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Bookham Village Day



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'The Olympians'
Saturday 15 June

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There will be an exciting line-up of music, displays and attractions in the field behind the Old Barn Hall from 12noon.

For full programme and details see centre pages.

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 - Old Barn Hall office: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am - 12pm
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Bookham Open Gardens

Do come and join in this annual event where often well over 700 people enjoy going around the village. Meeting friends and neighbours along the way. This year we have around 15 varied and attractive private gardens, including many new ones.

Also During Village Week

Tuesday 18th June – Village Week Quiz for BCA Affiliated Organisations. 7pm at the Old Barn Hall. Contact keithslark@tiscali.co.uk for info

Thursday 20th June- Summer Concert by Mole Valley Silver Band. 8pm at Old Barn Hall. Tickets £10 from OBH office or Sarah on 01372 456176



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From the Chairman

We are looking forward to 'THE OLYMPIANS' coming to Bookham for Village Day on the 15th June. It will be fascinating to see how our Schools and Pre-schools taking part in the Parade interpret the theme. The Parade will be led this year by our very own Traditional Jazz group 'The Old Barn Strollers' who will also be playing during the afternoon. They will be joined on the field by the 'Band from the Pub' making a welcome return.

There will be trophies for the winners and runners-up in the Parade soon after 12noon.



On the field there are 60 stalls and sideshows including rides and games for all ages. Hot food and our real ale bar will be on the field with lunches and teas throughout the afternoon in the man hall.

Free entry for all - we look forward to seeing you there. This a community event but is run by the Bookham Community Association to raise money to improve the Old Barn Hall.

The day only happens with the help of our volunteers running all the stalls, bar and refreshments but to manage the event we do need more help please!

The principal times are:

7.15am to 10.30am Setting-up - bringing out and distributing tables, erecting gazebos, stakes and ropes for the arena and queuing areas

10.15am to 12.15pm Stewards to close the High Street and man barriers

11am to 12.30 Stewarding parade from High Street to Field and loading arena. Closing Lower Road and Church Road

12noon to 4pm Stewarding the Field as required under Health & Safety regulations. This year we must assign stewards to specific areas such as entry/exit points and other strategic areas.

4 pm to 5.30pm Putting it all away again! (when those who have been there all day are bushed!)

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

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Old Barn Hall Jazz Club - most Sundays

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BF&D Garden Society - Fourth Monday
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Bookham Stamp Club - Fourth Tuesday
Cancer Chat Café - Second Wednesday
Eastwick WI - Third Wednesday
The Arts Society - Fourth Tuesday
Bookham Bees - First Wednesday

Elsewhere

Bookham Litter Pickers - First Sunday
Bookham Seniors Computer Club - Friday
Bookham Scottish Country Dance - Friday

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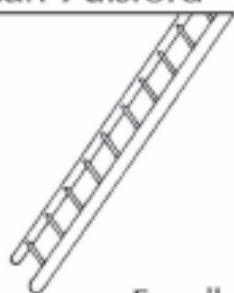
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June 2nd	Golden Eagle Celebration 5
June 9th	Excel Jazzmen
June 16th	Gambit Jazzmen
June 23rd	No Jazz Today - Bookham Gardens Visiting
June 30th	Hugh Crozier' Incomparables
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South Bookham SPACE

At South Bookham SPACE we are pleased to offer a range of clubs, classes and activities to all age ranges. We would like to tell our community about two baby groups who make a real difference to those that attend. Fingers and Thumbs Baby Massage, who meet on a Monday, and the TinyTalk who meet on a Friday.

Fingers and Thumbs Baby massage is run by Laura, a Doula, Massage Therapist and Maternity Bodyworker who is passionate about supporting new families. She runs courses to not only support local families but because she believes firmly that creating a supportive network of new parents also supports our local community. She provides a fun, safe and engaging space for families to bond and grow in confidence at understanding their babies' cues.

Baby Massage has several benefits including increasing the production of melatonin (the sleepy hormone), endorphins, dopamine, and oxytocin (the happy hormones) and improving oxygen flow, all while promoting social, emotional and cognitive development. To find out more please visit: <https://www.fingersandthumbsmassage.com/baby-massage-classes/>

TinyTalk Baby Signing, Toddler Talking, and

Newborn Communication classes in Bookham offer a plethora of benefits for both parents and little ones. These local classes empower infants to communicate before they can speak, reducing frustration and enhancing early cognitive development. Parents learn to understand their child's needs through basic sign language, fostering a deeper bond. The supportive environment also provides a fantastic opportunity for socialization, connecting families within the Bookham community. Additionally, the classes promote language skills, boost confidence, and create a positive, engaging atmosphere for both babies and parents. Investing in TinyTalk classes proves invaluable for early communication development and building lasting connections. To find out more please visit : www.tinytalk.co.uk/katherinep

If you would like to find out more about other activities hosted at SPACE please see our website www.southbookhamspace.org.uk. To hire a venue for your next party, event or meeting please email hire.southbookhamspace@gmail.com. Please contact us if you would like to teach a class that can benefit our community. We look forward to you joining us.

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Bookham Open Gardens Day – Sunday 23rd June 2024, 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 are featuring around 14 varied and attractive private gardens to share with you, including 4 which have never opened before. Sadly The Grange can't join us this year as they have exciting works going on in their walled garden – we hope they'll be able to show it next year.

Our garden owners will give you a warm welcome and provide you with the opportunity to pick up ideas for your own garden, answer your questions or you can simply enjoy the beautiful surroundings. The gardens come in all shapes and sizes, from the formal to more laid-back planting, some with wildlife-friendly planting and habitats, and some with quirky features. You'll see fruit and vegetable plots in some of the gardens too. Plenty of inspiration.

Find out more about individual gardens in the programme which will be available at our ticket outlets or can be downloaded from 1st June from our website at www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk.

Open Gardens Day raises money for the upkeep of our historic Old Barn Hall and, since we started, we have raised over £80,000 for vital maintenance. We will be serving delicious

home-baked cakes, rolls and drinks throughout the day at the Hall. Plants will be available to buy at some gardens.

