of course the doting mummy in me is looking forward to the Village Day Parade, with record high cuteness levels predicted.

As we said in our previous edition, 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.

With the new Affiliates, new life has been breathed into the Bookhams Bulletin and an astounding number of meaty, well written articles have been submitted. We cannot begin to tell you all what it means to have contributors just as passionate for the magazine as we are, and we want to thank you all!

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](http://bookhamcommunityassociation.org).

Have a comment, or story idea? Interested in contributing? Email the Editor at [bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com)

Jennifer Terry

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# Chairman's Report

## Bookham to Fly on Village Day

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The highlight of Bookham's year is Village Week, which begins on Saturday 16th June with Village Day. Bookham Takes Flight is this year's theme - birds, bugs, bees and butterflies and all things that fly. Village Day is sponsored by The Vineries Garden Centre and new attractions during the afternoon in the field behind the Old Barn Hall in Church Road will include an exciting birds of prey flying show, and a climbing wall for all to try.

The day begins at 11.30am with the big parade starting in the High Street where children from local playgroups and infant schools, dressed in costumes interpreting the flight theme, will parade to the Old Barn Hall. Jazz and steel bands will accompany them, and when they reach the arena prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in each group.

Non-stop arena events include not only the flying demonstration by Henfield Birds of Prey, supported by Elio's Barbers and Di Carlo hair salon, but also music from singer Natalie Goodacre, the Band from the Pub and Steelpans. Local schools and Action Theatre will also entertain.

The exciting new attraction, the climbing wall is provided by Churches Together of Bookham. A Punch and Judy show, children's roundabout, bouncy castle, slide and Bocketts Farm animals are just some of the entertainments. The field and Hall will be filled with more than 50 stalls and sideshows run by local organisations, many of them decorated.

The popular open-air bar will have a selection of real ales. Refreshments include burgers and hot dogs, with lunches and teas served all day in the Old Barn Hall, plus cold drinks and ice cream on the field.

The aim of Village Day and Village Week is to have a great time and raise funds for Bookham Community Association to maintain the Old Barn Hall and produce the quarterly Bookhams Bulletin.

Events during Village Week, (also in the Old Barn Hall), include on Sunday 17th June Bookham Open Gardens with around 14 gardens open and refreshments at the Old Barn Hall. Monday 18th June Bridge Lunch hosted by Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club at

11.30am and Mole Valley Silver Band concert at 7.30pm. Tuesday 19th June Quiz Night for BCA affiliated members' teams, and on Friday 22nd June Family Barn Dance at 7.30pm, tickets adult £6 children £3.

For full details see the centrefold or visit [www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org](http://www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org)

**PLEASE!!! If you can spare a couple of hours on Village Day to help with stewarding please let me know on 457375 or by email as soon as possible. To comply with ever increasing Safety requirements we need to have plenty and we are few!**

Keith Slark email – [keithslark@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:keithslark@tiscali.co.uk)

### White Elephant stall on Village Day

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We particularly have places available for boys and girls aged ten and a half to fourteen years old as Scouts.

We offer two fantastic taster activities for children of Scout age from ten and a half to thirteen years old. The first will be held on Sunday 27th May 2018, where we will hold a day at a local campsite, cooking on open fires, games, and experiencing a Scout camp. Our next taster will be held on Saturday 3rd November 2018, where we will have a day and overnight stay on a WW2 Destroyer ship in London to experience life as the ship's crew. Parent/Carer to accompany. For more information, please contact our Group Scout

Leader, Christine by email at [christine@1stbookhamscouts.org.uk](mailto:christine@1stbookhamscouts.org.uk).

Why choose Scouting? Scouting develops skills for life for all ages in teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. Scouting helps young people obtain jobs, save lives and even change the world!

Young people can take part in outdoor activities as diverse as archery, kayaking, rifle shooting, caving, climbing, sailing, rafting, flying, hiking, and camping in the UK and overseas. It's not all outdoors, indoor activities include first aid skills, making bird boxes, creating cardboard canoes, team games and challenges, and presentations from inspiring speakers. There is something for everyone. Parents remark that scouting gives their children more confidence, responsibility, and broader set of friends. Scouting can help develop your child's social skills, encourage self-sufficiency, and gives them access to activities and opportunities that may have been otherwise unavailable.

Our annual subscription is very competitive compared to other out of school activities, and is used to cover our premise upkeep, insurance, activities, and Scout Association costs.



What do volunteers do? This everyday adventure is possible thanks to our adult volunteers, who support Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in a wide range of roles, from working directly with young people, to helping manage a group, to providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship. Our award-winning training scheme for volunteers means that adults get as much from Scouting as young people. Over 90% of Scout volunteers say that their skills and experiences have been useful in their work or personal life.

We are particularly seeking an adult helper with our Beaver Scouts - contact our Group Scout Leader [christine@1stbookhamscouts.org.uk](mailto:christine@1stbookhamscouts.org.uk) for more information.

*Claire Thomas*

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## Bookham and Fetcham Gardeners Association

You are probably reading this article in the early summer, when the garden is looking lovely. However, now is the time to look for suitable gaps where you can put plants to inject some colour, scent, or interest during autumn and winter. One of the best is Daphne Odora Marginata - a neat bush, which doesn't like being pruned. Evergreen with gorgeous scented pink flowers from December to February, semi shade is best but almost any soil will do.

The next indispensable plants are Hellebores - the flower from December, and will happily lurk underneath other plants in the summer. Most of the single flowering type will seed around the garden. Move them when they are small so that they don't notice as established plants do not like being uprooted. Any soil will do, just remove leaves as they die.

Cyclamen are worth trying to establish, they spread everywhere but interfere with nothing. They tolerate shade and disappear in the summer, the seeds are dispersed by the ants. Again, they tolerate any soil and will flower

from December.

Mahonia Japonica needs a bigger space, but doesn't mind being cut back if it gets too large. Lovely evergreen spiky leaves and scented flowers like Lily of the Valley from October. They are not fussy on soil type.

If you have a fence, a good subject is the winter flowering honeysuckle. It's not a climber, just keep the stems tidy against the fence as it will make an untidy bush left to itself - but the scent is lovely.

Ericas (heathers which tolerate any soil) flower from January. They can be cut back hard with shears after flowering to keep them neat.

Camellias are lovely and flower from February, but they are fussy. If you have any sign of chalk, they will need to be in pots of ericaceous compost. They need watering with rainwater frequently during the summer, or they will not set flowers. Also, site them so they don't get the morning sun. They tolerate frost, but must thaw out slowly. A classic place for Camellias

in on a north facing wall.

Everyone needs bulbs for winter and early spring colour. The very early ones, snowdrops, aconites, and iris are good value once established. If buying bulbs, possibly go for the cheapest, they are often the smallest but easiest to establish and they multiply readily, which is why they are cheap.

If you have more space, the red, pink, and yellow stems of coppiced Cornus are wonderful, but they are more of a backdrop in the summer. Perhaps better to just enjoy those at Wisley if your space is restricted.

Hopefully, this gives you a few ideas. Do come and see us one Sunday morning in the allotments huts, where we can help you with most of what you may need for your garden, including ericaceous compost for your aforementioned Camellias! You will find us at the bottom of Keswick Road - open Sundays from 10:00am until midday.

*Sonia Willhoft*

# Bookham Country Market

I always enjoy reading the Observer Food Monthly, especially when it's time for nominations for their annual awards. It's quite inspiring to hear how pop-up food outlets have been set up, supper clubs organised, artisan bakers creating amazing handcrafted breads. Naturally, it was a pleasure to meet Jaya Malani a few weeks ago at Bookham Country Market and learn of her foodie passion.

Born in New Dehli, Jaya was brought up in a family who valued their food culture. Her Mum



had time to spend cooking, and all meals were shared experiences. When she and her husband relocated to this country eleven years ago, the recipes came with them. Now that Jaya's children are starting school, she felt able to consider her future work, and sharing her passion for cooking seemed a distinct possibility. She started by asking friends round to share food, set up a sample teaching session with three friends in her home kitchen, which was equally successful. That was just the beginning, setting up a commercial operation requires much more planning. Along with the Level 2 Hygiene certificate to take, there includes liaising with the Environmental Food Safety Officer, joining NCASS (National Catering Association) and keeping up with current food legislation, and creating her own Facebook page and website!

Brech Lane Curry House was born a year ago, and seems to be going from strength to strength. Currently, Jaya offers six themed 3-hour sessions, providing all required ingredients and equipment. They include vegetarian options, Indian street food, and barbecue ideas and participants will cook a variety of dishes and accompaniments, which they can stay and enjoy or take home to their families. Jaya sources quality local ingredients and creates her own spice mixtures from



scratch. Her classes start with an explanation of different spices and their uses over a cup of masala chai. Her presence on social media led to an opportunity to demonstrate at the 50+ Show 2017. A rather unnerving, but rewarding experience with much positive feedback.

Moving forward, Jaya has packaged her various spice mixes which she hopes to sell at local markets, along with different chutneys and flavoured oils. Her first selling venture in the Old Barn Hall was very successful, engaging the customers with a tasting session. In the future, she hopes to establish a monthly presence at Bookham Country Market, and we welcome her as a new producer.

*Ann Tomlinson*

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# 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. Spring and summer always bring a full club programme, mixing social and fundraising events. Why not get involved? You could help as a member or occasional helper/friend by making a guest visit to an evening talk.

Our second field of purple crocus finally appeared through the snow in March, on the grass verge under our new Bookham Village sign on the A246 at Lower Shott. This is part of the Rotary Purple4Polio awareness and support campaign aimed at eliminating polio worldwide. The purple reminds us of the purple dye used to mark the hands of children in the developing world as they are vaccinated. This remains Rotary's highest profile international project, and has been funded by the organisation for several decades alongside the Gates Foundation, the UN, and others. A concerted push for charitable contributions and vaccinations is still required to clear the last 2-3 countries worldwide of polio.

Our spring charity social evenings have included ever popular quiz and bridge evenings. We also welcomed back for a second year the completely brilliant students from the Guildford School of Acting Singers and their 'More Songs from the Shows' gala music event on Friday 4th May, 2018.

Proceeds to this year's special Rotary charity

Apender, working to improve education in poor cities in Brazil and parts of the Middle East.

Our regular evening talks this spring included a talk by Terry Driscoll, on a trip he and Lois made to villages near Agra, India earlier in January to take part in immunisation sessions, as part of the Rotary end-polio campaign. A fascinating resume of his life by newest club member David Barnardo, who had a long career as an NHS gastroenterologist. David also had many fascinating memories of his famous grandfather, who founded Dr Barnardo's homes and orphanages in 1868 ([www.barnardos.org.uk](http://www.barnardos.org.uk)).

A really positive experience awaits your at Rotary - whether as a club member, or if you help out occasionally. Why not join us for a trial club evening, or join our mailing list for news and updates? For more information, please visit our website at [www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org](http://www.bookhamandhorsley.rotaryweb.org) or contact our Secretary, Mark Secker, by telephone at 01372 458733, or email at [mark.secker@outlook.com](mailto:mark.secker@outlook.com).

*Andrew Smith*

# Bookham Youth & Community Centre

Bookham Youth and Community Centre, situated opposite the Anchor pub on Lower Road, has been a valued and important part of the village for many years. But as reported over the years, it has a finite life due to its aging condition and the lease from Surrey County Council, which expires in February 2019. It is run by trustees and volunteers, and incorporated into the charity Bookham Youth and Community Association Ltd. - also known as BYCA

In 2010, with the support of Bookham's County Councillor, BYCA started discussions with SCC. This included a meeting with the Leader of the Council, Cllr. David Hodge, on 30th March 2011. The plan agreed that a new Community Centre would be built whilst the existing one remained in use. A site was

identified, and the land of the existing site (approx. 1 acre) would be sold to retrospectively fund the new facility.

The lease expiring next year was considered as more than adequate by SCC to achieve this objective. Despite their optimistic message in early 2017 of a positive outcome that was relayed by County Councillor Clare Curran, BYCA raised concern at the lack of direct communication on progress given that there was less than two years to the expiry of the lease. Despite chasing, no response was received, and so BYCA wrote at the beginning of October 2017, requesting a new lease so that the security of tenure was assured, pending a new build decision.

After again chasing for a response, contact was

made in December. In March, BYCA was advised by an Officer of SCC that the lease would not be renewed. Also, concerning the provision of a replacement facility, her opinion was that it was unlikely 'a solution will be found which will be viable and cost effective.' Cllr Curran had not heard of this until she was advised by BYCA. Needless to say, the news was disappointing.

The priorities are to first add an extension of the occupation of the existing centre, for as long as possible. And secondly, the provision of a new community facility to replace the much needed lost capacity of the existing centre.

BYCA Chair and Cllr Curran met with and briefed the Cabinet Member at the centre on 27th March 2018, and an extension of six months to August 2019 was confirmed with a further period remaining a possibility. The community value of the centre was understood and he said SCC will now do all it can to provide a solution as a priority, and minimise any transition period between existing and potential new facilities. Hopefully, some more positive news is on the horizon!

