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Winter 2026

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PINOCCHIO ARRIVES IN BOOKHAM!!!

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

Geppetto and Mamma Mia long for a child of their own and when the Blue Fairy hears their wish, she brings the wooden Pinocchio to life. Whilst learning how to be alive, Pinocchio meets the loveable Lampwick, the villainous Fox and the slightly less villainous Cat.

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Come and see Pinocchio at the Barn Hall and support your local drama group whilst having lots of fun as we follow our friends from Gepetto's workshop to a travelling theatre and from Pleasure Island to the inside of a whale!!!

Pinocchio is at The Old Barn Hall, Bookham on Fridays 22nd & 29th January 2027 at 7.45pm and Saturdays 23rd & 30th January 2027 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

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From the Chairman



We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

See pages 3, 13 & 14 for Christmas activities

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Father Christmas and his Sleigh

coming to a road near you in 2026

Saturday 5 December
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Old Barn Hall Jazz Club – most Sundays

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Bookham u3a – First Tuesday
Bookham Stamp Club – Fourth Tuesday
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The Arts Society – Fourth Tuesday
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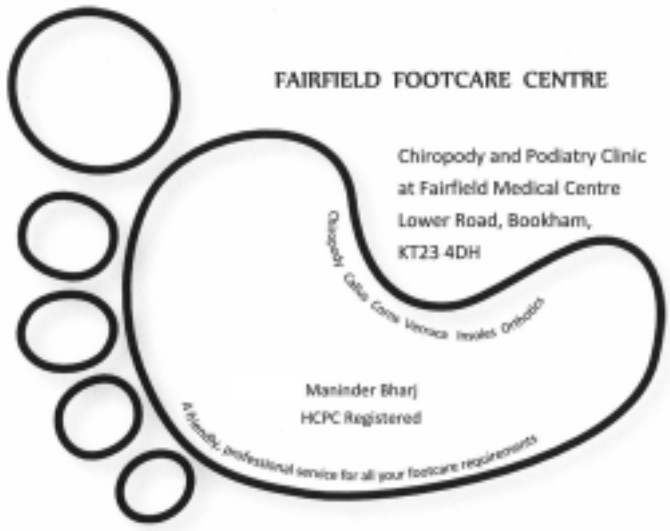
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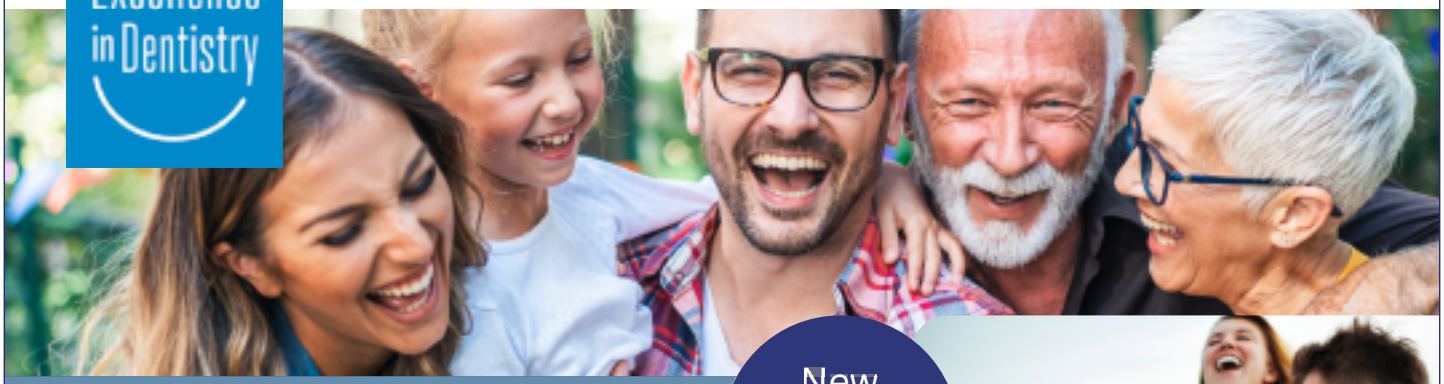
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Leatherhead Youth Project



Leatherhead Youth Project has provided youth work in Bookham since 2017 with the generous support of Eastwick Road Church, St Nicolas Church and Bookham Baptist Church. We offer a number of projects for young people, including after school drop-ins, residential trips and volunteering opportunities.

BYouth

BYouth is our term-time drop-in which is open to young people aged 11 - 17. It runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4pm - 6:15pm in St Nicolas Pastoral Centre. We have a range of games and activities for them to take part in and are looking forward to the Christmas season where we will be offering opportunities to get in the festive spirit.

Summer at LYP

During the summer holiday we ran two projects for local young people. Making Good is a social action project which gives teenagers the opportunity to volunteer and this summer we went to work in a Surrey Hills community garden at Denbies Wine Estate. The young people got to work weeding, digging and harvesting vegetables.

The other project is Into the Wild where we taught a group of young people orienteering and map-reading skills, before taking them to the Brecon Beacons in Wales where they climbed Pen-Y-Fan. It was a challenging trip that took them out of their comfort zone and they rose to the occasion brilliantly.

Bookham Youth and Community Centre

We are very grateful for the work of Bookham Youth and Community Association in their hard work towards ensuring the provision of a new centre in Bookham for the local community, including young people. We are excited to be running our drop-ins from the building when it is ready and look forward to having a purpose-built space.

Youth Cafes

Our youth cafes in Bookham and Leatherhead are open to young people in school years 7 - 13 and are free to access. If you would like any further information or to make a donation to help us continue our work, please email lucy@leatherheadyouthproject.com or visit www.leatherheadyouthproject.com.

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Peter Pan at Eastwick



This autumn, Peter Pan Playschool has been celebrating new beginnings as Peter Pan at Eastwick opens its doors on a brand-new site

As the new school year dawns, we love to open our doors to new families. This year, for the very first time, we welcomed new children and familiar faces to our brand-new woodland venue.

Before the summer, we decided to join forces with The Eastwick Schools to launch Peter Pan at Eastwick. This means that our nursery has a new home on The Eastwick Schools' site. We have our own entrance from the driveway and an age-appropriate outdoor play area.

Since starting again in our new home, we have been as busy and active as ever:

- ***Getting to know the garden*** – we've been taking in the greenery and enjoying our new woodland setting. But it's not all been about admiring nature. We've been whizzing around on tricycles and enjoying our outdoor toys
- ***Harvest Festival*** – some of us were able to visit our old home, Eastwick Road Church in Bookham, for a harvest festival service. We donated items to Leatherhead Start, a charity trying to improve the lives of homeless people
- ***Seasonal art*** – inspired by our woodland environment, we have worked together to craft an autumnal tree collage, reflecting the changes we see in the garden. We've also been creating self-portraits as we get to know each other

Over the next few months, there's more exciting news to come. Later this term we will start providing lunches to children. From January we will be offering wraparound care so that parents can leave their children with us for the entire working day.

