

BOTLEY NEWS

**Winner of the “Newsletter of the Year Award 2012”
presented by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils**

FLYING THE FLAG

Botley Parish Council has been awarded the prestigious Green Flag for the High Street Recreation Ground for a second successive year. The Council is particularly proud of this achievement because Botley is the only parish in the area to hold this award for a recreation ground.

The Green Flag is a national award for standards of excellence in public and community parks and green spaces.

The achievement marks more than ten years of consistent improvement to the facilities and amenities on the site; recognition of the high standard to which it is managed by the Council and maintained by the dedication and hard work of the Council’s groundstaff.



David Bastable, Head Groundsman being congratulated by Parish Chairman Colin Mercer

VOLUNTEERS REPEL INVADER!

This summer has seen an increase in the growth of Himalayan Balsam at sites within the parish. It has become a particular problem at Pudbrook.

Introduced to the UK in 1839 Himalayan Balsam is now a naturalised plant that has become an aggressive weed.



An annual, growing 2-3m (6-10ft) in height. Between June and October it produces clusters of purplish pink (or rarely white) helmet-shaped flowers. Himalayan balsam tolerates low light levels and shades out other vegetation, gradually impoverishing habitats by killing off other plants. The flowers

are followed by seed pods that open explosively when ripe. Each plant can produce up to 800 seeds which shoot up to 7mtrs from the parent plant.

Balsam can be killed by chemical spraying but this is not ideal close to Pudbrook stream. The simplest way to tackle this unwanted invader is to pull it out before the plants produce seeds.

On one of the hottest days of the year, under the guidance of Katy Roberts from the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers and Botley’s Head Groundsman, David Bastable, volunteers cleared huge swathes of balsam from land beside the footpath and stream at Pudbrook; the resulting debris was taken away for disposal.

FRIENDS OF PUDBROOK

Pudbrook is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) with a wide variety of interesting plant and wildlife.

The Parish Council are hopeful that more volunteers will come forward to join a fledgling ‘Friends of Pudbrook’ group, with the aim of maintaining, recording and protecting this habitat.

To help with practical jobs like balsam clearance or just to keep a friendly watch on the area please contact the Parish Clerk.



Judicial Review – Resident’s Opinion Survey - June 2013

The Parish Council has undertaken an opinion survey asking residents whether they would support a proposal to seek a Judicial Review of Eastleigh Borough Council’s decision to grant outline planning permission for the development of 1400 homes at Boorley Green.

In due course the Council will be taking detailed legal advice as to whether there are sufficient grounds on which to challenge the decision. While the findings of the survey will be a factor to be taken into account when considering whether to proceed with legal action the survey of itself does not constitute a vote or ballot.

Analysis of distribution

2195 forms distributed (one per household)

	Boorley Green	Botley Village	Western Botley	
	245	955	995	2195
Distribution % by area	11.17%	43.50%	45.33%	

Analysis of returns

Distribution: 2195
Returns: 526
Overall return rate: 23.97%

Yes: = 507 = 96.39% of returns
No: = 18 = 3.42% of returns
Unknown: = 1 = 0.2%

	Boorley Green	Botley Village	Western Botley	
Yes	149	241	117	507
No	1	12	5	18
Unknown	0	1	0	1
	150	254	122	526
Percentage of forms returned from each distribution area	61.23%	26.60%	12.27%	

Analysis of numbers written in the two boxes

Respondents were asked to indicate the number of people in the household, aged over 18, who had a preference for a either a yes or a no response.

There were significant discrepancies in the ways in which the number of supporters was indicated. Some boxes had numbers, some had a tick (ü) some had the survey form number written in a box. For the purpose of analysis all returns marked with a tick or survey form number have been counted as 1.

It would therefore be inaccurate to attempt to draw conclusions from the number of people indicating a preference in comparison with the number of electors on the current electoral roll.

	Boorley Green	Botley Village	Western Botley	
Yes	301	454	210	965
No	4	20	9	33
The current electoral roll is 4158 persons per area	544	1759	1855	



BOTLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2013

Thank you to everyone who made the third Botley Music Festival such a great week; even the weather was warm and sunny - too hot at times! The audiences were tremendous so thank you for being so enthusiastic.

The Musical Director of the Festival, David Burgess, conceived the idea of bringing live music to Botley. The Church choir played their part by singing Choral Evensong to open the Festival and the augmented choir presented a Night at the Opera to close the week-long event. The audience were delighted to hear all their favourite opera choruses.

