

BOTLEY NEWS

Twice winner of 'Newsletter of the Year Award'

CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER AT 2pm

**Traditional open-air
carol singing at 3pm with the
New Forest Brass Band and
All Saints' Choir**

**Additional
attractions, finishing
with a visit from
Father Christmas**



In the event of rain the singing will take place
in the Market Hall

A road closure will be in operation.
See back page for details

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Does your group need funding for a new project or new equipment?

Every year the Parish Council awards grants to support the work and activities of community groups based in Botley.

Application forms are available from the Parish Office at the High St Recreation Ground. Telephone the office on 01489 787181 or email the Parish Clerk at parish.clerk@botley.com.

IT'S A DATE!

BOTLEY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

We are looking to produce a Botley calendar for 2017 with gorgeous photos of the village, community events and the surrounding countryside. It will also contain information about clubs and local services.

There will be a competition for the photographs to be used along the lines of the Countryfile Calendar competition on the BBC.

It is expected to formally announce the launch of the competition in the Spring edition of Botley News, but in the meantime you might want to roam out and about and take some wintery pictures - who knows, we may even have snow this year!

If so, please bear the following in mind:

The competition will not be open to professional photographers

It is recommended to use a camera with a resolution of 5.0 megapixels or more, minimum camera resolution requirements, 2.8 megapixels.

Photographs taken are to be landscape orientation (horizontal).

Avoid using mobile phone cameras as, although the resolution might be sufficient, the lenses are generally poor and do not produce better images than digital cameras. You may wish to change to the highest settings on the camera.



Fed up with training in the dark on muddy grass pitches?

Bring your team to

BOTLEY MUGA

2 flood-lit all-weather astro turf pitches at the High Street Recreation Ground

Spaces available:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8-10pm

Wednesday 6-7pm and 8-10pm

For further details and prices
phone 01489 787181

Or e-mail deborah.barnes@botley.com

THE BOTLEY CENTRE HELPING YOU TO HOST YOUR EVENT



Centrally located with ample parking
Small, medium and large rooms available
Disabled access and toilets
All hire rooms have hearing loops

For enquiries and bookings
contact Wendy Whitfield, Centre Manager

Tel: 01489 784274 E-mail: wendy.whitfield@botley.com

Local Police Message This Christmas

There has been an increase in burglaries in the Botley and Hedge End area.

To keep yourself and your family safe this Christmas, please read through some general advice below.



General Crime Prevention Advice

Shut all windows and lock them when you are not using the room, at night and when you leave your property

Lock all front and rear doors at night and when you are out. If you have a UPVC door with a multi-point lock ensure you lift the handle and lock it with the key.

Put all car keys and other keys are out of sight and not in reach of windows and letterboxes. It doesn't take much for the keys to be hooked through the letterbox.

If you are going out for the evening leave a light on so your home looks occupied. If you head out while it is still daylight and won't be back till after dark then a timer switches (available from most DIY stores) can be useful in turning your lights, radios and other appliances on at a set time before you get back.

Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property. Do not leave ladders and garden tools in your garden; lock them away in your shed.

Have an intruder alarm system installed by an approved contractor. Ensure a visible alarm box is attached to the outside of your home. Also consider fitting security lighting.

Use door chains and spyholes to give you extra security if someone knocks on your door. Never be afraid to turn people away. If you have concerns about anyone who has come to your door call the police.

For further information please visit:

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/safer-homes>

Another area of concern at the moment is an increase in telephone scams. This involves phone calls from people claiming to be Police Officers (especially from the Met) claiming a fraud involving your bank. Please note, never divulge any personal information including bank details, PIN number or any personal data over the phone.

Postal scams involving lottery wins or some kind of inheritance are also in circulation. If you have any concerns speak to the Police on 101 or visit your bank in person.

If you would like up to date information on current crime information, please visit Hampshire Alerts on this link <https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/> It takes no more than two minutes to set up. When the police put out information and crime series, an e-mail will be generated to everyone on the Police alert system - keeping you up to date.

For up to date crime information on your local area - visit the crime reports web site at: <https://www.crimereports.co.uk/> and type in the area where you live.

For up to date information on your local Policing Team and priorities for your area, please visit: <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood>.

If you are witness or a victim of crime, call Hampshire Constabulary on the non emergency 101 number. If your call is an emergency, always use 999. An emergency call is classified as anything that immediately endangers someone's life or safety and risk to property.

If you are aware of any one who is vulnerable at any time, please call the police on 101 so we can review the risk to them and make enquires to help.