Peter Pan at Eastwick takes children from 2-4 years old. We have very few spaces left so please get in touch early to avoid disappointment.

Please email info@eastwick.thpt.org.uk



Bookham Rifle Club

Elbow to Elbow with Britain's Best



Imagine turning up at the golf range and finding yourself in the next bay to Rory McIlroy, Matt Fitzpatrick or Tommy Fleetwood. At Bookham Rifle Club, it feels a bit like that.

This summer, Bookham A won the end-of-season shoot hosted by Worplesdon Rifle Club, and the team was made up by Ian Potts, Jane Newing, Dave Crispin and Lina Jones. All four are GB national team shooters. President of Worplesdon, Geoff Doe, handed over the handsome trophy (pictured).

The match brings together the top clubs in Division 1 (think Premier League) and the Marsden and King trophy competitions are named after Worplesdon's founders, William Marsden and Harry King, who started the club 120 years ago. Shooting clubs are great keepers of tradition, and Bookham is no exception, with many of its own cups and competitions named after the people who founded it.

What makes our club special is that these top-level shooters are also some of the nicest sportspeople you could hope to meet. They share their expertise, both technical and mental, and they are literally on Bookham's doorstep. We have a good number of Premier League shooters at the club and not one of them drives a Ferrari! (The closest we have is Ford Mustang!). For some reason, Surrey as a whole is home to some of the best in the country.

You can be part of that tradition. Shooting is open to all ages and abilities, whatever your gender or disability. It tests your mental and physical skills, with no limit on how good you can get, in a relaxed and friendly environment.

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Action Theatre Club

NEW TIMETABLE! NEW FILMS! NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

We decided it was time to revamp our timetable so that we can offer more of our fabulous classes to the children and teenagers of Bookham and beyond!

First up, Wednesdays are now our dedicated ACTING sessions at Great Bookham School. Perfect for those who have a dramatic flair!

Next up, we have our very very popular STREET DANCE CLASS at Bookham Space , on a Thursday! A great chance for children to develop their funky side and to get moving!

Next in the line-up, a new teenage youth musical theatre club on Fridays at KG5, where students aged 11-18 years can come together, connect, have fun and put on large scale musicals!

And of course, Saturday mornings are our Musical Theatre sessions for 4-11 year olds. These groups are very busy - making musical films which will be shown at the Picturehouse in Epsom—a wonderful opportunity to see their creativity on the big screen and share that moment with family and friends.

We love all of the opportunities that our students have had so far this year. Performing on stage, seeing themselves on screen, and performing at the Shaftesbury Theatre in the West End. We are also thrilled to share the news that some of our students have secured a professional agent and have been auditioning for TV and film roles. It's exciting to see their enthusiasm and hard work opening doors, and we'll be cheering them on every step of the way.

We do still have some spaces available - so if



your child would like to join our big, crazy, creative family, please don't hesitate to get in touch and book your free trial. Whether your child loves the spotlight or is still finding their confidence, we'd love to welcome them to Action Theatre Club.

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The Meeting Place

Our activities that run in terms (Language Hub groups for those whose first language isn't English and Lip Reading classes) are well under way for the autumn, some of our other services run year round.

The Meeting Place Community Fridge is open to everyone. It run three times a week and ensures food that might otherwise be wasted can be used. The Coffee Shop welcomes all throughout the year and is open 10am-12noon on Saturday mornings at Bookham Baptist Church. Our local Hearing Champions (who offer free support on the operation and basic maintenance of NHS hearing aids – eg. battery supply, re-tubing and trouble shooting) come to the Coffee Shop approximately once a month. The next is on 5 December, this is a drop-in service.

The Anna Chaplaincy team offer a range of activities aimed at supporting older people and their families and carers. Activities such as Hymns we Enjoy and Praise & Craft take place at Liberham Lodge, and there are also talks in Bookham Library in the series Living Well in Older Age. As we get closer to Christmas all are welcome at the Carol Service on Wednesday 2 December at Eastwick Road Church. This short service with mince pies and coffee available beforehand will be especially suitable for those on a dementia journey and their families and carers.

The Meeting Place is a small local charity offering activities that build up our community and reduce isolation. For more information please visit our website http://themeetingplace.org.uk, email us at info@themeetingplace.org.uk or ring the TMP mobile 07425 133431 to leave a message. You can follow and like us on Facebook too.

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We enjoyed a July outing to Huxleys birds of prey at Hillier Garden Centre near Horsha , seeing bird displays and meeting a buzzard. In August we visited The Horton Arts Centre near Epsom the Grade 2 listed building which was the chapel for the five Epsom psychiatric hospitals. We were given a talk and tour of the chapel, very evocative of the past history and of the more recent renovations and re opening as a community arts and event centre .



We joined with members from other areas for S'mores and Scores, a summer afternoon near Westcott - companionship, crafts, contemplation, and singing (no lit campfire this time because of the exceptionally hot and dry summer weather).

We shared nursing experiences on World Patient Safety Day, raised funds for Dyscover charity with our October fundraising lunch and enjoyed our November winter lights evening with sparklers, crafts and refreshments. We will end 2026 with a Christmas lunch.

Coming up -

Friday monthly lunches on 8th January and 5th February

Thursday 21st January 7.30pm - New Year meeting

Thursday 18th February 7.30pm - Thinking Day - Kindness

Our aims are to keep alive the spirit of the Guide and Scout Promises and Laws, carry that spirit into our community and give support to Guiding and Scouting.



We meet monthly generally at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month at Bookham Guide Headquarters, Keswick Road KT23 4BH, Bookham, corner of Keswick Road and Durleston Park Drive.

New members are very welcome. Please get in touch to find out more about us and our 2027 programme

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Bookham Litter Picking Group

1st Sunday of the month

If you would like to join our litter pickers you would be very welcome. We meet on the 1st Sunday of the month at 11am at Lower Shott car park (near the fishmonger). If the 1st Sunday falls on a Bank Holiday weekend, we meet on the 2nd Sunday. Children welcome with a responsible adult. All equipment is provided including litter pickers and hi-vis vests. After signing in and getting the equipment, routes are allocated and we collect for around an hour before returning to base.

We would like to thank Margaret Lawson who has done a sterling job leading this group, aided by Michael Herbert, for 10 years. A new team is now running it but we do have a couple of minor roles we still have to fill, neither of which are necessarily needed every month.

Any questions or offers of help just email Diane on litterpicking@bookhamresidents.org.uk . If you don't use email, you can leave a message on 0300 030 9890.

Diane Poole

Bookham Craft Group





Bookham Craft Group have been very busy as usual making all sorts of things.

We meet in The Barn Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month except December at 9-15am.

New members are always very welcome.

Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham

As we enter into the Advent and Christmas season, Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham would love to invite you to join us to celebrative the festive season at our Christmas services and events. All are welcome!

