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**Summer 2022**

**BOOKHAM VILLAGE DAY**  
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For full programme and details see centre pages.

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## Bookham Open Gardens

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See page 14 for more information

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## From the Chairman

**CAN YOU HELP?? We REALLY need you!**

### BCA Membership Donations – co-ordinator needed

Donations by members of the Association bring in a much needed £8,000 each year to help us distribute the Bulletin and run the Association and Old Barn Hall.

Our current organiser, Dolf Arnold, has modernised and simplified the system to use spreadsheets and email contact with the collectors - who pay the amounts they have collected direct to the Association bank account.

We need URGENTLY someone to take over the administration from Dolf - although he will be able to explain and demonstrate the current system and still be available to answer queries as they arise.

**Could you do this vital job for us?** To talk about it contact Keith – see below



## VILLAGE DAY - *It can only happen if we get help!*

We are going ahead with the full version of Village Day on 18th June and will therefore need lots of help with setting-up, stewarding the Parade and the field, and breaking down again. H&S requirements get more ~~man~~ personpower hungry every year so if you, or you know anyone else who, may be prepared to help for a few hours please let me know.

### The principal times are:

<b>7.15am to 10.30am</b>	<b>Setting-up – bringing out and distributing tables, erecting gazebos, stakes and ropes for arena and queues</b>
<b>10.15am to 12.15pm</b>	<b>Closing High Street and manning barriers</b>
<b>11am to 12.30</b>	<b>Stewarding parade from High Street to Field and loading arena. Closing Lower Road and Church Road</b>
<b>12noon to 4pm</b>	<b>Stewarding Field</b>
<b>4 pm to 5.30pm</b>	<b>Putting it all away again! (when those who have been there all day are flagging!)</b>

**If you are able to help us this year for all or any of these periods please let me know and pass it on to any others who could help.**

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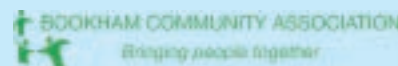
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 bookhamsbulletin@gmail.com

# Bookham Butterflies WI



Bookham Butterflies' monthly meetings are being held in-person at the Old Barn Hall once again, with the usual eclectic line-up of speakers. For our first meeting back in March, we were hugely entertained by actress and writer Lesley North, who gave a talk called "Swimming in Suburbia." Lesley performed an entertaining compilation of poems, articles and short stories, celebrating women's lives in suburbia. We are looking forward to talks about press photography and drumming over the coming months.

Our speakers on Zoom during the winter spoke about wearing our best colours and styles and also life on the canals of England.

The Bookham Butterflies Supper Club (pictured) is back in full swing. Up to ten ladies gather at a different member's house every five to six weeks with the host providing the main course and another member making a dessert. At a recent gathering, the group was treated to a vegetarian pithivier, containing ingredients including beetroot, butternut squash, cashew

nuts and spinach, followed by an apple crumble cheesecake, all accompanied by a couple of hours of lively chat!

Our weekly walking group – Butterfly Ramblers – has already completed several lovely local walks this spring. So far, the group has met at Bookham Common, Norbury Park, Polesden Lacey, Shere and Denbies, all in good weather. The group stops for coffee, either at the end of the walk, or halfway round, allowing members a chance to socialise and make friends, especially if they are new to our WI.

The monthly Exploring Gardens Group has a schedule of garden visits planned between spring and autumn, including trips to Tadworth, Ewhurst and Frimley Green. Meanwhile, our busy programme of outings is gathering pace after lockdown – we are looking forward to trips over the coming weeks to West Horsley Place, as well as Arundel Castle and gardens.

For more information about our WI, visit our website [www.bookhambutterflieswi.com](http://www.bookhambutterflieswi.com)

## Churches Together in Bookham



### Jubilee – celebrations 2022

- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Wednesday June 1st</b> | Golden Years tea and cake 2pm at Bookham Baptist Church   |
| <b>Thursday June 2nd</b>  | Live streaming Trooping the colour 10am onwards , coffee followed by at lunch 1.15pm at Eastwick Road Church. A ticketed event – phone 01372 453473                     |
| <b>Friday June 3rd</b>    | Live Streaming Jubilee Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral 10.30am onwards followed by coffee and a mini dessert at St Nicolas Church. (venue to be confirmed). |
| <b>Sunday June 5th</b>    | Church services in Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham   |
| <b>Wednesday June 8th</b> | Golden Years lunch 1.15pm at Eastwick Road Church. This will be a ticketed event- phone 01372 453473  |

## Mole Valley Silver Band

### Let us play!

Mole Valley Silver Band is back! We're busy rehearsing new film and TV themes, classical arrangements and chart tunes for our series of Spring and Summer concerts. We're really looking forward to our second post-Lockdown appearance in a row at Bookham Village Day, on Saturday, 18 June.

Like everyone else, we've been affected by Covid, so new players are more than welcome. If in doubt, our Training Band is tuned to burnish rusty blowing skills. Age no barrier —

currently the range is eight to well over the M25 speed limit!

All you need is bags of enthusiasm. Just let band secretary Sarah Kent know you'll be coming (01372 456176) and bring along your cornet (trumpet), tenor horn, euphonium, or baritone horn. If you don't have an instrument, ask about a loan. Practice nights are on Mondays, in Dorking.

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specially adapted 20 min mini- production of a Shakespeare play with other extracts from different plays, performed around the formal gardens, accompanied by authentic music on authentic instruments. Audience participation, especially from children, is particularly encouraged!

Keep an eye on the website, nearer the time for further details: [www.polesdenlaceyshakespeare.co.uk](http://www.polesdenlaceyshakespeare.co.uk) or visit us on Facebook or Twitter.

Franki Gray, Marketing Director & NT Liaison, Polesden Lacey Shakespeare

## Mole Valley Runners



We have had a great start to the year with membership hitting a record level. There have been around 10 runs per week around places such as Norbury Park, Bookham Common, Dorking, Denbies and Effingham.

Members have also been running at many events over the last couple of months with people running from 5k, 10k, 10 miles, half marathon, marathon and even a 50 mile ultra-

marathon event around a track. There were many members at both the Surrey Half and the Hampton Court Half as well as many other events. Another highlight was the Denbies parkrun takeover where over 30 members volunteered for all of the roles at the event.

As the evenings get brighter and the ground drier, the evening runs will now be going out exploring a lot of the wonderful local trails we have near us. We will have runs from a beginners or plodders 5k, a steady 8-10k or a continuous 10k. There are also runs on Monday and Thursday mornings. Members have also been training for events that they have coming up with people working towards a first 10k, their first half marathon or marathon and a couple of members are even going for their first ever 100-mile event.

If you are interested in joining a running club, we are a very friendly and supportive club. Runners regularly go along to events to cheer each other on and every week people support each other to help them to achieve their goals and have lots of fun and a laugh along the way.

For more information follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/MoleValleyRunners](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MoleValleyRunners) or have a look on our website: [www.molevalleyrunners.co.uk](http://www.molevalleyrunners.co.uk)



## Bookham Bowling Club

Hi, Hello, Good Morning, How are you? Have you bowled before? Meet our coaches.....

Hoping that some of you responded to our Come & Try bowls event at the start of May and you enjoyed your experience meeting some of the members and liked what you saw. Did you join though?

If you missed out please call our secretary Paul Barrett. See: [www.Bookhambowls.co.uk](http://www.Bookhambowls.co.uk)

The club's 2022 season by now has started with many external matches already arranged and internal competitions started. After the last two Covid years we are hoping to complete a full season depending on the weather, of course.

Our club house has been updated, the green spruced up ready for play and the Captain's charity chosen. This year we are playing to help the SHOOTING STAR Children's Hospices. A

dedicated fun day of bowling is planned where all the proceeds go to the charity.

The club was founded in 1933 and is still one of the largest in Surrey. We are located inside the Chrystie Recreation ground, off Dorking Road, on the way up to Polesden Lacey. Watch out for the signpost Bowls Club.

Like all clubs we do have other events taking place during the year with bridge evenings, darts league, quiz nights, bingo and a very active short mat league at the Barn Hall on Monday evenings.

The club is supporting Bookham Village Day this year so please pop along and say hello at our stall. Yes, it's about bowls of course.

We look forward to seeing you there and here at Bookham Bowls Club.

Richard Sealy – press officer





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

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## Our recent meetings

The first meeting of 2022 was a "One-Page Competition" witnessed by 37 members. The idea was to encourage members to participate in meetings and the response was very

encouraging as we had 49 entries. Barry Feltham was the winner with WW1 Silk Postcards with David Bravery runner up with Lesina.

