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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Peter Seaward

At the time of writing this the late summer continues well into autumn and may it carry on a little longer.

Elsewhere in this edition you will get updates on our activities in the past months. Planning, young people, roads and paths, trees and planting, war memorials and many others. For my part I would like to draw attention to Mole Valley's forthcoming local plan. This will determine the shape of Mole Valley and how we live for the next 15 years.

Up to now MVDC had to build around 188 dwellings per annum. For the next 15 years Government has ruled that the Council must build up to 450 houses each year. Various proposals as to where these additional dwellings should go have been discussed and now it would appear that a large proportion will have to be built here in the north of Mole Valley.

There is not enough developed land available so greenfield sites are being considered. Here in Bookham we are aware of those sites proposed for development in the Green Belt some three years ago and no doubt those land owners have put these locations forward again. All of us in Bookham need to talk about this and the impact this could have here. There will be a Question Time event with our Councillors and others in November 8th in the Barn Hall and later when more information is available we will promote other public meetings, so this can be aired fully.

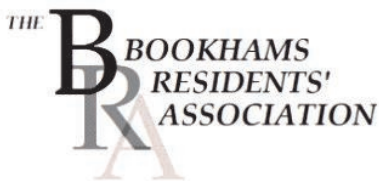
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DIARY DATE: BOOKHAMS QUESTION TIME!

Come along and meet your Bookham councillors and ask questions on local issues. All Welcome.

Thursday, 8th November, Old Barn Hall, Church Road, 7.30 PM.

See back page for more details.



The Bookhams Residents' Association Newsletter is published twice a year in the Autumn and Autumn and is distributed by a team of volunteers to all BRA membership households.

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Or call: 0300 030 9890

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Or visit our web site:

www.bookhamresidents.org.uk

On the web site you can sign up for our occasional e-mail service.

We also have social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor. Search for "Bookham" for our pages where we post updates on a regular basis on our own page and other Bookham interest groups.

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Planning is something we in the BRA has participated in for many years and the team who do this work feel it is time for newer fresher minds to come along and take on this role. Planning expertise is not needed. There is plenty available and will continue to be so. Please think about what you might be able to do and let me know if you can help.

Bookham is now a large conurbation with 11,500 of us living here but fortunately the place has still a village community and feel, with many different activities for all age groups to enjoy.

Bookham is full of friendly and kind people and I feel privileged to take an active part along with many others in helping to keep Bookham such a vibrant and happy place.

TRANSPORT

"ALL CHANGE?"

Keith Francis

What an extra-ordinary time we have had with our bus services and they should now have settled down.

We had the on, off and then on again major repairs to the Young Street bridge over the River Mole which caused major disruption to Leatherhead as the 465 Kingston to Dorking bus had to be diverted in the town to use the Dorking Road. And, to complicate matters St. Teresa's Convent asked that replacement of the SES (Sutton and East Surrey) water main to its reservoir be completed in the summer holiday meaning that to us the major alternative route to Dorking via Ranmore Common was closed.

Unfortunately drivers of often unsuitable vehicles chose to take the Dorking Road out of Great Bookham village then Chapel Lane to Mickleham causing absolute chaos leading to that road being closed.

Although the 465 is a Transport for London (TfL) controlled bus service following public demand, we thank Surrey County Council which provided at it's own expense a shuttle bus service from Leatherhead to the top of Hawk's Hill and return using our local operator Reptons Coaches' buses.

May I mention here that Chapel Lane will sometime from November 2018 into early 2019 be one-way only for major drainage works which should help our village's flood situation.

The 479 Epsom via Leatherhead to Guildford bus service has been altered several times. Firstly, from the 30th July 2018 it reverted to an hourly full service with the other bus from Epsom doing the Bookham station loop returning to Epsom. Secondly, from the 2nd September 2018, the operator of the Surrey County Council (SCC) subsidised Sunday bus service changed from Buses Excetera to Stagecoach Hants & Surrey.

Stagecoach contact details:

0345 121 0190

www.stagecoachbus.com/about/south

Although our printed bus timetable guide has not been re-published with the above change the Guildford, Godalming & Haslemere one has the latest 479 timetable in it and copies are available from the Arriva enquiry office at

Guildford bus station, or, ask SCC to post you one by telephoning SCC on 03456 009 009.

For Bookham residents travelling out of our area the Redhill, Horley and East Surrey timetable too has been re-published and is available from SCC, or, possibly Dorking's library.