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- The main hall at SPACE features a sprung floor, seating for up to 60 and an equipped kitchen.



- Social SPACE is ideal for smaller groups of up to 12 and includes a balcony, hearing loop, projector and interactive whiteboard.
- For outdoor activities, Outer SPACE is a floodlit MUGA court with changing rooms, goals, nets and hoops.

To take a virtual tour or discover the latest activities, visit www.southbookhamspace.org.uk. To enquire about hiring SPACE, email hire.southbookhamspace@gmail.com.
Whether you want to learn, exercise, socialise or share your own skills, those at South Bookham SPACE look forward to you joining us.

Natasha Matthews

Churches Together in Bookham

Churches Together in Bookham (CTiB) comprises Bookham Baptist Church, Eastwick Road United Reformed Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with Church of Holy Spirit Fetcham and St Nicolas Church, Bookham.

What do we do! We network!

Between us, we have a good overview of what's happening in Bookham. Our individual church members are involved in all kinds of charities and community groups and many of these groups meet in our church halls – toddler groups, knitting group, after school youth groups, Golden Years weekly afternoon groups, Eco groups – you name it – and of course different kinds of worship services. We also attend Bookham Residents' Association meetings so we hear the latest planning and environment news.

We meet regularly to see what we can do for the community. For example:

Village Week – where we sponsor children's activities and run the candy floss stall.

Bookham Spirit of Christmas (5 December) – we provide a choir and St Nicolas is open for coffee and cake and family fun

Care for the elderly – we support the Anna Chaplain with events such as Holiday at Home and talks on Living Well in Older Age.

Bookham Youth Centre - CTiB churches finance a youth worker and we're very involved in campaigning for the new youth centre on Lower Road, which is being built as we write. St Nicolas has been hosting youth



work on its premises over the last five years.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – every January we meet ineach other's churches to pray for our local communities.

If CTiB can help you or your charity, please contact us at office@eastwickroadchurch.co.uk

Grayes Theatre Arts

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Website: - www.grayes.co.uk Socials: - Grayes_bookhambranch

website bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk.

Bookham Bowling Club

The last weekend in September marked the end of our season. Thanks to the Ladies team, brilliantly led by Julie Mayhew, it finished on a "Grand Hurrah" when Bookham conquered the defending champions, Old Coulsdon, in the final of the prestigious "Past Times" competition, staged at Malden Manor. The rest of the club gathered on the Sunday to congratulate the Ladies, and gaze at the trophy, followed by a fun afternoon of bowling and an American supper.

Although the green & premises are now closed for routine maintenance until the middle of April 2027, the club has organised regular activities, such as coffee mornings, games afternoons, quiz evenings and "Short Mat" bowling, at various venues in Bookham to maintain camaraderie during the winter.

If you would like to learn a new sport that, despite being in the open air, relies more on technique than short bursts of energy and encourages strategic thinking without undue stress, then maybe Bowls is for you! Our next "Come & Try "sessions will be held on Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th April 2027, with further details posted around Bookham & on our website nearer the time. www.bookhambowls.co.uk.

Pic. shows Ladies Champion Jane Fiducia, and Men's Supremo Graham Tring in action.

Paul Barrett
Hon. Secretary



Effingham and Leatherhead Rugby Club

Effingham and Leatherhead Rugby Club is a thriving community rugby club offering an opportunity for boys and girls, men and women to play rugby from age 4 - 100! We offer all types of rugby - contact, tag and touch with over 150 minis, 100 juniors, 40 senior men and 30 senior women.

We are now into our new season with the newly promoted Men's XV playing games in



Surrey Counties 2, the women's touch team hosting another successful festival with 6 teams coming from as far as Hove to join us. The minis training and festivals have been a great opportunity to get our young players back out and the junior division are in the full swing of matches.

The Eagles Nest is open 5 nights a week serving a range of drinks and showing lots of fantastic sporting events. So come and join us for a drink and to say hi. The club house can also be hired for private events.

We welcome new members throughout the season. We would love to meet new players of all ages who may be returning to the game, wanting to try something new or looking for a way to meet new people.

The best place for all the information you need



is https://eaglesrugby.club/ Here you will find contact details for the correct age groups/squads. We know making that first contact can be difficult but you will always find a friendly response to enquiries. Taster sessions are offered before a commitment needs to be made.

Eastwick Road Church



Over the summer, our friendly new Community Worker, Celeste Rios, ran everything from tech advisory sessions to craft afternoons and from a walking group to 'Rhyme Time'. She helps with our popular 'Golden Years' meetings and Anna's Chaplaincy's lively 'Holiday at Home'.

Her winter programme aims to give anyone of middle age and older opportunities to make new friends, perhaps while knitting, sharing reminiscences, trying new crafts, or even with Spanish conversation! All are very welcome. Find details of what, where and when on bookhamurc.org.uk – or phone Celeste on 07920674888.

The super-talented and well-loved musical duo 'Celtish' return for a third visit to Bookham with their Christmas concert on Saturday, 19th December, 4.00pm at Eastwick Road Church. Reserve tickets early for this one by phoning the church office on a weekday morning 01372 453473.



Fetcham & Bookham Repair Café

Repair, Reuse, Reconnect: FaB Repair Café Makes a Big Impact

In less than 3 years, the volunteers at Fetcham and Bookham Repair Café have successfully repaired more than 2,000 items for our local community—keeping over 5,100kg of waste out of landfill and preventing 42,000kg of CO_2 emissions.

That carbon saving is equivalent to driving 171,750 miles, taking 25,850 showers or flying 252,180 miles! It is an impressive result for a community initiative built on practical skills, shared knowledge and a fantastic commitment from our volunteers.

Founded by members of Bookham and Horsley Rotary Club, St Mary's Church in Fetcham and local volunteers, the café serves Fetcham, Bookham and nearby communities. It is part of a growing movement of more than 20 Repair Cafés in Surrey, over 400 across the UK and more than 4,000 worldwide.

Visitors can bring one broken item for assessment by specialists in bicycles, computers, clothing, electrical appliances, clocks and other mechanical devices, jewellery, wooden objects and garden tools, including sharpening. Owners are encouraged to enjoy coffee and cake whilst waiting to meet their repairer and watch their item being repaired and hopefully pick up some useful skills for the future.

We have recently also started a service to give old computers a new lease of life by installing Linux, a free operating system which will enable you to keep using your old computer for longer. You can try Linux at our Café, ask questions and get friendly help.

Sessions take place on the first Saturday of every month at St Mary's Church Hall, off The Ridgeway in Fetcham. The service is free, although donations are welcome to help cover costs. New volunteers are always welcome –



why not come along for a chat about how you can help?