Our guest speaker in February was Brian Sole who presented 'Guernsey – Occupation to the Present.' He showed us a variety of material from postcards/covers/maxi cards, newspaper stamps to the change of road signs under the Germans. We were entertained by John Bushell at our March meeting on the subject of Antarctic, especially on Chilean material relating to the Antarctic.

## Our upcoming meetings

Tuesday 24th May – AGM and Mini Auction

Tuesday 28th June – Chris Oliver – Union of South Africa

Tuesday 26th July – David Sumpter – Gibraltar

*We welcome experienced stamp collectors and newcomers, and we look forward to seeing you.*

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KT22 8HG

**52 Jennifer Johkoh**  
4 Heymade, Leatherhead  
KT22 8PG

**53 Home Farm House Studio**  
Elaine Reason  
27 The Street, Fetcham  
KT22 9QS

**54 The Studio of Jane Bishop**  
Quant House, 26 Richmond Way  
KT22 8NR

**55 Debbie Tearle**  
16 Kennel Lane, Fetcham  
KT22 9PG

**56 Anna Clarke**  
4 Keswick Road, Fetcham  
KT22 8HH

**57 Sue Rowles**  
Russel Cottage,  
52 Barn Meadow Lane  
Great Bookham KT23 3EY

**59 Woody Studio**  
Jennifer Etridge & Liam Aiken  
11 Newenham Road,  
Great Bookham KT23 4NH

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## Mole Valley WI

Our January meeting was once again on Zoom but we were wonderfully entertained by Nigel Bates who was with the orchestra of the Royal Opera House for over 40 years and retired as principal percussionist.

We were back in Fetcham Village Hall for our February birthday meeting where members were greeted with a glass of Prosecco. Claire Brown of "Plant Passion" in Clandon grows over 300 different crops and quality cut flowers. We learnt that tulips are the largest crop grown in the UK. We then tucked into delicious cake with our tea and coffee.

Our March meeting happened to fall on

International Women's Day which gave us the opportunity to show solidarity with the women of Ukraine undergoing such terrible hardship. Our sub groups have been busy and since some things have changed in the last two years we had an update from some of them. Mahjong (pictured) could always take new players as can the rambling group. There are two gardening groups and there might be interest in starting a third.

We meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month in Fetcham Village Hall and always welcome visitors.

June Webb



## Great Bookham Belles WI

The Spring term at Great Bookham Belles WI has seen us listening to inspiring speakers and enjoying lovely refreshments and social time at our monthly meetings. In January Lizzie Liebenhall spoke to us about her life as a celebrity booker. February saw Laura Hamilton, TV presenter of "A Place in the Sun" tell us how she had become involved in TV work and her local community. Our March meeting was a fund raiser for Ali Burnett's Fund (6 year old Bookham lad who sadly died of leukaemia), his family's neighbour Pete Macdiarmid showed us photos of his 35 years as a worldwide news photographer donating his speaker fee to Ali's charity and we also held a very successful raffle to add to the fundraising.

In March we went to see the musical Six at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford, a great production in a local venue. We are planning a

trip to Tom Hart-Dyke's worldwide garden at Lullingstone Castle and are holding a Murder Mystery evening, featuring local company The Killing Game, in aid of our charity this year which is Leatherhead Theatre. We are also very much looking forward to running our stall at Village Day in June and hope to get back to our stall winning ways!!

Our sub groups have been busy and active; Netbelles play walking netball weekly at Manor House School, our choir Decibelles meet every fortnight and recently performed a mini concert, Crafts and Laughs have been busy making "worry monsters", to donate to local schools to support children's emotional needs. Our Gardening group, Book clubs and Film group meet regularly and our Cleaning Ambassadors continue to clear litter from the streets of Bookham.



We are grateful to our 120 members for staying with us during Covid, the vast majority have renewed their membership for another year and we have been able to welcome a few new members. With a waiting list of over 40 we have closed the list for the time being but welcome visitors to our meetings (just contact us in advance!)

## Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club



In September, after a period of 18 months, Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club resumed its Thursday afternoon sessions. The Monday sessions continued being played online to accommodate members who felt uneasy about returning to face-to-face bridge. As of March the Club has ceased online sessions and

therefore both Monday and Thursday sessions are being held at the Barn Hall much to the delight of many members.

Bookham Bridge Club prides itself on being both a competitive and friendly club. Since the reopening of the Club many visitors have joined our sessions and the number who have continued to attend speaks volumes. At each session the Club aims to provide a host who will play with either a member or visitor who is without a partner that day.

In November, after an absence of two years, the AGM was held at which members had the opportunity to show their gratitude to the Chairman, Neil Higgins, who had worked tirelessly to keep the Club viable during the

Covid period by setting up online Club bridge. At this event the Chairman's Cup was awarded to Ron Rutstein who does an outstanding job updating the Club website.

In March 80 players gathered for another Andrew Robson Masterclass. Over £1,100 was raised at this event which will be donated to Bookham Community Association for the upkeep of the Barn Hall. Various competitive events have been held over the past nine months to raise money for various charities, such as Children in Need and Doris Salver QEF, and most recently one to support Ukraine. We are proud to announce that almost £2,000 in total was raised at these events.

Carol Newton ( committee member)

# Bookham Rifle Club



## Dyscover team winners

As a British Shooting Disability Hub Club, we are very pleased to have completed our most recent 10-week course with members of Dyscover. The Club has been running these courses regularly since 2016. As shown in the attached photograph, this term's activities finished with the award of bronze, silver and gold medals to enthusiastic Dyscover participants. Dyscover is a local charity that provides

long term support for people who have Aphasia. Aphasia can affect the ability to speak, read, write and understand what is being said and is a very frustrating and isolating condition.

## Browne Martin Cup

Lina Jones, Jane Newing, Adam Fowler, Clive Gordon and Dave Crispin won the Browne Martin Cup at Bisley on the Lord Roberts small bore rifle range. This is a Winter competition for clubs from the Home Counties. Teams of 5 shot a preliminary round at their own club, with the top eight teams shooting a "shoulder to shoulder" final on a knockout basis. The competition is fierce and often comes down to one or two shots difference.

## Surrey Short Range Championship Final

We hosted the final of the Surrey County Short Range Rifle Championship in April this year with the top 12 shooters (from the first stages) shooting the final "shoulder to shoulder". The course of fire was 4 cards at twenty-five yards giving a total possible score of 400. Lina Jones from Bookham RC won with a brilliant score of 397 with Jon Underwood from

Farncombe & Godalming RC second with another great score of 395. This is phenomenal shooting by all, and Lina's lovely looking trophy is well deserved.

Our air range continues to attract new young talent into the world of shooting and its always a busy time on the range these weekends and weekday evenings as all 10 lanes are often used up. Learning to shoot accurately, from a bench or standing up is a wonderful sport to test all sorts of skills of focus, mindfulness and well-practised technique. New members are always welcome to join – please contact us through <https://www.bookhamrifclub.org.uk/>



# Bookham Trefoil Guild

We meet once a month, generally at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month at Bookham Guide Headquarters, Keswick Road, KT23 4BH. We enjoy a variety of speakers, activities and outings.

WHY NOT COME AND JOIN US AND SEE WHAT WE DO?

Whilst many members are, or have been actively involved in Girlguiding all are very welcome to join us.

Find Friendship.....Get active.....Get involved.....Give support

Contact Anne Coleman 01372 452309  
[anne.coleman6@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.coleman6@btinternet.com)

# Bookham Seniors Computer Club



Do you know which way the Queen's head faces on British Coins?

This was one of the questions from the Bookham Seniors Computer Club's (BSCC) quiz held via Zoom on 4 February 2022 and possible answers were given as Left, Right and it varies by coin. (If you do not know the answer please visit our website [bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk](http://bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk) where you will find the complete quiz.)

The Bookham Seniors Computer Club will participate in the Bookham Village Day on Saturday 18 June 2022 at the Old Barn Hall and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will feature in its plans to mark the Jubilee.

The club has resumed holding its meetings in the Little Bookham Village Hall where they will be held (except for the first Friday in the month which will be via Zoom) until further notice. Details of the summer term's programme can be viewed on our website at [bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk](http://bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk).

The club meets during school term time on Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00 either at the Little Bookham Village Hall or via Zoom. Annual membership costs £20 and there is no charge for attending any of sessions which includes tea, coffee and

biscuits which are provided during a mid-morning break when we are in the hall.

The club runs informal sessions where you can get help with any problem you are having or questions that you have about PCs, tablets or smartphones. These sessions are free to members and are held at the Little Bookham Village Hall 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.