A CAR CLUB FOR BOOKHAM?

Les Huett / Win Mygar (Transition Bookham)

What is a Car Club?

By joining a car club you get all the convenience of owning a car without the hassle or costs of repairs and parking. You may be familiar with Zipcar in central London.

The BRA and Transition Bookham are working together to establish if there is interest in a car club and how residents might use such a car club.

What are the benefits?

Convenient car use

The convenience of a car without the hassle of owning one - no more servicing, insurance, parking, MOT or repairs.

Self-service

Cars are accessible to members at all hours and typically would be used for local journeys for several hours at a time. Bookings would be made through a mobile phone app or web site with the vehicle being centrally located in Bookham. (**Note: this isn't a ride sharing idea**).

Saves you money

According to Carplus, joining a car club could save you £3,500 per year compared to owning a car (if you currently drive fewer than 6,000 miles per year).

Protect the Environment

Car club vehicles are energy efficient and cleaner than the average car. They also reduce the need to own a car and discourage unnecessary car travel.

We have created a simple two question on-line survey with the opportunity for you to comment on this idea:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9LV8KXY>

You may also access the survey from the BRA and Transition Bookham web sites.

COMMUNITY

WAR MEMORIALS REFURBISHED

Les Huett

The War Memorial in St Nicolas churchyard was erected after WW1 and now being 100 years old has become rather dilapidated. Peter Seaward, (BRA Chairman) and Arthur Field (BRA Projects Manager) took on the task of identifying suitable restoration companies, dealing with St Nicholas Church Wardens and MVDC to get the memorial restored to its former glory.

Following the initial clean using techniques specifically for old stone work, the second stage of the restoration, the re-painting of the engraving has been completed. The photos do not give full credit the skills of the restoration company, Stonewest, so next time you are in the village take a moment to have a look at the memorial and remember those from this village that gave their lives for this country 100 years ago.

You may also see "before" and "after" photos on the BRA web site.

In addition to the restoration work at St Nicolas, the memorial at All Saints, Little Bookham has also been cleaned. There are four names on the memorial but church records show another seven individuals who should be commemorated. Discussions are taking place on how this may resolved.

NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER.

Squareabout Road Closure

Pat Morrish

This is to advise residents that the Squareabout and the four roads leading to it for about twenty metres will be closed to all traffic from 10.45 a.m. until 11.15 a.m. on Sunday 11th November.

This is to ensure that the annual Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in St Nicolas Churchyard can take place. The necessary Traffic Controls orders have been agreed with MVDC and other services who will be affected have been informed.

Remembrance Sunday

After the Remembrance Sunday service in St Nicolas Church at approximately 11.30 am the Third Bookham Scouts



Memorial in All Saints churchyard



Memorial in St Nicolas churchyard

will walk to the Canadian Friendship Tree in Eastwick Park Avenue (about 50m from the Lower Road junction).

The Friendship Tree was planted after the 1939-45 war in memory of those Canadians who were based on Great Bookham, many of whom landed, and died, on the D-Day landings on 6th June 1944. Wreaths will be laid by the tree and prayers will be said. Anybody who would like to attend would be most welcome.



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LITTLE BOOKHAM IN WORLD WAR ONE

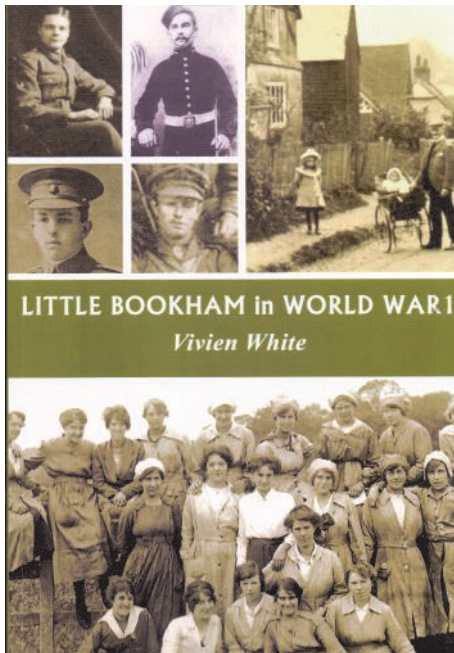
A new book entitled Little Bookham in World War One has been published by Leatherhead & District Local History Society. Written by Vivien White, Chairman of Effingham Residents Association, the book describes the impact of WW1 on Little Bookham villagers and the men who went to War with obituaries of those who did not return.