*David Cox*



## Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club

At the semi-final stage, Bookham players will be taking part in 8 out of 12 finals, although only 23% of the MVIBC membership are Bookham residents! Obviously there are some very enthusiastic bowlers in Bookham.

These finals will mark the end of the winter indoor season at Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club, and many players will continue with their bowling at various outdoor clubs in the area. However, a significant numbers of members continue with indoor bowling at MVIBC through the summer at no additional cost. Outdoor bowling in the early months can be significantly harder until the greens become drier and finely cut.

For a great number of our members, the additional benefits from bowling are to help maintain and support our fitness level within

the pattern of our current lifestyle. The importance of this was recently widely published in the national press, following studies of activity levels needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle, particularly in our later years. Quite rudimentary levels of walking and garden activity all contribute greatly. Bowling provides very comparable opportunities with activities that include some challenges to make a judgement on the line and weight, as well as tactical assessments of the game status. These 'exercises' can all be enjoyed in good company with easy conversation among new friends at the very comfortable facility at MVIBC.

If you would like to be one of those Bookham residents enjoying indoor bowling, at all levels of experience, with opportunity to take

coaching or marking courses, then please contact MVIBC by email at [mail4mvibc@gmail.com](mailto:mail4mvibc@gmail.com), or visit our website at [www.mvibc.co.uk](http://www.mvibc.co.uk).

*Michael Mackie*



## 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 the above, perhaps it's time to consider becoming a driver for Bookham Help Your Neighbour. We are a voluntary scheme providing those no longer able to travel independently lifts to medical appointments, be it doctor, dentist, or hospital.

Drivers give as much or little time as they chooses and are not committed to any particular days of the week. For more information, please contact Heather by telephone at 01372 454403, or Ann at 01372 457204.

*Heather Davies*

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# Polesden Lacey Infant School

Spring is an incredible time to experience the many wonders of nature - from the thrill of the first snow to the new life bursting forth. Everything appears to grow in front of your eyes - not least, the curious minds of the children of Polesden Lacey Infant School.

Proving you can feed the mind while feeding the birds, the children prepared for the school's birdwatching day by making fir cone bird feeders and hanging them in the school's woodland. Having enjoyed this fun, sensory activity, our Year 2 children are now well on their way to achieving their gold RSPB award later this year.

Throughout the spring term, there have been more enriching hands on opportunities to help the children understand their world and get them actively involved in their community. It is truly wonderful to watch them blossom into exceptional young citizens.

First stop for Year 2 pupils was the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking, where the children found out why Muslims go to the mosque, how they



pray, and why the Qur'an is a special book. They were amazed to discover that people from three different religions worked together to build the mosque - a brilliant example for us all of the power of cooperation! Year 1 pupils ventured out to the North West Surrey Synagogue, in Weybridge. The boys experience firsthand the Jewish custom of head covering, and everyone tried some tasty challah bread and learned 'Shabbat Shalom', a special song sung to welcome in the Sabbath. The children were absolutely fascinated by these trips, which inject life into the topics they are focusing on in the classroom.

Moving closer to home, the children decided they wanted to help some homeless people in the area as part of their citizenship activities - the kindness of children is so inspiring and infectious! Pupils and their families collected food and cleaning products for an appeal by the Leatherhead Homeless Shelter to help homeless people get settled in new homes.

However, the children's eagerness to help doesn't stop here. At Fairtrade Day, pupils learned about how Fairtrade makes a difference to the lives of children in developing countries by helping producers to buy enough food for their families. A treasure



hunt proved extremely popular - nothing to do with the fairtrade chocolate prizes, I'm sure!

Looking ahead, the children can't wait to play in our new living willow Whale Den, purchased with the prize money for being Wastebuster's National Recycling School of the Year! Come and see it for yourself at the Summer Fair on Sunday 8th July 2018, 12:00pm - 2:00pm.

*Sarah Hayward*



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## Bookham Recorded Music Club

Our first meeting of 2018 was held on Thursday 8th February, when we were presented with Michael Crimmen's programme, "Russian Music -Steppe by Steppe". Michael began with "A Spin Through Moscow", from the operetta 'Moscow Cheryomushki' by Shostakovich, and the two first movements of his 'Fifth Symphony'. The world of ballet was represented by Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, and Stravinsky. Mussorgsky's "Pictures At An Exhibition", excerpts from Borodin's "Prince Igor", and Rachmaninov's "2nd Piano Concerto" also featured.

On Thursday 22nd February 2018, David Bishop's "Simple Gifts" comprised of music from America. America's first original music was ragtime. The first was Scott Joplin, followed by 'Willie the Lion', and we heard his "Echo of Spring". Many American composers went to Europe and adapted their styles, the first being Samuel Barber, and David selected

his "Violin Concerto Op. 14". "Romance Op. 23" was written by Amy Beech, a female composer, and the first one to succeed without European training. Richard Rogers and George Gershwin were both represented and David's final choice was "Simple Gifts", from "Appalachian Spring" by Aaron Copland.

On the 8th March 2018, our visiting speaker was Barry Sterndale Bennett, who is the great, great grandson of William Sterndale Bennett, whose centenary was celebrated on 16th April, 2016. This was a return visit by Barry and the title of his talk was "We Sing For Our Supper - Behind the Scenes for a Choral Singer". Barry kept us entertained not only by his glorious choice of music, but also by his anecdotes of touring around British and European musical venues. He is also a lecturer and contributor to classical music journals.

Martin Le-Ray presented his "My Choice For You - Part 12" on Thursday 22nd March 2018.

He broke with his tradition, and instead of playing an overture, he began with "Valdres March", by the famous Norwegian bandmaster, Johannes Hanssen. Moritz Moszkowski wrote "From Foreign Lands", and Martin selected three sections - Spanish, Polish, and Hungarian. These were followed by 5, 6, & 9 of Dvorak's "Legends". Two songs by Schubert were followed by three "Impromptus" by Smetana. 'The Rondo' from Carl Maria Von Weber's "Clarinet Quintet" was followed by "Sonata for Flute & Harpsichord", by Jiri Antonin Benda. Martin's final choice, was the "Violin Concerto No. 2" by Charles-Auguste de Bériot.

Visitors are always welcome to join us in the Harrison Rooms. If anyone is interested, please contact our Programme Organiser, Mrs. Sheila Roberts by telephone at 01372 454019.

*Mary Brooks*

# Little Bookham WI

The members of Little Bookham WI had a creative start to the year. Our first meeting in January was a craft demonstration and workshop evening. Members were able to choose from a varied selection of activities including sugar craft, flower arranging, canal boat art, quilting, hedgehog books, and knitting. Everyone worked away busily at their chosen activity and, at the evening's end, they discussed and displayed their creations. Amidst much fun and laughter there were many requests for another activities evening to be organised soon.

In February, we heard a lively talk by Jane Muddle, about 'The Story Behind the Bags and Hats of Madagascar'. Jane had a colourful

selection of items on display and sold many of them to our members. The money from these sales helps to support the people of Madagascar and their traditional industries.

In March, we enjoyed an interesting talk by volunteer Stuart Venmore about The Wildlife Aid Foundation in Leatherhead. The Foundation is dedicated to the rescue, care and rehabilitation of sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals. It aims, wherever possible, to return every patient to the wild. Having heard about some of the amazing rescues, WI members were keen to support this worthwhile charity and many are hoping to attend the Wildlife Aid Foundation's open day on Sunday 1st July 2018.

As well as our main meetings, members visited the New Victoria Theatre in Woking to see the Carol King musical, 'Beautiful'. On another occasion, we enjoyed a delicious cream tea at the Headley Village Stores and tea room. Our clubs include flower arranging, reading group, WI knitters, WI walkers, and the coffee and chat group also meet once a month in smaller groups, giving our members more opportunities to meet together and enjoy different activities. We have lots more interesting talks and outings planned for the summer including visits to Chartwell and Leeds Castle. Come along and join us on the third

Wednesday of the month at Little Bookham Village Hall. Meetings start at 7:30pm.

*Fay McGregor*



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# Polesden Lacey Playschool



Once again the children put on an amazing spectacle for family and friends during our annual Easter show. The singing and dancing was outstanding! A massive thanks must go to all of the local companies and members of the playschool that donated a prize for our raffle. They were all gratefully received. The children also enjoyed completing an Easter egg trail, it was a wonderful way to finish off the term.

This term we have been talking about clothes. We have looked at clothes we wear on 'normal days' and special clothes people wear to work. It was brilliant fun dressing up as police and fire people. We also looked at the types of clothes we use for sports. We were astounded by the variety of clothes there are.

In late February and early March, we were lucky enough to enjoy the snow! This gave us an amazing starting point for making our warm and cold scenes. These were used to create a frieze on the wall that everyone could enjoy. We looked at the importance of dressing for the weather, and learned that we can enjoy the great outdoors no matter what, so long as we dress appropriately.

This term also gave us lots of festivals to celebrate. One very special day was Mother's Day, and we all hoped all our mothers had a peaceful and relaxing day filled with special moments created by their little ones.

We had a lot of fun completing our annual Sponsored Trike Ride. The children raced around the playground track, completing as many laps as possible. Each child had one minute to make as many circuits as possible, and in total, they completed over 500! This showed incredible athleticism. Hopefully, it will help us raise money for lots of new equipment that can be enjoyed for years to come. A huge thank you to the members of the Committee who gave up their time to make sure this event could go ahead, and for

giving each child a certificate for taking part.

If you would like more information about the playschool, like to arrange a visit, or enquire about admissions, please call us by telephone at 01372 458145 (for general enquiries/admissions, please leave a message if there is no answer), 01372 453162 (during session times -brief conversations only, please), or by email at [alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com). You could also visit our website at [www.polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool](http://www.polesdenlaceyplays.wix.com/playschool).

*Natasha Matthews*



# Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

The Garden Society has made an exciting start to the new year with a very informative talk by Peter Almond, giving ideas on how we can optimise our time in the garden or managing to maintain a productive allotment in only two hours a week.

The second talk was by Jim Arbury from the Fruit Section at Wisley Gardens who inspired us all to try growing fruit, even if we only have small gardens - it was a wealth of information on the best types.

Forthcoming activities include talks held in the Harrison Room of the Bookham Barn Hall and starts at 7:30pm, so please 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. If you haven't been inside the Tithe Barn, it is worth coming along to enjoy it and have tea in the garden! The show schedules are already available, so please contact Angela Stevens by telephone at 01372 456713, or by email at [craigstevens@aol.com](mailto:craigstevens@aol.com) to obtain one.

Our calendar of events include the following:

**14th July 2018** - Summer Show, Tithe Barn Little Bookham

**24th September 2018** - Clare Brown, 'Herbs'

**22nd October 2018** - Paul Patton, 'Bugs and Beasties'

**26th November 2018** - AGM

*Jennifer Smitheman*



## Bookham Choral Society

It's been a busy start to the year for Bookham Choral Society.

The Leith Hill Music Festival is the most important event of our year, and our members have been busy rehearsing all the set pieces for several weeks now. Our competition day is on Thursday April 12th 2018, so by the time this article goes to print, we shall know whether our endeavours will have paid off. This is the first year that our new Musical Director, Lewis Gaston, has been training us and we all have our fingers crossed for a successful competition. We have some lovely pieces to sing in the competition including Bookham's own choice - a very jolly rendition of 'Will You Walk a Little Faster Said the Whiting to the Snail' from 'Alice in Wonderland'. The main work that we are singing in the evening concert is the beautiful and uplifting oratorio, 'The Kingdon' by Edward Elgar.

Many members of our choir also joined the Leith Hill Choir to sing Handel's 'Messiah' on Sunday 12th March 2018. This was a really powerful performance. Both the audience and the choir were profoundly moved by the beautiful singing by the choir and the truly amazing young soloists.

It isn't all singing in the Choral Society. Our annual Coffee Morning was held on Saturday 3rd March 2018. Luckily, the cold snap

that morning and the snow began to thaw, so we welcomed a record number of visitors with a splendid array of cakes to eat with their coffee and they also were able to browse some exciting stalls.

After a welcome short Easter break, we will be recommencing weekly rehearsals on 1st May 2018 in the Eastwick Road Church Hall at 7:45pm. We will be working towards our Summer Concert on Sunday 8th July 2018 in Manor House School. This year, our concert will be preceded by a picnic in the lovely school gardens before we present songs from the great tradition of the American Songbook. Do come and join us, bring a picnic and enjoy the singing! Tickets will be available from Cascade in Bookham High Street from May onwards. For all information about the choir, please visit our website at [www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk).

*Cheryl Mendham*



### Protecting Members' Data – (GDPR)

New Data Protection Regulations come into force on 25th May this year and the Bookham Community Association falls under these regulations with regard to the personal information we hold in respect of our Members, Hirers, Directors, Volunteers and Affiliated Members.

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Our responsibilities are to inform you about the Regulations, confirm our intention to comply, to outline our policy and to advise you of your rights to see that information and have it removed or corrected. You can see our Data Protection Policy on our website [www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org](http://www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org) at the office at the Old Barn Hall or ask for it to be sent to you by ringing 01372 456307 or email [bcaoldbarnhall@btconnect.com](mailto:bcaoldbarnhall@btconnect.com)

# Bus Stop Pre-School



The children have enjoyed another exciting term at Bus Stop! This one has focused on Nursery Rhymes - learning the words and using them as a basis for activities and crafts.