Tickets on sale from 1st June: £7 in advance from

- Online at www.bookhamopengardens.co.uk or scan the QR code
- The Vineries Garden Centre, Lower Rd, Effingham who sponsor our event
- Brackenburys, 17a High Street
- Holiday News, 5 Hazel Parade, Fetcham
- Old Barn Hall office, Church Rd, KT23 3PQ. Tel: 01372 456307 (open Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30 - noon)
- Village Day, Sat 15th June, on the car park

On the day you can buy tickets (£8) at the Old Barn Hall or from the gardens themselves. Children under 16 are free, as are carers of wheelchair users (who pay a reduced rate of £5). Regret no dogs, other than assistance dogs.

Contactless payment will again be available at the Old Barn Hall and on Village Day. If you're paying in cash, we'd appreciate if you can find the exact money, particularly at the individual gardens.

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. You will find pictures from previous years to inspire you.

We would also 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, look for 'Bookham Open Gardens' on Facebook, or contact Brenda Kent on 01372 453952 / Email: bnb.selworthy@btinternet.com or Diane Poole on opengardensinfo@gmail.com gardens article

Diane Poole



Bookham Country Market



ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

Are you a resident of Bookham who doesn't know about the Market that's been going since 1976, every Friday, in the Old Barn Hall. We are constantly surprised when new customers arrive, who have lived in Bookham for 20 years, but did not know we existed. Are you one of these?

What do we sell each week from 10am to 12.00 noon? The farm fresh free-range eggs are popular and our home-made baked goods counter has a wide selection including lemon & blueberry and toffee & banana cakes, fruit teabreads, chocolate chip cookies, sausage

rolls, gluten free bakes and many, many more.

Ready meals produced by a local chef include meat, poultry and vegetarian dishes. Chicken dishes are best sellers. Another local resident bakes fantastic award-winning breads, fresh each Friday, definitely not found in supermarkets.

Award-winning speciality cheeses, direct from the dairy, provide 10 cow, sheep and goat milk varieties with Brighton Blue and Herb & Garlic being particularly popular.

We sell jams, marmalades, local honey, and gin, distilled from honey.

We have over 20 different skilled crafters who produce unique and beautiful products. Finding that special and individual present or card is simple.

Come and talk to our qualified garden designers, with years of experience propagating plants that suit local conditions, many of which are not found in garden centres. Customers often comment on how well our plants have thrived in their garden.

You are assured of a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Since reopening after COVID we have served over 1250 customers. Isn't it time you joined them?



The Market will have a stall on the Field at Village Day on Saturday 15th June and in the Barn Hall with crafts for sale on Open Gardens Day – Sunday 23rd June.

Having done your shopping, relax in the coffee shop, maybe with friends, and enjoy a Fairtrade coffee or Teapigs tea with a slice of homemade cake or biscuits.

The market is run by volunteers and is a community activity providing a venue for social interaction, income for the BCA to help maintain the Old Barn Hall and a source of high quality, locally produced products.

See more: www.bookhammarket.wixsite.com/mrkt

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Effingham Golf Club raises over £38,000 for charity



In a staggering display of community spirit, the joint Club Captains, Steve Haines and Deborah Watson, raised an incredible total of £38,211.35 for Alzheimer's Society, as their chosen Charity of the Year 2023.

Steve and Debbie from Effingham Golf Club, said: 'We chose the Alzheimer's Society because we have experienced personal loss and suffering of a relative or a friend due to

dementia. So we wanted to use our moment as Captains to make a financial contribution, drive awareness and open a conversation so those suffering with this devastating illness and their families can live as comfortably as possible in their communities without fear and prejudice.

"We are so grateful for all the members, staff and friends who supported our campaign and

it remains one of the proudest moments of our Captaincy."

Lindy Stannard, Regional Fundraiser at Alzheimer's Society, said: "We are so grateful to Effingham Golf Club for their incredible efforts throughout the year, and their unwavering commitment to raising funds for Alzheimer's Society.

"One in three people born today will develop dementia in their lifetime, and there are currently 900,000 people living with dementia in the UK."

"A timely and accurate diagnosis is crucial to access treatment and support that can help people manage dementia symptoms and avoid ending up in crisis. If you or your loved one are worried about experiencing dementia symptoms, you should visit your GP. They will try to assess what's likely to be causing the problem."

Alzheimer's Society is here for everyone affected by dementia. Call the Dementia Support Line on 0333 150 3456 or visit alzheimers.org.uk for help and advice.

Bookham u3a

Bookham u3a holds meetings on the first Tuesday of every month (except August) at the Old Barn Hall, Church Road. The talk starts at 2.30pm followed by tea and biscuits and a chance to meet and chat with other members.

Visitors are very welcome to come along and find out more about our activities and Interest Groups. We also arrange day outings; theatre trips and other events locally.

The Interest Groups cover very many different subjects and activities. Have a look at our website: bookhamu3a.org.uk

There you will see that membership offers very much more, in enjoyment, learning opportunities and meeting other local people



who are not in full time employment. You can also see the latest copy of our magazine.

Our programme for the next few months:-

June 4th: Martin Lloyd. "Passports, assassins, Traitors and Spies"



about the history of passports.

July 2nd Gerrard McMahon. "Mary's Meals" about providing life-changing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities.

Bookham Bridge Club

During March members and guests of Bookham Bridge Club enjoyed a day with Andrew Robson and his Bridge Masterclass titled Words of Wisdom and Tips Around the Bridge Table. The fun and memorable day raised £1,500 for The Old Barn Hall and The Princess Alice Hospice. Bookham Bridge Club meets on Monday and Thursday afternoons at The Old Barn Hall Bookham, for Duplicate bridge, commencing at 1pm. Visitors welcome.



Bookham Bees WI



Bookham Bees have been remarkably busy, and the evenings are getting lighter, the birds are singing and the beautiful spring flowers are in full bloom. A lovely time of time of the year!

Bookham Bees have enjoyed a full diary of meetings and group events. Our activity group list continues to grow, and we welcome two new groups this month – a cinema group and a Sunday Roast Lunch group. We also have groups for Coffee, Lunch, Gardening, Theatre, Pub Night, Family History, Sewing, Knitting, Bridge Club, Ukulele, Art, and several Walking groups so there is something for everyone.,

Our programme for 2024 started with a fascinating talk from Paul Henry describing the history of kilt making and the manufacturing process from sheep's wool to the finished article.

In February, Glenn Carmichael, group leader of the RSPB Dorking Branch, gave us a beginner's guide to bird watching, with many interesting

slides of various birds to be found around our region.