Vivien also describes village life after the war and how life got back to normal.

The book is available from Wishing Well, High Street, Bookham.

ISBN: 9780957240841

<http://www.leatherheadhistory.org/>



GREAT & LITTLE BOOKHAM POSTCODE PETITION RESULTS

Grant Woodham

The petition to MVDC, asking them to give permission to Royal Mail to consult with residents of the Bookhams' about adding "Great" and "Little" to our official Royal Mail addresses ended on 4th August.

A total of 811 signatures were collected, over the online and paper petitions held around the village. We also gained support from our MP Sir Paul Beresford, and the local chamber of commerce, which were both requirements from Royal Mail.

The decision to let Royal Mail go ahead with its own consultation with residents in KT23 is now in the hands of Mole Valley District Council, and we await their response. We hope that they will give the go ahead, so that residents are able to have the final say on whether they want to see the villages addressed correctly.

The BRA have also gained funding from MVDC to install additional village signs on the boundaries of Great and Little Bookham at Little Bookham Street / Church Road, and at the boundary on Lower Road. These will be installed shortly.



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JENNY COFFIN JOINS LEATHERHEAD YOUTH PROJECT

Jenny recently joined Leatherhead Youth Project, as their new Lead Bookham Youth Worker. Having grown up in Surrey, Jenny went to Therfield, where she focused on Maths and Sciences, with the plan of becoming an engineer. However, after two gap years working as a youth worker, at St. George's in Ashted and then in Cape Town, South Africa, Jenny changed her plan and decided to study Applied Theology with Youth and Community Work at Moorlands College in Bournemouth.

At LYP, Jenny is working alongside Bookham schools, churches, police and community, creating safe and supportive spaces and aspirational projects for young people in Bookham, Jenny will be setting up a girls' project for local teenage girls, as well as running a whole host of other exciting projects!

BYouth our relational after school drop in for local young people, will remain as the primary project in Bookham, based out of the Bookham Youth and Community Centre.

BYouth aims to provide a safe space for youth people 11-17 to come after school and spend time with friends, enjoy activities and games and build positive relationships with youth workers, volunteers and peers.

Following on from BYouth, Jenny plans to set up a weekly Girls' Group in Bookham. These sessions will support girls in Bookham and engage the group in conversations about issues affecting them in a fun and interactive way.

Jenny will be supporting the local schools, leading assemblies, lunch time clubs and supporting the schools in other pastoral ways.

Jenny will also continue to lead the monthly youth Christian worship nights, jointly with the three Bookham Churches. These will be hosted at BYCC and open to all young people in Bookham, with evenings filled with

music, inspirational talks and games. Jenny also plans to set up an Explore group for young people who want to discover more about the Christian faith.

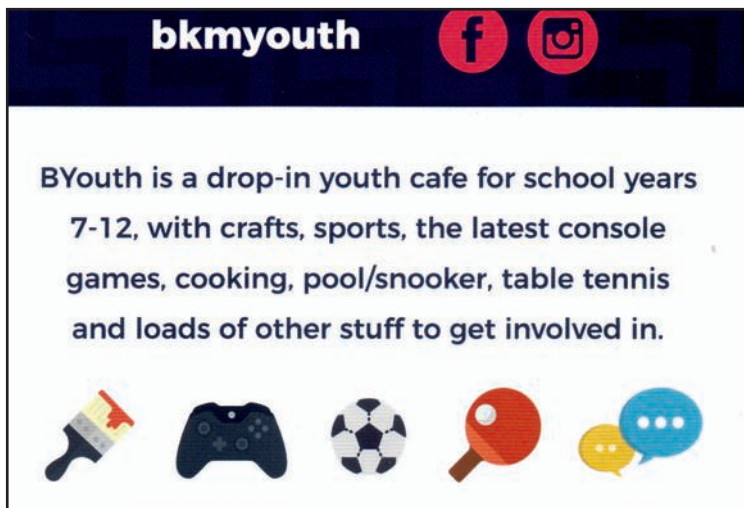
Alongside these projects BYouth will be involved in community projects and residentials, with LYP. We are excited to see more young people getting involved this year!

For more information about the Bookham Youth Project please contact Jenny at LYP.