PCSO 13151 Steve HILL.

Hedge End Neighbourhood Policing Team

Shopping online can be fun and convenient but make sure you keep yourself and your family safe on the Internet.

1. Web site URL address security: Look for the https at the start of the URL and make sure the green bar and padlock are in the browser bar.

2. Wifi security: Check you are connecting to the right network. Avoid making financial transactions on public wifi and use a password protected network.

3. Security Software is essential. Use age appropriate filters to monitor your children's activities and block

inappropriate online activities. Update regularly!

4. Ideally, ensure you know who you are buying from.

5. Tickets: Be cautious when buying tickets online. Figures suggest that 1 in 10 ticket buyers have purchased fakes at some time.

6. Read terms and conditions before agreeing, as accepting is entering into a legally binding agreement!

7. The sale of goods act applies to online sales in the UK - so make sure you are buying from the UK!

8. Use a secure payment site such as PayPal unless you know who you're paying money to.

9. Register your credit card with Verified by Visa, Mastercard Secure or American Express Safekey for added security.

10. Using online banking: Check your statements regularly or get mobile alerts for your bank account. Report any suspicious activity to Action Fraud as well as your bank.

11. Always log out after an online transaction instead of just closing down the browser.

ALPHABETS PRE-SCHOOL

Alphabets have been supporting 'Save the Honey Bees' with lots of different activities such as making bee masks, looking at a real hornet, making honeycomb and trying honey.

The children are looking at different things that happen in the world around us. Next term we will be looking at Hanukkah—the Jewish festival of lights.



The children's model of a honeycomb

We have a lovely team of staff working at Alphabets who support the children learning through play. We have some spaces available for children aged over 2 years 5 months.

Alphabets Pre-school is based in the Scout Hall at the Botley Centre, High Street Recreation Ground
For more information about a place at Alphabets contact Katy or Charlotte.

Email: contact@alphabets.org.uk 07867542988

BOTLEY GARDENING CLUB

From armchair gardeners to professionals - this Club is for everyone interested in gardening, wildlife, conservation and all things environmental and ornamental!

We meet at the Market Hall on the third Wednesday evening of the month at 7.30 p.m.

20 Jan: An organic garden project

17 Feb: complementary colours in the garden & AGM

For further details on the Club phone 01489 781155

QE2 Activity Centre, in the Manor Farm Country Park between Botley and Bursledon, is a registered charity providing activity opportunities for people with disabilities.

The Management Committee of the Centre is looking for a new Honorary Secretary. The role would entail attending meetings eight times a year, taking minutes, preparing agendas etc.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Phil Oates, Centre Manager on 023 8040 4844 or by email qe2centre@aol.com.

BOTLEY MARKET HALL

2015 has been another successful year for the Market Hall with more clubs and activities, more improvements and more people involved. 2016 promises to be even better!

Join in the fun by booking the Hall for your event, function or meeting, by phoning 07733553408; join one of the 20 or so clubs which meet in the Hall each week, serving all age groups and interests. You could be a volunteer and join our lively and active team of helpers or become a Trustee or even the Chairman of the local charity which runs the Hall.

You can find out more about all these, without committing yourself call Derek Oswald on 01489 781155

PARLOUR TRICKS

**An evening of magic,
tricks & illusions
from Morgan and West**

*BOTLEY MARKET HALL
Saturday 6th February 7pm*

*Phone 01489 781155 for tickets
£16 for show and supper*

“Wit...charm...panache...fun - for all age groups”

“Top Victorian magicians”

“Jaw dropping and brain busting”!

See www.morganandwest.co.uk

PROBUS CLUB OF HAMBLE VALLEY

We are a club for retired and semi-retired professional and business men. We meet in the Diamond Jubilee Hall at the Botley Centre on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 10am to 12 noon.

New members are very welcome. Please contact the Secretary, Martin Mills on 01489 788659

Jan 6: 'Destination Disaster'

Feb 3: The Andean Medical Mission

Mar 2: British Association for Immediate Care

Jan 20: Tall Ships Experience

Feb 17: WW2 Flying Boats

Mar 16: The Secrets of London

SHOP LOCAL! LOVE LOCAL!

BOTLEY HAS OVER 60 TRADERS AND BUSINESSES – SUPPORT THEM...GET YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS LOCALLY...KEEP BOTLEY BUSY AND LIVELY!