For example, for the 'Incy Wincy Spider' rhyme, children used water trays to wash the spiders down drain pipes and guttering. At the creative table, the children made woolly spiders to hang in the giant spider web frame in the classroom. Outside they made clay spiders by pressing a piece of clay into a ball, and then pressing it flat to form the spider's body and used twigs for her legs.



For the 'Mary, Mary Quite Contrary' rhyme, the children went to the maths table to use seashells for sorting and creating their own gardens. They sorted the shells into big and small groups, learning about repeating patterns. At the painting table, they made delicate tissue paper flowers. Out at Forest School, the children enjoyed collecting leaves, stones, snail shells, and pine needles ready to make their mini 'Mary, Mary Quite Contrary' gardens.

The children have also loved listening to and acting out 'The Three Little Pigs', and 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' in the woods. The children trip-trapped over the Italianate bridge in the Polesden Lacey grounds, and had fun retelling the little pigs story in the wigwams.

Later in the term, the children enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year - eating vegetable stir fry around the campfire, making lucky dragon puppets, dressing up in Chinese costumes, and learning a Chinese Dragon dance. This week also supports the children's 'Understanding of the World Development for People and Communities' as they learn about other people's cultures and traditions.

With the arrival of spring, there have been many opportunities to stop and investigate the new shoots growing on the trees, bushes, and on the ground. As the children spot spring flowers, this helps their understanding of growth, decay, and changes that go on in our world.



Bus Stop have also added five little chicks to the family, which has caused a huge amount of excitement! They arrived as eggs, and from three days old, the children have been able to watch them grow and change as they learn to care for them before they move to their chicken coup on pre-school grounds - also home to three rabbits and a bird hide!

Towards the end of the term, the children enjoyed going on an Easter egg number hunts around the garden and woods, making Easter cards, crowns, and reading a lovely story called 'Handa's Hen'. Bus Stop parents, grandparents, and carers were invited to listen to the children sing. Unfortunately, the weather was a bit wet for the egg hunt, but as the forest school saying goes "There's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing"!

*Emily von Reibnitz*

## Bookham Residents' Association



Do you know the difference between the Bookham Residents Association (BRA) and the Bookham Community Association (BCA)? For many years, there has been confusion about these two very important and active organisations, but the difference is very clearly defined. The BCA play a vital role in running the Old Barn Hall in Church Road, and most of the funding for this historic part of the village is derived from the BCA's organisation and income from Village Week. The BCA also publishes and distributes the Bookhams Bulletin four times a year. Most organisations in the village are affiliated and appear regularly in the magazine.

The BRA, on the other hand, have an extremely wide range of responsibilities, such as working closely with the six local councillors in order to

see that improvements are carried out, which often involves liaising with Mole Valley District Council. Environmental matters, such as flooding and infrastructure, particularly roads, are carefully monitored by the BRA. In addition, a close eye is kept on planning applications via a small sub-committee and there are individual committee members dealing with the education, health, transport, trees, christmas lights, and hanging baskets, the last two with invaluable help from a closely linked group of traders - the Bookham Retail and Business Association (BRaBA). It also takes time to coordinate the increasingly popular BRA monthly litter-pick, and another task that often goes without question is maintenance of the village notice boards, not forgetting the hours spent preparing and distributing the BRA Newsletter, which is published in the spring and autumn. A huge thanks is due to over 130 road stewards who deliver copies to all our members.

Although the BRA and the BCA are separate in terms of administration and the roles carried out, there is a very close working relationship between the two. To sum it up, the BCA have the pleasure of social events during Village Day and Village Week, as well as varying functions at the Old Barn Hall, whereas the BRA have to deal mostly with problems that occur in the village on a regular basis. However, a lot of satisfaction can be gained when such problems are dealt with successfully.

The BRA and the BCA depend on their teams of volunteers and if you feel that you would like to help, even in a small way, please refer to the contact details below:

BRA - Tel: 0300 030 9890 or  
[www.bookhamresidents.org.uk](http://www.bookhamresidents.org.uk)

BCA - Tel: 01372 456307 or  
[www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org](http://www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org)

*Ray Pritchard*

# Effingham Golf Club Juniors

The majority of Juniors at the Club live in the Bookhams, with the rest in the immediate area - so it is truly a local club which is very supportive of Junior Golf.

The Junior team - all from Bookham - managed to beat Epsom Golf Club away. Epsom is a tight tricky course with challenging greens, but all the teams had good scores with Rowan Noble excelling with 36 points supported by Junior Captain, Angus Lonsdale, and Tom Sutherland. The winter coaching programme on the Indoor Golf Simulator Training paid dividends! Over Easter, 2 major competitions were played, plus some free coaching sessions for junior members. A Guildford league match against The Army Club was also scheduled.

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>.

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.

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.

Some young and aspiring golfers may either not have an official handicap or may not be quite up to the standard needed for immediate Junior Membership with the playing rights it provides. However, this is not a problem as these can be addressed by the Junior Organisers in a number of practical ways that meet the individual's situation.

You can find out more about joining Junior



Golf by contacting our Head PGA Professional, James Gunning by email at [jgunning@effinghamgolfclub.com](mailto:jgunning@effinghamgolfclub.com) or by telephone at 01372 452203 (golf inquiries - pro shop).

*David Cox*

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# Leatherhead Division Girlguiding

New adult leaders are needed to help run Girlguiding groups in Bookham and the surrounding areas, or sadly some groups may have to close. Becoming a volunteer leader would give you the opportunity to meet new people, have a great social life, and will look great on your CV too!

5th Bookham Brownies are one of the local groups looking to recruit another adult who can help run the group on a weekly basis. You don't need to have been involved with Guiding previously, training is very much on the job, and there is a Leadership Qualification which you can do. There is some formal training, including First Aid, but all training sessions are provided free of charge by Girlguiding UK.

All skills and interests are valued. Meetings for our local Girlguiding groups are mostly once a week during term time - one hour for rainbows



(5-7 years), one and a half hours for Brownies (7-10 years), and between one and a half to two hours for Guides (10-14 years) and Rangers (14-18 years). Times for meetings can be made flexible to suit volunteers.

Some time does need to be given to preparation for the meetings, but this is normally done as part of a team, who share the organising and running of the meetings each week. Girlguiding is very flexible and can fit around busy lifestyles. New volunteers would help assist existing leaders to run activities, and provide chances for the girls to learn new skills and discover their potential. Other nearby Girlguiding groups in Effingham, Fetcham, Leatherhead, and Ashted are also looking for additional adult leaders.

Christine Moss is the Local Division Commissioner: "In the Leatherhead area, we have young girls on long waiting lists due to a shortage of volunteers. Volunteering with Girlguiding UK is a fantastic way to make a real difference to the lives of girls and young women in your community - and gain some amazing experiences yourself. You will be working with young girls and women, sharing your skills, meeting new people, making new friends, and trying something new."

If you are able to donate some of your time and would like to know more about

Girlguiding, contact Christine by email at [ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com](mailto:ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com).

*Jen McAllister*



# South Bookham Space

Construction of a first floor extension to provide a new social meeting SPACE for classes, meetings and social events at SPACE has received the green light from MVDC planning!

Thanks to prudent management, MVDC, Thomas Flack Foundation Grants, SPACE's own funds, with those of Bookham Tennis Club provide over half the total funding required for the project.

The new Social SPACE - large enough for 20 to 25 people, will have its own kitchen facilities, a balcony overlooking the Outer SPACE multi-

use games area and neighbouring Bookham Tennis Club courts, plus a covered area for parents to watch their youngsters play.

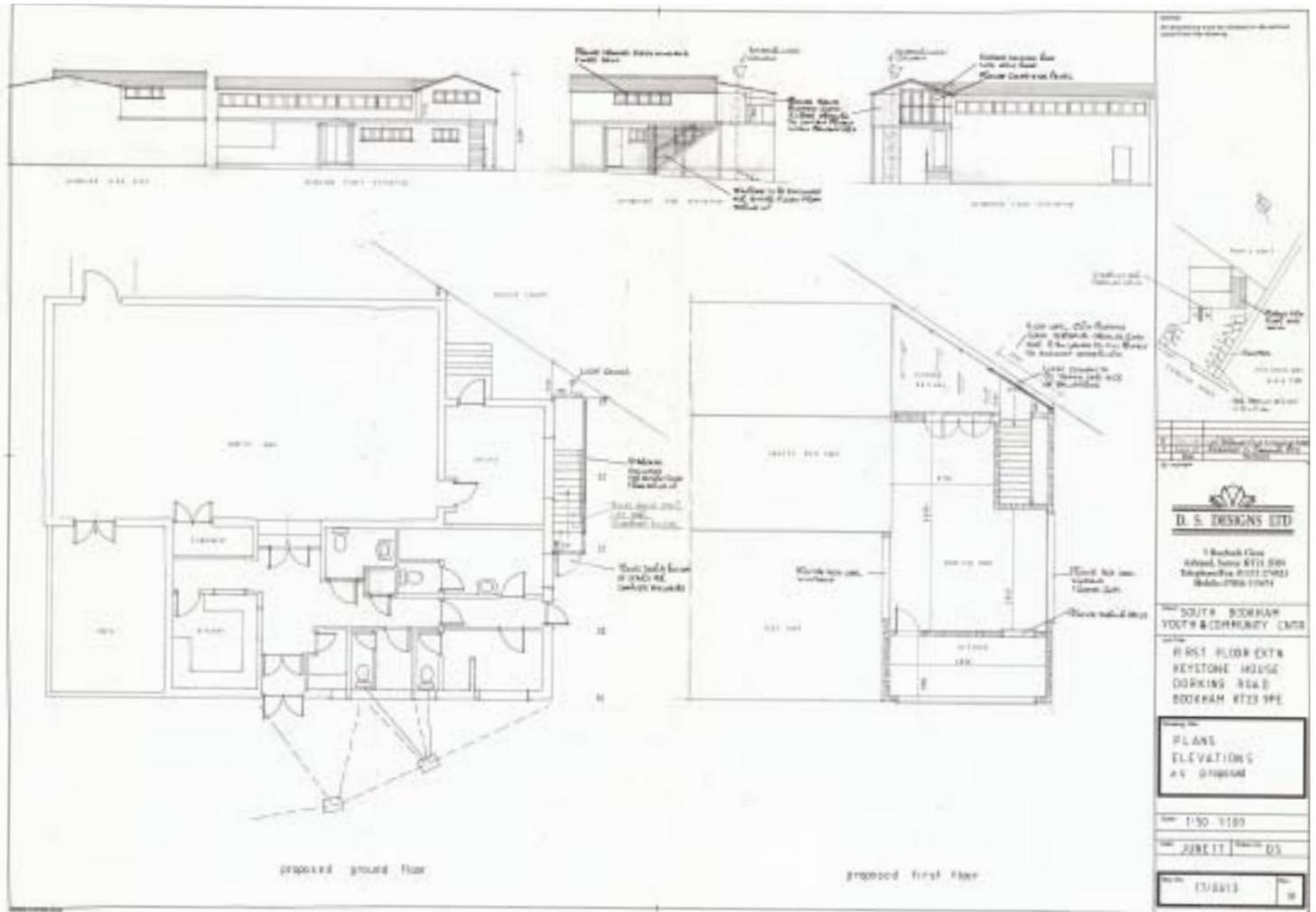
This will encourage greater and better use of the venue, free up the existing small committee room for much needed extra storage and give disabled access to this new Social SPACE.

NOW - we will need to work very hard to raise the essential funds to pay the balance by huge local support in general, but particularly for our upcoming events:

Bookhams Carnival Ball on behalf of SPACE, Saturday 30th June 2018 at the Old Barn Hall - Buffet dinner, live band disco, and carnival fun, from 7:30pm until midnight. Tickets are £60 per person, all profits going towards the construction of Social SPACE. For booking information, please contact Chris Browning by email at [chris.browning.uk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.browning.uk@hotmail.co.uk).

For more information on news and upcoming events at South Bookham SPACE, please visit our website at [www.southbookhamspace.org.uk](http://www.southbookhamspace.org.uk).

*Terry Gluck*



# Bookham Craft Club

At Bookham Craft Club we have had another lovely card making session with Jane Schriber, a local Bookham resident. As usual we are all busy with various crafts. The second Tuesday of the month we meet in the Harrison Room in the Old Barn Hall, from 9:15am with our own projects. On the fourth Tuesday of each month, we have a workshop with a varied programme run by talented members, or an outside speaker. Why not come and join us?

*Sylvia Giddings*



# Transition Bookham



At the time of writing, we were looking forward to welcoming Benoit Witchalls to our April meeting to talk about his experience of converting his own home to "Passivhaus" standards to reduce energy damage. Our other open meetings this year will be held on Wednesday 18th July 2018, and Wednesday 17th October 2018, subjects to be confirmed. Meetings are held from 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre, all are welcome and entry is free unless otherwise advertised. Check our website, social media, or local notice

boards for information nearer the time. Other events may be added at a later date.