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80TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Marion Chow

It has been an amazing 80th Anniversary year for The Grange, one of the highlights being our Summer Fete which took place on a blistering hot Saturday in July. We were delighted to see so many familiar faces and many new ones as well, all enjoying looking at the classic cars, marvelling at the beautiful owls and sampling the BBQ and the delicious tea and cakes made by The Grange's catering team. The event was rounded off by a fantastic drumming session run by Ray Watters from "Drum with Us", which involved around 70 visitors and people from The Grange, creating a great finale to an amazing day.

Once again, on a sunny weekend in September, we welcomed visitors as part of the annual "Heritage Open Days" event. It was a special day however, as for the first time, we opened our brand new Heritage Room to the public, a project which has taken over a year in the planning. Thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £97K, along with donations from other Trusts including The Worshipful Company of Broderers, this venture was made possible, preserving and conserving our collection of items, including those with a Royal connection and showcasing The Grange's fascinating history.

On September 25th, we warmly welcomed our Royal Patron, HRH the Duke of Gloucester to The Grange, to officially open the new Heritage Room and to spend time touring around the Main House. During his visit, The Duke, met staff and people supported by The Grange and became engaged in some of the teaching sessions including; cutting scones in the kitchen and seeing his own specially designed mug being created in our Creative Arts Studio. It was a delightful visit and the Duke spent time chatting to guests at lunch before unveiling a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

We are now turning our attention to our 80th Anniversary Christmas Concert

at The Menuhin Hall on 1st December at 7.30pm. Everyone is more than welcome to come along, please book your tickets directly via The Menuhin Hall box office www.yehudimenuhinschool.co.uk

It is a fantastic way to kick-start the Christmas festivities!

For more information about The Grange and our work, please look at our website or call:
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marion.chow@grangecentre.org.uk
www.grangecentre.org.uk



HRH the Duke of Gloucester, Royal Patron to The Grange, with Eloise Appleby CEO, officially opens the new Heritage Room.



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WHAT DO WE, THE BRA, SPEND YOUR SUBSCRIPTION ON?

Chris Pullan

BRA Hon Treasurer

£3.00 per household is our annual subscription. But what do you get for your money?

We have two major sources of income. The figures for 2017 were subscriptions at £7,747 and contributions from external sources (project income), mainly MVDC and Surrey CC at £8,413. So subscriptions amounted to 48% of income.

The project income is given for specific purposes, such as Christmas lights, war memorial restoration and trees. It is either spent in the year received or held in sub-funds for future expenditure on the specified project. At the end of 2017, the money held was over £15,000.

So the subscriptions are used for non-project specific expenses or the BRA's contribution to projects, such as hanging baskets. By amount and percentage, by far the most significant was the Newsletter at 36%.

Running the BRA (Committee meetings, insurance, web site hosting, 0300 090 9890 message line, Company costs etc.) amounted to 17%. We financed the hanging baskets, village sign and the litter pick at 34%.

From time to time, we are asked to make donations such as wreathes for Remembrance Day, Leatherhead Drama Festival and the Donkey Derby. These amounted to 8%. This left a surplus of 5%.

This resulted in a small increase in reserves at £8,700. While this is a healthy figure, the pressures of increasing costs and practical difficulties in sustaining the level of subscriptions through Road Stewards mean that there will be pressures on the finances.

The BRA Communications & Membership team are investigating additional payment methods to reduce the dependency on doorstep collections.

Note: The BRA does not have any paid staff. The BRA management team are all volunteers.



Road Stewards Needed!

Beales Road 31-75 & 32-58
Beattie Close
Beech Grove
Bookham Court, Church Road
Bookham Grange, The Approach
Bracken Close
Brodrick Grove
Chalk Pit Lane
Charlwood Close
Crabtree Lane 21-56
Chrystie Lane
Church Road - North End
Dale Close
Dowlans Close
Dowlans Road - Odds
Eastwick Drive 1-29 & 2-42 & Eastwick House
Eastwick Park Avenue - Hamilton Court
Eastwick Road
Edenside Road
Elms Wood
Fairfield Close
Flint Close
Gardners Walk
Greathurst End
Grove Corner, Lower Shott
Guildford Road - West End
High Street
Hill Road
Howard Road 16A-42 & 21-39
Keswick Road 22-40 & 27-41
Lang Close
Leatherhead Road - Part North Side part #1
Leatherhead Road - Part North Side #2
Lime Tree Close
Lower Road 324-348
Lower Shott
Lyngarth Close
Merrylands Court, Merrylands Road
Middlemead Place, Middlemead Close
Middlemead Close
Middlemead Road
Oakdene Close
Orchard End
Pleasaunce Row, Little Bookham Street
Salix Close
Sole Farm Road, Sole Farm Avenue 2-30 & 1-61
The Blackburn, Little Bookham Street
The Copse
Townshott Close
Westfield Drive
White Way

THANK YOU ROAD STEWARDS!