THE BOTLEY TRADERS ASSOCIATION PUTS UP THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND THE LITTLE TREES IN THE VILLAGE
SEE WWW.BOTLEY.COM FOR INFORMATION ON THE ASSOCIATION

BOTLEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Way back in early June 1995, a leaflet dropped through the

letter boxes of the residents of Botley inviting them to a meeting being held in the Botley Market Hall to discuss setting up a link with a group of villages in the canton of St Jean Brévelay, near Vannes. Our neighbours were going to this meeting so we decided to join them. Little did we know what it would lead to! A committee was set up, members joined and the fun began.

Over the years, we've barbequed, we've murdered (Murder Mystery nights I must add), we've boated down rivers, we've danced with our little fingers entwined, we've stabbed many a haggis (Burn's nights), we've sung, we've walked and we've had our brains picked (quiz nights). The association holds these social events to raise the funds to entertain our French friends when they are here. We travel to France and they visit us on alternate years.

The aims of the association are to develop links between individuals and groups through social, educational and commercial ventures to increase the knowledge and

understanding of our different cultures.

We've made some great friends by being members of the Botley Twinning Association, not only with the French families we have stayed with on our visits to St Jean Brévelay, but also with the Botley members who we have met through the social events.

It's a great group to be involved with - you can join in with as little or as much as you prefer. We have on average 3 or 4 events throughout the year. We would love to see you at our next venture which is a **70's Party Night at the Market Hall on 30th January 2016**, with a live singer, singing all your favourite hits, a bar and party nibbles

- all for just £14 (less if you're a member!)

Full details can be found on our the website www.botley.com/botley-twinning-association

If you are interested in joining us, or would like to know more about the association, please contact Val Llewellyn on 01489 784332 for more details.



St Jean Brévelay 2009



Botley 2012

Botley Choral Society

with Maritime Brass

Christmas Concert

Rutter: 'Gloria' and 'Te Deum'

And a selection of carols, old and new

Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm

All Saints Church Botley

Tickets £12 (Concessions £10)

From The Parish Office, All Saints Church, Botley 01489 782445

Online: www.Botleychoral.co.uk

Or tel. 07941 884419



BOTLEY WI

Plans for the festive season are in hand: members arrange their traditional Christmas Card Walk delivering cards to members around the Botley area - with stops for coffee and carol singing! The Christmas Party is held in December and in January a Festive Dinner will be held with excellent caterers in the Market Hall on our normal meeting night.

Botley WI is a member of Bishops Waltham's Group which organises activities for members. Other events are arranged by Hampshire Federation and previously the location of some of these has been at WI House in Winchester but with plans in progress for the Headquarters to relocate to the modern office building of Horizon House in Eastleigh, it will make travelling easier for us!

Botley WI meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 in the Market Hall and next year's interesting speakers are mostly already booked. Visitors and new or ex WI members are welcome to come along.

The February 18th meeting in 2016 will be about "Blood, Sweat and Wheelchairs" by Aaron Phipps with March 17th having Gill Southwell on "New Forest to Salt Lake City".

For more information contact:
President Clare Harding on 01489 781765 or
Secretary Maureen Hunt on 01489 781012.

BOTLEY FLORAL CLUB

Botley Floral Club (formerly known as Curdridge Floral club) have enjoyed a varied programme of activities this summer, including demonstrators from NAFAS (The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies), a garden party, work-ins to practice our skills in the art of floral arranging.

One such workshop shown here, was to make a petite arrangement no more than 9" tall and across.



We also showed our skills at the Annual Curdridge Show when we put on an exhibit depicting the anniversary of Agincourt.

We would welcome any new members or visitors to our friendly little group which meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm in the Botley Centre. You would be most welcome.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Clemons on 01489790522.

BOTLEY IN BLOOM PRESENTATION EVENING

Botley in Bloom held their Summer Gardening Competition Presentation Evening in the Masonic Centre at the beginning of October. It was a very enjoyable evening with the winners and runners-up in the various categories receiving their trophies/plaques/certificates from the Mayor of Eastleigh, Jane Welsh.



Our Speakers, the evergreen Brian Kidd, Mike Smale of Lyburn Farms and Tim Mason of Hillier Nurseries Ltd gave entertaining and informative talks. The evening was rounded off by a raffle and finally our guests had plenty of time to chat over the finger buffet.

We would like to thank our sponsors: Eastleigh Borough Council, Hamble Motors Ltd and Clarke Mews Estate Agents, whose invaluable financial support made this memorable evening possible.

We would also like to thank all those who entered our 2015 Competition - without you, there's no event, so please remember - entry forms will be available in June for the 2016 competition!