During our March meeting we had a talk from Helen Bullen who described her journey dealing with cancer. Her talk was filled with positivity, and she spoke about a sensitive subject in an inspiring and uplifting way.

We look forward to our sixth birthday party in April, which will be an evening packed with fun, laughter, and cake. Bookham Bees WI is an excellent forum for forming new friendships

throughout the year. Many members who are new to the Bookham area have said that joining the Bees has been brilliant!

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Old Barn Hall in Great Bookham at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. If you are interested in coming along, please contact our membership secretary Heather Broadhurst (heather@broadhurst.org.uk) for further information.

Jenny Bissell
President - Bookham Bees WI



Coffee morning at the Vineries



Theatre outing to see Grease

Great Bookham Belles WI



As we are such a large WI our subgroups are very important in allowing members to get to know each other better and form lasting friendships. We currently have the following subgroups: local history, walking, film and theatre, walking netball, Decibelles choir, environment (including litter picking), cycling, coffee cake & friendship, out and about, gardening and several book groups. All of these have been very active over the last few months.

Our local history group had a very interesting tour of West Horsley Place going to all the "nooks and crannies" of this historic building. Much restoration has been done but with loads more to do. Members also had a

fascinating visit to Guildford Spike (a Victorian poorhouse), most of us had no idea this existed and the visit gave us an insight into how hard life was for some in those times.

The out and about group visited the Triangle House (featured on Grand Designs) following our talk by the owners Olaf and Fritha last year. We also had a chilly but enlightening tour of part of Brookwood Cemetery (the largest in the UK) a very tranquil and interesting place.

We are currently full with a waiting list but welcome visitors to our monthly meetings (usually the 3rd Monday of the month), please email contactbelleswi@gmail.com for information.

The spring term has whizzed by for the 120 members of Great Bookham Belles WI. We welcomed Helen Bullen to our January monthly meeting. She spoke in an uplifting way about her breast cancer diagnosis and journey.

Our February meeting was run by our very active Environment Group. They invited Milda from Ecocentric Us to talk about her business and new shop in Claygate which sells refills of cleaning products and dried food. Her passion is to reuse and refill plastic bottles so preventing many going to landfill and recycling (it takes more energy to recycle a plastic bottle than to produce a new one).

In March local West End Theatre performer Lorriane Donaghey gave an interesting talk on her career, including her time performing in many well-known musicals. We are looking forward to more interesting and educational talks in the coming months.



Bookham Butterflies WI



Bookham Butterflies enjoyed trying out some Bollywood dancing during their January meeting! We were led by our speaker Annabel Brash, a fitness instructor who has been running exercise and dance classes for around 30 years. Annabel gave us an introduction to

Bollywood film, followed by a demo of Bollywood dance moves, which we tried out, both seated and standing. We all had a great evening and it was a wonderful opportunity to try something completely different.

Since the start of the year we have also heard from speaker Sarah Oldridge, who talked about the Victorian explorer and traveller Marianne North, as well as Fiona-Jane Weston, who brought the women of World War II to life through entertaining songs from the period.

Our coffee and Chat group has already visited the cafes at Polesden Lacey, Bocketts Farm (for the first time) and Denbies Vineyard so far this year, for its monthly gathering. Meanwhile, as

the weather improves, our Exploring Gardens group are starting their varied programme of garden visits for 2024, visiting Ramster Gardens in Chiddingfold.

We are also looking forward to our charity quiz at the Old Barn Hall, raising funds for our 2024 charity of the year, Yorda Adventures. The charity is based in Chessington and provides play and short breaks for children with significant learning difficulties.

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

Bookham Butterflies WI try out Bollywood dancing at their monthly meeting.

Barn Hall Crafters

The Barn Hall Crafters is a stand-alone, unaffiliated group of ladies who enjoy crafting almost anything and everything! We meet every month on the first and third Tuesday mornings 9.30 am – 12.00pm in the Harrison Room of the Barn Hall for a cuppa (always with cakes and biscuits of course) and a good natter.

We have regular workshops at exceedingly reasonable prices, such as macramé, mosaics, silk painting, paper crafting, quilling. Basically, you name it and we will give it a go. In between the workshops, we meet to bring and complete our own work and catch up with our friends in a very relaxed atmosphere. Does it sound interesting?



We would love to see a few new faces. Age and ability is no hindrance. Come and join us for a taster, no pressure to join, but you might just surprise yourself as to how much fun you have.

For more info please contact Lorraine 07736 279887 or just turn up.



Howard of Effingham School

As always, a huge amount has been achieved at school over the Spring Term. Students returned from an amazing ski trip in Austria, thankfully injury free, and with some wonderful memories of happy times spent on the slopes of Zell am See and many new friendships forged.

Y13 and Y11 students did a great job of their mock exams over the course of the half term, preparing themselves effectively for the summer exams. The 2024 Gym and Dance show was a huge success, as was the superb production of 'Legally Blonde' at the Leatherhead Theatre. Year 9 students enjoyed a trip to 'Planet Utopia' at the RGS where they were tasked with setting up a new society and infrastructure in which to live and thrive.

Meanwhile, 6th Form students attended a 'Doughnut Economics' workshop (as pioneered by Professor Kate Raworth from Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute) at Zero in Guildford. Students also took part in a careers trip to Oxford University, a Y9 girls STEM trip to Guildford College, and raised money for comic relief through our mufti day.

Our musicians dazzled us with their 'Evening of Jazz' concert, with some of them also benefiting from a visit to the Yehudi Menuhin School. In the last 2 weeks, overseas residential trips have departed and returned to the Rhineland in Germany, and to Lisbon for our 6th Form Chemists.

Individual and team achievements have included selection for the GB Kickboxing Team, selection for the GB underwater hockey team, our Y10 netball team making it to the national finals in Loughborough,. Year 8 and year 9 students achieved grade 8 distinctions in their piano exams, selection for the national cross country championships, a joint 3rd place for our team in the Royal Society of Chemistry 'Top of the Bench' competition, and much more.

We are looking forward in particular to our annual summer music festival, HowardFest on Saturday 22 June 2024.