Our January meeting was a useful catch-up on all things green. Having done some research on a possible environmental audit, we had to conclude that there just isn't enough data at a local level to be able to carry it out. Our efforts this year will therefore be going into following up on the raised awareness of the problem of plastic, maintaining the wildlife-friendly garden at the St Nicolas Pastoral Centre, and supporting local shopping and events, including the monthly litter pick. We'll be in the Harrison Room on Village Day and will be joining in the theme of "Bookham Takes Flight", with a display on gardening for bees, bugs, birds, and butterflies, as well as our usual eco-lucky dip. We'll also be involved in Open

Gardens Day, with one of our number having a wildlife-friendly garden on show.

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, email us as [transitionbookham@gmail.com](mailto:transitionbookham@gmail.com) to ask to be added to our mailing list. You can also like and follow TransitionBookham on Facebook, and follow @ttbookham on Twitter. Find out more about us on our website at [www.transitionbookham.org.uk](http://www.transitionbookham.org.uk), where we also have helpful tips and local information about living a more plant-friendly life. We'd also like to hear from you if you're interested in joining in any of our events or have suggestions for future activities.

*Win Magyar*

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## Bookham Rifle Club

Bookham Rifle Club is just outside Leatherhead, nearby Thorncroft Manor and right on your doorstep! You could come and take part in an individual or team sport which does not require a high level of physical strength, and is very much dependant on how much you want to take part in. We have indoor facilities for air rifle and pistol which remains the envy of many other clubs, and all equipment is supplied.

Throughout the year, we have Open Days to come and try-out the sport. Alternatively, you can apply for a probationer membership for a nominal fee at any time - if you enjoy it, you may use the probationer fee to join as a full member. We provide all training and coaching. The Target Shooting School also uses our ranges and provides top-class coaching. For more information, please visit either [www.bookhamrifleclub.org.uk](http://www.bookhamrifleclub.org.uk), or [www.targetshootingsschool.co.uk/index](http://www.targetshootingsschool.co.uk/index).

Sometimes, you just need to get out there and have a go at something new, perhaps it is even a return to something you used to do!

Bookham A team won the Browne Martin Cup on Sunday 18th March 2018. The team of Keith Murray, Simon Aldhouse, Tim Hammond, Dave Crispin, and Paul Duxbury shot a very consistent performance over the quarter, semi, and final matches. The semi final, in particular, was a very tight match against Colchester.

Teams of five from the Home Counties shoot a qualifying round before Christmas, and the resulting top eight teams contest the finals shoulder to shoulder at the NSRA range at Bisley.

Lina Jones won the silver medal at the 34th ISAS 50m prone competition in Dortmund, Germany. Ayano Shimizu won the competition with a total score of 626,6 points, followed by Lina with 623,7 points, and Yulia Zykova from



Russia finishing with a score of 622,8 points. Lina Jones is currently competing at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia - exciting news all round!

*John Buckley*



# Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club is an active club which continues to attract new members. Duplicate bridge sessions are held on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Old Barn Hall, with an excess of twenty tables. Not even the "Beast from the East" could deter the enthusiasm of local members, forty of whom turned up on 1st March 2018, to play bridge in sub zero arctic conditions! We raised £300 for the RNLI in the recent Surrey Sim Pairs



Competition. Two members, Ulla Adilz and Joyce Munns, gained notable success by coming top in the Surrey Ladies' Pairs.

Visitors are always welcome. The website is up to date for those seeking more information, [www.bridgewebs.com/bookhamafternoon/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bookhamafternoon/)

We will be participating yet again in the Bookham Village Day, holding a Village Day Bridge Drive on Monday 18th June, which is open to members, waiting list members, and visitors. The theme this year is "Bookham Takes Flight". It will take the form of a friendly duplicate session playing 24 boards in all, divided into a morning session from 11:00am, followed by a buffet lunch served with wine and soft drinks, and then the afternoon session. There will be prizes and a raffle, tickets will be



£30 per pair with the net proceeds going towards the maintenance of the Old Barn Hall. For those interested, please check the website closer to the date for ticket availability, or contact the Chairman, Lawrence Penney, by email at [lawrence.penney1@btinternet.com](mailto:lawrence.penney1@btinternet.com)

*Carol Newton*

# Bookham Butterflies WI

The centre of Bookham was awash with beautiful flower arrangements, as 27 Butterflies and their friends took part in a very successful flower arranging workshop. Alison Gillott, Surrey Area Chair of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS), led sessions for two groups of budding florists.

Alison showed us how to transform a margarine tub containing oasis into a stunning floral display, by building up the foliage first and then the flowers. The end results were very impressive and the success of the workshop has already led to the formation of a new Bookham Butterflies Flower Club. The club will be putting together a calendar of flower related activities over the coming months, ranging from demonstrations, talks, and workshops to garden centre visits.

From a new activity - to a regular one! Bookham Butterflies WI held their popular annual charity quiz at the United Reform Church Hall in Bookham, raising £500. A raffle was also held the same night, with prizes very kindly donated by local businesses, including Rawlings & Kensett, DiCarlo's, Carolina's, The Vineries, and Captain Tortue.



Half of the proceeds were donated to Horsley and Bookham Riding for the Disabled. The winning team, 'Speckled Wood' (all teams were named after butterflies) chose to donate the rest of the money to Surrey Young Carers.

Our programme of speakers at our monthly meetings has been hugely varied. We enjoyed a fascinating talk by Warren Rockett, the husband of Linda, our Events Organiser. Warren worked for Surrey Police for 30 years, retiring as Detective Superintendent, followed by another 12 years as Global Head of Security at a German gas firm. After first talking to us a couple of years ago, Warren's subject was 'Kidnaps and Kidnappers'. He brought to life several of the kidnap cases he worked on, including one very local to us in West Horsley.

At another meeting, we picked up some useful tips from interior designer Jayne Webb. We ended the evening with a competition! Jayne spread hundreds of swatches of material on a table and we were encouraged to pick three to create a 'mood board'!

As the weather improves, our attention is turning to a busy spring and summer of activities, many of them outdoors! In May, we will be watching a showing of 'Dirty Dancing' at The Medicine Garden in Cobham. Our Exploring Gardens group is enjoying a busy six months of outings, with summer visits planned to Shieling in Kingswood, Pratsham Grange in Holmbury St Mary, and Purfold in Peaslake to name a few. We will also be attending centenary celebrations for Surrey WI.

Our Book clubs, Supper Club, and walking groups are as busy as ever. Our theatre group and guests enjoyed a fantastic evening at the



New Victoria Theatre in Woking, watching a live performance of 'Sunset Boulevard', starring the outstanding Ria Jones.

For more information about our WI, please visit our website at [www.bookhambutterflieswi.com](http://www.bookhambutterflieswi.com), or our Facebook page 'Bookham Butterflies WI'.

*Jen McAllister*



# St Lawrence Primary School

At St Lawrence Primary School, we had a wonderful time on World Book Day. Children and staff alike dressed up as characters from their favourite books, and everyone enjoyed seeing each other's costumes - which had some very innovative designs! Popular choices included characters from the Harry Potter series, Roald Dahl's and David Walliams books.

All teachers shared their chosen book with different classes. The school's cook, Jackie, even contributed by making a special World Book Day lunch, featuring 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' puddings! The children had a great day, one commenting, "I really enjoyed World Book Day, because I got to dress up as Hermione Granger and I loved seeing everyone's costumes."

We are always looking at ways to foster a love of reading at St Lawrence. In the lead up to World Book Day, the children were sponsored to take part in a readathon, where they read every day for 18 days. All children received a certificate for taking part in the challenge, and



one child from each class was chosen, at random, to receive a £10 book voucher.

Aside from the many thousands of minutes clocked up by the children, this focus on reading encouraged many of them to explore a greater variety of literature. One child said, "I really enjoyed the readathon, as it made me read lots of different books." Over £1000 has been raised from the readathon to go towards the fund for refurbishing the planned library extension, which is due to begin soon.

The staff and children are all looking forward to the new library space opening. This will create a new central hub for the school community, enabling us to support the development of library and research skills, small group work activities and IT, with the help of our new full class set of ipads, kindly funded by The Friends of St Lawrence.

It will also be a place to welcome visitors to the school, and to support links to the local community - something that contributes greatly to the community ethos at the heart of our school. We benefit greatly from the involvement of our Reading Support Group, a committed group of local volunteers who assist children who struggle with reading, to boost their confidence and support their development.

We have also been delighted to see the children reaping the benefits of the Singapore maths programme, which all children participate in from Year One onwards. Well



done to Adam Beney, Alice Brabender, Jack Ellis-Robinson, and Charli Spencer, who led St Lawrence to victory in a recent maths competition against other local schools. They showed great teamwork and commitment, two of our school values and made St Lawrence proud.

We aim to put the children at the centre of all we do at St Lawrence. The pupils have already contributed to the external design of the library, and a competition has now been launched for the children to come up with a design that can feature on the walls, to create the positive learning environment that we aspire to have in place.

*Lucy Martyn*



## Eastwick WI

Eastwick WI members have been thinking about the environment and global warming in recent months. In February, Dr. Colin Summerhayes gave a talk on "Melting Ice and Rising Seas". Dr. Summerhayes is an Emeritus Associate of the Scott Polar Research Institute, based at Cambridge University. As an eminent marine geologist and oceanographer, he was well qualified to tell us about the changes in the Antarctic region. His many charts and graphs gave us a vivid picture of the effect of global warming on the area. There was a display of hearts decorated by members to draw attention to the things they would miss in the event of continued global warming. These hearts were later displayed in local shops the following week. Members were delighted to hear that local butcher, Rawlings and Kensett, now packages meat in plastic-free paper that is also waterproof, freezeproof, and recyclable.

We have enjoyed many meals together this year, with the Eastwick Camera Group taking

lunch together at The Grumpy Mole in Brockham, and the Mahjong group joined together for a meal at the Celadon Thai in Bookham. In March, we had a sociable coffee morning, with coffee and cakes, a Bring and Buy, and two craft demonstrations. The event helped raised money to maintain the Grade II listed building at the WI College, Denman.

There are plans for outings to a garden near East Grinstead, and Highclere Castle. In April, we will have also held a Musical Evening with

dinner at the Old Barn Hall.

Between meetings, members meet for walks, a book reading group, a craft group, badminton, mahjong, scrabble, and garden visiting. Visitors are welcome at Eastwick WI, who meet on the third Wednesday of every month from 7:30pm, in St. Mary's Annexe, The Ridgeway, Fetcham. For more information, please visit our website at [www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk](http://www.eastwickwi.btck.co.uk)

*Sally Dampney*



## The Grange

As The Grange celebrates its 80th Anniversary this year, we are delighted to welcome Eloise Appleby as our new Chief Executive.

Eloise join The Grange from Winchester Council, where she held a number of senior roles. She has worked closely with the voluntary sector over the past decade, assisting charities to work in new ways to make them more resilient and effective, and hopes to use this experience in preparing The Grange for future challenges. Eloise is not a stranger to Bookham, however - one of her earliest roles was in the National Trust's regional public affairs team, then based at Polesden Lacey. Since joining at the beginning of March, Eloise has spent time visiting all the departments at The Grange and getting acquainted with all the people we support, volunteers, and staff - no mean feat!

As part of our 80th Anniversary celebrations, The Grange is hoping to attract more regular donors to support our work and with this goal

in mind, we have launched the 80:80 Appeal - aiming to raise £80K in our 80th Year. As a special thank you to our regular and new donors in this iconic year, we will have their name etched on our commemoration window at The Grange which we've named our 'Window on the Future'. For more details of how to get involved and support us, please visit our website.

There will be a number of events during the year including our charity partnership Inspire Race's 5K colour run on 10th June 2018 at Pippbrook Meadows, where there will also be a 1K children's race too. We will also be open as a part of Surrey Artists Open Studios from the 11th-17th June 2018, from 11:00am to 5:00pm. We will be taking part in Bookham Open Gardens Day on Sunday 17th June 2018. One of our main celebrations will be an 80s themed Summer Fete, which will take place at The Grange on Saturday 14th July 2018, from 11:00am to 3:00pm with classic cars,



entertainment and refreshments - it will be a great excuse to party! More details of this and all our activities are available on our website at [www.grangecentre.org.uk](http://www.grangecentre.org.uk).

*Marion Chow*

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## Mole Valley Ramblers

There will be a warm welcome from Mole Valley Ramblers, who are organising ten days of specially led walks for anyone who wants to have fun, meet new people, exercise for healthy living, and enjoy the lovely Surrey countryside. This is a great opportunity to do what you have always wanted to do, simply turn up and take part!

Whether you're a regular walker or an outdoor enthusiast, there will be the opportunity to select from 30 different walks, ranging between 3 to 14 miles, including shorter walks in conjunction with Mole Valley District Council, Walking for Health. For those with youngsters keen to try group walking for the first time, there will be a Family Treasure Hunt walk day, with a selection of walks for all ages led by Mole Valley walk leaders. All-day walks include a pub or picnic lunch break, and hopefully most walks finishing near places serving beverages, cream teas, etc. This enables individuals to socialise and pass on their views of the walk. For those that would like an adventure, there will be a nocturnal walk with the entrancing spectacle of the Mole Valley illuminated at night, as well as the challenge to walk 100 miles over the ten days.