If you are interested in finding out more about the BSCC then phone Sue on 01372 454461 or Brian on 01372 450604 or visit our website [bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk](http://bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk).

# Bookham Baptist Church



*Large gathering to discuss how we can help Ukrainian refugees*

It has been a nice gradual ease out of Covid restrictions in recent months which has been welcomed by all – many have returned to our congregations as a result.

The Community Fridge opened its doors once again on 12th January. Offering an abundance of surplus food from local supermarkets which would otherwise be wasted and go to landfill. The fridge is here Tuesday mornings from 11.15 to 12.15, Friday mornings from 11.30 to 12.30 and Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30. All are welcome! You can also stop by at The Meeting Place café on Saturday mornings and enjoy some coffee and cake ahead of your visit to the Fridge!

On Saturday, 26th March, around 100 people gathered here to explore how we might support Ukrainians coming into our community in the days ahead. Led by church member Matt Day, the meeting was hugely successful. Already underway is a regular drop-in for Ukrainian refugees and their hosts in our lounge on Saturday mornings. Please also join the Facebook group: Bookham Ukrainian Refugee Support.

Our children's centre continues to welcome many to their regular term time toddler groups – Find further details and book your space via our web site – [www.bookhambaptist.org](http://www.bookhambaptist.org). Our Golden Years gathering for the older

generations each Wednesday are very popular. Springtime has seen the launch of a number of courses – something for everyone!

Come and See, a series of six conversations via Zoom or in person, ran successfully through March and April. The course is designed for those new to faith or keen to learn more. The course can still be accessed via our web site 'resources' page.

The Marriage Course returned in April, running for the fourth time, designed for couples wanting to strengthen their relationship. Opportunities for the whole community in the coming months include a 'Talking Teens' course starting 9th June, and a 2-5's parenting course later in the summer. Follow us on Facebook for dates and more details.



*A small proportion of the food offered at the Community Fridge*

## Bookham Camera Club



In the new year, the Club members were pleased to return to the Eastwick Road Church Hall for "Hybrid" meetings – in person sessions with a Zoom connection added. We have had about a 50/50 split between those members coming to the club and those joining by Zoom. We hope to be 100% back in the Hall for our 22/23 season beginning in September.

In April, we presented the photos from our 75th Anniversary Photo Book in our Annual Exhibition at the Leatherhead Theatre. Each member was asked to include one image that was representative of what photography meant to them. We were pleased to see a broad range of images and very happy to be able to share the images with our community. Roger Mendham, current Chairman of the Surrey Photographic Association (SPA) – and former chairman of Bookham Camera Club – spoke on the history of the club and our shared love of photography.

With our strong showing last November in the SPA Interclub Contest (2nd Open, 2nd Nature, Joint 1st combined) Bookham has qualified for the Photographic Association of Great Britain National Print Competition next October. Two members received special distinction for their images, earning Judge's Awards. Bob Lennox for his Slip Cordon Ballet, Ashes Test Match; and Kirsten Asmussen for her Red Fox Smirking. (both shown below)

The Camera Club will be set up at Bookham Village Day. Please stop by to see our most recent photos and discuss if the club might be of interest to you. Or visit our website <https://bookhamcameraclub.zenfolio.com/>. We welcome everyone who is interested in improving their photography – whatever your camera or starting point!

**Randal Tajer, Chairman**

# Bookham Bees WI



Our lively and friendly WI group continues to thrive and, although our numbers are increasing, we have places if you would like to come and join us. The meetings are held in the main Barn Hall so there

is plenty of room to spread our wings.

2022 sees an excellent programme of speakers and activities. In January we held our meeting via Zoom and many of our members enjoyed "Zumbaring" altogether from their homes. In February we were back in the Barn Hall, and we were all very inspired by two brilliant speakers from the charity Dyscover, which is based in Leatherhead. This charity provides support, hope and opportunities to people who are isolated by communication problems after a stroke or head injury.

Dyscover was voted by our members to be our nominated charity for 2022.

We look forward to celebrating our 4th

Birthday in April, and it will be lovely to all be together in person.

At our June meeting we will be preparing for our stall at Village Day with plenty of red, white and blue tissue paper. Come and visit us and chat to our members on Saturday 18th June.

We have a Quiz night on Friday 20th May as well as a full programme of pub nights, book clubs, theatre groups, gardening groups, coffee mornings, family history group, knit and crochet, picnics - so something for everyone.

Bookham Bees WI meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Bookham Barn Hall. For further information please contact [dianagreenman@gmail.com](mailto:dianagreenman@gmail.com)

## Old Barn Hall Jazz Club

Our Jazz Club could be *your* jazz club if you would like to visit us from time to time. We meet at the Old Barn Hall every Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm, as we have done for the past ten years. We are highly rated nationwide for having top quality bands available who play New Orleans traditional style jazz. We are fortunate to be able to draw regular support from both local people and others from around the home counties, some regulars travel from even further afield. Great Bookham is fortunately a great catchment area for the generation of music lovers that followed this style of jazz from the 60s up to the present day.

Our locals include Graham and Keith who are part of a small team that wishes to make you feel at home when you visit us, headed by our experienced organiser Mick. There is no membership fee so pop in any time on a Sunday when the music starts at 1 pm (entrance fee £12).

We look forward to seeing you.

### Sunday Calendar of Events to August

May 22nd Golden Eagle Celebration Five  
May 29th Sussex Jazz Kings  
June 5th Gambit Jazzmen

June 12th Excelsior Vintage Jazz Band  
June 19th Sussex Jazz Kings  
June 26th No jazz today  
July 3rd New Orleans Jazz Bandits  
July 10th Excel Jazzmen  
July 17th Hugh Crozier's Hot Quintet  
July 24th Golden Eagle Celebration Five  
July 31st TBA  
Aug 7th TBA  
Aug 14th Panama Café Orchestra  
Aug 21st Sarah Spencer's Quintet  
Aug 28th Gambit Jazzmen

## Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

Spring has arrived at last. The best and busiest time for gardeners. Time to get those seeds sown, seedlings grown on and acclimatised and into the ground as it warms up. To help your planning, contact Angela for a schedule for the Summer Show and get planting and preparing preserves and handicraft.

After two years of missing out on the show, let's make this a particularly good one. Our talks so far have been fascinating and very well attended with Michelle Howes giving us a deeper insight into Painshill Park, Peter Almond guiding us on attracting birds into our gardens and Barry Newman teaching us all the techniques of gardening in raised beds.

There are exciting activities to follow -

May 23rd Outing to Leonardslee

July 16th Summer Show at the Tithe Barn, Little Bookham.

To join us or for more information, please contact Angela Stevens on 01372 456713 or [craigjstevens@btinternet.com](mailto:craigjstevens@btinternet.com)

Jenny Smitheman.



# Bookham Open Gardens Day – Sunday 26th June 10am – 5pm



Do come and join in this annual event where typically over 700 people enjoy going round the village, meeting friends and neighbours along the way. This year we have around 15 varied and attractive private gardens, including two new ones. We will be joined by Polesden Lacey Infants School (back after some years off), Little Bookham Allotments and The Grange's Walled Garden.

The last couple of years have demonstrated to many people the benefits of green space, some having started gardening for the first time and existing gardeners using the extra time available to create new projects. So even if you've visited a garden before, you may see something new.

Our open gardens come in all shapes and sizes, from the formal to more laid-back planting, and some with wildlife-friendly planting and habitats. Plenty of inspiration for all! You'll also



find fruit and vegetables at some gardens.

Open Gardens Day raises money for the upkeep of our historic Old Barn Hall, and since we started we have raised over £80,000. We will be serving our normal delicious home-baked cakes, rolls and drinks throughout the day at the Hall and do buy some plants whilst you're there. Once again the Country Market will have some produce and crafts available. Plants should also be available to buy at the Allotments, The Grange and some of the gardens.

**Tickets on sale from 23rd May see poster on cover for details**

The charge includes admission to all gardens and a programme with map and garden details. If you are on Facebook, please 'Like' our 'Bookham Open Gardens' page and share it with your friends.



We would love to hear from anyone who could spare an hour or two to help on the day with providing a cake, or serving refreshments, selling tickets or stewarding at the gardens. Without our kind garden openers and our band of willing volunteers, the day would never happen!

