The Village Life

The Newsletter of Cookham Dean Village Club

Chairman's letter...

I can't believe that it's six months since our last newsletter so I am going to start off by saying "thank you" to all those of you who responded to the last one, which I do admit was a bit of a major moan!

Since then we have run an incredibly busy set of events. The Summer Fete, the Bonfire Night Lantern Parade and Fireworks, the Christmas Tree Lighting, and the Christmas Party and Pantomime. All of these were brilliantly organised (by a small group of volunteers) and well supported. In particular the Fireworks are the major fundraising activity for the Village Hall, and it is a pleasure to see the number of people who pitch up and help on the day/night and even the next morning, a big thank you to all who helped.

In April we are running a Murder Mystery night. This is a new event suggested by a member and I am pleased to say it has sold out. There is a waiting list for those who missed out, (see the village hall website at www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com) and we are hopeful that it can become a permanent late winter/spring fixture.

The AGM was held in November, and the main outcomes were;

- Agreement to raise the membership fee to £20 per year, and that we investigate the use of an online membership system as part of that process.
- Investment in having the exterior of the hall repaired and redecorated (during April 2017).
- Two new committee members, Andrew Hall and Sue Teasdale (Sue has kindly agreed to help manage the day to day maintenance of the hall and its infrastructure)

And to finish off just to let you know that the Village Hall is now equipped with a high speed internet connection that will be available to all hall users.

For more information about Cookham Dean Village Club, please visit our website at:

www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com

Spring 2017

Charity no: 284178

DON'T FORGET!

Murdery Mystery Evening

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21st April

Cookham Dean Village Fete

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16th Sept

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Looking ahead to Cookham Dean Village Fete...

Saturday 16th September 2017 1.00pm till 5.00pm

The fete committee is gearing itself up once again to 'kick start' the village fete. We are pleased to say that we have added some new members to our merry little band namely Ruth White, Leiticia Hall, Caroline Berry Reid, Christina Lawson and Pauline Clark but sadly we are saying farewell to Tessa Ebbetts who has been on the committee for longer than I dare say. So it's a warm welcome to our new recruits and a big thank you to Tessa for all her hard work over the years.

I would also like to thank Maurice Hancock and his team for taking on the management of the site. The setting up, running and dismantling of the site and its infrastructure is no mean feat, it takes time and a lot of energy and, believe me, it is much appreciated. The scouts also played a big part in the site management, we couldn't have done it without them!

We are always looking for more volunteers so if you would like to get involved please contact me as indicated below. You would be most welcome.

Much of the work for 2017 is already underway. I am reliably informed that 'The Flower and Produce Show' is 'in hand' and, once again, there will be a photographic exhibition, the working title for which at the moment is 'Cultivation in Cookham'. Many of the favourite entertainments are already booked - the mobile farm, the dog and small pet shows, the Peter Ripper's Concert Band, and the birds of prey, which we hope will be able to fly this year, so that will be added excitement. Fingers crossed it can be arranged. We are planning on expanding the crafts that will be on show in the craft tent as this has proved to be very popular. If you are involved with any craft activity and feel that you would like to display or demonstrate your work then we would love to hear from you. We are always looking for new crafts and entertainments so we would welcome any of your ideas.

Last year in spite of the weather, which was rather chilly, but thankfully dry, we still managed to raise £4000 for charity. A fantastic result which is due to the great support that we receive from various sponsors and local businesses and of course, most importantly, you the villagers, who brave the elements to participate and give us so much support. So a big 'Thank you' to you all.

I hate to say it but Autumn has a habit of coming round too fast so please make sure you put the fete date in your diary! You won't want to miss it!

Thank you, Pam Forrester. Email:pamelaforrester@aol.com

Cookham Wildlife Supporters...

Our next meeting, on Monday, 20th March at 7.30 pm, is on 'Our Local Butterflies', led by local lepidopterist David Fuller.

Over the years David has seen all 59 British butterflies and, as well as telling us about the wide range of butterflies we can see around our area, David will be giving us tips to encourage butterflies into our gardens. He will also be helping the group in its survey work in the Cookhams.

You can find further information, including the venues for our meetings, by signing up at https://www.meetup.com/Cookham-Wildlife-Supporters.

Cookham Festival...

10th - 21st May

This year's festival marks the 50th anniversary of the very first festival held in 1967, and is a feast of the Arts with a vibrant mix of music, art, comedy, drama and dance.

Our highly successful "Strictly" dancing classes have been extended to include sessions for Tango, Scottish Dancing and Street Dance. The People's Shakespeare will bring you "The Hollow Crown". Up and coming impresarios, Toby Cruse, will showcase a musical tribute to the "Stars of the West End", and you can get to grips with artistic techniques under the supervision of professional artists at the Festival Arts Hub. Jazz will feature members of the acclaimed National Youth Jazz Orchestra, and the Festival will conclude with a gala concert led by Alexandra Wood.

Programs will be available from the end of February, or visit www.cookhamfestival.org.uk for full details and information on how to book tickets.

Cookham and Cookham Dean Horticultural Society...