James Baker, Principal

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Nestled in the idyllic village of Bookham lies a gem of education - Polesden Lacey Infant School. With its picturesque surroundings and a commitment to excellence, the school has become a beacon of inspired learning in the community. At Polesden Lacey, education transcends traditional boundaries. The curriculum is designed to ignite curiosity, foster creativity and instil a lifelong love for learning. From the moment students step through the doors, they are greeted with a vibrant atmosphere that stimulates their inquisitive minds.

One of the school's distinctive features is its emphasis on hands-on learning experiences. Whether it's exploring nature in the school's lush woods, conducting science experiments around the pond, or engaging in interactive storytelling sessions, students are actively involved in their learning journey.

Recently we have celebrated world maths day, been enthralled by a local author, inspired by an Olympic athlete, had a medieval banquet and made pledges to keep plastic out of our oceans. The dedicated team of educators at Polesden Lacey understands that every child is unique. They employ innovative teaching methods that cater to diverse learning styles, ensuring that each student reaches their full potential.

The school's commitment to holistic development extends beyond academics. Through a rich array of extracurricular activities such as music, art and sports, students are encouraged to pursue their passions and develop essential life skills like teamwork, resilience, and leadership.

Polesden Lacey also fosters a strong sense of community and collaboration. Parents, teachers, and students work hand in hand to create a nurturing environment where

everyone feels valued and supported. As a result, the school stands as a shining example of inspired learning in action. By nurturing young minds and cultivating a culture of excellence, the school paves the way for future generations to thrive in an ever-changing world.


We are excited to announce that we have a stall at Village Day where you can have a go at some of our Forest School activities. We look forward to seeing you there.



Bookham, Fetcham and District Garden Society

Garden Show
Saturday 13 July 2 - 4pm

The Tithe Barn, Manorhouse Lane,
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Welcome to the 2024 Garden Show in this beautiful 15th Century barn.

See inside for details of the classes you can enter – all types of garden produce plus cookery and crafts for all ages.

And it makes a great outing for all the family, viewing the exhibits while enjoying an afternoon tea and cake.

See you there!

We are off to a really good start this year. At the first meeting we were treated to a very good talk by two local bee keepers, Brian Stevens and Christine Howell. A very informative evening, we learnt a lot about the bees' lives from the short lived workers to the long lived Queen. Brian brought an old fashioned hive and a skep, along with frames which smelt delicious. The life of a hive is fascinating, the flavour of the honey depends on the bee's food source. We had plenty of questions that were answered well, we all came away full of information and in awe of these tiny industrious insects that provide us with honey."

Jinny Harvey tells us: "The March Gardener's Question time was a most enjoyable and successful meeting. Questions flowed and answers came from a really knowledgeable panel and from the floor and everyone learned something new." An outing to Loseley Park, south of Guildford, was planned for April.

In May we have an illustrated talk on Grow,

Cook and Show which will prepare us for summer gardening, using produce and even how to participate in the Summer Show on Saturday 13th July which is open to everyone of all ages! You do not have to be a member, but perhaps you will decide to join.

We are all amateurs, joining in the fun, appreciating the bountiful produce and crafts and enjoying a lovely occasion at the beautiful Tithe Barn in Little Bookham. The schedules are available, so get yourself one and start planning what classes you could enter. You could just start with one or two classes and increase from there. I also have it on good authority that the tea and cakes served are delicious, so encourage your friends to come along.

If you would like to find out more about this society and activities, or would like a show schedule, please contact Angela Stevens on 01372456713 or email craigjrstevens@btinternet.com

Jennifer Smitheman.

Rainbow Pre-school



At the end of this summer's term, July 2024 Rainbow Pre-school will be saying its final goodbye. Rainbow has been open since 1988 and over the years the original parent and toddler group has adapted and changed to meet the needs of the families it serves.

Rainbow became a registered playgroup with Ofsted in 1992 and the staff team have committed themselves to providing excellent early years care and education for the young children coming to Rainbow. We are grateful for their loyalty and service.

In recent years the staff have worked

particularly hard to achieve two successive Ofsted 'Outstanding' grades in their government inspections. The team at Bookham Baptist Church and the committee of volunteers, who are responsible for the running of the pre-school, have put in a lot of effort to ensure its smooth running ensuring Rainbow has been compliant with the high standards Ofsted sets.

After a long and successful career with Rainbow Heidi Watson, who has worked passionately as the manager for the past eight years giving Rainbow the great reputation it has in the village, has decided to step away from the pressures of managing a busy preschool. Coupled with this decision, members of the Rainbow committee, Rachael Underwood, Moira Allen, Rachel Hall and Tristan Watson, the Chair, who have also loyally served Rainbow for many years, were wanting to spend time on other projects. After much heart searching and thought, it was decided to close the pre-school at the end of this

academic year.

We are glad there is such high quality pre-school provision in our village and that there are many other choices for parents to make. It is with much sadness that Rainbow is closing but nothing can take away the experiences and happy memories that everyone connected with Rainbow has and that new pathways will open for everyone.

A big farewell party will be held on Saturday 20th July so please do look out for further information about this if it is something you would like to attend. Tickets will be available through the Bookham Baptist Church website. All are welcome, past staff, parents, attendees of Rainbow well-wishers please do come along.

This will be the last Bookhams Bulletin article from Rainbow. We would like to extend our thanks to this wonderful local magazine which has helped us share what has been going on in Rainbow, a very special Pre-school. It will be remembered very fondly.

Bookham Bowls Club



As we near the start of our new season all eyes are on the weather! Having had one of the wettest starts, we need sun! Lots of it! No, LOTS of it!

Not only to dry out the rink but to encourage our new grass to spread its roots downwards and give us a firm playing surface.

By the time you are reading this we will,

hopefully, have had our members opening drive and the free Come & Try weekend to gain new bowlers. If you did come along I hope you liked what you saw and maybe signed up for more coaching? No need to wait till you retire!

Over winter we have run inside the clubhouse a very successful Darts League and Short Mat League which supplements our one held on a Monday evening at the Old Barn Hall. We have had Bingo, Wine Tasting and Quiz nights to keep everybody happy. Indoor bowling competitions have again kept members fit.

The members have also been busy doing good work when they could in ensuring the grounds have been looked after and the clubhouse. Busy time getting the club ready after our successful 90th Anniversary last year.

So external matches have been planned, internal matches the same with several leagues ready to roll as soon as possible. Competition matches against our local neighbouring clubs have been advised.