For more information visit: [www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk](http://www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk), look for 'Bookham Open Gardens' on Facebook, or contact Brenda Kent on 01372 453952 / Email: [bnb.selworthy@btinternet.com](mailto:bnb.selworthy@btinternet.com)

## Eastwick WI



The highlight of Eastwick's year was the celebration of our 50th birthday which should have been held last year but COVID forbade, so we combined it with our Christmas meeting in our new home, the Old Barn Hall. Our Social

Secretaries Margaret Smith and Linda Baker did a great job on the planning resulting in a wonderful evening. The Hall looked festive and our members Pam Jordan and Margaret Elsey had made lovely table decorations to complete the picture.

After a brief welcome by our President, Brenda Kent, we enjoyed a delicious buffet meal served by our excellent caterers "Food for Thought". After dinner we were led by Linda through an hilarious rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

Brenda made a short speech of thanks to all

the past members who had worked over 50 years to keep our Institute flourishing, particular thanks being given to our founding President, Sally Dampney and founding members who are still with us. Sally was presented with a large basket of plants in gratitude for her 50 years of dedication.

Pauline Simpson had made our beautiful birthday cake which was then cut and served with champagne to toast the future of our Institute, while we watched a short video presentation compiled by Sally, of 50 years of memories, and the Scrap Books were also enjoyed.

## Bookham Flower Club

'One, Two, Buckle My Shoe' was the title of the talk given by Irene Manson, a very good speaker on the history of shoes, at Bookham Flower Club's first meeting of 2022. She accompanied her talk with examples of shoes through the ages. In February our demonstrator was Vivien Withers using "My Floral Journey" as her theme, with visits to the mountains, a Caribbean garden, an English garden, the seaside and a holiday in the

sunshine depicted in flower arrangements. Our AGM in March was well attended and followed a good lunch provided by local caterers. Reports were given and awards presented, including the Grenfell medal for services to the club which was presented to Pat Crawford by President Emma Sweeney. Also in March, Sue Slark led a workshop to give newer members some insights into the art of creating an arrangement so that they would

be more confident to enter the club competition each month. In the February competition, 'Keep it Simple', Rosie Mumford won first prize in the Novice Class for her arrangement, for which she had made her own container. We are looking forward to a full programme in the next year and would welcome new members and visitors to our monthly Monday meetings at the Old Barn Hall at 2.15pm, particularly on June 6th and July 4th.

# The Meeting Place



The crisis in Ukraine has brought many refugees into England. The Meeting Place was keen to assist in bringing people together to investigate ways in which they could help in this situation locally. A meeting on Saturday 26th March adjoining the coffee shop brought in around 100 people interested in following things through. Further Saturday morning meetings are scheduled.

One particular way in which we are able to help is through our **Language Hub**. Our classes for those for whom English is not their first language are very busy and such a help to many people. With the possibility of many more people keen to attend these classes we are in need of more people who are TEFL trained to join our current team. If that is you do go to our website for more information.

## Coffee Shop

2nd April was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our 10+1 Anniversary of the opening of the coffee shop. Many of our regulars were there as well as past and present volunteers and people who have supported this initiative over the years. The cake was made by The Grange cake making team who excelled themselves with using our logo on flags around the cake. It was also an opportunity to recognize how the Meeting Place has developed over the years to include the Language Hub, Lipreading Classes, Community Fridge and most recently the Anna Chaplaincy and befriending service. All these programmes are helping those who for all kinds of reasons are isolated or lonely.

**Anna Chaplaincy** is a wonderful initiative to be able to go out to those we know from the past and also those referred to us who are perhaps no longer able to get out. The



Memory Gatherers sessions are still running regularly to help older people put together a scrap book of memories for their families. This is a very enriching thing to do and there are sessions still on 27th May, 10th and 24th June and 1st July.

For more information on all areas of our outreach in the local community either ring our mobile, 07425 133431, go to our website [www.themeetingplace.org.uk](http://www.themeetingplace.org.uk) or Facebook page [www.facebook.com/The-Meeting-Place-Bookham-373334882842124](https://www.facebook.com/The-Meeting-Place-Bookham-373334882842124)

# The Bookhams, Fetcham and Effingham Nursing Association Trust

The Trust makes grants towards the cost of providing help to children and adults who require items or services such as nursing, medical or therapeutic aids, transport or respite care. The recipient must live in one of these villages.

Referral is usually made through social, educational or medical services to the Secretary and all cases are considered in strict confidence. **If you know of anyone who might benefit from this financial assistance, please contact the Secretary to request an**

**application form.**

Email [bfande.nat@gmail.com](mailto:bfande.nat@gmail.com)

Charity Commission Registration number 265962

# Peter Pan Playschool



For Easter, we visited Eastwick Road Church for a short Easter service as well as some singing for the parents who came to join us. We enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the playschool garden and went on a walk to the post box to post some Easter cards home that we had made during group time.

Earlier in the term, we explored dressing up for world book day, pancakes for pancake day, healthy eating including making our own

sandwiches. Lots of physical play in the garden with obstacle courses and the climbing frame as well as some new balance bikes as they're very popular and great for developing physical strength and balance. We used some of the money raised at our Christmas party raffle to purchase the new bikes and helmets.

For the summer term, we'll be introducing an additional extended session due to demand. As well as the 2.40 finishes available on Monday, Thursday and Friday, we'll be offering a 1.10 finish on Tuesday's, as well as the traditional 12.10 finish. This little bit of extra time will really help the children with their transition to school as they'll be used to eating lunch with peers.

Peter Pan Playschool is an inclusive pre-school setting, which cares for children from 2 years old until school age. We offer weekday morning sessions 9.10-12.10 during term time plus extended times as above. We accept Government FEET and FEE funding as well as the extended 30 hours funding. To find out more



about us please take a look at our facebook page [www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool](https://www.facebook.com/PeterPanPlayschool) and our website [www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk](http://www.peterpanplayschool.co.uk) Alternatively you can send us an email at [peterpanplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:peterpanplayschool@gmail.com) or call us on 07908 018924 and Louise and the staff team will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We're already filling up fast for September 2022 and have no spaces left on Thursday so please do get in touch soon if you'd like to arrange a visit and confirm a place for September.

# Village Day Programme

## JUBILEE, the Book

- 11.15am The fancy dress Parade of local groups assemble in the High Street  
11.40am The Parade moves off down Church Road to the Old Barn Hall Field

### Taking part in the Parade

Jason Wright's vintage Austin 7  
Leatherhead Lions' Float  
Bus Stop Pre-school  
Peter Pan Playschool  
Polesden Lacey Playschool  
Rainbow Pre-school  
Eastwick Infant School  
Polesden Lacey Infant School  
The Dawnay School

### In the Arena

- 12 noon Presentation of the trophies to the Group winners and runners up in the Parade and announcing the winners of the best dressed stalls.  
12.30pm Polesden Lacey Infant School  
12.40pm The Dawnay School  
12.55pm Eastwick School  
1.10pm Action Theatre Club  
1.25pm Mole Valley Silver Band  
2.00pm Band from the Pub  
2.30pm Mole Valley Silver Band  
3.15pm Band from the Pub  
4.00pm Event closes



BOOKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

*Bringing people together*

Village Day is run by Bookham Community Association with the help of our affiliated organisations and members of the public. Money raised is used to maintain and improve the Old Barn Hall and publish the Bookhams Bulletin



# - Saturday 18 June 2022

## Bookhams Celebrate

### What can you do at Village Day?

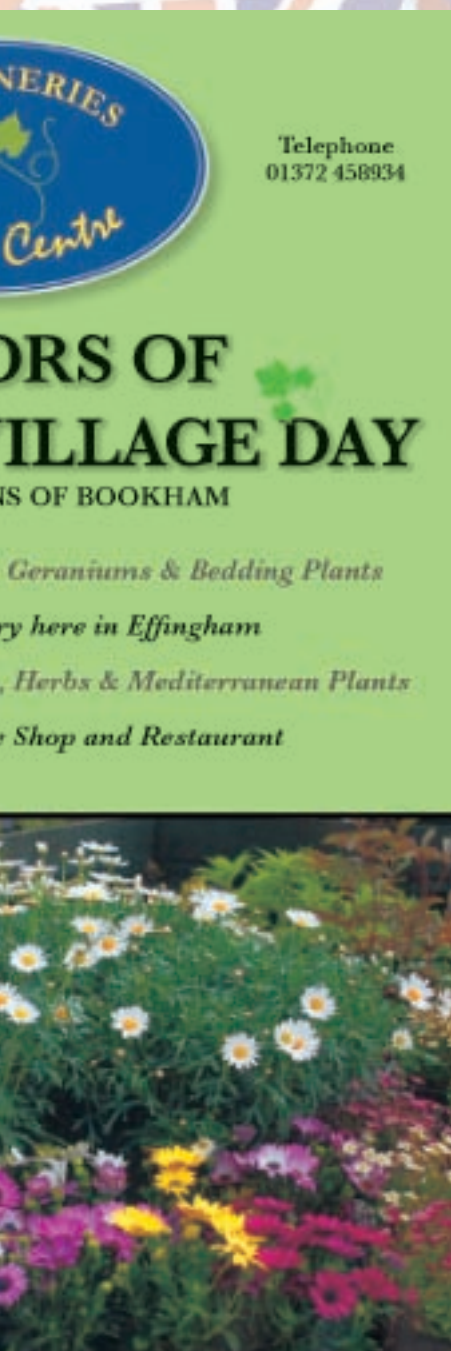
- **Small animal and duck handling** *with Bocketts Farm*
- Conquer the **Climbing Wall** *with Churches Together of Bookham*
- Ride the **Bucking Bronco** *by Elios & DiCarlos Hairdreassing*
- Try your skill *with John Wadsworth's* **Coconut Shy**
- Win a cuddly toy on the **Toy Tombola**
- **Tea Cup Ride...Hoop La...Football shooting Game**
- **Bungee Trampolines** in the front car park
- ...and many more stalls, games and displays