You can now register an item for repair in advance (which should save you a bit of time at check-in). Please use this link: https://repair-tracker.net/book/fetcham-bookham

Find out more: fabrepaircafe@gmail.com
Facebook: Fetcham and Bookham Repair Café

Instagram: fabrepaircafe

www.fabrepaircafe.com

Mole Valley Runners

A lot of our members branched out into wild swimming this summer and added trips to local sand quarries to their weekly exercise routine. We also tried mixing the two sports with a Saturday morning park run followed by a dip in one of the local lakes or even the sea.

Christmas is a special time for Mole Valley Runners. We like to organise evening runs around the brightly lit streets of Bookham and Fetcham in late December. We also catch the train to London and enjoy a run through the dazzling shopping streets to catch the Christmas atmosphere.

We currently offer club runs on Monday and Thursday mornings (9am) and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (6.30pm). We have a walking group on Wednesday mornings (9am) and switch the location each month. It is usually a brisk 2-hour walk followed by coffee. We enjoyed walking on Bookham Common throughout June this year.

On the last Friday of each month we hold a pub run. Our members meet at a different pub each month for a social run followed by a drink and occasionally some food.

Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us. We are a friendly club and support runners of all abilities. To book a trial run, please email



molevalleyrunnersclub@gmail.com or check out our website: www.molevalleyrunners.org for more information.

Bookham Seniors Computer Club

DO YOU NEED HELP USING A PC, LAPTOP, TABLET OR SMARTPHONE?

Then come to our meetings on Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00 at the Little Bookham Village Hall (LBVH).

The Club has a large and active membership aimed at the over 50s in Bookham and the surrounding area and provides a broad range of friendly and relaxed courses which are aimed at novices and those seeking to enhance their knowledge about using their PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

The club started its autumn term with its AGM and Open Day on Friday 4 September 2026 where the programme for the autumn term was discussed. It has now been posted on our website bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk.

Meetings are held on Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00 during term time at the LBVH. Annual membership for the year 2026/27 costs £35 with includes attending any or all the sessions with tea, coffee and biscuits provided during a mid-morning break.

The club also runs informal clinics where you can get help with any problem or question that you have about PCs, laptops, tablets or smartphones. These sessions are free to members and are normally held at the LBVH on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month (except August) from 14.30 to 16.30.

The Committee also provides help to its members by email, telephone and occasionally by remote connection with answers to questions, advice and solutions to computer related problems. It keeps its members up-to-date, including details of the term's programmes, via email and its website.

The Club welcomes new members. If you are interested in finding out more about the BSCC email bscclub@outlook.com or visit our website bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk.

BOOKHAM SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

1:00PM - 4:00PM

HIGH STREET, BOOKHAM

What's happening when and where?

Time	Where	What
1:10pm	Top of High Street	Decibelles choir
1:40pm	Centre of High Street	Eastwick Infants School choir
1:40pm	Top of High Street	Grayes Theatre Group dancers
2:00pm	Santa arrives & goes to	his Grotto in Patrick Gardner
2:00pm	Centre of High Street	Action Theatre School choir
2:15pm	Top of High Street	Rampant Rooster Morris Dancers
2:15pm	Bottom of High Street	Churches Together choir
2:45pm	Centre of High Street	Grayes Theatre Group dancers
3:00pm	Top of High Street	Great Bookham School choir
3:15pm	Centre of High Street	Rampant Rooster Morris Dancers
4:00pm	Santa leaves his Grotto	and heads back to Lapland

Don't forget to look out for Santa on his Sleigh runs in and around Bookham - full details in winter 2026 edition of Bookham's Bulletin.
Rotary in Bookham & Horsley helps individuals and organisations, both locally and internationally, with donations of our time and money.
With more help we could do so much more. If you would like to get involved, in whatever capacity, please drop us an email at **info@bhrotary.org.uk** - we'd love to hear from you!

Rotary Charity number 264727

Rotary Bookham & Horsley

What's on? – Activities

HIGH STREET

Patrick Gardner:	Santa's Grotto with gifts for all his visitors
Pearce Bakers:	Selection of goodies
Huggins Edwards & Sharp:	Face painting and mulled wine
Brackenbury's:	Snow machine
The Law Firm Group:	Balloons and colouring
Wellers:	Children's quiz with prizes
Princess Alice Hospice:	Rosemary's homemade jams and cakes.
Harts sweet shop:	Sweets in a jar competition; gift stall
Fosters Drycleaning:	Sweets in a jar prize competition
Ray Layton greengrocer:	Food treats
Henshaws:	Mulled wine and mince pies
ADA'S Deli & Cafe:	Mulled wine, raffle and competition
The Old Crown:	Hot chocolate and mince pies
Woodlands Wines:	Wine sampling and nibbles

ON CHURCH ROAD:

St Nicolas Church:	Lots on! Flower activity, refreshments, carols, cookie decorating and much more!
Grange @No5:	Personalised goods available to order
Rawlings Opticians:	Various activities

CENTRE OF HIGH STREET

Bookham Library:	Children's activities with prizes
3rd Bookham Scouts:	First Aid station
1st Bookham Scouts:	Children's activities
Bookham Baptist Church:	Children's treats

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When: 28th / 29th Nov, 5th / 6th Dec and 12th / 13th December
Time: 10am - 3pm

www.bookhamtrees.org

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Scouts
3rd Bookham

Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham

Come and Worship this Christmas

Church of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church | Bell Lane, Fetcham KT22 9ND

Christmas Eve, 7:30pm	Carols leading to 8pm Mass of Christmas Night
Christmas Day, 11am	Mass of Christmas Day

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church | Lower Road, Effingham KT24 5JP

Christmas Day, 9am	Mass of Christmas Day

Effingham Methodist Church | Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB

Dec 13th, 10am	Carol Service
Christmas Day, 11am	Christmas Morning Worship

St Lawrence Parish Church | Church Street, Effingham, KT24 5LX

Dec 6th, 4pm	Christingle Service
Dec 13th, 6pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve, 4pm	Crib Service
Christmas Eve, 11pm	Midnight Holy Communion

All Saints Parish Church, Little Bookham | Manorhouse Lane, KT23 4ES

Christmas Day, 10am	Christmas Day Family Service



Can attending church change your life? This has been the experience of millions of people. Although you are welcome at any of the churches in Bookham at any time, Christmas is a particularly good time to attend a service ... even if it is your first time. You would be very welcome. And who knows, it could be life-changing.