Each walk description will give the start and finish of the location, type of walk, length, and level of difficulty. For all contact information, please visit our website at [www.molevalleyramblers.org.uk/festival](http://www.molevalleyramblers.org.uk/festival).

*Louise Stilwell-Stage*





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**19th Quiz Night**  
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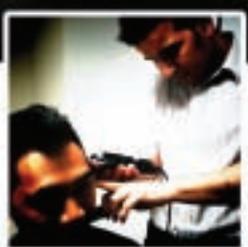
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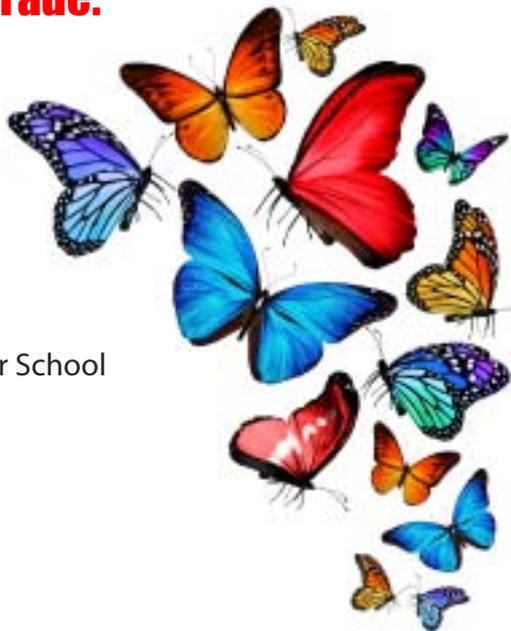
# Village Day Bookham Takes Flight

**Saturday June 16th**

- 11.15am The fancy dress parade assembles in the High Street  
11.20am Judging of the Best Dressed Stall starts in the field  
11.40am The Parade moves off from the High Street and down Church Road to the Old Barn Hall field and will include:  
Jason Wright's vintage Austin 7  
Brian White's Magna Jazz Band  
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## Taking part in the Parade:

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Rainbow Playgroup  
Smarty Pants Pre-school  
Manor House Nursery & Junior School  
Eastwick Infant School  
Polesden Lacey Infant School  
The Dawnay School  
St Lawrence School  
Action Theatre Club



## In the arena:

- 12 noon Presentation of the trophies to the winners and runners-up for the best group entries in the parade and the BCA, Vineries and BRABA cups for the Best Dressed stalls.  
12.10pm Brian White's Magna Jazz Band.  
12.30pm Polesden Lacey Infant School.  
12.40pm The Dawnay School. Infant & Junior  
12.55pm Eastwick Infant School.  
1.05pm Henfold Birds of Prey Display  
1.35pm Natalie Goodacre Trio  
1.55pm Action Theatre Group  
2.15pm Band from the Pub  
2.35pm Henfold Birds of Prey Display  
3.00pm Natalie Goodacre Trio  
3.20pm Band from the Pub  
4.00pm Event closes.



- Various groups from the Pantastic Steel Bands will play during the afternoon in Calypso Corner at the entrance to the field.
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## Village Week

### Sunday 17th June

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### Monday 18 June 11.00am

#### Bridge Lunch with the Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Two course lunch with wine and soft drinks. Fun Quiz and Raffle during  
lunch. Bridge in two sessions with lunch inbetween.

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### 7.30pm for 8.00pm

#### Summer Concert with the Mole Valley Silver Band

Join us for a relaxed & enjoyable evening of varied and light-hearted music.  
Tickets £8.00. Details and tickets from Sarah Kent on 456176 or Ticket Office

### Tuesday 19 June 7.00am for 7.30pm

#### Village Week Quiz Night

Local teams test their knowledge. Presented by last year's winners,  
Bookham Tennis Club.

Teams from BCA affiliated organisations can compete. No casual  
admission on the door. Details from Christine Vosper 01372 879312  
e-mail christinevosper@hotmail.com

### Friday 22 June 7.30pm

**Family Barn Dance** – all welcome. Bring your own food, drinks and utensils  
Caller and recorded music

Details and tickets £6 adults £3 children from Wishing Well, 7 High  
Street and Margaret on 454101 or Ticket Office

### All events at the Old Barn Hall unless otherwise shown

Ticket Office at Old Barn Hall (side entrance) open Mon/Wed/Fridays  
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### BRA Bookstall on Village Day

If you have books to donate to our bookstall, please contact Tony Alsbury  
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# The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place AGM was held at Bookham Baptist Church on Saturday 17th March 2018. We had a great turnout, despite the snowy weather! Thank you to everyone who came.

Our Chairman, Margaret Hibbert gave a report on the work we have done during the previous year. This included involving more of our local community in our mission to combat social isolation, and give everyone an opportunity to connect. Our coffee mornings and language hub have made a real difference in people's lives.

Earlier this year, the Government appointed a Minister for Loneliness, which has highlighted

the need for the outreach work in our community. We will continue our work in the local community and welcome anyone who needs signposting to another service or just a chat and a warm drink.

The Meeting Place is a charitable organisation which pioneers and manages a number of 'hubs', which benefit the local community in the Bookham area by combating social isolation.

The Community Hub and Cafe: Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10:00am -12:00pm at Bookham Baptist Church - Speciality coffees and cakes, providing space for people to meet



others and access support and information in a relaxed atmosphere.

The Hub serves as an access point for information about partner organisation and the support they offer locally: We can also help access a piece of equipment, or a particular service in times of crisis from the Help Hub.

The Language Hub: Monday evening, and Tuesday mornings - Provide language skills and practice opportunities for those who speak English as a second language.

Contact The Meeting Place for more information about our services, including links to free legal advice, Hearing Champions, and volunteering opportunities. Please call us by telephone at 07425 133431, visit our website at [www.themeetingplacebookham.webs.com](http://www.themeetingplacebookham.webs.com), or like our Facebook page 'TheMeetingPlaceBookham'.



# Rainbow Playgroup



Here at Rainbow Playgroup, we focus heavily on encouraging the children's own ideas and imagination through role play and open ended activities as we feel this is how most children naturally begin to interact together! When we stop and really think about what we want our children to learn, it usually follows a path that leads back to when they are small and a foundation beginning with good social skills, consideration for others, self-confidence and the beginnings of emotional resilience. Watching children playing together is fascinating, and we all know that this is where they start to learn these skills. Role play/ imitating what they have seen, together with their peers is often where this happens - all children just want to be grown ups!

We work hard to ensure that the play experiences the children have are as true to real life as possible. We seek out play materials that would not necessarily be considered as toys. For example, in our house area, we have set up a kitchen using real kitchenware, real crockery including small ceramic teapots, sturdy cups, and child safe knives for slicing and chopping real vegetables. Every day we supply a variety of vegetables for the children to experiment with, as well as grains such as lentils and porridge oats for pouring and measuring using real measuring scales. We also give them stretchy dough for kneading

and pretend baking which has proved very popular!

Our staff feel these resources have enhanced the children's play experience enormously. It is great to see the children grow in their abilities to interact together and to witness the necessary social skills developing along with a growing imagination and enthusiasm in their play. For more information about Rainbow Playgroup, or if you would like to visit, please contact Heidi Watson by telephone at 01372 811313.

*Tracey Pratt*



# 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 visit our new Facebook page at 'Bookham Baptist Children's Centre', or visit our website at [www.bookhambaptist.org](http://www.bookhambaptist.org).

We have a few new and exciting projects this year. Monthly Pop-up Sling Sessions, where you can come for information and support on carrying your baby/toddler safely and comfortably, as well as a range of slings and carriers you can test out. These sessions will take place on 8th June 2018, and 6th July 2018. We are hoping to soon run fortnightly Feeding Support Sessions, in partnership with NCT, dates to be announced soon. We also have a new 4-week wellbeing course in the pipeline called The Happiness Course, in which we are getting people trained up to run in the near

future. Other courses we run include First Aid for Parents and Grandparents, Talking Teens, Parenting Puzzle, and a range of Early Years Workshops by specialist early years trainer, Rachael Underwood. Visit our website for more details on workshops, or email [familyservices@bookhambaptist.org](mailto:familyservices@bookhambaptist.org) to be added to the waiting list.

Earlier this year, we welcomed our new Family Support Worker, Rachael Christie-Davies to the team, who provides outreach to local families who need a little extra support, because parenting and life circumstances can be tough at times. If you, or somebody you know could do with a bit of non-judgemental support around parenting or family life, do get in touch.

In the summer term, our weekly activities include Noah's Ark Baby and Toddler Group on Thursdays from 1:30pm until 3:00pm; Rhymetime on Fridays from 10:30am until 11:00am, will continue in partnership with The Meeting Place Cafe from 10:00am until 12:00pm on Mondays and Fridays. No need to book, just pop along for a cuppa and a slice of cake, you're sure to find a warm welcome with plenty of space for the little ones to play and have fun.

We have 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 are available here. For



more information, please contact us by telephone at 01372 811313, or by email at [familyservice@bookhambaptist.org](mailto:familyservice@bookhambaptist.org).



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# Bookham Bowling Club

After a winter of primping, preening, painting, and refurbishment, Bookham Bowling Club is looking for new members as its gates and green open once more for the 2018 season.

If you didn't manage to get to the 'Give-It-A-Try' weekend at the end of April, we would still like to hear from you. Bookham Bowling Club needs you!

We are located on the Chrystie Recreation Ground, Dorking Road in Bookham where we have been since 1933. Come and find us in the

corner, and we will greet you with a warm welcome. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes/trainers, and a sense of humour.

Be adventurous, we win some and lose some in all weather, but we are friendly and have a lot to offer as a club. For more information, please contact our secretary, Tony Moore by telephone at 01372 452665, or visit our website at [www.bookhambowls.co.uk](http://www.bookhambowls.co.uk).

*Richard Sealy*



# Howard of Effingham School



Students from the Howard of Effingham School performed to standing ovations in their production of "Sister Act" at The Theatre, Leatherhead. The stage was filled with talented performers, aged 11 to 18, who came together to tell the story of Deloris Van Cartier - a nightclub singer who is forced to go into hiding in a convent after witnessing a murder.

In the leading role as Deloris, Josie Smith captivated the audience with an incredible vocal range and commitment to the character - rarely seen in one so young. She was supported by an unfaltering group of principle characters including Zak Muggleton, who had the audience rooting for him as the downtrodden Sweaty Eddie; Hannah Barker, who displayed crystal clear vocals and impeccable comic timing as Mother Superior; and Catrina Gardham, who played timid sister Mary Robert, surprising the audience with a belting vocal performance in Act 2.

Special mention also goes to the group of nuns who sustained their upbeat choreography and well pitched harmonies during the show's many big numbers. They were led by Shannon Stirling Loyer as cheerful soprano Sister Mary Patrick, and the taciturn, Sister Mary Lazarus played by Hannah Davison, who had the audience in stitches with her gravelly rapping.

Rhys Wallis was suitably cool and calculated in his role as gangster Curtis. He was ably supported by his three comic followers Henry Moodie, Matt Strutton, and Tom Walker, who

brought the house down in every performance with their hilarious rendition of 'Lady in the Long Black Dress'. Tom McGachie rounded off the male leads as the warm, yet mischievous Monsignor O'Hara.

However, the highlights of the performance were the moments when the full company took the stage, creating an impressive wall of sound, and a stunning overall visual, packed with energy and enthusiasm - a truly heartwarming sight.

*Katie Paine*



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# Bookham Talking Newspaper

Every week, a team of local volunteers gather at The Grange in Bookham, sitting like newsreaders of yesteryear around a large table, to record another edition of our local Bookham Talking Newspaper. We take our sight so much for granted. Without it, or with failing sight, talking newspapers provide the very local news that so many enjoy. These local 'talking newspaper' charities started in 1970, and now number over 500 across Britain, helping over 100,000 blind and partially sighted people access news of the local community. These groups are members of the Talking Newspaper Federation, for more information please visit their website at [www.tnf.org.uk](http://www.tnf.org.uk).

Bookham Talking Newspaper was set up over 40 years ago by local Rotary Club stalwart Eddie Crouch MBE. Eddie has memories of a first recording session in the garden shed of a fellow club member, which then involved a far more lengthy copying session that today to produce C90 cassettes. The recording equipment used has changed several times over the years, but the essence of the service

has remained similar and uninterrupted.

Our talking newspaper has about 45 users living from Ashted across to Horsley. This is in fact only half the number who used the service at its height, and we would be delighted to hear from or about others who might benefit, as we are sure extra demand exists (see enquiry details below). This is a free service, run by volunteers and using freepost Royal Mail to deliver a weekly USB drive which users simply plug into a specialist player, provided by the charity via an in-person home visit to explain how to use it. Having listened to each edition, the pen drive is sent back to us by freepost. Our modest expenses are met by occasional donation from Rotary and Lions.