### Food & Drink

- **Real Ale Bar** with even more cask beer
- **Silent Pool Gin Stall**
- **Lunches & Teas with delicious cakes in the main hall**
- **Taste of Texas Barbecue in the field**
- **Mantio Ice Creams**
- **Candyfloss, sweets and soft drinks**

### In the Arena

- **Displays by Schools and Clubs**
- **Music from Mole Valley Silver Band & the Band from the Pub**



### VILLAGE DAY

#### WE REALLY, REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!

We are very short of helpers and stewards on the day.

Could you spare us some time please?

See page 3 for more details and how you could help.

# Girl Guiding – Leatherhead Division



The 4th Bookham Guide unit (for girls aged 10-14) is looking for volunteers to help with its weekly meetings on a Friday. This is a flexible volunteering opportunity, either helping to run specific activities, or supporting the unit with admin tasks.

Over the last year, members of 4th Bookham have enjoyed a packed programme of activities, including various crafts, such as ceramic painting, tie dying socks and bags and airdry clay modelling. The group has made fudge and cookies, as well as toasting marshmallows and kebabs on a campfire which they built themselves.

The Guides also had a first aid session (pictured) run by community responders, teaching them CPR and how to use a defibrillator. Away from the Bookham Guide Hut, the group has done litter pick bingo, a treasure hunt around Bookham and orienteering on Bookham Common.

Bookham Ranger Guides (for the 14-18 age group) is thriving, recently showcasing what the unit has been up to over the last couple of years (on Zoom and in person) at a parents evening. Recent activities include a Trading Game evening, competing for resources by carrying out challenges and bartering with other teams. The unit has completed a night hike around Norbury Park, learning vital map reading and compass skills for upcoming camps and expeditions. The Rangers held a pancake making evening and welcomed a speaker talking about sustainability and reducing plastic usage.

Elsewhere in the Leatherhead Division, 2nd Fetcham Rainbows (4-7-year-olds) recently planted "Pots of Kindness" and delivered them

to elderly neighbours locally. Meanwhile a team of six adult leaders spent a hugely enjoyable day in London, taking part in the "Monopoly Run". This is an event for teams of Scouts and Guides, who compete against each other to visit the actual locations on the Monopoly board.

For more information about Girlguiding in the Leatherhead Division, including how to volunteer for 4th Bookham Guides or any of the other local groups, contact Division Commissioner Dax Patel [ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com](mailto:ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com)



## Leatherhead and District Twinning Association



We are having a very active year despite not being able to visit our twinned town of Trier-sur-Seine (just 40km west of Paris). In February we held a very enjoyable quiz night with plenty of wine and refreshments. In April a treasure hunt was held around Bookham Common, followed by tea. In July we are having a family garden party with live music, games and tea. A coach trip to a place of interest is being arranged with free

travel for members. Our AGM is in November again, and as always followed by more wine and cheese.

At the last AGM Paula Hancock stood down as Chairperson along with committee member Julia Baker and we thank them for their long service. Kate Jhugroo has become chair and councillor Simon Moss has joined our committee. Their profiles are in our February newsletter which is on our web site. We hold occasional French conversation groups – expertise not required! Hopefully we will be

able to visit Trier in May or June 2023, with outings included.

Our membership costs just £10 per year with under 18s being free. New members are very welcome. For more information please see our website [www.friendsoftrier.co.uk](http://www.friendsoftrier.co.uk) which includes our newsletters which include quizzes, recipes, news about upcoming events and tips about French language.

Please contact David and Elaine Crutchley if you want more information [elaine.crutchley1@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.crutchley1@gmail.com) or 07792178539.

## Leisure Learning Current Affairs Classes

Leisure Learning has now been running its two classes in Bookham for 15 years. Despite the pandemic we have had a very busy season with most of the varied speakers giving their talks on Zoom, though towards the end of our season we made a successful return to face to face meetings.

We've had presentations on many subjects, from the Ukraine crisis to Climate Change with talks on Syria, education and the NHS added to the list. Our contributors have included retired headmasters, experts on warfare, an Open University professor and a former British Ambassador. The talks use PowerPoint which takes up the first half of the two hour meeting, then after a break for coffee it's question time

with lots of interchange of ideas.

Despite the lack of face-to-face contact for much of the year, the Zoom sessions have worked extremely well with no technical issues and have provided an excellent forum for the classes. In fact because there are no geographic limitations to our search for speakers, we have been able to find people hundreds of miles away able to deliver their presentations as if they were in the same room!

Next year's classes start in October and run through to Easter. Speakers are already being booked who will maintain the high level of presentations and varied subjects we have maintained over the years. If you want to know

more about what is going on in the world, this group of classes will appeal to you and if interested just follow the instructions below.

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**Our story...** Meet Hannah and Raoul. We started Hi Street in late 2020 because we wanted to make it easy and convenient to shop local and independent. We knew there were tons of amazing small businesses out there but didn't always have the time to shop from each one individually. Yet, all the large supermarkets were booming.

**Our vision...** We want to bring small businesses and artisan producers across Surrey together



on one platform as a collective force offering customers the opportunity to shop locally online and have it delivered in a sustainable way. We want to build a community of small businesses that can serve their local residents, which in turn supports the local economy and protects our high streets.

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# Polesden Lacey Infant School



Schools are a central part of a community and Polesden Lacey Infant School is no different. We have really enjoyed inviting local visitors into school over the past few months. Not only parents and grandparents but also a local artist and a local author. We had a visit from Imogen Hartridge, a local artist, who spoke to the children about how she creates her art work and things that inspire her. The children then had a go at recreating one of her pieces of art for themselves. The original piece of art

was based on Ashted Common and the children produced some stunning pieces of art in response to her painting and talk. We also enjoyed a visit from Elaine Slade, local author of Charlie Farley and Jasper children's picture books. She talked to the children about how she writes her books and got the children to think about their own uniqueness and having courage. She inspired many of our children to write their own stories and I regularly have the pleasure of being read to by a Polesden Lacey Infant School author.

Our Reception children enjoyed visitors, with either no legs or four legs! As part of their topic on Amazing Animals, they held a pet show. The children brought in their pets from home to show the other pupils and to talk about how they looked after them. We had several very well behaved dogs, a pony and Tiny, the snake. It was wonderful to see the children being so curious and caring with the animals and seeing the joy in the faces of the children who had brought a pet into school as they told their friends all about the animals.

Unfortunately, we could not find any real knights to come into school to support the Year 1's learning on what it took to become a knight! Instead, the children hosted their very



own medieval banquet, dressed in costumes they had made at home. They thoroughly enjoyed a day of feasting, jousting and trying out some medieval activities. They even designed and built castles in the woods!



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# Mole Valley Indoor Bowling Club



## MVIBC team wins at County level

The club has been very successful in winning the Final of the County Fours, played in early April.

In addition to this, four members have been selected to play for Surrey in the Home Counties final. Congratulations go to the team for their achievements to date, and good luck representing MVIBC in upcoming competitions.

Local club competitions have also reached their final rounds, with play-offs in early April, and once again Bookham members have a strong representation. We hope there will be plenty of club members supporting these competitions and enjoying the facilities over the three-day event.