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

Christmas 2026

St Nicolas Church

Sunday December 20..	**6.30 pm**	**A service of Christmas readings and carols reflecting the joy of Christmas.**
Christmas Eve	**3.00 pm**	**A Crib Service, especially suitable for under7s. Dress up as Nativity Characters.**
Christmas Eve	**4.30 pm**	**AND repeated at 6.00pm: A family carol service suitable for older children and adults**
Christmas Eve	**11.30 pm**	**A service of Holy Communion with carols to welcome to Christmas Day**
Christmas Day	**8.00 am**	**A 45 minute said service of Holy Communion to celebrate the birth of Christ**
Christmas Day	**10.00 am**	**A family friendly service including Communion to celebrate the joy of Christmas.**

for details go to www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk

Bookham Baptist Church

Sunday 13 December	**6:00 pm**	**Christingle & Carols with festive refreshments**
Sunday 20 December	**6:00 pm**	**Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies**
Christmas Eve	**11:00 pm**	**Holy Night Candlelit service with Communion**
Christmas Day	**10:00 am**	**Christmas Day Family Service. A Festive Adventure discovering the wonder of Christ's birth**

Visit for details www.bookhambaptist.org *or check out our YouTube channel:* www.youtube.com/BookhamBaptist

Catholic Parish of Effingham and Fetcham. Christmas Masses

Sunday December 20	**4.00 pm**	**Carols Around the Tree at Effingham**
Christmas Eve	**7:30 pm**	**Carols leading to 8:00 Mass at Fetcham**
Christmas Day	**9.00 am**	**Christmas Day Mass at Effingham**
Christmas Day	**11:00 am**	**Christmas Day Mass at Fetcham**

See website www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk *for updated information*

Eastwick Road Church (United Reformed)

Saturday December 19th	**4.00 pm**	**A Christmas concert with singing and music duo "Celtish". Tickets £10 at the door.**
Sunday December 20	**10.30 am**	**Carol Service followed by coffee and mince pies**
Christmas Day	**10.30 am**	**A short Christmas service followed by mulled wine**

More details of services available on-line go to www.bookhamurc.org.uk.

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

At St Lawrence, Effingham

Sunday December 6th	**4pm**	**Family Christingle ServiceSunday**
December 13th	**6pm**	**Carols by Candlelight**
Christmas Eve	**4pm**	**Crib Service AND 11pm. Midnight Holy Communion**

At All Saints, Little Bookham

Christmas Day	**10am**	**Christmas Day Family Service followed by Holy Communion**

For full details of how to attend and of more events go to www.elbchurch.org.uk

Anna Chaplaincy for older people
The Meeting Place Bookham

Anna Chaplaincy in Bookham and district specifically provides spiritual support and care to elderly folk who have become isolated through physical and cognitive frailty including those on a dementia journey and carers. Our Advent Carol Service will be held on **December 2nd at Eastwick Road Church at 11am with refreshments from 10.15am.**
For more information contact Liz at ac@themeetingplace.org.uk, or phone **07518 735729**

The Arts Society Bookham

The Society is in a difficult situation. The present committee's term ended at the AGM in October where many were unable to continue. This meant that if new members did not come forward our Arts Society would not be able to continue.

By the time this Bulletin is published the situation will be clearer. It will have shown how well members have responded and contacted the chairman to find out what is involved to ensure continuation of our excellent society. The Committee are planning to keep the Society running until the end of our financial year in July 2027 to enable any volunteers who come forward to have a six-month handover period.



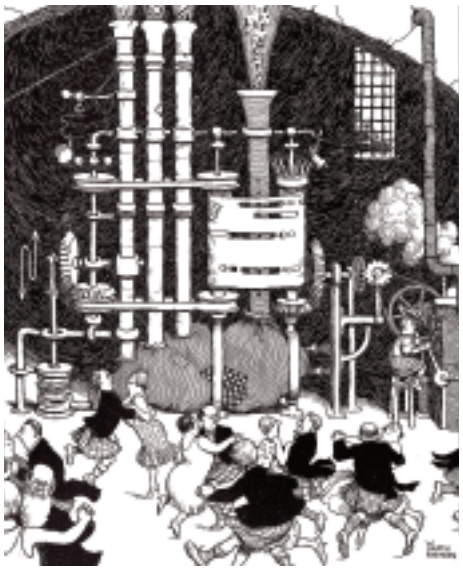
New members interested in joining the Society as well as many current members were cordially welcomed by committee and members at an enjoyable Coffee Morning at The Old Barn Hall in August.

In September Raymond Holden who has an international musical experience explored the backgrounds and difficulties many of our great opera singers have had to negotiate in their professional paths in the past 200 years; a very tuneful evening. 'The Wonderful World of W Heath Robinson' kept us smiling at the October lecture by Barry Venning with the drawings of complicated machines and devices.

Miniature portraits given during the 16-19th centuries as love tokens held in the hand or placed in lockets are the source of the November talk by Cindy Polermis. The Christmas lecture and lunch is on 9th December.

In September, we visited Stonor House and Garden. Our guide, pictured, was extremely knowledgeable and introduced an element of humour into our visit. A very enjoyable day.

Work continues at Guildford Cathedral where Angela Stevens and the Heritage Volunteering



Group use their skills with sewing and needlework.

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

John Cook

Bookham Bees WI



We enjoyed a brilliant summer with many warm sunny days. Unfortunately, the gardens and open spaces suffered, and our bees and other wildlife had a difficult time.

Bookham Bees WI however enjoyed many activities over the summer. Our July meeting found us travelling back in time with a fascinating talk on "Treasures of the Nile" by Paul Whittle.

August saw a record number of members enjoying drinks and nibbles on the green by the Barn Hall. We had quizzes and games and



members joined in with the egg and spoon race which brought out the competitive side of many, not to mention the laughter.

In September Richard Mendham spoke about the History of Automatons. Who can remember the bird automaton on the TV antiques programme "Going for a Song"?

Members enjoyed two coach trips this summer. One to Highclere and one to Chichester Theatre to see My Fair Lady. The gardening group had an interesting visit to the Woodpeckers' Garden in Woking which featured in the Gardeners' World programme last year.

Our group leaders and friends of the committee were invited to a coffee morning in September to thank them for all their help in making the Bees WI such a success.

Our annual quiz night in September helped raise funds for our charity of the year "I Choose Freedom" (formally Reigate Woman's Refuge). We were delighted that two members from the organisation could join us. We sent a large donation to our charity as well as having a great social evening for all the supporters.



The Bees WI have a large variety of sub-groups, with something for all tastes.

Cheese and Wine, Knitting, Walking, Lunch and Supper clubs, Coffee mornings,

Book clubs, Sunday roasts, Gardening and London Explorer club to name but a few.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Barn Hall at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

For more information, please contact our membership secretary Heather Broadhurst, at infobookhambees@surreyfedwi.org.uk

Jenny Bissell
President Bookham Bees WI

Bookham Country Market

50 Years Old and thriving.

On Friday 2nd. October Bookham Country Market celebrated its 50th. year. If you don't know about Country Markets here is a little about their history.

It started after World War I. In December 1919 the very first Women's Institute (WI) Market in Lewes, Sussex, opened, soon followed by others, selling surplus home-produced goods and providing women with income opportunities.

The Markets expanded steadily and by 1992, the combined annual turnover reached £10 million. They provided a platform for producers to sell their baked goods, preserves, honey, eggs, fruits, vegetables, plants, crafts, and in some cases, meat, fish, and dairy products.