The real work is done each week by a team of volunteers, who by rotation edit articles from the local Advertiser, then read and record those articles as a team, to provide a change of voice tone and style! Other volunteers manage the technical and distribution side of the operation.

We have plans to invigorate the newspaper,

and will look to strengthen it with:

New users - do you know someone who might benefit? Please call Martin Pulsford on 01372 453565 to discuss.

Content review - feedback from users will guide some revisions, and other local news sources might be added.

Building the team - if you think you might like to spend an enjoyable occasional hour or two, please join the volunteer team. Without obligation, please also call Martin on 01372 453565 for an initial discussion.

*Andrew Smith*



# Friends of Bookham Common



As we closed for press, we learn of the record attendance at the Old Barn Hall when we held the Friends of Bookham Commons AGM. At this particular meeting, Ranger Ian Swinney gave a report concerning the Life on the Edge Project, to clear areas of the common to enhance and encourage the growth and development of wildlife. The talk was followed by a much needed hot buffet, provided by local caterers, Home Cooking. We also had a fascinating talk by Matthew Oates, a well-



known broadcaster and ecologist, who spoke about 'Discovering the Purple Emperor Butterflies'. The evening was thoroughly

enjoyed by around 170 members who turned out for the meeting.

*Robert Hall*

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## Bookham Flower Club

This year, Bookham Flower Club will be celebrating its Emerald Anniversary! An amazing fifty-five years back - in 1963 - was the start of a new era of music, including the Beatles who were beginning to make it out of Liverpool. Most mothers around Bookham were still home-based, convenience, Chinese, and Indian restaurants were rare outside of London. However, the world of flower arranging was developing fast. NAFAS, the National Association of Flower Arrangements Societies started in 1959, and clubs were popping up all over the country, including Bookham.

Since then, the club has gone from strength to strength, but many styles of flower arranging

have changed; wool weaving and natural plant weaving (like willow) being common. Designs have changed too, reflecting influences from around the world. The ability to purchase unusual plant material that would have been almost impossible to source back in 1963, have greatly affected these changes. For instance, exotic breeds such as orchids are now very common with the aid of supermarket sales and air freight.

As a club, we have demonstrations nine months of the year, with amazing floral designs, and the opportunity to take something home as a prize in the raffle. In addition, we are able to run classes to assist members in acquiring new skills and

confidence to arrange at home and to enter club competitions. We also arrange two coach outings a year, quite often to gardens, with the opportunity to find refreshments. Pick up and return is at various places in Bookham.

Why not come as a guest to one of our meetings? Some of our upcoming meetings include "Pashmina Fever" on June 4th 2018, "Wish You Were Here" on July 2nd 2018, and "Fifty Shades of Autumn" on September 3rd 2018. All of our meetings are held on Mondays in the Old Barn Hall, with a 2:15pm start. You will be given a warm welcome, with the opportunity to meet friends over a cup of tea.

*Emma Sweeney*

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## Bookham and District U3A

U3A continues to thrive, and we have reached over 600 members!

As set out by our parent body - the Third Age Trust - our object is "the advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work, by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development."

We have a speaker at our main monthly meetings, and recent topics have included Old Time Music Hall, Vampires, and the Central Royal Parks.

Members can choose to join as many small groups as they have time for, from a selection of nearly 80 subjects. The most popular groups are London Walks, Wine Appreciation, and Bridge, and several groups for each of these subjects have been set up to accommodate members. Their task is to coordinate the group, not necessarily run it, and members within a group often take turns to research and lead a meeting. If anyone has a particular interest not already catered for, they are encouraged to start a group of like minded people.

There are monthly study days held at the Yehudi

Menuhin School, which are organised by the Surrey Network of U3A's and these are proving popular with our members. For those who wish to study a subject in more depth, there are summer schools and online courses available. Retirement should be anything but boring! Whether you enjoy the outdoors, sports, or a more sedate hobby, there is truly something for everyone. If you are interested in becoming a member, visit our website at [www.bookhamdistrictu3a.org.uk](http://www.bookhamdistrictu3a.org.uk), or contact us by email at [membership@bookhamu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@bookhamu3a.org.uk).

*Gillian Arnold*

# Bookham Open Gardens Day

Bookham Open Gardens day will be held on Sunday 17th June, from 10:00am until 5:00pm. Do come and join in this annual event where over 700 people enjoy going around the village, meeting friends and neighbours along the way. Get your programme in advance (see below) and start planning your route! In our 13th year, we are featuring at least 10 varied and attractive private gardens, as well as Little Bookham Allotments, the walled garden at The Grange, the extensive gardens at Manor House School, and the newly opened Gracewell Care Home.

Our garden owners will give you a warm welcome, and provide you with the opportunity to pick up ideas for your own garden and answer your questions. Or, you can simply enjoy the beautiful surroundings. The gardens come in all shapes and sizes, from formal to laid back planting, or even a bit quirky, and fruit and vegetables in abundance at The Grange and the Allotments. This year's Village Day theme - 'Birds, Bees, Bugs, and Butterflies' - is most suited, as our own gardens remain a haven for these creatures. Some of our gardeners go beyond this, and select planting specifically as 'perfect pollinators', and to also provide seed heads and berries for the birds. In addition, ponds and habitats will be on display, designed to attract wildlife and provide shelter. Plants and produce will be available to buy at the Old Barn Hall, the Allotments, The Grange, and in some of the featured gardens. If you're new to gardening, you'll be able to get many tips from our openers on how to get started. Be inspired! And remember that everyone starts somewhere, be small or grand. Have a go, and don't worry about making mistakes. Gardening is good for you! Find out more about individual gardens in the programme, which will be available at our ticket outlets, or



can be downloaded from mid-May on our new website, [www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk](http://www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk).

Open Gardens Day raises money for the upkeep of our historic Old Barn Hall, and over the years we have raised almost £60,000. Delicious home baked cakes, rolls, and drinks will be served throughout the day in the Hall. There will also be the opportunity to visit our plant stall, and a selection of goods for sale from the Bookham Country Market stall. Once again, there will be a raffle with lots of great prizes kindly donated by local firms, people, and organisations.



Tickets are on sale from 19th May 2018, and are £5.00 in advance from:

The Vineries Garden Centre, Lower Road, Effingham (event sponsors)

Wishing Well, 7 High Street

Bungalow Stores, Beckley Parade, Leatherhead Road

Bartons Bookshop, 2 Bridge Street, Leatherhead

Old Barn Hall office, Church Road, KT23 3PQ  
Tel: 01372 456307 (Open Mon, Wed, Fri from 9:30am-Noon)

Village Day, Saturday 16th June 2018, on the field.

There will be a free regular minibus service to take you between gardens. Children under 16 are free, as are carers of wheelchair users (who pay a reduced rate of £3). On the day, you can purchase tickets (£6) at the Old Barn Hall and from the gardens themselves. Unfortunately no pets are allowed, aside from assistance dogs. The charge includes admission to all gardens, a programme with a map and garden details, and the free minibus service, courtesy of 1st and 3rd Bookham Scouts, Manor House School, and our kind volunteer drivers. Please like 'Bookham Open Gardens' on Facebook for news, updates, and many photos.

If anyone is interested in volunteering their time on the day with providing cake, serving refreshments, selling tickets, marshalling the car park, or stewarding the gardens, please do get in touch! Without the kindness of our garden openers and our band of willing volunteers, the day would cease to exist! For more information, visit our website at [www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk](http://www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk), or contact Tina Hutton by telephone at 01372 457598, or email at [tina.hutton@btinternet.com](mailto:tina.hutton@btinternet.com)

*Diane Poole*

# Bookham Stamp Club



This is our 25th year, and to mark our anniversary we are holding a lunch for our members and their partners at the Effingham Golf Club, in the oak-panelled dining room in June. Our members will enjoy a welcome drink before they sit down and tuck into a three-course meal. We will also have the use of the patio outside and hope for a sunny day.

In March, 59 members enjoyed an enthralling afternoon with Alistair Nixon, who gave a wonderful presentation on Postal Mechanisation. If you have ever wondered about the lines, dots, or markings on your

envelope, Alistair explained all the mysteries. What about postcodes? How did they come about? Alistair has even been able to decode some of the Royal Mail's codes, which they thought an impossible task - an amazing feat.

We enjoyed a look back in time, to the first mechanical machines/devices that processed the post automatically, from the first back in the late 1800s to today's modern devices. A fascinating afternoon.

February was a Member's Day with a twist, as members had to display material beginning with the letter 'S', which proved to be very

interesting and varied, with 8 members displaying.

Bookham Stamp Club, founded in 1993, meets every 4th Tuesday of the month (except December) at the Old Barn Hall, with our very popular trading tables opening at 1:30pm, with displays commencing at 2:15pm.

Our programme includes visits from an impressive list of visiting speakers, member's displays, and 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 interested in selling, or would like advice concerning your collection, please contact our Trading Secretary, David Bravery by telephone at 01372 452537. We have a good local reputation and offer 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 over 60 members who attend each meeting. For more information, please contact our Membership Secretary, Fred Mitchell by telephone at 01372 374614, or visit our website at [www.bookhamstampclub](http://www.bookhamstampclub).

Our next few meetings:

Tuesday 22nd May 2018 - AGM & Auction (Club Material)

Tuesday 26th June 2018 - 25th Anniversary at Effingham Golf Club

Tuesday 24th July 2018 - Members' Display

Tuesday 28th August 2018 - Grace Davies Thematic PowerPoint Display, "Peace"

*Barry Feltham*

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# Bookham Toddler Group

It's been a lovely, busy term at toddler group and we have welcomed lots of new faces and volunteers to our lovely group. The children have marked Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, St Patrick's Day, and various other occasions through their wonderful crafts. Our craft team are now busy preparing to create some fabulous costumes for the Village Day Parade. Fingers crossed it's our year to bring home the trophy!

We've welcomed Vicky from Pyjama Drama, who provided us with a brilliant session of drama and imaginative play. The children sang songs, danced, and played lots of games whilst 'pretending'!

Mums, Dads, and carers also enjoyed some relaxing head, neck, and shoulder massages with Lorna from Masseology, who visited in January. She will be returning to the group at the start of the summer term. The term ended with a wonderful Easter party, with fabulous crafts, an egg hut, seasonal themed messy play, and some yummy hot cross buns for the grown ups!

In the summer term, we shall be having lots more fun at our lovely groups, as well as welcoming Hartbeeps Music and Movement Group, Ceramica, pottery painting, and our regular but brilliant hairdresser, Tracey Alexander.

Bookham Toddler Group is a large, friendly group which meets every Tuesday during term time from 9:45am-11:30am at the Old Barn Hall. New members are always welcome, with your first session being free. After that, the fee is only £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 visit our Facebook page, or contact Hannah by email at [hannah@bookhamtoddlergroup.co.uk](mailto:hannah@bookhamtoddlergroup.co.uk).

*Hannah Hennessy*

# Bookham Wine Club

2018 got off to an excellent start for the club with three superb meetings and tastings to date. In January, BWC member Edmund Morgan-Warren provided a highly informative presentation, with wines selected from areas on the great rivers of France. A wonderful 2015 Pouilly-Fume Tradition from the Loire and made by a vineyard established in the 17th century, deservedly won the vote for white wine of the month.

New to the club, but certainly not a newcomer to wines from Argentin, Rebecca Leuman provided a selection of six fabulous wines in February. Famed for its reds, we tasted four, including the Filus MCC 2013 (our wine of the

month) and close contender Vicentin Blend de Malbecs (a blend of four different Malbecs). For those wondering, MCC reflects the number of bottles produced (1,200) as well as the grapes (Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc) used to make this beautiful blend.

Remaining in South America, Nicholas Corfe of Go Brazil Wines returned in March to delight us with some unusual and, in a few instances, highly complex wines from southern Brazil. This country produces some very fine wines, but incredibly, only exports approximately 1% of them. So, it was a real treat to taste the likes of the limited production Campos de Cima Tres Bocas 2016.

Club members can look forward to two very different meetings in May and June. Richard Bost, knowledgeable wine educator and one of our more regular visitors, will return to present 'A Taste of Turkey', with wines from what is perhaps one of the lesser known wine-producing countries in the Mediterranean. Richard likes to pursue the more unusual, and Turkish wines are a particular speciality, so this promises to be an interesting evening. In June, club member Eric Martin is going to share his passion for Australian wines in the aptly named presentation, 'The Wizard of Oz'. Having visited the country recently, Eric should be well placed to recommend some delicious alternatives to the usual supermarket fare.



In addition to our regular meetings this year, the club has planned a rather special summer event in July. Comprising a wine tasting (of up to 25 wines) courtesy of a specialist wine importer ABS Wines and ExCellar in Ashted, followed by a hog roast and live music, members and their friends can expect an evening to remember. Finally, don't forget to look out for us at Village Day. We will have a stall in the field behind the Old Barn Hall, where you can try your luck in our raffle, and talk to us about the club and our activities. For more information about previous tastings, future meetings and events, please visit our website at [www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk](http://www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk).