The winter season of indoor bowling ends in April. However, an increasing number of MVIBC members continue to enjoy their indoor bowling throughout the summer - all

part of their annual fee. The summer leagues run on as roll-up sessions every Tuesday and Thursday morning, and due to the increasing interest - new summer competitions have been organised with other indoor clubs.

Interested?

The annual MVIBC recruitment period runs on Saturday mornings in September. On our recruitment days we can explain the various levels of competition, to suit visitors interest, covering beginners and experienced player requirements, with free coaching available. It's a great opportunity to meet some of our members and look at the facilities.

For enquiries at any other time - please contact the club, we will readily arrange a more convenient time to visit, have a talk, and see the facilities. Please visit our website at [www.mvibc.co.uk](http://www.mvibc.co.uk) or email [mail4mvibc@gmail.com](mailto:mail4mvibc@gmail.com)

The club is located within the Leatherhead Leisure Centre. You will find that indoor

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M Mackie



## Hardy Plant Society - Southern Counties Group – do visit us on Village Day



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

have fun, and to enjoy plants and gardens.

Find out more on our website at [www.hps-southerncounties.co.uk/](http://www.hps-southerncounties.co.uk/) or visit our stall on the field on Village Day. We will be selling plants grown by our members, which will range from the unusual to the easy, interesting and reliable. They will mostly be herbaceous perennials.

We've just finished our winter programme of

talks and members will spend the summer visiting gardens throughout Surrey and surrounding counties. The talks will resume in October.

If you require more information, please contact us at [info.hps.scg@gmail.com](mailto:info.hps.scg@gmail.com). Do 'Like' us on Facebook - Hardy Plants Society - Southern Counties Group.

Diane Poole

## Bookham Wine Club

Members at the Club's March meeting in The Old Barn Hall were treated to a 'Master Class' from Nina Cerullo, when she presented 'Wines of the Medoc'.

Nina is a certified Bordeaux Wine Educator and Ambassador for the wines of the Medoc. Her presentation 'lifted the lid' on Bordeaux's best-known appellation, providing a unique opportunity to learn about the most famous red wine region in the world. And of course, Nina could be relied on to choose six excellent and different styles of wine for members to experience and enjoy.

Monthly presentations continue through the year led by wine trade professionals and

qualified freelance wine educators.

In April, Pippa Hayward revealed the versatility of Grenache, one of the most widely distributed grapes in the world, with its white, pink and red skinned varieties. It is a grape variety that's behind some of our most loved wines - Provence Rose, Chateaufort-du-Pape, Priorat, Cotes du Rhone and its Aussie incarnation the GSM.

May, Abbie Bennington makes her first visit to the Old Barn Hall to reveal the delights of today's exciting and dynamic Chilean wine scene ... the long history of viticulture in Chile, and the wine making techniques which have developed, particularly during the last two

decades.

In June, we stay in South America to visit Brazil with Nicholas Corfe, owner of 'Go Brazil Wines' - the UK's only importer of Brazilian wines. Nicholas will describe the strength and depth of today's wine making in Brazil, its fascinating history ... along with six stunning wines from his company's extensive portfolio.

You can read more about BWC on our website, including details of our 2022 programme. Just go to [www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk](http://www.bookhamwineclub.org.uk), and if you would still like to know more, email: [membership@bookhamwineclub.org.uk](mailto:membership@bookhamwineclub.org.uk).

David Fulton: Chairman

# Bookham Country Market



## Helping Ukraine and more



At the beginning of March, Sue Rowles, one of our volunteer helpers, suggested raising funds to help Ukraine. We ran a Raffle and invited financial donations. We had some wonderful Raffle prizes donated by our suppliers and others. Two hampers were full of all kinds of goodies given by our weekly suppliers (cake, preserves, honey, wine, craft items and free range eggs direct from Collaroy Farm). A Sussex Cheese hamper was provided by High Weald Dairy, Hill House Farm gave a grass fed Roasting joint, and a

bottle of Glenfiddich was donated by the Sew & Sew Club.

As part of this, one of our crafters, Beth Fowler, gave a demonstration of Pysanky, the Ukrainian art of decorating hen's eggs.

We have raised just over £1,372 and still a week to go before the Raffle draw on Good Friday.

Nearly all the products in the prizes, except the wine and Glenfiddich, are available every week at our Friday morning Market from 10.00am. Come and visit, buy yourself some fine products at competitive prices, and enjoy a Fairtrade Coffee or Teapigs tea and homemade cake.

At the Market on 6th May one of our gardening experts, Anthea Sokell, demonstrated propagating by taking cuttings and on 3rd June Stevie Carter will be showing how she makes her incredible pottery. We will be at Village Day with homemade preserves and Free Range Eggs for sale.

We know that many of you cannot get to Friday markets. Therefore, we will open specially for you on Saturday July 9th. This will give you the opportunity to buy some



wonderful local products.

The Market is a not-for-profit organisation, run completely by volunteers and is a valuable community activity providing a venue for social interaction, income for the BCA to help the upkeep of the Old Barn Hall and a source of high quality, locally produced products for its' customers.

See and read more at [www.bookhammarket.wixsite.com/mrkt](http://www.bookhammarket.wixsite.com/mrkt)

## The Plastic Free Bookham Project

With 2021 having ended on a very quiet note – so much so that we had nothing to report in the Spring Bulletin – 2022 has started with a flurry of activity. Since the start of the year we've signed up seven local organisations as Community Allies and our first local business has registered to become a Plastic Free Business Champion. Our project targets are to sign up twenty Community Allies and six Business Champions. If you'd like to join us in Bookham's journey towards Plastic Free Community status, take a look at our website [www.plasticfreebookham.org.uk](http://www.plasticfreebookham.org.uk) or email us at [pfbookham@gmail.com](mailto:pfbookham@gmail.com) for more information.

We enjoyed a morning out in late February at

St Mary's Church in Fetcham to take part in their eco-church day. We chatted to lots of people about how to reduce their consumption of single-use plastic and where to recycle different items locally.

On the subject of recycling, the local search tool developed in conjunction with the Bookhams Residents' Association has recently been relaunched. There's now more information on reducing and repairing as well as information on recycling lots of items that you can't put in your green bin. Things do change regularly in the recycling world – for example, the local charity collections of crisp packets, bread bags and baby food pouches have now closed – so

it's worth checking back from time to time. We'll be adding more information as and when we become aware of additional recycling outlets. You can access the search tool at <https://recycle.bookhamresidents.org.uk>.

To keep up-to-date with the Plastic Free Bookham project please like and follow PlasticFreeBookham on Facebook. You can find lots of useful information about reducing single-use plastic on our website (see above). We also share items of environmental interest on the TransitionBookham Facebook page and Twitter account @ttbookham. More environmental information is available at [transitionbookham.org.uk](http://transitionbookham.org.uk)

## Take part in the Feeding the Future Study!

If you have a spare few minutes, why not be a 'citizen scientist' and support important research?

The 'Feeding the Future study' (FEED), led by the University of Oxford with backing from the

World Health Organisation, is investigating what makes people choose different diets, and what the most popular foods within these diets are.

The research team are looking for as many

volunteers as possible to complete a one-off online survey about their eating habits, dietary motivations and lifestyle. All UK adults over 18 years old can take part. You can find the survey at <https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/feeding-the-future-study-feed>

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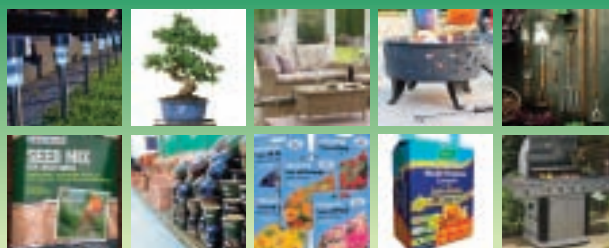
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# The Friends of All Saints Little Bookham Church and St. Lawrence Effingham Church

The only event we have held during the past three months was the successful Big Curry Lunch at the Great Bookham Tandoori Restaurant on Sunday 20th February when about 30 people braved the aftermath of Storm Eunice and enjoyed a curry lunch.

Events for the summer months have not yet been finalised apart from the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday 20th May.

Members of the Friends have continued to be involved in helping manage the refreshment

stall at the Monthly Market at St Lawrence Church Hall, Effingham providing tea, coffee, cakes and selling fresh farm eggs. This is a gathering of artisan food, drink and crafts stalls provided by local businesses and has proved to be very popular.

The chairman has established a successful fruit and veg stall collaborating with Laytons in the village. It is usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10am to 2pm and the one on 28th May will be the start of a week-long

series of events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. At the last Market over £1,000 was raised for the DEC Ukraine Appeal.