Carolyn Elson

BRA Membership Secretary

So far over 3000 homes have been visited this summer to collect the annual membership fee and deliver the Newsletter. A huge thank you to the team of Road Stewards who have achieved this.

Sadly, a number of Road Stewards have had to retire this year. Many of them have carried out the role for several years and we would like to place on record our sincere thanks to them. Their contribution to the Association has been much appreciated.

Road Stewards are so important to the BRA. They are the link to our members through the delivery of the Newsletter, twice a year and the annual collection of the subs.

It is also a great way to meet other residents in the area. We are still looking to recruit more Road Stewards for the roads listed in the table. You do not have to live in the road listed. Please think about volunteering and becoming a part of this important team.

SUBS NOT COLLECTED OR YOU WANT TO JOIN THE BRA?

Due to a shortage of Road Stewards you may not have had your subs collected this year. However...

This year on Saturday 10th November and Saturday 1st December BRA committee members will be in Kim's café in the High Street from 10am 'til 1.00pm to collect subs and to welcome new members.

We will be able to take payment in cash or electronically. Please do come and see us.

If you are not able to join us on these dates do email us at membership@bookhamresident.org or leave a message on the helpline 0300 030 9890 with your name and number and we will be in touch.

ENVIRONMENT



LITTER PICK - GOOD NEWS!

Margaret Lawson

The amount of litter in the village has decreased a little but we do still manage to collect a significant amount on our litter picks.

Lower Road Recreation Ground continues to be a problem with cans, bottles and food wraps, and there are cigarette butts all over the village. Smokers don't seem to realise that these are an eyesore...

All are very welcome to come on our litter picks. Meet us at Lower Shott car park on the first Sunday of the month, at 11.00 am, where equipment will be provided. Dates for the next few months are 4th November and 2nd December.

The litter pickers are very grateful to members of the Baptist Church who provide us with hot drinks when we've finished the pick and this gives us the opportunity for a chat together.

Bookham Monthly Litter Pick

Join us on the first Sunday of the month and keep Bookham Tidy!

If you would like to join us in keeping Bookham clean, **meet on the first Sunday of the month at the Lower Shott car park at 11.00 a.m.**

Gloves, grabs, and high vis tops will be provided and a session usually lasts around 90 minutes.



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...WHEN AUTUMN LEAVES START TO FALL...

Frances Fancourt

As autumn enters amidst hues of green turning to pale gold, orange, red and rust, we pass from long summer evenings to crisp mornings and short days. French philosopher Albert Camus said so beautifully "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower". The colours start with cherries and maples, then move on to sycamores, sweet chestnut, beech and oaks. A picturesque season!



Liquidambar in Leaside.

Amidst these wonderful colours we need to keep check on the health of our trees and the accessibility of our pathways and verges. Our winter pruning plans are in place and we will be cutting back over-abundant growth from trees along the Dorking Road footpath, the A246 verge trees which impact sight-lines for road traffic, and along the Lower Road where hedges cause damp and slippery

pathways for students approaching the Howard of Effingham School.

Besides this, we will remove tree stumps, prune some over-large verge trees and remove a few dead and dying trees. We will replant too, to replace those lost.

LOOKING AFTER YOUR HEDGE...

If you have a hedge which borders a public footpath, pavement or road, please make sure that you keep it well trimmed to allow easy passage for passers-by and road traffic.

Prickly hedges or a wet "slap-in-the-face" are particularly unwelcome for walkers and can cause erosion of grass verges where pedestrians walk wide of the footpath in order to avoid them. Whilst Surrey County Council could insist that you cut back your hedge - or even cut it back themselves and send you the bill - it is much friendlier to just keep a check on your own hedges so that they never overgrow the pavement or cause your neighbours to complain. Why don't you check yours now??