*Frances Sanders*



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# Leatherhead and District Twinning Association

Did you know that Bookham, along with Leatherhead, Ashted, and Fetcham is twinned with a French town called Triel-sur-Seine? It all started when a teacher from Triel became friendly with Constance Edser, a teacher in Adult Education at the Mansion House 25 years ago. They decided to organise trips to each town alternate years. It was so

successful that in 2004, the twinning was officially endorsed by Mole Valley DC. Triel is a town of 10,000 people on the north bank of the River Seine, about 37km northwest of Paris. The town is built on the hillside and there are distant views of Paris and Poissy, as well as lovely riverside walks.

From May 10th to May 13th 2018, we will be hosting about 35 Triellois, many of them staying with Bookham families. Last year we visited Triel, taking a group that ranged in age from 6 to 96! We were given a warm welcome from the moment we alighted from the coach and throughout our stay with families in the town. We enjoyed a visit to the mini Versailles, Vaux-le-Vicomte, and shopping and sightseeing in St Germain-en-Laye. Every year, the climax of the visit is the dinner dance - hosted in the Triel venue situated on the river bank with magical views across the river and the town lights up. Our dinner dance is held at



Tyrell's Wood Golf Club, in its lovely rural setting, dancing to the music of Atlantis after a delicious meal served by the Golf Club.

If you love France, whether or not you speak French, we would love to hear from you. For more information, please visit our website at [www.friendsoftriels.com](http://www.friendsoftriels.com), or follow 'Friends of Triel' on Facebook. Alternatively, you can also contact Elaine by telephone at 07792178539, or email at [elaine.crutchley1@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.crutchley1@gmail.com).

*Elaine Crutchley*



# Peter Pan Playschool



This year, Peter Pan Playschool celebrated our 25th birthday, and to mark the occasion, we held an Open Day for past, present, and future friends and family. It was lovely to see families who's children moved onto school several years ago, and to hear how they were enjoying school life. We shared fond memories, from taking home the Peter Pan soft toy to look

after, to the changing hairstyles of the staff over the years, and the varying dressing gown styles for the nativity play!

It was lovely to see that the children still had their favourites - the mud kitchen was very popular, and those who were always creative, went straight to the craft table and painting easel.

Highlights of the day included homemade pink gloop - which was an enormous hit with current playschool children aged 2, right the way up to past children, aged 11! a wonderful treat to see them side by side enjoying traditional school activities.

We had our Ofsted inspection in February 2018, and it was a real testament to the staff team to read "Children have strong bonds with the warm and caring staff, who are very attentive to their needs and know them well", "All children are well prepared for their future learning, including their eventual move on to school." "Parents speak very highly about the

pre-school and the attention that the staff provide to their children". The staff team are very proud that after 25 years, the caring ethos of Peter Pan Playschool remains. The huge turn-out for the birthday open day really emphasises the bonds that have been made over the years, with Peter Pan Playschool remaining a very special place for so many.

Peter Pan Playschool is run by a parent committee, and is not-for-profit, meaning any money raised goes straight back into developing the playschool to enhance the children's learning experiences. We are open from 9:10am until 12:10pm Monday to Friday during term time. We offer optional extended hours until 2:40pm on Monday and Friday. If you would like to find out more about us, please have a look at our website [www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk](http://www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk) or find us on Facebook at PeterPanPlayschool, or give us a call by telephone at 07908018924.

*Louise Sutherland*

## Local History

How old is that artefact? Check the lichens. Did you know that lichens on stones, wall, trees, and even human bones could help you tell how old something is?

Professor David Hawksworth followed up this year's annual general meeting of the Leatherhead & District Local History Society on 16th March 2018, by demonstrating how the study of these fungi could help even non-specialists to date archaeological surface features and artefacts. With over 50 years experience in the classification and identification of fungi, Professor Hawksworth is a recognised world authority on the diversity, systematics, and ecology of fungi, especially microfungi and lichens. He is partially known for studies and surveys of fungal diversity, and the bio-indication of air pollution.



He explained how lichens of various species react to environmental conditions over periods of time, some growing faster than others but providing means to estimate the ages of stones, walls, bones, and trees.

He focused on lichen in particular as their potential is rarely exploited by archaeologists and historians, yet they provide a non-cost tool that requires just a little training. Lichens are fungi living in a mutualistic relationship with an alga or cyanobacterium. Like moulds on rotting fruit or damp plaster, many grow in a circular fashion but at a very much slower rate. Their radial growth is measured in millimetres per year, rather than centimetres per day or week like mould food.

Glaciologists have found them especially valuable in tracking and dating the retreat of glaciers, a technique they call lichenometry. They most commonly use the bright emerald green 'map lichen', *Rhizocarpon geographicum*. A graph of size against date is constructed using either in situ measurements of growth rates, or calibrating them from nearby date surfaces. These give a minimum estimate of age as there can be lags in colonisation.

Lichens can also reveal something of the history of woodlands, particularly whether there has been a long-term continuity of mature trees. As lichens are not seasonal, surveys can be conducted at any time of the year, and have come to be used to indicate



which woodlands are of the most scientific importance. Indices are now incorporated into the guidelines used in selecting Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). Woodlands with these lichen assemblages are generally also important for the beetles, spiders, and flowering plants in particular, which are less easy to detect all-year round. On Bookham and Ashted Commons, old forest indicator species are largely absent, although there have been dramatic improvements in the lichen communities compared with surveys in the 1950s and 1960s.

Go to [www.leatherheadhistory.org](http://www.leatherheadhistory.org) for more information from the Leatherhead & District

Local History Society, based at Hampton Cottage, 64 Church Street, Leatherhead.

*Tony Matthews*

# Great Bookham Belles WI



It was a great start to the new WI year, as the hall was filled with eager members ready to embrace January's activity of an 'Introduction to Belly Dancing' with guest Carina Rose from The Dancing Roses and The Sultan Sirens. Carina got everyone to their feet to learn an energetic dance routine amidst much laughter and hilarity. This culminated in a wonderful demonstration by Carina and the girls, to show us how it should be done.

February's guest speaker, Linda Magistris of The Good Grief Trust, was very warmly received by the group. She told us of the story of her life as a child actor in 'Grange Hill' in the seventies and eighties, through to her current role as QVC presenter. Linda's role as founder and Chairman of The Good Grief Trust began following the tragic death of her partner, when she struggled to find the right support to help her in her grief. The Good Grief Trust was set up to help all those suffering grief in the UK and enable them to find the support they need in their local area. This thought provoking talk was followed by a discussion about how we talk about grief

in our society and the particular need for trained staff to assist bereaved children. For more information about this charity, please visit [www.thegoodgrieftrust.org](http://www.thegoodgrieftrust.org).

In March, we welcomed guest speaker Angela Young, an author who had a fascinating tale entitled 'The Countess and the Able Seaman', about her grandmother, a countess, who survived the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. When the Titanic struck the iceberg on that fateful night, the countess and her maid boarded lifeboat number 8 under the care of Able Seaman Jones. Because of her calming nature and knowledge of sailing, Able Seaman Jones put the Countess in charge of the women on board and also at the tiller. Nicknamed, the 'plucky little countess' whilst on board rescue ship RMS Carpathia for her care of the other survivors. The Countess and Able Seaman Jones continued to correspond with each other for the rest of their lives. He even gifted her the plaque from lifeboat no. 8 as a memento.

The Great Bookham Belles WI's ethos is to inspire women, and it did just that after a viewing of the film "Eddie the Eagle" on 23rd March 2018, with special guest Michael Edwards - Eddie the Eagle himself! This sold out event was in aid of 'Your Sanctuary', a charity who offer refuge for victims of domestic abuse. The evening started with a talk by Fiamma Pather, CEO of 'Your Sanctuary', after which Eddie took the stage to introduce the film about his life, which he admitted he had watched for the 27th time, but which still

brought a tear to his eye. The film based on Eddie's dream of becoming an Olympian and how he triumphed and found fame despite coming last in the 1988 Calgary Olympics Ski jumping event. The film lived up to its introduction and brought tears to many an eye, with the inspiring message to follow your dreams and never give up. After the film, Eddie took to the stage to answer questions, followed by a meet and greet with photos. It was a truly inspirational evening, and we would like to thank everyone who came along to support us on that night.

Future plans include a tasting night at The Gin Kitchen in Dorking, and a visit to Windsor Castle on the day after the royal wedding. We are also looking forward to celebrating our 1st birthday of our walking netball team, the Netbelles, who will be playing at an event at Leatherhead Leisure Centre in May. For more information about our WI, please visit the website at [www.greatbookhambelleswi.com](http://www.greatbookhambelleswi.com).

*J Burrows*



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## Leisure Learning Current Affairs Classes

Leisure Learning has now been running for 11 years, and we never seem to run short of topics and themes to discuss. In the last group of lectures, we have heard about the "US Under Donald Trump", "Russia Under Putin", "The Commonwealth's Future", "The Kurds", and, of course, "Brexit". And these are only just a selection

Two experienced and knowledgeable lecturers have led the talks and discussions this year. Jim Chrystie ran the first seven before Christmas, and he was followed by Alan Burnage whose research and wide experience of other countries were appreciated by all in our groups.

Our attention is now focused on next year, which for us will start at the beginning of November and run through until early April. Jim will be running the seven sessions before Christmas 2018, then in the new year we have booked a series of different highly qualified

speakers, who will each talk to us about their special interest. These include "Global Health", "Nigeria", "Islam", "Myanmar", and "Modern Slavery".

The format of the classes will continue as before. The speaker will do a presentation lasting about 45 minutes, then after a tea/coffee break individual members of the class can put forward their questions or views on what has been said. However, if you want to learn by listening to the discussion and answers to the questions, that is also fine.

Despite the serious content of the classes, the social side is not forgotten, and we even hold Christmas and Easter buffet get togethers for members. For more information on what is going on in the world, this group of classes will appeal. Though we currently have a short waiting list to join for the year 2018/19, it is always worthwhile registering your interest in case a space becomes available.

Each of the twenty classes lasts for two hours, and there are identical sessions in Bookham on Thursday mornings and afternoons. There are no questionnaires, no form filling, and no homework. Join us in a comfortable environment while listening to expert commentary on domestic and world events followed by a healthy and stimulating exchange of views.

Because we run the courses ourselves, we have low overheads and so have been able to hold the cost for the 20 classes at £100 since starting 11 years ago. If you should join us, you will be assured of a warm welcome from existing members. Should you wish to find out more about or even join one of these classes, simply call Terry by telephone at 01372 454223, or by email at [terryhulme@outlook.com](mailto:terryhulme@outlook.com)

*Terry Hulme*

# Mole Valley Lacemakers

Mole Valley Lacemakers met on the 10th March 2018, which fortunately had the bad weather behind us and everyone was pleased to meet up and have a good natter with friends new and old.

Once the business meeting was over, club member Sally Brown gave a Needle Lace Workshop to those members who wished to try making lace with a needle and thread, rather than thread and quite a number of pairs of bobbins. Throughout the remainder of the year, we will have workshops run by members for members. Some of these sessions include Dorset Buttons in July, Fabric wreath in September, and Idrija Lace in November, to name a few.

Unfortunately, we won't be attending Bookham Village Day this year, but always welcome new visitors and members to come and join us for a meeting. We meet at St Mary's Church Hall, The Ridgeway, Fetcham KT22 9AZ, from 10:00am until 3:00pm on the second Saturday of May, July, September, and November.

I have also been out and about, giving a talk to the Guildford Inner Wheel on the history of Lace and some technical information, as well as examples of different kinds of lace to handle closely. Heather Maynard and myself also visited the Kingswood Trefoil Guild, who wished to have a hands on experience of making Bobbin Lace. We are always willing to

visit local groups to give talks and demos to the public, through which we hope to find new members who keep this craft alive.

Just before Easter weekend, a number of Mole Valley Lacemakers attended an independently organised annual four-day lace course. The course was led by Ann Marie, who comes over from Brugge, where a number of Lace groups travel for courses. We also have members who are willing to teach and pass on their knowledge of Lacemaking, please see our website for contact details at [www.surreycommunity.info/molevalleylacemakers](http://www.surreycommunity.info/molevalleylacemakers).

*Tina Pedrick*

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# Bookham Tennis Club

At Bookham Tennis Club, we are very proud of the fact that this is a friendly local club which welcomes new players of all ages and abilities. This is the most popular time of year for playing outdoor sports, so if you are thinking about taking up tennis, or you're a lapsed player and would like to start again, then please feel free to get in touch. All the details are on the club's website at [www.bookhamtennisclub.org.uk](http://www.bookhamtennisclub.org.uk).

The tennis courts, which are situated on the Chrystie Recreation Ground, Dorking Road, and have had a spring clean for 2018, and have also been repainted at Easter. They look

absolutely fantastic! This has to be done every few years and apart from the visual improvement, the playing surface is greatly enhanced.

The club's social highlight of the year took place in late February. This was held at SPACE and consisted of a three course meal followed by prize giving, when the winners of the various club competitions were presented with their trophies. The photo shows Emily von Reibnitz and Daniel Bourne, who were the 2017 singles champions.