The Friends is a secular organisation created in order to help fund the upkeep of the two historic 12th century churches, All Saints Church, Little Bookham and St Lawrence Church, Effingham, both a key part of our community's heritage. Membership is £20 p.a. and for further details please contact our Chairman, William Hill at <membership.friends@icloud.com>.

## 1st Bookham Cubs, Ash Pack



For the 5th time Leatherhead District, represented by 1st Bookham Ash Pack Cubs, has won the County Cubs cooking competition. A team of four from 1st Bookham Ash Pack beat off four other finalist teams from all over the county to impress judges with their Prawn Paella and American Pancakes. Dylan Tang, Lewis Evans, Megan Rainey and Thomas Mesquita aged between 9 and 10 impressed the judges in all categories.

They had 90 minutes to prepare, cook and



clean up. With no adult help, they measured, used camp cookers and washed up. The Challenge also included preparing a menu, laying the table (they even made fans from the napkins) and ensuring costs came in under budget.

The team talked the judges through their menu with confidence and ease. They showed strong teamwork, had a beautiful Ukraine supporting style of presentation and delicious food. The cubs made everything themselves



from scratch on Sunday 20 March at the competition final in Addlestone. The competition was close and they were thrilled to win, with only 1 point in it!

I wonder if this resonates with other parents... personally I find it hard stepping back, particularly when sharp knives and boiling water are involved, but the result of what they can achieve on their own is amazing! Over to the children for more home cooking!

Claire Rainey

## Bookham Choral Society

### Half Term February 2022

We started the year with a group outing to see the musical, 'The Truth Stops Here' at the delightful Esher theatre. Written by our very talented accompanist, Anthony Merryweather, it was such a good production with wonderful music and singing. The story of the Bethnal Green Underground Station disaster was previously unknown to all of us and had been kept secret throughout the Second World War to maintain morale. Congratulations to Anthony for taking this story and creating such an impressive musical from it.

Our Weekly Rehearsal restarted in January in St Lawrence Church Hall, Effingham to prepare us for the Leith Hill Musical Festival, returning this April after a three-year gap. We have a great programme of uplifting music, and our two conductors, Richard and Anna have been working us hard. Bookham is not competing this year in the competitions during the day, but we are all very excited at the prospect of singing in a large choir with orchestral accompaniment in the evening.

We will be returning to our 'home' at Eastwick Road Church, Bookham in April to start

rehearsals for our Summer Concert. This year, we are joining forces with Buckland and Betchworth Choral Society to present a Summer Concert on Saturday 25th June 2022 in St Paul's Church, Dorking. The programme will feature some quintessentially traditional songs suitable for a balmy summer evening, particularly in The Surrey Hills. If any of you would like to join us for the Summer Term, please come to Eastwick Road Church on Tuesday April 19th at 7.30 pm. - you will all be most welcome.

Cheryl Mendham

# The Arts Society Bookham



The Society has settled into the familiar monthly meetings at the Old Barn Hall, with members perhaps a little unsure after the complexities of the past two years. Old friends can be met for a coffee before the lecture to look back on the recent past and speculate on the future.

The Bournemouth Museum was featured in the April lecture by Dr James Taylor 'Beautiful, curious and rare highlights of the Russell Coates Gallery and Museum.'

Ian Swankie's June lecture is 'Great Railway Stations – evoking A spirit of romance and adventure.' He will take a world-wide view of all aspects of these buildings, their architecture and engineering as well as their many artistic representations.

Barry Venning in the July lecture features 'Art after Windrush: postcolonial artists in Britain since 1948' looking at the contributions made by artists of African, Caribbean or Asian origin to British art since the SS Empire Windrush arrived in Tilbury from the West Indies in 1948. The

lecture will be followed by drinks and nibbles.

Following the August break, we return in September to Jo Walton's 'The Art and Craft of John Piper.' An abstract painter in the 1930s, he was also a writer, critic and typographer and lover of architecture. During the Second World War he became one of the best-known Official War Artists, creating the powerful image of the destruction of Coventry Cathedral (illustration Courtesy of Manchester Art Gallery),

Whilst continuing their work at Guildford Cathedral, Angela Stevens and the Heritage Volunteering Group have also turned their skills to more literary matters: cleaning and documenting the vast number of books in the library at West Horsley Place. There will be a 'Nooks and Crannies Tour' of the house on the 27th July, booking at monthly meeting.

Early in May Judy Money organised the successful five-days in the northwest to 'The Delights of Cheshire, Manchester and the RHS Bridgewater Gardens.' In October, we have the opportunity to visit Glasgow and Edinburgh. Full details of talks and visits can be found on our website.



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

John Cook

## Decibelles Choir



Decibelles choir, founded in 2017, sing a wide range of music, usually as two to three part harmonies, but some in unison and some as rounds. Hazel Hannam, our choral leader,

describes our music as "a range of pop, folk, traditional and world music".

Our approximately 30 members sing together in termtime, on alternate Wednesday evenings, at Eastwick Road Church hall in Bookham. Our sessions are relaxed as we just sing for fun, although we have risen to the challenge and enjoyed occasional informal performances.

Although there is no need to read music in detail, some knowledge is helpful. Hazel gives us tips on reading music and singing techniques as we learn. We start with warmups

for the body and singing voice which are always entertaining and prepare us for the session.

We are always happy to welcome people who would like to join an additional choir or return to singing (often having not sung in a choir since school!) or would like to try something new or different. Our choir is a not for profit choir and our termly fee is very reasonable.

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Claire Thomas

## Curzon Country Cinema

The wonderful West Side Story brought us to the end of the 2012/22 season earlier this month.

We will be back in September with a line-up of great new films for the Autumn and Winter

including "DOWNTON ABBEY~A NEW ERA" "ELVIS" etc etc

## Le Roc Dance at Old Barn Hall

John Miller with his Jag Jive dance club used to run dances at the hall but retired over 3 years ago.

LeRoc Surrey is my, Colin Shaul's, club which I started in November 1995. I have run dances at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre and Ashted Peace memorial hall for many years. We teach weekly Modern Jive classes. Was at

Dorking Halls from 1999 to 2018 (too expensive these days).

I decided with great joy to re-start dance nights at The Old Barn Hall, and have completed three dances already this year. Our future dances from July to end of the year are below and we have already booked dates throughout 2023.

Our next dances are:

30th July, 20th Aug, 3rd Sept, 29th Oct, 12th Nov, 3rd & 31st December

**LeRoc Surrey Modern Jive - Colin Shaul**

**01737 769600 [info@leroc.dance](mailto:info@leroc.dance)**

**[www.leroc.dance](http://www.leroc.dance)**

# Bookham Food Festival

Following a highly successful inaugural event, Bookham Food Festival returns on 10th September 2022.

On 11th September last year, over 3000 people flocked to the fields behind the Old Barn Hall for the inaugural Bookham Food Festival. Visitors enjoyed a wide variety of food from street food vendors, a bar serving locally produced beer and spirits, traders offering local produce and live cooking demonstrations from world class chefs. The event brought the

community together after a particularly tough time for all and raised several thousand pounds for charity in the process.

The event returns this year on Saturday 10th September. New for 2022 will be our Wellbeing Zone, featuring guest speakers and businesses offering advice and guidance on all things health and wellbeing - as well as our Festival Kitchen with cooking demonstrations from our amazing chefs, great food & drink and fantastic produce.



## The Dawnay School

**We have been super-sporty this term!**



Early on in the spring term, every child throughout the school enjoyed a cricket taster session run by 'Chance to Shine'.

Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a swimming gala at Parkside School earning a fabulous 3rd place in their first gala.

We have 2 popular netball clubs at school and the year 5 and 6 club played against The Raleigh and St Lawrence after school, before a year 6 team took part in the Leatherhead District netball tournament held at Manor House School.

In a boys' football match at home versus The Raleigh, Team Dawnay showed great sportsmanship, accurate passing and effective teamwork, winning 8-1 and our girls' team also played The Raleigh. It was the first time some had ever played and they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We competed in the football tournament at Downsland School against various teams. We made it to the quarter-finals and then reached the 'semis' with an overall 3rd place!

Next, on to rugby! In a tournament held at St Peter's, Team Dawnay came third overall. The children absolutely loved it. Perhaps some of them will go on to join Effingham and Leatherhead Eagles who play weekly at the KGV!



We also took part in two cross-country events; one for upper juniors and one for lower juniors. The girls came 2nd overall and the boys came 6th out of eight schools. Fantastic achievement.