Bookham & District WI Market started on 1st October 1976, in the Old Barn Hall, where it has thrived ever since, open every Friday morning from 10am. till noon, apart from Xmas holidays.

The change of name to Bookham Country Market came about in 2004, because, in 1995, the markets had separated from the National Federation of Women's Institutes and became self-financing and self-regulating. We are now a member of Country Markets Ltd, which oversees all Country Markets and ensures that all products sold are of the highest quality and satisfy all legal requirements.

After the forced closure in 2020 due to COVID, Bookham Country Market cautiously reopened on 4th June 2021 under new management, everyone wearing face masks, with a one-way system and only one payment desk instead of customers paying at each stall for their purchases. To begin with, we couldn't even offer our customary morning teas, coffees and cakes in the café area because it didn't yet feel safe and we were all being so very careful.

All that seems a long time ago and once again Friday mornings are sociable and welcoming, and for many of us, both producers and customers, a part of our weekly routine which we do not like to miss.

On our Anniversary, Friday 2nd October our customers arrived to hear music and see bunting, decorative arrangements on the coffee tables, and everyone was invited to enjoy a free cup cake, beautifully presented and individually wrapped.

We also held the draw for our annual raffle in support of the MacMillan Trust. The week prior to the 50th we held a special event for McMillan, serving cream teas, (scones, clotted cream and jam), to help raise more money.

We invited Keith Slark, a long-time Bookham resident and Chairman of the Bookham Community Association, (BCA), to draw the raffle prizes. The BCA is responsible for the upkeep of out lovely hall, which we are so lucky to have. A large basket of fruit from Layton's, our local greengrocer was the first prize with several more prizes donated by our customers and product suppliers. We would like to thank all of you who contributed to raising the funds and we have now sent a donation of £918 to the MacMillan Trust.

With Christmas approaching your local Country Market is the ideal place to find Christmas gifts and order food for the festive period.

Surrey Hills Chamber Music

The Surrey Hills Chamber Choir and Surrey Hills Singers present their annual Christmas concert at 7pm on Sunday 13 December at St Nicolas' Church, Guildford. After a busy year including performing at the Cork International Choral Festival, the choirs will offer a mix of classical and contemporary music, featuring Finnish piece Armottoman Osa and Holst's Christmas Day. Audiences can expect high-quality, memorised singing and engaging performance. Tickets available from 14 November at singsurreyhills.com, £15 adults, £5 under-16s.



Old Barn Hall Jazz Club

I am pleased to advise you that the club has gone from strength to strength and the number of our visitors (dancers diners and listeners) has increased with a record number of 76 for one of our most popular bands.

The venue itself is excellent with outstanding facilities. The team that run the club always greet new members making it as friendly as possible. The change of timing from Ipm to 3.30pm with a half an hour break at 2pm has been popular with both visitors and the bands themselves. As the bands often have another booking, frequently some way away on the same day, which gives them more time get there. Our visitors also appreciate being able to get home earlier to avoid driving in the dark now that shorter days are approaching.

The kitchen staff do an excellent job in providing food and refreshments.

Not forgetting our brolly parades which you can join in or just watch the fun. Our next one is on 18th October 2026.

We have attracted new visitors from the local area so word must be getting round. It makes sense of course for local people to take full advantage of the entertainment and facilities of our club. So if you enjoy traditional jazz or just want to see what it's all about, why not join us. Have a great time you won't regret it.

The country's broke, the world's a mess
It gets me down I must confess
But each Sunday the mood is lifted
From gloom to joy my mood has shifted

OLD BARN HALL JAZZ CLUB

55 Church Road, Great Bookham, KT23 3PQ

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PROGRAMME NOVEMBER 2026/7

November 29th	Muskrat Ramblers
December 6th	Southern Revival NOJB ***Christmas Lunch***
December 13th	Tony Scrivens Sunshine Band
December 20th	Golden Eagle Jazz Band
December 27th	No Jazz Today - Christmas Holiday
January 2027	No Jazz all month - sorry, Panto has the hall
February 7th	San Jacinto Stompers
February 14th	Golden Eagle Jazz Band
February 21st	Southern Revival New Orleans Jazz Band

Google: "Old Barn Hall Jazz Club" or email Graham: obhjazz@gmail.com

Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

As our 150th celebrations of the society continue this year, we are so aware of those who have gone before us, the legacy they have left and the traditions we continue. It has given us a better understanding of many of the people who were just names in books or on cups for the shows.

Having just held our annual flower and produce show we realise how the show was a major activity in the villages, bringing working families together to show off their crops, cooking skills and crafts. Hundreds of people attended and there were races for the children, a baby show at one stage, farm animals were shown, a fairground was enjoyed and Bookham Silver band entertained the crowds.

This year's show certainly was a credit to all with record numbers of entries. Once again, with thanks to the Nicholls family, we were able to use the beautiful Tithe Barn in Little Bookham. A beautiful backdrop for the entries and displays and the garden a lovely setting for afternoon teas.

It was particularly special to have people connected to the donors of the cups to present them. In particular, the links with the National Trust and Lady Greville who was president of the society for many years until her death in 1942. The Greville Cup is presented each year to the person who gains most points in the floral section.

Considering what a hot and dry year it has been, we were very impressed by the standard of the fruit, vegetables and flowers. The floral arrangements really were "Blooming Spectacular". The cookery classes quite mouthwatering and the Craft and Art sections showed what incredible talent there is around. We were delighted to see so much participation in the Children's Classes.





It is wonderful to feel that we are continuing the legacy that was left to us and hopefully in another 150 years the society will still be continuing.

If you are interested in finding out more about the society, please contact out Membership Secretary Michelle Howes 07525 548578 michelle.r.howes@gmail.com

Leatherhead Division Girlguiding

Seventeen Guides and five adult volunteer leaders from Bookham and Effingham District headed to Windsor Great Park in July for an unforgettable week of adventure, friendship and new experiences at the WINGS International Jamboree.

WINGS brought together a total of around 4,000 young people aged 10–18, supported by more than 1,000 adult volunteers, with participants travelling from across the UK and overseas. The week-long event was all about fun, adventure, learning new skills and making friends.

Bookham and Effingham Guides stayed on a sub-camp with a Medieval Britain theme, providing a home base where they could relax, eat and meet other groups. Each activity session saw participants visit a different themed “Guild” - our local Guides took on climbing, boating, cooking, wheeling, crafting, caving, performing, splashing and sweet making.

WINGS’ Guilds were designed to encourage those attending to try something new, develop practical skills, work together and build confidence. The Guides also headed into Windsor town to explore and discover more of the local area.

Evenings were just as busy, with live entertainment, badge swapping and plenty of opportunities to meet Guides and Scouts from both the UK and abroad.

WINGS is a wonderful example of the opportunities available through Girlguiding – its programme is designed to help girls learn about themselves, find their voice, gain skills and confidence, and discover that they can do anything.