MEMORIAL COPSE – 100 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WWI

In liaison with the National Trust, the BRA and Bookham Tree Wardens will plant a small copse of trees on National trust common land adjacent to Church Road, approaching Bookham Station. You may have noticed a new pathway being constructed; ideal for short walks through woodland for children and pets. To commemorate the end of WWI in 1918, a small group of oak trees will be planted around the entrance of this pathway. This should help soften the impact of the new houses being built opposite Bookham Station, and provide a lasting memory of those Bookham souls who lost their lives in that terrible war.

You can see a list of all of the 100+ trees that have been planted around Bookham with varieties and locations on the BRA web site.

From the home page click on: Infrastructure, Environment & Transport > Trees

**Tree Wardens are:
Jenny Wilson: 01372 453573
Frances Fancourt: 01372 454000**

LEISURE

BOOKHAM YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE: CLOSING SUMMER 2019

David Cox OBE

Chair of Trustees—Bookham Youth & Community Association.

Bookham Youth & Community Centre, situated opposite the Anchor pub on Lower Road, has been a valued and important part of the village for many years. It is run by trustees and other volunteers and incorporated into a charity, Bookham Youth & Community Association Ltd (BYCA).

The lease from Surrey County Council (SCC) expires on 31 August 2019 and BYCA has been advised that it will not be renewed. The building is old and it has been known that it had a finite life hence discussions with SCC to provide a replacement. Our regular users have been kept informed.

A new community facility on the horizon?

Concerning a possible replacement facility on the site, we were advised in September 2018 by Cllr Colin Kemp, the Cabinet Member responsible, that pre planning advice was being sought from Mole Valley District Council and that:

"From this would come a firm business case model from which decisions to move forward could be taken. A proposed new building at Bookham would be based upon a "hub model" with office space, residential and community provision."

It is expected that a meeting to look at and comment on the outline plans will occur in October. The Bookham Youth Project (BYP), have been providing youth work from the centre and within the community and it is BYCA's intention for them to be involved in this process.

There are no guarantees involved on what are "proposals" and it is important that pressure is kept on SCC so the project does not either slip or be shelved.

We need your help. Please complete our online petition which expires in November 2018. Please help by taking a couple of minutes to complete:

[https://
petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/
BookhamCentre/](https://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/BookhamCentre/)

SOUTH BOOKHAM SPACE

ANOTHER YEAR OF PROGRESS; AN EXCITING DEVELOPMENT AND A NEW LEASE (OF LIFE!)

Terry Gluck

At their recent AGM, Chairman Trevor Goul-Wheeker was able to report on an outstanding year for SPACE.

Among the great news given, was that a recent survey showed that on average 450 local people took part in activities each week and over 100 children enjoyed parties each month at the venue. The choice of activities had increased to eighteen with the additions of two Yoga classes and Fit4Tap!

Trevor thanked the team of volunteers who give their time and skills to contribute to this, while seeking a new volunteer to take over Safeguarding duties from Gail Hard, who retired from the Dawnay School last year. Anyone interested should contact Trevor at: trevorgw@outlook.com

He outlined progress on the major project to improve the meeting and storage areas by building a first-floor extension - **Social SPACE!**

- An architect has been engaged;
- Planning has been approved and Building Regulations approval is expected shortly;
- Quotes will be sought from builders over the Autumn with the works

expected to be carried out in the Summer of 2019;

- Mole Valley District Council have not only provided a grant but also issued a fresh 27 year lease;
- Further funding has been provided from SPACE's own resources, the Thomas Flack Fund and a partnership with Bookham Tennis Club, who like Ashted Netball Club will be able to use this additional area for post-match teas.

In particular, Trevor thanked members of Bookham Tennis Club for organising a Promises Auction, Quiz Night and a terrific Carnival Ball which have raised over £4000 in total.

The Ball proved so popular that there are plans to hold it again in June 2019 – anyone interested in receiving early details and reserving a table should contact:

chris.browning.uk@hotmail.co.uk

Despite these successes, more funds are still needed and to donate *please* visit:

[www.justgiving.com/
southbookhamspacelttd](http://www.justgiving.com/southbookhamspacelttd)

For information on all that's going on at South Bookham SPACE

www.southbookhamspace.org.uk

Lots of fun at the SPACE Carnival Ball!



LEISURE

The Leatherhead Swans Club
Sport & Recreation For Disabled People

- Swimming
- Indoor Bowls
- Arts and Crafts
- Gym
- Boccia
- Bingo
- Day trips
- Clubroom



Come and join us at the South East's oldest and best disabled sports club. Entirely volunteer run, The Swans has been enabling everyone to take part in a multitude of activities including swimming, bowling, socialising and having fun! Make new friends, build confidence and gain independence.