Lunchtime concerts were diverse in their content. The Art of the Counter Tenor was expertly demonstrated by Thomas Jordan. Dr David Price gave an organ recital with music of Bach, Couperin, Cammilleri and Vierne. The Kaleidoscope Palm Court Trio entertained with a unique collection of carefully arranged music for violin, cello and piano. All Saints' Reading Group presented *Serendipity* with a miscellany of literary and musical offerings. Harpist Fiona Thompson made a welcome return to the Festival playing a selection of her favourite music from Handel, Granados and Debussy. A large group of under 5s enjoyed a Maraca Jack's music workshop, singing nursery rhymes old and new. Families had fun at Musical Messy Church with the theme of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho.

Evening entertainment came in many differing forms. Jazz came to the Festival for the first time with Julie Horton and Chijazz. Upham Recorder Orchestra gave a wonderful concert with recorders ranging from the tiny garklein to the great bass. Young people demonstrated their musical prowess in playing solos on numerous instruments. The audience were stunned at the exquisite sound of the Armonico Consort as this choir gave their Naked Byrd concert. Quizmaster Tom Mills once again tested the teams competing in the Music Quiz with his eclectic mix of questions - how does he think them up?! Red Hot Reeds got feet tapping with their lively English dance music at the Festival Ceilidh and Botley campanologists were on hand to show interested visitors the bell ropes and how to ring the changes.

A huge thank you to everyone who made this musical week such a success.

Catherine Tribble



Julie Horton and Chijazz

HAMPSHIRE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Public notices issued by Hampshire's district councils , e.g. those about impending major road works, can now be found in the 'Hampshire Independent' free newspaper rather than the Southern Echo. Botley Parish Council have a copy of the paper for you to look at, or the nearest places to pick up your own copy are the Courtyard Kitchen, Botley Mills, or The Co-op in the Square, or visit www.hantsdirect.com to read the paper on-line

REPORTING HIGHWAYS PROBLEMS

If you are getting in a jam wondering who to contact over problems with roads, street lights, footpaths etc, keep a copy of these handy details in the front of your phone book.

Motorways and trunk roads: The Highways Agency
www.highways.gov.uk tel 0300 123 5000

Hampshire County Council is responsible for most other road issues in the county.

Potholes **Damaged Pavements**
Faulty Traffic Lights **Damaged Road Signs**
Tree and Hedge Problems **Drainage Issues**
Street Lights
www.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems
Hampshire Highways tel 0845 603 5633

Winter Maintenance
Hampshire County Council treats roads on a priority basis dependant upon how much traffic they carry.
Community salt bins are filled so that residents can help to treat footpaths and pavements during severe weather.

To find out about salting routes:
www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/winter-maintenance/road-salting.htm

For missing or empty salt bins contact
www.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems
Hampshire Highways tel 0845 603 5633

Abandoned Vehicles **Fly Tipping**
Animal Carcasses **Road Sweeping**
Dealt with by Eastleigh Borough Council
www.eastleigh.gov.uk/waste-recycling-environment/streetscene.aspx
Tel 023 8068 8440

Countryside Issues:
Rights of Way **Gates**
Stiles **Bridleways**
www.hants.gov.uk/rh/row/problem-report.html
Hampshire County Council Countryside Service: tel 0845 6035636

THE BOTLEY CENTRE

Centrally located at the High Street Recreation Ground the Botley Centre is a bright, modern community centre with ample car parking.

There are three rooms available for hire, The large Main Hall with its own kitchen, toilets and bar area, ideal for parties and receptions .

The Committee Room, adjacent to the Main Hall can accommodate small groups or meetings of up to fifteen people. It can be connected internally with the Main Hall for large functions.

The smaller Diamond Jubilee Hall is a self-contained unit with a kitchen and toilets. It is perfect for smaller community groups, meetings and training sessions.

For enquiries and bookings please contact Mrs Wendy Whitfield, Centre Manager
Tel: 01489 784274,
E-mail: wendy.whitfield@botley.com



Botley Centre Hire Charges from 01 April 2013
(All fees are inclusive of VAT)

Mon–Fri; Sat up to 5pm; Sun	Main Hall	£15.30 per hr
Sat after 5pm	Main Hall	£24.00 per hr
Sat after 5pm	Main Hall + Committee Room	£28.00 per hr
Mon–Sun	Committee Room	£10.00 per hr
Mon–Sun	Diamond Jubilee Hall	£12.75 per hr

Many local clubs, groups and classes already enjoy the excellent Botley Centre facilities, but there is space and opportunity for further regular groups and one-off events.