In March the Horticultural Society plans a tidy-up of the Village Hall garden, thinking ahead to the Cookham in Bloom competition. We plan the best Spring Show ever on March 29th with lots of entries in all classes. In April, learn "New Tricks for Old Gardeners" with Katherine Crouch, winner of BBC Gardener of the Year, 1999, now a garden designer.

Hope for some apple blossom in May when Naomi Slade, gardening correspondent for Berkshire Life will talk on "Inspiring Orchards" and introduce her recent book "An Orchard Odyssey".

In June we look forward to an early evening visit to Little Paddocks, Sally Williams' lovely garden in Bourne End, followed in July by an afternoon visit to The Old Vicarage, Aston Rowant.

The Horticultural Society run the Flower and Produce Show at the Village Fête on Sat. 16th September which will be an opportunity to see what delights can be grown, baked or crafted. Children's entries will also be welcome. The theme of the Photographic Exhibition this year is "Cultivation in Cookham".

Evening meetings are held in Cookham Dean Village Hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Guests welcome, £5. Visits are booked in advance. For further information, contact Mary Downes: 01628 524881 or kmdownes@btinternet.com.

Cookham Dean Charity Tournament

Tennis and croquet • Sunday 25th June

The perfect way to spend a summer day

For more information and entry forms, visit www.cookhamdean.net

All standards of player welcome
Bring your friends to support you!

Proceeds donated to charity

The Elizabeth House Talks...

At the Bel and Dragon, Cookham. In aid of Elizabeth House, these talks showcase the talents of people living in and around Cookham. Everyone welcome. Arrive 6.30pm for Prosecco and canapés, and the talks start at 7pm. Tickets £15 from Elizabeth House, Mon to Fri 9am-3pm, or email stephaniediggon@hotmail.com.

13 March – Lady Aurelia Young on her father *Oscar Nemon*
10 April – Ted Harris on *Love, Sex and Sewage*
08 May – local famer Andrew Randall on 21st Century Farm & Environmental Management in the Thames Valley.

Cookham Dean WI...

The WI meets on the second Thursday of the month, with a varied programme of talks, demonstrations and social activities always followed by a good cup of tea and cake! Notice of future events can be found on the notice board outside the WI Hall. Meetings start at 2.00 pm from Nov-Mar, and 2.30 pm from Apr-Oct.

WEA...

✱HIDDEN GEMS FROM MAJOR FILM MAKERS.
Wickham Clayton

This course will explore the lesser-known works of six highly esteemed filmmakers from a range of different countries and throughout film history.

7 meetings on Thursdays, starting 21 Sept, 2017. Cookham Dean W.I. Hall, Church Road, SL6 9PD. 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Fee tbc. Liz Crathorne 01628 632208 or Email weamaidenhead@hotmail.com

MAR 3-5	*Cookham Arts Club Spring Art Sale.* Pinder Hall, Cookham. ADMISSION FREE 2 - 6 pm Friday, 10 am - 6 pm Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm Sunday.	
MAR 9	**March meeting of the Cookham Dean WI,** at the WI Hall, Cookham Dean at 2.00 pm.	Joan Burgin 01628 484250 Margaret Hill 01628 624589
MAR 11	*Jumble Sale - Cookham Dean Primary School PTA.* Cookham Dean Primary School Hall. 1.30 pm—3.30 pm. Donations to the School Hall on Friday, 10th March from 4pm - 8pm, or Saturday, 11th March from 9 - 11 am. Thank you!	
MAR 13	**The Elizabeth House Talks. A talk by Lady Aurelia Young on her father, Oscar Nemon.** At the Bel and Dragon, Cookham, starting at 6.30 pm with Prosecco and canapés. Tickets £15 from Elizabeth House 9am-3pm.	Stephaniediggon @hotmail.com
MAR 20	**Cookham Wildlife Supporters - 'Our Local Butterflies',** led by local lepidopterist, David Fuller. 7.30 pm.	www.meetup.com/ Cookham-Wildlife- Supporters
MAR 29	*Cookham and Cookham Dean Horticultural Society Spring Show* at Cookham Dean Village Hall	Mary Downes 01628 524881
APR 4	**The Cookhams Fundraising Group for Thames Hospice: "Quirky London", an illustrated talk on London Oddities and Curiosities** by Sally Botwright, blue badge tourist guide. Join us for coffee at 10.30 am at Cookham Dean WI Hall. The talk will be followed by a delicious two-course lunch with a glass of wine. Tickets £25 each.	For more information or to purchase tickets please call Fiona Butler on 01628 488807
APR 9	*Noah's Ark Pre-school - Easter Egg Hunt.* 10 am - 12 pm at the Jolly Farmer, Cookham Dean.	admin@ noahsarkpreschool.co.uk
APR 21	COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE CLUB - MURDER MYSTERY EVENING. 7.00 pm - 10.30 pm at Cookham Dean Village Hall.	www. cookhamdeanvillagehall .com
MAY 10-21	*Cookham Festival*	www. cookhamfestival.org.uk
JUNE 25	Cookham Dean Charity Tennis and Croquet Tournament	www.cookhamdean.net
SEPT 16	COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE FETE 1.00pm till 5.00pm. The Old Cricket Common, Cookham Dean	

Dates may be subject to change, so please contact the organiser to confirm.