The Leatherhead Leisure Centre
Guildford Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 9BL
Tuesday Evenings 18.30 till 21.30 (40 weeks a year)

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THE LEATHERHEAD SWANS CLUB

ENRICHING LIVES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE THROUGH SPORT & RECREATION

With almost 100 members and 60 volunteers, The Leatherhead Swans Club is the largest multi-activity club for the disabled in the south of England.

Established in 1975, "The Swans" plays a vital role in the community by providing sport and recreation for disabled people. Engaging people with a range of permanent or temporary disabilities in physically and mentally stimulating activities and focussing on their abilities, rather than their disabilities, has an incredibly positive and life enhancing effect.

The club is now looking to recruit new members and also more volunteers to help at the weekly sessions at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre. Sessions are on Tuesday evenings from 18:30 to 21:30.

You can contact the club on:

01306 875058

info@leatherheadswansclub.co.uk

www.leatherheadswansclub.co.uk

INFRASTRUCTURE



Overgrown length of ditch at Childs Hall Road.

DRAINAGE

Michael Agius

The BRA continues to try and resolve the villages' many historical drainage problems through the Bookham Flood Forum (BFF), along with SCC Highways (SCC), Thames Water (TW), Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) and the Bookham Flood Action Group (BFAG). The last BFF meeting was held on 8th October 2018.

A major item of good news is that, following discussions at the BFF in June and the submission of a Petition to SCC, spearheaded by the BRA, in July, SCC's Strategic Network Resilience (SNR) Team have allocated £30k to complete the survey of the existing drainage assets in Lower Road between East Street and The Square about which is subject to flooding every time it rains.

The allocation of funds was approved by SCC's Local Committee at their meeting on 5th September. The investigation will comprise a CCTV survey, jetting and ground penetration radar which will allow SCC to map the assets in the area and identify any feasible options going forward. The work will be carried out in partnership with TW to ensure information on the condition of their drainage assets is also captured. Any options identified are likely to require contributory funding from the Community and other agencies, which will be reported through the BFF.

It must be understood that this is the investigation stage and that this does



Ditch passing through a resident's property on Lower Road about to overflow following heavy rainfall.

not guarantee a solution or secure funding for any future works.

A continuing item of major concern for the BRA, as reported in previous editions of the Newsletter, is the condition of the ditch between Childs Hall Road and Sole Farm Avenue from the Lower Road Recreational Ground and Little Bookham Common. Those who live alongside the ditch have a responsibility to maintain the ditch and ensure the free flow of water along it.

Whilst some home owners do maintain and have even improved their lengths of the ditch, other lengths are known to be overgrown and even filled in.

INFRASTRUCTURE

BRA continue to receive many reports of garden material and building debris being carried down the ditch and blocking piped sections of the ditch.

Therefore the BRA would once again request all those who live alongside the ditch to ensure that it is kept clear at all times and report any maintenance issues they become aware of to Surrey County Council directly, via flooding.enquiries@surreycc.gov.uk

Having been delayed at the request of The National Trust, so as not to affect entry to Polesden Lacey, proposals for drainage improvements at the Dorking Road junction with the Polesden Lacey access road are now scheduled for implementation early in the New Year.

There are many other areas where the BRA continue to press SCC and TW for action, including:

- Little Bookham Street, where TW have been reminded that blocked and collapsed lengths of drain have yet to be jetted or replaced between Bennetts Farm Place and Lower Road.
- a ditch outfall at Fox Lane where flows from Preston Farm result in flooding.
- the footpath from Greenacres to The Park where the outfall is blocked and has no adequate outfall.
- Kennel Lane/The Glade where there are root blockages in the main outfall to Fetcham.

These are just a few of the many areas under investigation. If anyone knows of areas that are subject to flooding as a result of drainage blockages, please email Michael Agius: meagius@gmail.com

ROADS

Michael Agius

As a result of funding cuts, Surrey County Council's Project Horizon for major road works does not now include the resurfacing of Eastwick Drive and Crabtree Lane. The resurfacing of other roads that used to be in the programme i.e. Little Bookham Street, Meadow Way/The Copse (Eastwick Drive to The Copse), Willow Vale (The Copse to the end) are also no longer mentioned.

However, in the absence of these roads being included in the major project, Little Bookham Street was surface dressed recently from Lower Road to just north of Sole Farm Road at Weales, in order to extend the life of the road structure.