*Michael Kay*



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# Mole Valley WI



Mole Valley WI members have enjoyed listening to some interesting speakers at the monthly meetings this year. Sheila Willis brought the world of murder mysteries and 'whodunnits' to us in January. In February, we welcomed John Stirling who recounted his life from a child actor in radio and on stage, to his

adult writing and programme productions. Angela Young joined us in March, when she told the moving story of her great grandmother and an able seaman, both survivors of the Titanic.

We held our Annual Jumble Sale on a snowy Saturday in March, which was well attended despite the cold conditions. Several members recently had fun making daffodils and origami flowers with Sarah of Granary Crafts. Our Rambling group have enjoyed walking on Epsom Downs and Norbury Park, despite rather muddy conditions underfoot.

We are also looking forward to several outings later this year, with visits to Syon House in April, and Hever Castle in June. Also in June, we look forward to participating in the Surrey Federation Centenary celebrations at Wisley, where the 'perfect pollinators' made by Surrey members will be displayed.



If you would like to join us, come along to our monthly meetings in Fetcham Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:45pm. For more information, please visit our website at [www.molevalleywi.btck.co.uk](http://www.molevalleywi.btck.co.uk).

*Liz White*

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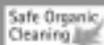
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# The Arts Society Bookham



Despite the cold dark evenings riddled with snow, all of our speakers arrived in good time to present their talks at our monthly meetings at the Old Barn Hall. With the usual high attendance, the evenings were as convivial, informative, and entertaining as we have come to expect.

John Ericson spoke about Children's Book Illustrations at our January meeting, covering such well known characters as 'Winnie the Pooh', 'Alice in Wonderland', and well as Ratty from 'The Wind in the Willows' to name a few - but they all had the effect of reviving long lost childhood memories. In February, Janusz



Karczewski-Slowilowski spoke about English furniture - with an expert's eye, he led us through the changing fashions of the age, what constituted good design and what did not. In an interesting, thought provoking evening in March, Angela Findlay talked about the aftermath of the second World War on the German psyche and how it was 'commemorated'.

Mary Alexander returns in April, with a presentation of 'Gainsborough in Bath - High Society and the Bath Seadon', accompanied by an unmissable collection of slides. The architectural legacy of Stonehenge and its inspiration for painters, potters, and poets will be the theme for Julian Richards in May. In June, we mark the Golden Jubilee of our national society with a celebration lunch that will be followed by Linda Smith appropriately celebrating the last 50 years of British art.

Members had an enjoyable visit in March to the Royal Holloway College at Egham, the first university college for women. The impressive buildings, inspired by French chateaux, include an art gallery where we had lunch and an introduction to some of the paintings in the gallery. The Weald & Downland Museum at Singleton is our destination in April, when we will be taken on a private tour of the buildings surrounding the marketplace by one of the guides. And in May, we go further afield for a five day tour of Bath and Bristol.



Heritage Volunteers, comprising members from our own and other local Arts Societies continue to work wonders on the vestments and fabrics at Guildford Cathedral, as well as creating period garments at Hatchlands. If you are interested in helping, or would like to learn, please speak to one of the committee, or email the society for more information.

The members of the Arts Society Bookham are a vibrant, inquisitive, and friendly group, who are open to fresh ideas and new experiences. We listen to expert speakers, and travel to places of interest both locally, within the UK and abroad. So, why not join us? We meet in the Old Barn Hall from 7:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information, visit our website at [www.theartsocietybookham.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietybookham.org.uk).

*John Cook*

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## Mole Valley Silver Band



The Mole Valley Silver Band's Bookham Concert is always the highlight of its summer programme. This year's concert will be held on Monday 18th June 2018 from 8:00pm, and is the latest series going back over many years as a fixture of Bookham Village Week. The band is delighted to be part of the community's activities and fundraising efforts for the Old Barn Hall.

The band has always had strong connections with Bookham. Founded in the late 1800s as the Leatherhead Town Band, it was renamed the Bookham and District Silver Band after WWII. It took its current name in 1974.

Meanwhile, if you have a guilty secret in the form of a brass instrument gathering dust in the corner, the Mole Valley Silver Band Training Band, now well-established, is just the thing to get your blowing skills back in trim. For several years now, the training band has been welcoming would-be players of all ages on the full range of brass band instruments. Just bring your instrument along, whether it's a cornet, trumpet, tenor horn, euphonium, or baritone horn, and have a go. All you need is bags of enthusiasm.

Please get in touch with Sarah Kent by telephone at 01372 456176 to let us know you will be coming along. New players are always welcomed for the full band too.

For more information about the band, or about tickets for the Old Barn Hall Concert, please contact Secretary Sarah Kent, or visit our website at [www.molevalleysilverband.org.uk](http://www.molevalleysilverband.org.uk).

*John Dwyer*



# Leatherhead & District Local History Society

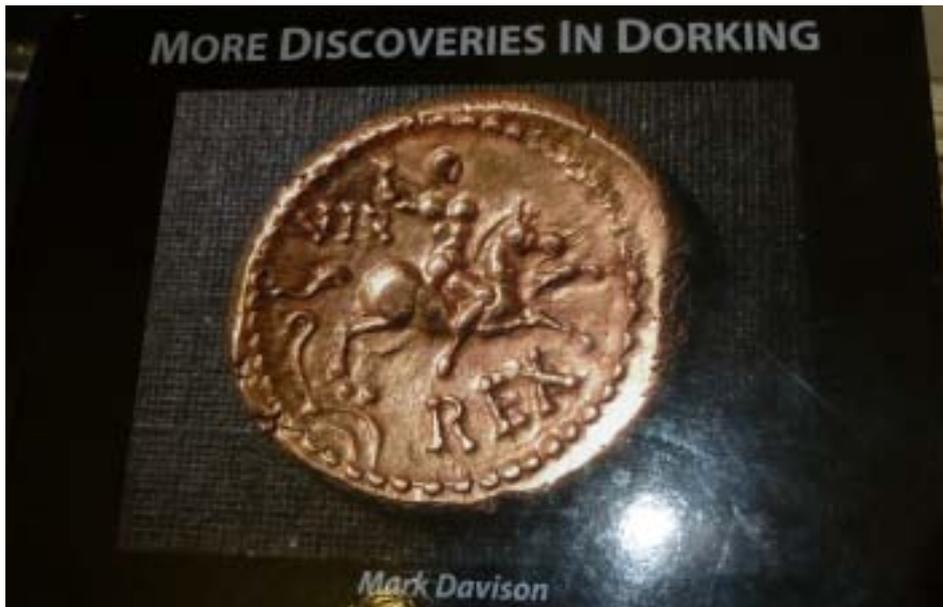
Journalist, author, and veteran metal detectorist Mark Davison wowed the crowd at the L&DLHS February lecture in the Leatherhead Institute as he showed some of the incredible finds he has made during decades of digging in fields outside Dorking.

Mark, who has worked for the Leatherhead Advertiser since the 1970s, written countless books on Surrey, as well as his pet hobby, has also supplied the British Museum with coins, tokens, brooches, buckles, and other metal finds unearthed using his trusty metal detectors in locations throughout the Home

Counties.

The devices themselves have risen in value from just £30 when he started to £900 today and have located rare ancient coins as well as medieval and slightly more recent ones up to a foot below the soils of fields. Although previously buried deeper, he suggested that some finds might have been disturbed over the centuries by burrowing moles and brought nearer the surface.

He showed some of the artefacts and coins he had unearthed between 2009 and 2017 on



land that was originally part of the Denbies estate. The presentation was the result of hundreds of hours of painstaking searching of meadows, pastures, ploughed fields and paddocks.

Gold coins dating from an ancient British King around 2000 years ago and King George III after 1760, silver ones from Marc Antony in 41BC, King Richard II after 1477 and William III in 1700, and many pennies, halfpennies, and farthings from across the centuries were among the finds shown.

Go to [www.leatherheadhistory.org](http://www.leatherheadhistory.org) for more information from the Leatherhead & District

Local History Society, based at Hampton Cottage, 64 Church Street, Leatherhead.

*Tony Matthews*

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## National Auricula and Primula Society

What a winter! Members of the Auricula Society struggled to manage exhibits at this year's Spring Shows at Great Bookham's Old Barn Hall. But every year is different and - as we always say - there's always next year!

Our early show in March was particularly hard

hit, but things picked up as we moved into April with exhibitors travelling many miles to show off their fine plants - this was the 133rd Annual Auricula Show.

The annual seminar of the National Auricula and Primula Society (Southern Section) will be

held once again at the Old Barn Hall on Saturday, October 13th 2018 - all, and particularly beginners, are welcome and we start with coffee at 10:30am.

*Lesley Roberts*

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## Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Now that summer is here, I have some advice if you suddenly find yourself in cold water.

Fight your instinct, not the water.

Everyone who falls into unexpectedly cold water wants to follow the same instinct, to swim hard and fight the cold water. But when people fight it, chances are, they lose.

If you find yourself unexpectedly in the water, do as little as possible and float. Then follow these steps:

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2. Lean back in the water to keep your airway clear.

3. Push your stomach up, extending your arms and legs.

4. Gently move your arms and legs to help you float.

5. In 60-90 seconds, you'll be able to control your breathing

Then swim to safety, call for help or continue to float until help arrives. Please visit our webpage on this subject for more information,

[www.respectthewater.com/how-to-float/](http://www.respectthewater.com/how-to-float/)

I'm pleased to announce that two of our branch members have been given Excellence in Volunteering awards by the R.N.L.I.

A large factor in being given these awards, was their work with children. If you want one of us to come and talk to children in your care at schools, scout halls, etc., we will be more than happy to do so. Please contact Richard Bywaters by telephone at 07952 221289 or by email at [bywaters@aol.com](mailto:bywaters@aol.com)

*Richard Bywaters*

# Bookham Library

Did you know that the building that is now home to Bookham Library was once a school? 2018 is the 160th anniversary of the building, designed by architect, William Butterfield for the Dawnay family. For the first time, we are going to be taking part in the Heritage weekend in September 2018. Do you remember the building when it was a school? If so, we would be delighted to have personal accounts from former pupils or staff. Please come visit, or email us at [bookham.library@surreycc.co.uk](mailto:bookham.library@surreycc.co.uk). Come in and see our display in September during our usual opening hours.

Bookham and other Surrey Libraries will be holding The Summer Reading Challenge throughout the school summer holidays. This year, it is called "Mischief Makers", inspired by the Beano - which celebrates its 80th Anniversary in 2018. Children aged 4-11 years are all encouraged to take part and it is for

everyone regardless of their reading ability. Taking part is easy and free. Simply visit Bookham, or any Surrey Library to sign up from late July onwards. Library staff will also be visiting local schools to inspire the children to join in. The challenge is to borrow and read six or more library books or audiobooks of their choice through the summer, earning stickers and other free rewards along the way, finishing with a certificate. Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge helps children to become more fluent, confident, and happy readers.

Bookham Library is open from 10:00am to 1:00pm, and 2:00pm to 5:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. And from 9:30pm until 5:00pm on Saturdays. For more information, please visit our website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries).

*Claire Thomas*



## POSE



POSE is a Bookham based drama group who perform a pantomime at the Old Barn Hall in January every year, as they have done for many years. This year, they performed 'Red Riding Hood' by Peter Long and Keith Rawnsley.

We were lucky enough this year to be reviewed by another drama group, The Woodfield Entertainers. Lissea Jordan of TWE, Ashtead came along to the performance on



Friday 26th January 2018, having never attending a POSE production previously. Below are some of her observations:

"POSE drama's 'Red Riding Hood' is a small scale local production. It is great for a group to be full of family and friends, all coming together in different ways to produce a successful show... Opening the show are our two narrators, the Good Fairy and the Wicked Wolf. They speak in at least partial rhyme throughout, and have lots of excellent confrontations. As the curtains open, we have a dramatic start to the story with the Dame being thrown off a coach, and her suitcase flying on the stage after her, landing with a crash. After this, you are certainly hooked and ready for more laughs to come... Everyone is cast very well, all the way from Red Riding Hood right through to the Orphans... The music is professional sounding and produced by a live band, quite something for an amateur group! The dancing involves simple, but effective steps... The set is minimal, but the garden is really rather sweet, and the scenery changes seamlessly. The costumes for the chorus and a lot of the main cast set the time period as being traditionally in both the past and the present. The way the squire's breeches stick out is very comical, and you notice them every time he comes on... While the audience is not often asked to shout, they certainly do without any encouragement what-so-ever, clearly loving getting involved in the show... Overall, 'Red Riding Hood' is a funny and fun production that is entertaining and satisfying to watch."



We were pleased that Lissea enjoyed her first visit to a POSE show, and hope that those of you who came along did too! We look forward to welcoming you all back next year, along with some new faces.

POSE always welcomes new members, regardless of your acting or singing experience. Come get involved! Those seamless scene changes don't happen without stage crew, and without our 'techies' on lighting and sound, no one would hear or see us! If you are over 16 and interested in joining, please contact our Secretary, Heather Watkins by telephone at 01372 458254 for more information. POSE will be facepainting at Village Day with John Wadsworth, so please pop along and say hello!

*Heather Watkins*

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