MAIN HALL	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
MORNING	Zumba 10-11	Slimming World 8.30am-1pm	Over 60's Lunch Club 10.30 – 2pm	Botley Short Mat Bowls Club 9.30-12			
AFTERNOON		Botley Short Mat Bowls Club 2-4		Zumba Gold (over 60's) 1.30-2.30			
TWILIGHT	Spinners Dance 4.30-10	Spinners Dance 4.30-10	Class Act Theatre School 5-7.30	Spinners Dance 4.30-10			Swing Dance 3.45-8.45
EVENING					Botley Short Mat Bowls Club 7-9.45		

DIAMOND JUBILEE	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
MORNING			1 st & 3 rd : Probus Club 10-12	Unavailable for regular hire	Enjoy Share Art 11-1pm		
AFTERNOON			2 nd : Curdridge Floral Club 1.30-4	Unavailable for regular hire			
TWILIGHT				Unavailable			
EVENING	Yoga 7.15-8.15 Bokwa 8.20-9.20	2 nd : Parish Council		Unavailable for regular hire	'Toast Office' in conjunction with Friday night youth football 7.30-9.30		

NCT classes and courses are held in the Diamond Jubilee Hall, but not on a regular date or time.

SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP IN BOTLEY!

Do you use the shops and businesses in Botley? Have you visited the many shops and businesses down at the Mill?

If not – why not give them a try?



Did you know you can get virtually everything you want in the village, right on your doorstep! Plumbing supplies... interior design...carpets... pictures...gifts.....flowers.....

PC repairs...dresses – just a few of the top quality wares in the local shops!

Easy, free parking, shops just a walk away, friendly service and you can take a break for a pint or cuppa.

Botley Traders want and need your business and using them will help keep the village centre lively and vibrant. Without the shops Botley would lose much of its character. The Traders are as much a part of the community as residents; did you know for instance that they arrange and help pay for the Christmas lights?

Find out more by contacting the Botley Traders Association – BBM@botley.com

EVERYBODY'S GONE SURFING.....

Wish you could too?

Learn how to use a computer in a friendly and relaxed environment.



8-10 weeks courses run by approachable, patient and sympathetic leaders. No computer questions too small or daft! Bring your own laptop or use the computers provided.

Cost: Voluntary donation of £4 per 2 hour session.

Beginners Computing - the very basics of how to get started -no prior knowledge required

▫ Improvers Computing -

▫ Question sessions - open sessions, more technical queries and one off enquiries

Learn to use the internet, write letters; manage your money with online banking, shop online, email; use online communications to talk to distant family and friends. Digital cameras explained - camera operation; what to do with all those pictures.

All courses are based at All Saints Church, Botley with computer facilities provided by Hampshire Libraries.

To find out more please call Helen White on 01489 891826 or email helen@mh-white.com

Could you be a volunteer with the computing assistance group in Botley? Please call Helen to talk about how you could help.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

The Mobile Library visits Botley every Monday afternoon, stopping at :Alexandra Way 2.15–2.45pm and The Botley Centre 3.00–4.00pm

But there is *also* a library in the foyer of All Saint's Church that is there for everyone to use. The books are provided by Hampshire County Council Library Service, with the selection changed every fortnight. The church library is open all week, so if you find it hard to get to Hedge End or Fareham and you are not always free at the times the mobile library is in the village, then this could be the answer.

Large print books are available and lots of children's and toddlers books for your little ones to choose from, so it's a great place to stop with the pushchair as you walk into the village or even for a little outing.



There is easy access with no steps, and you are welcome to sit for a while and do some reading. Why not make a social occasion of your library visit and come to choose your books on a Thursday morning when there is a cafe and lots of people stay and chat.

29th Broad Oak Scout Group

We are looking to set up an Explorer Scout Unit in the Botley area.

If you want to join our adventure and are aged between 14—18 years, or even an adult willing to become a leader, please contact Lisa, Group Scout Leader, on 077131 72771 or e-mail lisa.wichman@yahoo.co.uk



Did you know that Eastleigh Borough Council offers support and advice for small businesses (eastleigh.gov.uk/business).

One of the latest initiatives for small businesses is the new Training Grant. If you are a business with 10 or less staff, or self-employed you may very well be eligible for a training grant of up to £250.00 per company. The grant can be for one or more staff.

Grants are awarded on a monthly basis, for businesses based in the borough and their staff. Whatever your learning/training need is we will consider it - whether it be to learn about online services, taking on new markets, financial, or sales training for your business, up skilling in new technologies or foundation training such as customer services and marketing.

Full information and an online application form can be found at www.eastleigh.gov.uk/traininggrant or speak to Paul Del-A-More on 023 8068 3835.

BOTLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Club's September meeting in the Market Hall is on Wednesday 18th - why not come along and join this lively club? You don't have to be an expert gardener! Ring 781155 to find out more.

ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW

14th September 1.30pm

If you grow it, show it!