National competitions have been entered and our ladies are ready to defend their winning streak of last year.

So have a look at our website: www.Bookhambowls.co.uk and come along and find us on the edge of the Chrystie Rec, Dorking Road on the way up to Polesden Lacey.

We will be supporting Village Day as well this year.

Richard Sealy press officer.



Bookham Seniors Computer Club

Did you know...?

Unlike passwords, email addresses and website names are not case sensitive; both are normally written in lowercase because it is easier for humans to read. There is however nothing to stop you mixing lower and capital case letters for aesthetic, clarity or branding purposes. For example, there is no difference between `johnsmith@bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk` and `JohnSmith@BookhamSeniorsComputerClub.co.uk`. However, it is usually not a good idea to write your email address all in capital letters in today's social media crazed world as it is generally considered to be SHOUTING!

Bookham Seniors Computer Club has a large and active membership aimed at the over 50s in the area. Our wide range of friendly and relaxed courses are aimed at novices and those seeking to learn more about using their PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

The club started its summer term with an Open Day on Friday 12 April 2024 where members were invited to suggest topics for PCs/laptops, tablets and smartphones from which the term's programme has been finalised. This is now available on the club's website bookhamseniorscomputerclub.co.uk or scan the QR code.

Meetings are held on Friday mornings between 10 and 12 at Little Bookham Village Hall (except the first Friday in the month which will be held via Zoom). Annual membership for the year 2023/24 costs £35 with no additional charges for attending any of sessions and includes tea, coffee and biscuits during a mid-morning break.

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 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.

The club welcomes new members. 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



The Arts Society Bookham



The New Year's programme presented an interesting set of experiences. It opened with 'Women Artists in Britain' by Dr Amy Lim that was linked to an exhibition at Tate Britain opening in May which will showcase examples from the 16th century to WW1. A live virtual Zoom stroll took us from our armchairs to the streets of Lisbon with guide Ines Valencia.

The February talk by archaeologist Louise Schofield recounted her sometimes frightening experiences excavating in 'the mysterious southern coast of Albania, Mesopotamia and Northern Ethiopia'. No doubt both lectures were discussed in the informal coffee morning for members which also raised from the raffle £135 for the Downside Nursery project.

Music returned in March with Ian Glendhill giving the history of operetta, little opera, from its beginnings by Offenbach in the mid-1800s to Franz Lehár in the last century. Giving recorded examples, complete with translation, he clearly met the title of his talk 'Pink Champagne: The World of Viennese Operetta'.

In 'Oak Trees, Royal Navy & Shipyards of East Anglia and the East Coast' our May lecturer Magdalen Evans will display paintings which celebrate our fascination with maritime history. The first political cartoonist James Gillray is the subject of Ian Keable's June lecture. In July before the August break is 'Tea, Opium and Hong Kong. The China Trade 1600-



1900' will be illustrated with Chinese and Western paintings by Patrick Conner.

This year's visit in May is a full five-day tour of Northern Ireland, including The Titanic Experience and Derry. Full details in the next Bulletin.

Whilst continuing their work at Guildford Cathedral, Angela Stevens and the Heritage Volunteering group have also turned their skilled attention to more literary matters. Cleaning and documenting the vast number

of books in the library at West Horsley Place continues where Angela is looking for interested volunteers.

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 make contact via the website.

John Cook



Village Day Saturday 15 The Oly

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
Barn Hall Strollers
Leatherhead Lions' Float
Bus Stop Pre-school
Peter Pan Playschool
Polesden Lacey Playschool
Rainbow Pre-school
Eastwick Infant School
Polesden Lacey Infant School
Great Bookham School

In the Arena

11.30am **Barn Hall Strollers** play in High Street
11.40 Parade leaves High Street led by **Barn Hall Strollers**
12.00 Parade assembles in Arena for Prizegiving
12.30 **Eastwick School**
12.40 **Great Bookham School**
12.50 **Polesden Lacey School**
1.00 **Band from the Pub**
1.20 **Action Theatre**
1.40 **Stagecoach Performing Arts**
1.50 **Band from the Pub**
2.15 **Barn Hall Strollers**
3.00 **Band from the Pub**
4.00 Finish


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What can you do at Village Day?

- **Small animal and duck handling** *with Bocketts Farm*
- Conquer the **A+ Climbing Wall** *with Churches Together of Bookham*
- Try the **Last Man Standing** *by Elios & DiCarlos Hairdreassing*
- Try your skill *with Curchods* **Coconut Shy**
- **Magic and children's fun** *with Rawlins Opticians*
- Win a cuddly toy on the **Toy Tombola**
- Tea Cup Ride...Hoop La...Football shooting Game
- Have fun on the Bouncy Castle
- **Children's games and fun** in the front car park
- ...and many more stalls, games and displays

Food & Drink

- **Real Ale Cash 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 plus soft drinks** *by Tesco*

In the Arena

- **Displays by Schools and Clubs**
- **Music from the Barn Hall Strollers and the Band from the Pub**

Bookham Camera Club

The Bookham Camera Club continues a great year with in-house workshops, presentations from professional photographers, talks from members, group outings and technical workshops. While meeting on most occasions in the Eastwick Church Hall, we continue to use Zoom to allow presentations from photographers in more remote locations. We have had leading professionals join from Scotland, Eastern Europe and the US among other locations.

Our programme is designed to help advance the interests and skills of members while also bringing some new perspectives and subject

matter to the group. During the season we meet from about 7:45 pm until 10:00pm on Thursday nights.

Bookham Camera Club's success in competitions continues with our members' results at the Surrey Photographic Association's 2024 Biennial Exhibition. The Exhibition was on display at the Guildford House Gallery during April. Our members can be proud of the results with two Category Winners (Best Digital Image, Best Nature Print), two Selector's Awards and several Highly Commended and Commended recognitions.

The Biennial is a competition among the members of the 40+ Photography groups within

the Surrey Photographic Association and this year over 1,500 photos were entered. Bookham members had the highest number of accepted images of any club in Surrey.