Then finally onto our Year 6 Indoor Athletics... The children wrote this report:

"On Tuesday, we took part in an Indoor Athletics Competition at Leatherhead Leisure Centre. There were seven schools participating, and we had a team of 18, Year 6 competitors. We looked very smart in our new kit! There was a selection of field and track events, including a 6-lap relay, obstacle relay, javelin and standing triple jump. Out of the seven schools, we came 4th! Our favourite events were the javelin (we came 1st), the standing triple jump and the relay races. Thanks to the staff for supporting us in this amazing event. We had a great time!"

And for those who prefer music we have a packed diary for them next term which we will be keen to share with you next time!

## Rainbow Pre School



Our preschool has had another busy and fun filled term with the children. Alongside our work during the pre-school session, staff have been having additional training to help further support children's learning and language development. **'Shared, Sustained Thinking'** is a way of communicating and interacting with children which helps reinforce and extend their language and learning through play. It requires the adult to follow the child's lead during an activity and immerse themselves in the child's world in the present moment. **"Adults enter children's play by being silent, observing, understanding and listening (SOUL). This enables the adult to 'tune in' to what is going on".** Interaction then between the adult and child, is focussed on the child's train of thought, and language is used to

extend a child's ideas thought process and language. This method is adapted according to that child's stage of development. This training also encourages children to refer to one another for help and share ideas, with the adult encouraging and prompting if needed. This helps aid confidence and social development. We are using this training throughout the session and it is now an integral part of the way our staff interact with the children.

In addition to this, staff and children are learning and using Makaton daily. Makaton is a form of sign language used with key words WITH the spoken language. This can help enable a child to communicate with adults and peers when they have verbal language difficulties and/or delay. It can also encourage understanding of the spoken language. Every two weeks staff are choosing a couple of words/signs which are



then used regularly with all the children during sessions in Rainbow, this helps promote a more natural and consistent use of signing for children and staff.

**If you would like more details about our Pre-school or would like to arrange a visit, please contact Heidi Watson on 01372 811313 or Email: [rainbow@bookhambaptist.org](mailto:rainbow@bookhambaptist.org)**

# Bookham Baptist Children's Centre

## Our Story....

Bookham Baptist Children's Centre launched in January 2016 following the closure of the previous SureStart Wellspring Children's Centre, shut after government budget cuts. We could see that our local community really needed and benefitted from having a safe and welcoming place where all families can access support, information and fun activities with their little ones.

Since the start we have run a range of groups such as Rhyme Time, Noah's Ark and Walkie Talkies. More recently we run weekly Bumps and Babies and Crawlers and Cruisers groups, so we are regularly in touch with around 40 families a week. If you have a little one, or are a grandparent or carer looking after a child under 5, then do come along, we would love to meet you ☺

Life isn't always easy and parenting can at times be really challenging. We all need a little bit of extra support to help us through the tricky times. We have provided much needed Family Support and outreach to 70 families in the last 5 years. Family Support has been a bit

of a lifeline for families throughout the pandemic.

The centre is funded by charitable giving from people in the church and local community and via grants. We have recently lost £10,000 per year of grants. To keep the groups going and to continue the Family Support work we need to raise £10,000 per year.

## How can you Help?

If you have ever come along to a group, course or event run by the Children's Centre, and have benefitted from it and want to give some back, we would gratefully receive donations on our **Just Giving Page**, details on our website soon.

If your **employer or company you work** for want to make us their charity of choice for charitable donations then we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to **do your own Fundraising Event**, such as a sponsored run, cycle, silence(!), hold your own coffee morning, bake sale or your own creative ideas then please get in touch and we would love to publicise these on our facebook page.



Can you take part in one of our fundraising events coming up? Come to our **5 Top Tips for Peaceful Parenting** evening, join in with our **Big Bookham Toddle** and get sponsorship, and come and buy lovely hand-made items at our **Village Day stall**.

**Volunteer your Time** – want to give something back? Join the Children's Centre team of volunteers, help with refreshments, setting up and pack away from groups. Come and help at one of our regular groups (subject to appropriate DBS checks etc) Do you have a skill such as sewing/knitting or baking that could help us?

More information can be found by contacting [Reception@bookhambaptist.org](mailto:Reception@bookhambaptist.org) or calling 01372 811 313



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# Leatherhead Youth Project



## Freestyle

During the Easter Holidays LYP took 29 young people away for a residential break to Walton Firs Activity Centre in Cobham. The four-day trip was a fantastic opportunity for the young people to enjoy time together, while encouraging them to venture outside of their comfort zone with activities including archery, air rifle shooting, high and low ropes and climbing.

Each evening the group would come together for dinner, followed by a talk and discussion on topics such as facing your fears and perseverance.

Residential are a great way to build solid relationships with the young people and get to know their needs, so that we can best support them during our other projects.

## Life After AllSaints

The former AllSaints Coffee Shop Manager, Laura Dicken has joined Leatherhead Youth Project as Project Development Lead. Laura's focus is to create a new offering for older young people who are struggling to access education or employment. We are currently researching the needs of this cohort through interviews and school surveys. Working closely with a small group of older young people known to LYP we are now in the pilot stage, trialling different offerings that will best support their needs.

## BYouth Bookham Youth Work

BYouth is LYP's youth café in Bookham. It's open twice a week after school for young people in school years 7 – 11. The aim of BYouth is to provide a safe, positive space for

young people to meet friends, enjoy activities and games, and get to know our youth workers. BYouth allows our team to build positive relationships with local young people, and by doing so we can understand their needs and support them in other areas of their lives. Our team can help with referrals to counselling, careers advice and support with learning specific skills.

BYouth is open Monday and Friday, 4:15 – 6:15pm. We have games consoles, table football and toasties. BYouth currently meets at St. Nicolas Pastoral Centre which can be accessed by taking the alleyway between HeadsUp and Carolinas on Church Road, Bookham.

For more details, email [jenny@leatherheadyouthproject.com](mailto:jenny@leatherheadyouthproject.com)

# Howard of Effingham School

Between 10 – 12 March Howard of Effingham School performed 'The Little Mermaid' at Leatherhead Theatre. Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and the Disney film,



The Little Mermaid is a classic tale about a young mermaid who falls in love with a human and the conflict of choosing between her family or her one true love.

The cast was made up of talented young performers ranging from year 7 to year 12 who undertook a very intense rehearsal period with lots of lunchtime and after-school rehearsals. Each student had a vital role and threw themselves into embracing life under the sea.

*Being a part of The Howard musical has been the highlight of our lives at The Howard and the*

*'fantastic' Little Mermaid allowed us to step back from the stress of GCSEs and appreciate the amazing friendships we have made through the years of doing the musical. There is such an array of talent and hard work that goes into putting such an amazing musical on and we are grateful to be part of something so special. – Ellie- Ariel, Hollie - Sebastian, Rosie – Mersister.*

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. Every show was a great success with a large audience, great cheers and fantastic energy which we know will live on for a very long time.

# Polesden Lacey Playschool are going Plastic Free!



We've always been an environmentally aware setting, working on reducing our single use plastics, reusing uniform with second hand sales and recycling regularly with TerraCycle (saving an incredible 30kg of non recyclable plastic waste from landfill so far). We've also been working closely with Plastic Free Bookham to become community allies and are now officially signed up to Plastic Free Nurseries.

Plastic Free Nurseries is part of the Plastic Free Schools programme from Surfers Against

Sewage. The programme has been developed to tackle unnecessary single use plastics in communities. There are stories, activities and actions within the programme which will raise awareness of the plastic problem and take positive steps to reduce the amount of single use plastic used in our playschool.

There are five objectives for us to complete. These objectives work alongside the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework helping children's personal, social and emotional development, understanding of the world around them and expressing themselves through art and design with a positive environmental message at its core.

Motivated and powering through our first objective, we have set up our Plastic Free Nurseries Club, welcome to all Playschool staff, parents and pupils to join. Plastic pollution is a huge problem and an unwelcome sight at every beach, park and river across our planet.

If we work together, we can stop plastic pollution from taking over our world. Let's start now in our playschool!

For our next objective we will be teaming up with our friends over the fence at Polesden Lacey Infants and working together to complete our 'Trash Mob' litter pick, which they also need to complete for their Plastic Free Schools, becoming plastic detectives to determine what litter we have discovered locally and sending our findings to Surfers Against Sewage HQ.

For further information about the Playschool, please get in touch or visit our website. If you have any enquires with regards to admissions or would like to arrange a visit, contact our Admissions Officer, Alison Roberts ([Alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com](mailto:Alison.s.roberts@btinternet.com))

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