Under the programme of capital Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS), £15,000 is included this year to provide kerb build outs and crossing ramps at the entrance to the Eastwick Schools on Eastwick Drive, in order to control parking and make safer crossing points.

A Feasibility Design is complete and a Safety Audit has been carried out. The Audit raised a number of questions/comments and as a result changes are currently being carried out to the design. Once the design is complete, it will be forwarded to the Divisional Member prior to Public Consultation and construction of the scheme. Any remaining funding will be used to carry out feasibility design work on possible pedestrian improvements on Eastwick Park Avenue outside the entrance to the school.

The BRA will continue to press SCC for the need to improve Rectory Lane, to provide a footway on the east side of the road from The Grange south to the A246 and widening of the carriageway to a consistent width. However implementation is dependent on land being acquired from the fields east of the road, as well as a fairly large amount of funding becoming available for construction.

Funding is only likely to become available from Developer Contributions, should a major development be forthcoming in the immediate locality. However, following pressure from the BRA and The Grange, £5,000 has been included under the ITS schemes this year, to carry out a Feasibility Study to assess what pedestrian improvements would be possible at the junction of Lower Road with Rectory Lane and Little Bookham Street.



Little Bookham Street following surface dressing.

If you have any highways problems near you, the best way to report it is to go to www.surreycc.gov.uk and "Report It", or phone 0300 200 1003.

Please also email Michael Agius on meagius@gmail.com so that he can keep a record of the problems.

TRANSFORM LEATHERHEAD:

SWAN CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

John Howarth

Work began at the beginning of September on the first of three phases of the refurbishment of the Swan Centre in Leatherhead. Between now and the end of October the public toilets will be refurbished and new baby changing facilities provided. While the toilets are closed alternative toilet facilities will be made available in Sainsbury's and baby changing facilities will be available in Boots.

Work will also take place on levels 1-4 of the car park but the car park will remain open. Marshalls are available to help visitors find parking spaces.

During the period from November to mid – January, i.e. during the run up to Christmas and the Christmas and New Year period itself there work will be put on hold to ensure minimal impact Christmas trading.

From mid-January to early April the car park works will be completed (on levels 5 and 6) and the lifts will be replaced.

Finally from then until August the stairwell will be reconfigured and be out of action, although the new lifts will then be operational. A new retail unit will also be created the existing stairwell area.

Of course more details about the whole Leatherhead MasterPlan project are available on the web site:

www.transformleatherhead.com

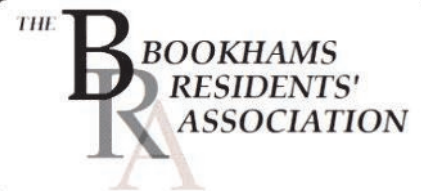
BOOKHAM QUESTION TIME!

THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2018
OLD BARN HALL, CHURCH ROAD
7.30 PM

Following on from last year's popular Question Time the BRA is hosting this event again to give Bookham residents the opportunity to meet and ask our councillors questions on local issues.

Cllr John Chandler	Bookham South
Cllr Clare Curran	Surrey County Councillor for Bookham and Fetcham West
Cllr Elizabeth Daly	Bookham South
Cllr Simon Edge	Bookham South
Cllr Metin Huseyin	Bookham North
Cllr Richard Moyse	Bookham North
Cllr Paul Newman	Bookham North

This free event is being hosted by the BRA with an independent chairman and is open to all Residents.



ABOUT THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Bookhams Residents' Association (BRA) was established in 1926 and aims to represent the views of all who live in Great and Little Bookham on important local issues to the local authorities and other public bodies and is independent of all political parties.

The BRA has a membership of 3,000 households which represents 7,000 residents i.e. approximately 60% of Bookham's population. By having a strong membership embracing the whole of Bookham the BRA can ensure that members views will be respected, noted and acted upon by the local authorities and others.

BRA Membership is £3.00 per annum per household

The BRA Newsletter is published twice a year in the Autumn and Autumn. In addition to the print edition the BRA website is updated regularly as and when new stories affecting the Bookhams become available and we also have a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor.

On the web site you can also register to receive occasional emails on BRA activities and village stories throughout the year.

There are also number of regularly updated Notice Boards around the village.

www.bookhamresidents.org.uk
If you prefer to speak to the BRA team please call 0300 030 9890 and leave a message and a team member will get back to you.