The Club will be on a summer break from June through to August, but back to a full schedule in September. Also, the Bookham Annual Exhibition will be held this year from June 10 through to 16th at Denbies exhibition space. Please stop by and visit us there or contact us through the website if you would like more information about the club. (<https://bookhamcameraclub.zenfolio.com/>)

Randal Tajer
Chair

The Meeting Place



We have been very pleased to welcome our new Anna Chaplain, Liz, who works with a team of Anna Friends and other volunteers to organise a wide range of activities for older people in our community. Anna Chaplaincy is a national network licensed through the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) which aims to support and celebrate those who have lived long and experienced much.

The popular Praise and Craft sessions continue at Liberham Lodge Care Home, and we continue the series of Living Well in Older Age talks with one held in Bookham Library on 8 May from Sensory Services/Sight for Surrey on how best to access support with sight or hearing loss. In August we will again run two

"Holiday at Home" days – on 7 August at Eastwick Road Church and on 21 August at Bookham Baptist Church. Save the dates!

Classes at the Language Hub continue during the summer term, after which they will break up for the summer holidays. Lessons are for people for whom English is not their first language and are organised in two groups, Beginners (at Mole Valley Skills Hub in Leatherhead) and Intermediate level (on zoom). If you are a TEFL/CELTA trained teacher and would like to find out more about volunteering with us, we would be very pleased to hear from you, it's a very rewarding role. Our Lip Reading classes will also take a break over the summer holidays.

The Community Fridge and the Coffee Shop continue to run throughout the summer. The

Coffee Shop is held at Bookham Baptist Church every Saturday morning from 10-12noon. Hearing Champions, a free hearing aid maintenance service for NHS hearing aids will be available at Coffee Shop on Saturdays 4 May, 6 July, 3 August and 31 August.

The Community Fridge is available at Bookham Baptist Church on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings – everyone is welcome to come and see what food there is available to prevent it being wasted.

All these activities keep our volunteer teams very busy – if you'd like to join us please get in touch through our website <http://themeetingplace.org.uk>, emailing us at info@themeetingplace.org.uk or by leaving a message on 07425 133431. Thank you!

Eastwick WI



Recent meetings of Eastwick WI have welcomed a good variety of speakers and entertainers. In January we heard "Four Effect", a group of a Capella singers, four young women performing barber-shop style in four-part harmony. They explained how the pieces were adapted for women's voices and got the WI members joining in with some of their exercises.

The following month we were delighted to welcome back Lucy Quinnell from the Fire and Iron Gallery in Leatherhead. She told us about the history of her house, Rowhurst, next to the Gallery, which some of us had visited when it opened to the public last autumn. The earliest record of the building dates from the 14th century and another large part from the 17th when it may have been a hunting lodge for Hampton Court. The flint basement appears to be even older and traces of Roman and Bronze Age occupation have been found.

The March meeting was an amusing talk by ex-Army band member Malcolm Wells. His time in the band included playing inappropriate music at Buckingham Palace and holding up TV schedules with long performances. He now does much charity work, notably with Canine Partner who provide helper dogs for disabled



people.

Several social events have been held and smaller groups within the WI are active, such as the camera and garden groups, craft, book club and mahjong. Information about Eastwick WI is on eastwickwi.chessck.co.uk and visitors are always welcome at meetings.

Rotary, Bookham & Horsley



refuelling stops along the way to take on water, cake... and plenty of bananas!

Special thanks, also, to local female singing trio, Vivo, for keeping everyone entertained throughout the day.

And don't worry if you missed out on this year's event - plans are already well underway for next year - further information in due course at www.cyclesurreyhill.co.uk.



Cycle Surrey Hills 2024

Many thanks to everyone who took part in this year's Bookham & Horsley Rotary Cycle Surrey Hills event on Sunday, April 14.

With a record-breaking 114 sign-ups and exactly 100 cyclists on the day itself, the event raised more than £3,000 for this year's two main beneficiaries, ESDAS (East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services) and Crossroads Care Surrey.

In near perfect weather, with a choice of three different routes to suit all abilities, the first cyclist left St Teresa's School in Effingham at about 8.15am with the final one 'staggering back in' at around 4.15pm, with regular



Friends of Juniper Hall learn that the River Mole is in safe hands



At our first meeting of this year on 14th March The Friends of Juniper Hall were given a fascinating insight into the management of the River Mole by Dr Lewis Campbell, who works for the South East Rivers Trust. He is responsible for hosting the River Mole catchment partnership and overseeing the

Trust's projects on the river.

In a well illustrated talk he described the Trust's involvement in the four areas of Engagement with the local community, Education involving schools, Partnership with other Stakeholders such as Water Companies

and River Restoration. The meeting was well attended and there were lots of questions and discussion much of it over lunch of soup and sandwiches.

The following events will take place this Summer

Thursday 13th June (please note date change) at 6pm for 6:30pm. Light Refreshments followed by a Talk by Peter Almond entitled "Rewilding and the Knepp Castle Project"

Saturday 20th July. An Open Day and Bio Blitz Event at Juniper Hall aimed at people of all ages. Details will be published in June.

These events plus income from Membership and Donations helps the Friends finance projects to enhance the Field Study Centre facilities at Juniper Hall. Our latest contribution is a stretch tent that can be erected in the Summer to provide an outside classroom.

You can find out more about the Friends, our events, how to get tickets and how to join us from our website friendsofjuniperhall.org.

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Little Bookham WI

This spring, in spite of the rain, our members have been very busy and had lots of fun. Our smaller groups have met regularly for coffee and chat, flower arranging, knit and natter and our Sunday lunch club has proved so popular that we might need to organise a second lunch group. A group of members also enjoyed a visit to the New Victoria Theatre in Woking to see a production of Calendar Girls.

At our February main meeting we learnt some historical facts and stories from Sarah Slater with her talk 'Royal Jubilees – King George III

to Queen Elizabeth II'. In March we all created individual flower arrangements to take home for Easter. At the refreshment break we collected all the arrangements together to form a wonderful display bursting with colour. We rounded off our March meeting with a fun Easter egg raffle.

Little Bookham WI meets at 3pm on the third Wednesday each month, except August, at Little Bookham Village Hall. We always have a warm welcome for visitors.

F. McGregor



Eastwick Road Church

Golden Years Group has its new programme for Spring/Summer out now and will include outings and talks as well as the regular quizzes with tea, coffee and cake.

Mole Valley Life visited recently to give a talk about the various aids and lifelines which are available to enable people to stay in their own homes.