Email div.comm@girlguidingleatherhead.org.uk or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the registration link for more information about registering your child for one of the local Girlguiding units or finding more about becoming an adult volunteer.

The Travelling Tikki:

Indian supper clubs and brunches in Bookham

A supper club is a little different from a restaurant meal: a set menu, enjoyed around a single table with familiar and new faces. It’s as much about sharing and community as it is about the food, and a chance to try dishes you won’t usually find on a restaurant menu.

I’m Parul, founder of The Travelling Tikki, a boutique catering business based in West Horsley. I grew up all over India, in Mumbai, Kanpur, Chennai, Gwalior and Kolkata, where the heart of the home is the kitchen and socialising always centres around food. My recipes are a medley of family favourites and regional dishes picked up on my travels.

Everything is handmade from scratch with our own roasted and ground spice blends, using local produce: our meat comes from F. Conisbee in East Horsley, our vegetables from Layton’s in Bookham, eggs from Joy Farms in West Horsley, and bread from local bakeries.

This December we’re bringing a festive supper club to Bookham: a two or three-course feast from Goa at the Bookham Scouting Centre on Saturday, 12 December. Seats at the table are limited and booked first come, first served.

We also run Indian-inspired pop-up brunches at the Old Barn Hall, with sourdough toasties, naan wraps, masala omelettes and proper chai. Our next brunch is on the 1st of Nov, at 10am, and we'll be back on the 13th of Dec. We also cater private parties and office events across Surrey.

Menus and booking: thetravellingtikki.co.uk/events or email thetravellingtikki@gmail.com.

St Nicolas Church, Bookham



Tinned tomatoes, toothpaste and batteries are not what you usually expect to find at a Harvest Festival but that's what we had at St Nicolas Church. We were following our tradition of supporting LeatherHead Start, a hostel providing emergency short-term accommodation and support for homeless people. Instead of the familiar gifts of fruit and veg, we brought tinned and dried goods to restock the food cupboards, cleaning supplies in abundance, toiletries for clients and batteries. There was a mountain of these practical gifts, taken to the hostel to replenish their stocks.

Our next collection will be food and contributions towards the residents' Christmas dinner. Find out more how you can support this worthwhile local charity at Leatherheadstart.org. **PS: Visit St Nicolas Church for children's activities, carols. tea and coffee on 5 December at the Spirit of Christmas village event.**

Bus Stop Pre-School & Forest School



It's been a joy to return to our off-grid Forest School site after the summer holidays. It's been lovely watching the children re-explore their favourite places, from the mud kitchen, natural arts and water area to the sandpit, balancing logs, wigwam, swings and hammocks. We're proud of all the children and how our new children have settled in.

Throughout the half term, the children have loved our weekly visits to the allotment, where they enjoy seeing Rocky, our scarecrow. They've spent time digging, raking and scattering seeds in their individual gardens, ready for spring.

We've also enjoyed our weekly Wander Walks around the Polesden Lacey Estate. In autumn, conker collecting is a must! This year, one child managed to collect an amazing 94 conkers! The children have used them to make conker necklaces, crushed them to make soap for washing the mud kitchen pots and, best of all, created a conker run using our guttering.

As part of our autumn theme, the children have enjoyed reading Harry's Hazel Nut, which follows the life cycle of a hazel tree. It's a wonderful book that supports the children's understanding of the world, introducing concepts such as growth, decay and change over time, while encouraging a deeper connection with nature.

Another highlight has been watching the workers repair the thatched bridge and seeing the Garden Team driving their tractors around the Estate. It has been fascinating for the children and a wonderful opportunity for them to ask lots of "why?", "what?" and "how?" questions.

We were also delighted to welcome Rachel from Bookham Baptist Children's Centre, who came to thank the children for their fundraising efforts last term when they raised an incredible £500 for the centre.

If you'd like to enquire about places at our Forest School or find out about our Stay & Play sessions, visit www.busstoppreschool.co.uk or call 07947736355. You can also follow us on Instagram @busstopforest

Kelly and Kate



Leatherhead Hockey Club

Leatherhead Hockey Club is a small, friendly and fun hockey club based at Therfield School in Leatherhead, welcoming players from the surrounding areas. Offering a blend of competitive and happy hockey, we have 2 ladies and 2 men's teams playing in the South East Region Oaks Divisions, a mixed team and a colts section for children aged 7 to 13.

After an active summer of hockey and attending community events our winter season started in September and at the time of writing teams have so far played warm up games, held an open day and participated in two league matches. The goals are already flying in with our Men's 1s team scoring 9 in their first two games. Both ladies teams bagging full league points and Men's 2s team supporting young players as they transition from the colts section into adult hockey



We have welcomed a number of new players to the club in recent weeks but always have room for more. A good starting point for new players would be to join us for our weekly training session at Therfield School on Tuesday evenings from 8pm to 9.30pm.

We also have a number of social evenings planned, including quiz night, race night and bingo – so there's plenty happening on and off the pitch.



Colts sessions have also resumed, taking place on Sunday mornings at 10.30am at Therfield. We invite children in Year 3 upwards to come and give hockey a go. Sticks are provided and no previous experience is necessary. Come along for a taster session.

We welcome new members all year, whether returning to hockey after a break, new to the area or picking up a stick for the first time. Visit leatherheadhockeyclub.co.uk for details or email info@leatherheadhockeyclub.co.uk

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Sell your stamp collection

We are interested in purchasing unwanted collections. Please contact either Malcolm Cole: programme@bookhamstampclub.com 01372 457392 Or Barry Feltham: secretary@bookhamstampclub.com 01372 450288

Become a member

If you are new to stamp collecting or want to renew your hobby, come along to one of our meetings, you will be warmly welcomed by up to 40 plus members who attend each meeting, but to find out more before attending contact our Membership Secretary Alan Hall on 01483 572720, or look at our website www.bookhamstampclub.com

Our recent meetings

July we were treated to a wonderful afternoon from Grace Davies on the subject of 'Peace.' Grace displayed a broad range of material from stamps, covers, original artwork, postal stationery and ephemera.

In August our member Graham Mytton displayed his stamps and covers from Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, a very personal and interesting display as Graham worked for BBC radio in Africa for many years.

September was Members Day where members display any theme subject for the annual Roy Gilbert Cup – the winner will be announced at our Christmas meeting. October is our annual auction.

Our upcoming meetings

Tuesday 24th November – The Road to Irish Independence – Peter Wood FRPSL

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch and Raffle – members only.

Tuesday 26th January – Members' Display - One Sheet Competition followed by a display on "Life in the Trenches"

Tuesday 23rd February – Lawn Bowls & Affiliated Paraphernalia.

Tuesday 23rd March - The Rise of the Flying Boats and the Empire Airmail Scheme.

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Barry Feltham
Hon. Secretary

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Please click this link to book:

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The Yoga classes are part of Better's Active Communities Programme, which has been set up to engage Mole Valley's residents in low cost and free physical activity sessions across the district.