Village History Part 50: Pudbrook

Pudbrook Lake (Lake is derived from the Old English *lacu* - a small stream or water channel) is a tributary of the River Hamble and rises from the lake to the north of the Botleigh Grange Hotel and flows east under Woodhouse Lane. It crosses under the High Street and Brook Lane and continues in an easterly direction to join the River Hamble near Church Lane at Botley Quay.

Pudbrook Lake passes under Church Lane. Prior to 1884 the lane only existed from the village centre to Steeplecourt. This is surprising because before 1836, the village church (now known as St Bartholomew's) was established in Saxon times at its present location near Manor Farm. Hence worshippers had to journey to church via Pudbrook Lane (now Brook Lane) or by footpath. The footpath commenced from the village via the 'Church Path' - now curiously called 'Lovers Lane', to cross Pudbrook Lake and Burgessland Farm.

The sketch of the wooden bridge is a 19th Century drawing (c.1830) by 'EAJ' thought to be Edith Jenkyns of Botley



Hill House. The bridge was referred to as Balsamoor Bridge in the 19th century. The tithe map of 1839 defines the pasture land either side of the river at this point as 'Balsam Moor'.

Further upstream is Pudbrook House, a retirement/sheltered housing unit built in 1987.

The river then forms the southern boundary of the Recreation Ground. Land for the Recreation Ground was given by Henry Jenkyns of Botley Hill House in 1887 and designated *the Jubilee Recreation Ground* to celebrate the occasion of 50 years of the reign of Queen Victoria.

It was officially opened by the Rector's wife, Mrs Morley Lee on 21st June 1888. Originally comprising 3.9 acres of land, it has greatly increased in area over the years. Today, it is a valued part of our village and a credit to the Parish Council and their groundstaff who maintain it.



The river continues past Brook House. It was formerly built as Pudbrook Cottage and, in 1848, it became the home of William Warner, son of James Warner, Lord of the Manor of Botley. The property was described in 1830 as *'a valuable estate stocked with timber, consisting of a substantial & well built Dwelling House, Orchard, Garden, Barns, Stables and out buildings with 55 acres of arable meadow and coppice land'*. It was during William's occupancy that the house was considerably enlarged and became 'Brook House'. William was listed as a Timber Merchant and Farmer and his landholding increased significantly when his father died in 1857. He inherited Steeple Court, Marks Farm and all the meadows and arable land bounded by Church Lane and Brook Lane.

In 1968 Brook House was purchased by the Fraternal Organisation of Freemasons with the intention of establishing a Masonic Lodge and in 1971 the Pudbrook Lodge was formed. Later that year a Masonic Hall was built behind Brook House.

In recent years, Brook House has become the home of Woodhill School, a private independent preparatory school.

BOTLEY HISTORY – The Society is staging an exhibition of Botley's history at the Market Hall on 27th & 28th February 2016 between 10-00am and 5-00pm

FRIENDS OF PUDBROOK



The Friends of Pudbrook group of volunteers started this year and have already made a big difference in this special wildlife area.

It would be wonderful to welcome even more people to help conserve, record and protect the area.

Work parties/meetings are held on a Wednesday every month under the guidance of the Parish Council's

groundstaff.

Please phone the Parish Office on 01489 787181 to register your interests or to confirm your attendance at the next meeting.

Early 2016 dates (all on Wednesdays):

27 January	24th February
23 March	27 April
25 May	29 June

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

1 PM TO 5 PM

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2015

A334 BOTLEY HIGH STREET will be closed to traffic from MILL HILL
to the MAYPOLE ROUNDABOUT, BROADOAK

Through traffic will be diverted along WOODHOUSE LANE and WINCHESTER STREET
A334 BROADOAK will be open for access only

Parking restrictions will apply in WINCHESTER STREET

The closure has been arranged as part of the 'Carols In the Square' event in Botley Square

For further information contact Botley Parish Council 01489 787181



The editorial team are always on the lookout for new features and items of local news for the newsletter. Ideas from readers are always welcome.

Please send copy for the next newsletter to the Clerk by 26 February 2016

Parish Council Meetings

The Council's meetings take place at 7.15pm on the second Tuesday of every month. Planning & Highways Committee meetings start at 7.15pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month, followed at 8.15pm by either the Recreation or Policy & Resources Committee. Meetings are open to the public and are held in either the Diamond Jubilee Hall or in the Committee Room at the Botley Centre. See Parish Council notice boards for dates and agenda details.

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