Another popular event was Kim coming to do exercises with music with scarves and balls to make it a session full of fun as well as keeping everyone moving.

Golden Years meets on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Bookham Baptist Church and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Eastwick Road Church.

For more details contact:

Sue Ferguson 01372 453704 (Eastwick Road Church)

Baptist Church Office 01372 811313 (Bookham Baptist Church)

Date for the diary: 'Holiday at Home' run by the Meeting Place Anna Chaplaincy will take place



on Wednesday August 7th at Eastwick Road Church and Wednesday August 21st at Bookham Baptist Church with the theme from 'Ship to Shore'. More details from: ac@themeetingplace.org.uk

Leatherhead and District Twinning Association



Our annual quiz night was attended by some 80 members and guests, who all enjoyed the plentiful cheese and wine while working "the little grey cells". We were

grateful to the many business and personal donors who contributed to a successful raffle.

Our highlight of the year will be a visit from the Triellois, as we call the citizens of our twin town of Trier-sur-Seine, for a weekend beginning the 27th June. This will be the 20th anniversary of the formal twinning agreement and so we want to make it something special. Our celebrations will include an outing to see the sights of Oxford, a reception at which we will be presenting a unique piece of ironwork designed for this anniversary by Lucy Quinnell of the Fire and Iron Gallery, which has been partially funded by a grant from the Thomas Flack Fund. We will be entertained by

members of the local Barber Shop Club.

Our annual garden party will be held in early September. We very much welcome new members to our association (knowledge of French is not a requirement). The annual subscription is currently £10 per annum with under 18s free. Please visit our website – www.friendsoftriel.com – where you will find

our recent newsletters and information on how to become a member. Why not follow us on Facebook at Friends of Trier, where you find up to date information about events and photos.

Please do not hesitate to ring David Crutchley for more information on 01372 4528545.



Action Theatre Club

TV DIRECTOR COMES TO BOOKHAM!



It's been another busy term at the Action Theatre Club as our oldest students enjoyed a workshop with director, Sheridan De Myers. Sheridan, whose directing credits include Eastenders, Emmerdale and many Netflix and Amazon Prime films, came to Bookham to check out our talented bunch. He was so impressed with how fantastic our students were as he watched them perform their rehearsed scenes. The students also performed mock auditions to Sheridan and received feedback. All positive, of course!

As well as this, we also took our oldest singing students to the wonderful Sole Farm Recordings, where our students spent a few hours getting into the booths and singing into the mics as they recorded songs. The finished products were fantastic and it was great for the students to have a different kind of performing

experience.

On top of all of this, our younger students took to the stage at the Nomad Theatre to perform their musicals. We were blown away by their talent! Such wonderful singing, fantastic technical dances and really gripping, confident acting.

Next term is set to be just as exciting, with some special variety performances planned. We shall also be giving our younger students the chance to sing into their microphones as a mobile recording studio visits our classes!

All of this plus a competition for our advanced teens dance class and preparations for our acting only classes as they gear up for their first ever drama festival.

For more info visit; www.actiontheatreclub.com

Bookham Rifle Club

Bookham 'A' team retain the Browne Martin Cup AGAIN

This winter season at Bookham Rifle Club came to an exciting end with the story of a success for us against the Home Counties clubs in one of the most hard fought for competition. It's great to see some impressive shooting by our 'Top Guns', and they are inspirational for the rest of the clubs members, young and old, to practice and compete at their own levels which makes it such an enjoyable sport to take up.

We have all the equipment, training and facilities you need to start with and some great coaches (the cup winners being some of them!).

Lwww.bookhamrifleclub.org.uk

Onto our story as told by our Club Secretary Tim Hammond:



The Bookham 'A' Team of Lina Jones, Ryan Warren, Dave Crispin and Adam Fowler (pictured above with Surrey County President Geoff Doe (far left)) have retained the Browne Martin Cup in one of the closest finals on record.

The competition is shot over the winter for teams of four shooters from Clubs in the Home Counties. There is a first stage which is shot at their home clubs with the top eight teams

proceeding to the finals at the NSRA's Lord Roberts range at Bisley. The finals are shot on a shoulder to shoulder basis with each team member shooting two targets at 25yards for a possible maximum score of 800.

Bookham 'A' made a slightly nervous start in the quarter final, scoring 780 beating Croydon RC who scored 777. In the semi-final Bookham improved to a score of 782 beating Chobham RC who scored 766. This meant that in the final Bookham would be up against Ruislip 'A' team who had made the top score in the first stage and had already dispatched the Bookham 'B' team in the quarter final.

The first target shot, resulted in both teams scoring 389 ex 400 meaning it was all on the last target, Bookham finished slightly ahead scoring a brilliant 392 with Ruislip one point behind on 391 so Bookham retained the Cup.

Mole Valley WI

Our monthly meetings this year have been diverse! In January we went "Through the Stage Door" with a varied and interesting talk on the history of the London Theatres. February is our birthday meeting and not only did we have delicious cakes but we were entertained with a talk on Music for Fun. In March our very interesting and entertaining talk was entitled A Schoolgirl's War.

We are looking forward to a trip to Essex with a cream tea on a canal boat.

Our small groups are busy making plans for the year. The Diggers, our allotment ladies, have had their first meeting and made a start. The ramblers have been a bit stymied by the weather but have been out and about on Bookham Common and Norbury. The photo is some of the gardening group in the winter garden at Polesden Lacey.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Fetcham Village Hall at 7.45pm so why not come along to join us.





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Dorking & District RSPB Group – The Cuckoo

Identifying birds by their songs can be tricky; but you know at least one – the male cuckoo, which calls its name across our local commons in early summer. The female voice is an excited trilling also described as bubbling. As April arrivals with a distinctive call “Cuck – Koo” and the habit of conning other smaller birds into rearing its chicks, the cuckoo has a major place in our folklore. From letters to the Times, music



by Delius and the old country saying 'The hawk never strikes when the cuckoo calls'; it is known even to those with little interest in wildlife.

A slim, grey, long-tailed bird with a small head, its general appearance can be confused with a hawk. It perches almost horizontally and flies with very rapid shallow wingbeats, often low and far. Many mornings on Bookham Common I've hopefully watched a fly past only to have the bird disappear in the distance before landing. On Thursley Common, a more obliging bird has been encouraged by photographers who fed him and over the past eleven years had become known as Colin. Unfortunately Colin didn't make it back to Thursley last Spring but perhaps another male will take over this well fed spot.