Better is the customer facing brand of Charitable Social Enterprise GLL, who operate Leatherhead Leisure Centre, Dorking Sports Centre and the Active Communities Programme in direct partnership with Mole Valley District Council.

You can find out more on the Active Communities Programme by visiting:

https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/mole-valley/communities

Bookham Help Your Neighbour

Do you have any spare time? Time as little or as much as you would like to give. BHYN (Bookham Help Your Neighbour) is a scheme run to take people to medical appointments. We exist to help those who through disability, age, infirmity or other reasons find it a huge challenge to get to the medical appointments we all face with increasing frequency as we get older.

Our volunteers give up their time so that our clients can have a friendly face to accompany them to make their experience as stress free as we can manage. We only ask a small donation to cover the cost of transport.

Would you be willing to join our sadly dwindling pool of drivers who enable us to offer this service perhaps two or three times a month? Or a duty volunteer one morning Mon - Fri once a month. Our service is very rewarding and without our volunteer drivers and those who man our phone lines on a weekday morning we could not continue.

We would love to hear from you - please contact Jan **Rains on 01372 450009** if you would like to know more. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

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Great Bookham School

The new academic year has got off to a fantastic start at Great Bookham School, with children embracing new opportunities, exciting learning experiences and plenty to celebrate.

We began the term with our Harvest celebrations, which were filled with wonderful singing, beautiful artwork and a strong sense of community. It is always astonishing to see how beautifully our new children in Reception settle into school life and have the confidence to take part in the Harvest celebrations

One of the highlights of the term so far was our NSPCC Kindness Week when children were set secret kindness missions and encouraged to make a positive difference to someone else's day. Our kindness post box quickly filled with thoughtful messages for friends and teachers, friendship bracelets were exchanged across the school and our Wellbeing Ambassadors led a range of activities.

We are particularly excited about the creation of a brand new library for our pupils. Building works are taking place this term and we look forward to this new, inspiring space which further strengthens our love of reading. It has been made possible thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of the Friends of Great Bookham School. We are enormously grateful for their support.

We are also celebrating exceptional academic success. Last summer, 93% of our Year 6 pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics combined, compared with 63% nationally. This outstanding achievement placed Great Bookham School amongst the highest-performing schools in Surrey and reflects the hard work, determination and ambition of our children, together with the dedication of our staff and the support of our families.

But we are equally proud of the kindness,



confidence and enthusiasm our children demonstrate every day, qualities that make Great Bookham School such a special place to learn and grow.

We are currently holding tours for children looking to join us in September 2027 in both Year R and Year 3. Please see our website for details about how to book on a tour with myself.

Jenna Allen

Headteacher, Great Bookham School

Bookham Youth & Community Centre

Built by Christmas?

Progress on the building of the new Centre has been rapid over the summer months and we are advised by Surrey County Council (SCC) that works should be completed by Christmas. (main hall pictured).

After completion, there will be a hand over period to Bookham Youth & Community Association (BYCA) from SCC including the completion of the Lease. The building will then need to be fitted out with furniture & equipment for which a grant has been obtained from Your Fund Surrey.





During this time, the opportunity will be taken to open the centre for people to have a look around. The under floor heated halls are suitable for a variety of fitness & other classes, meetings, functions & table tennis.

Once it is open, the Centre will host after school Youth work and activities three afternoons a week, free at the point of delivery. The rest of the facilities & times will be available for community hire which will help fund the operating costs of the Centre.

The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) ,a 2 G sand dressed "carpet", includes football, 2 pickle ball courts and basket ball (see illustration).The Bookham Colts Football Club U9 teams aim to use it for small group training sessions 3 afternoons/ early evenings per week. Any group or individual interested to use or set up a daytime outdoor Pickle Ball Club should let us know.

In the meantime, BYCA team of volunteers are busy getting things in place and special mention must be made of the Anchor Pub who provided funds for the further development of our website and towards some of future youth work costs.

We have recruited a good team of volunteers but could do with a few more to help in a variety of areas even if it is just a small amount of occasional time. No experience needed. A little bit of time given makes a big difference!

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Bookham Butterflies WI



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Members and guests enjoyed a summer outing to two fascinating historic sites. At Chartwell, Winston Churchill's former family home, we explored the house and grounds before travelling to RAF Biggin Hill Museum and Chapel of Remembrance. We learnt about its important role during the Battle of Britain and the Second World War and saw a full-size replica Spitfire.

Our weekly craft group, with around 16 members, has been busy creating colourful Christmas items, including paper hearts, chocolate covers, Santa napkin holders and crocheted Christmas trees. These are being sold at our monthly meetings to raise funds for our chosen charity, the Cheryl King Trust, which supports children and young people across Surrey who might otherwise be unable to afford music tuition.

Recent speakers at our monthly meetings included Susan Purcell, who explored the fascinating world of the English dictionary, and Dr Colin Summerhayes, a senior UK scientist with training in geology and a career in oceanography and climate science. He spoke about the state of our planet and the world our grandchildren will inherit.

There's plenty more to look forward to,



including a visit to the musical Six in Woking, a Christmas craft evening and our 2026 festive outing to Milestones Living History Museum and National Trust property The Vyne, near Basingstoke.

Mole Valley WI

Our varied programme continued through the summer with an illustrated lecture on Victorian Gardens in July. In September we learned about eating, meal, and dining etiquette through history.

There is no formal meeting in August, but many members met for lunch at Effingham Golf Club.

The various small interest groups continue to flourish. They include reading, craft, bridge, badminton, Canasta, knitting, walking (long and short), Scrabble, gardening (including an allotment), Mah Jong.

Visitors are always welcome at meetings. The monthly meetings are held at Fetcham Village Hall on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30 pm.

Polesden Lacey Infant Academy Nursery

Nestled within the beautiful grounds of Polesden Lacey Infant Academy, our nursery children enjoy complete access to all the fantastic school facilities and resources on offer. Having officially joined the school and the LEO Academy Trust in November 2025, we are delighted to offer enhanced learning experiences, such as weekly PE sessions with a dedicated sports coach, visits to the school library, and hands-on Forest School adventures led by our trained Forest School lead.

Our adventures don't stop there, our experienced nursery staff team continue to provide a nurturing, yet stimulating environment both indoors and outdoors for the children to progress in their learning journey.

At nursery we cover many themes relating to our children's interests and the world around us, adhering to the Early Years Foundation



Stage Curriculum. To start the new term the children have enjoyed showing photos of their families and we have created a family album that lives in our Bookcorner for the children to enjoy throughout the day. This has given our children a wonderful sense of community, promoted their self esteem and we have listened to the fantastic conversations the children have had while telling their friends where they have been and who is in their family.



An exciting future lies ahead! Plans are well underway for our brand-new, purpose-built Nursery opening in Spring 2027. We are proud to become Bookham's only Nursery welcoming babies and children from nine months old.

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