Cuckoos are in trouble, almost certainly from changing climate and habitats on their long migrations to tropical Africa. The availability of satellite tracking kit small enough to attach to birds has told us a lot more about the journeys these birds make. You can follow the journeys and discover a lot more about cuckoos at <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/cuckoo-tracking-project>

RSPB Dorking and District Local Group covers the local area (including Dorking, Leatherhead, Bookham, Epsom and Ewell). We offer regular walks, both at weekends and midweek and meetings in person and online to provide the chance to learn more about nature in a friendly way. Check out our activities on Facebook @ “RSPB Dorking and District” or our website <https://www2.rspb.org.uk/groups/dorkinganddistrict/>

The Grange Kicks Off 2024 with a New Greenhouse and Online Shop



The Grange has launched into the new year with exciting new additions: an 18 x 6 metre greenhouse in the Walled Garden and a refreshed online shop. The climate-controlled greenhouse allows year-round horticulture teaching sessions. However, while the greenhouse itself is wheelchair accessible, the terrain leading up to it poses challenges to those with mobility aids.

To address this, we have launched fundraising campaigns that has seen incredible community support so far. The People We Support have recently swum the equivalent distance of The English Channel; a team of runners completed the London Half Marathon; and we have received some generous donations.

With the target still to be reached, we are having one last push! The Grange is organising a unique and exhilarating event on October 5 from 5 to 7.45 pm—a Firewalk. Walking across hot coals is a mind-over-matter experience that pumps adrenaline and tests one's determination. The Grange invites all daring individuals to join in this fiery challenge, either as a firewalker or a supporter cheering on the brave participants. Show your resolve by registering here: www.grangecentre.org.uk/event/firewalk/ to register or donate.

In other exciting news, The Grange has launched an online shop at www.grangecentre.shop, selling merchandise from The Grange Shop@No.5 in Bookham's Church Road. With Father's Day approaching, check out the new range, including a £10 set comprising a Father's Day card, a mug and vanilla fudge.

Keep up-to-date on everything we do through our website, www.grangecentre.org.uk, or by following us on Facebook, Twitter (@thegrangecentre), Instagram, and LinkedIn (@grangecentre).



Check out our website on

www.bookhamcommunityassociation.org

Keep up to date with what is going on around the village.
Make sure you keep your organisation's details up to date and
let us know if you have an event coming up.

The Plastic Free Bookham Project



You might have seen us in the High Street in March, where we were encouraging people to sign up for the Big Plastic Count. This piece of citizen science run by Greenpeace, Everyday Plastic and Surfers Against Sewage aimed to collect evidence about the scale of the plastic problem. More than 100,000 households and businesses, signed up to log every item of plastic that they recycled or threw away during one particular week in March.

Those of us who took part found it was quite eye-opening about how hard it is to avoid unnecessary plastic even when making a conscious effort to do so. We await the results

with interest and will be sharing them at an Open Morning at St Nicolas Pastoral Centre in early May. We've welcomed Roundabout Effingham magazine as our 19th Community Ally so are just one short of our project target of 20.

The targets for achieving Plastic Free Community status are set by Surfers Against Sewage based on Bookham's population. So far no towns or villages in Surrey have been awarded Plastic Free status and we'd love to be the first one. Do you run a Bookham-based small-medium local independent businesses which has reduced or avoided three items of single-use plastic in your day-to-day operations? If so, you could help us reach our business target by signing up to become an

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Bookham Flower Club

Bookham Flower Club's January meeting took the form of a Bring and Buy Stall and a Quiz. The stall raised a good amount which was given to our chairman's chosen charity, The Grange Centre.

With a return to our usual format in February our demonstrator was Gill Smaggasgale with her title of 'Show Stopper'. Her designs were definitely showstoppers with floral interpretations of 'The Sound of Music', 'The Lion King', 'Singing in the Rain', 'My Fair Lady', 'Mary Poppins' and 'Phantom of the Opera'. The beautiful flowers and foliage were arranged in the perfect settings of adorned containers some of which had been constructed by her husband as a project during the COVID lockdowns.

The club competition title was 'Can-Can' which



attracted 9 entries with a lot of cans being re-purposed. The Judge's Choice award went to a new member, Grenda Browning, exhibiting in the Novice Class.

March was the AGM with a pre-meeting lunch, much enjoyed, and provided an opportunity to get to know new people. The officers and committee were re-elected, annual reports



given and annual awards presented. The Grenfel Medal for services to the club was presented to Sue Marshall in recognition of her chairmanship of the Club's very successful shows. Other winners were Liz Rosser, Novice Class, Jayne Ellis, Intermediate Class, Carolyn Trott, Advanced Class and Christine Martin, Senior Advanced Class. The club looks forward to a full programme of events in its coming year. The club can be contacted at bookhamflowerclub@gmail.com

St Lawrence Primary School!



We celebrated World Book Day on the 6th of March with lots of exciting activities!

Our day began with a whole school assembly led by Professor McGonagall where we got to show off our fantastic costumes and learn

about our teachers' favourite stories.

Each class was lucky enough to visit our very own St Lawrence book shop and use their special World Book Day voucher to choose a book to take home.

Throughout the day each class had the opportunity to review books, write their own stories and enjoy reading for pleasure.

The fun didn't stop at lunch time, where our World Book Day menu included The Twits wiggly worm spaghetti, Runaway Peas, and Bruce Bogtrotter's chocolate cake. Delicious!

Please visit our Facebook and Instagram page to see lots more photos of the day, as well as to keep up to date with lots of the other



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

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Our recent meetings

In January we had a visit from Richard Hewitt displaying a wonderful array of pictures, covers and stamps of 'Birds of the South Atlantic.' February brought us Susan Taylor (pictured) with her informative and historic display of 'A Different Approach to Trinidad & Tobago.'

GB Postal History was the display in March by Michael Lockton (pictured). Michael went back to pre-post office days through the different eras including the stage coach era to the beginning of the 20th century. The display was littered with some incredible material



including a Civil War letter and many other rarities.

Our upcoming meetings

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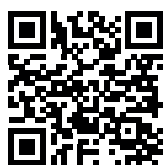
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