Phone 01489 786166
for a entry details

BOTLEY MARKET HALL

FOR TOP CLASS ENTERTAINMENT and quality films on your doorstep. Ring 781155 and join our mailing list to be kept informed. Treat yourself to a good night out!

AUTUMN ENTERTAINMENT

Films: Start at 7.30pm

26 Sept: 'From Here to Eternity'

7 Nov: 'Ninotchka'

5 Dec: 'Renoir'

Show: 2nd November 7pm

'Bowjangles Review'

playing, singing, slapstick, dance, gypsy, jazz, charleston and more. £15 for show plus supper.

For tickets and information phone 781155 or e-mail derek.oswald@gmail.com.

BOTLEY WI

New members and visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings in the Market Hall at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of each month. Join our craft, reading and walking groups each month. You can just come along or contact Maureen Hunt (Secretary) on 01489 781012.

September is the Institute's 21st birthday and we'll be celebrating with other local institutes and enjoying 'a happy half hour' with 40's housewife, Mrs. Cox.

In October, we'll be thinking ahead to Christmas and finding out how to make decorations with Sharon Rogers from Boarhunt Flower Mill

Botley WI always supports the Bishop's Waltham Group activities. Ten members, hats at the ready, attended the Group Garden Party in August. For the second year running, we have won the group round of the Hampshire Quiz, while the skittles competition has yet to start.

Wendy Bassom attended the National Federation Annual Meeting in Cardiff. This meant that we were able to have first hand information of proceedings. Well done to member Jeanette Collett who has abseiled down the Spinnaker Tower to raise funds for "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf". Also, a warm welcome back to long serving member Mary Stallard after her recent illness. Mary would like to thank the WI for their kind messages and support



WI Winter Fayre

16th November

9.30-12.30

at the Market Hall

BURSLEDON BRICKWORKS INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM



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CURDRIDGE FLORAL CLUB

Curdridge Floral Club meets in the Diamond Jubilee Hall at the Botley Centre, High Street Recreation Ground, on 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1.30-4.00pm

11 September: Denise Bright: 'Magic Moments'.

9 October: will be a practical session; a time for more recent members to try a new design and for more experienced ones to go back to basics.

13 November: A G M

11th December: Katie Baxter: 'Christmas Festivities'.

Our Christmas meeting is the highlight of the year and I know this will be a wonderful afternoon. so do try to join us.

Apart from our regular meetings we have also been involved with the spectacular Winchester Cathedral flower festival, flowers in All Saints Church, Botley for the week-long Music Festival and an exhibit entitled 'British Traditions' at the Curdridge County Show; all-in-all a very busy summer.

Veronica Mason, Chairman

OPEN DAYS 2013



- 14 April Big Spring Steam Up
- 19 May Big Wheels & Small Tracks
- 23 June Country Fair
- 21 July Stars and Stripes—an American Day
- 18 Aug Trains, Trains, Trains
- 22 Sept Blitz at The Brickworks
- 20 Oct End of Season Steam Up & Halloween
- 24 Nov Christmas at the Brickworks

Check our website for more details of holiday activities and the National Heritage Open Days scheme

www.bursledonbrickworks.org.uk

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BOTLEY CURDRIDGE AND DURLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

THE VILLAGE HISTORY - PART 43 - The British Legion Clubhouse

The British Legion building in Winchester Street was opened in 1982 but an ex servicemen's clubhouse had existed on this site since 1924.

Following the end of the First World War, ex-servicemen sought a hut for members use and in August 1921, a meeting of local veterans of the war met at Botley School to determine how funds could be raised to achieve their object. It was anticipated that some money would be available from the Botley War Relief fund and it was agreed that further money could be raised from a share subscription and a series of whist drives and dances to be held in the coming year. It was stressed at this meeting that the membership of the proposed clubhouse would be open to all men of the village and not restricted to ex-servicemen.

The anticipated cost of a new clubhouse was estimated at £2,000 and alternative venues were considered, one being to use the Malthouse but it was already being leased on a long term tenancy. An offer from the Trustees of the Henry Jenkyns estate of land for a clubhouse on the east side of Church Lane but this was let as an orchard. A further option was to amalgamate with the Botley Institute but the ex-servicemen preferred to continue to seek land on which to build their own clubhouse.

In 1923, a site was eventually found in Winchester Street with a frontage of 58 ft and 200ft depth at a cost of £61.00. The original intention of a large brick building was now out of the question due to the small amount of income raised. This amounted to £173 of which £130 had been obtained from the Botley War Relief Fund and £20.5s from the share subscription.

In November 1923 it was resolved to build on the site a hut of corrugated galvanised metal, match boarded inside and measuring 30ft x 45ft which would provide a bar, tap room, billiard room and two smaller rooms for reading and games at an estimated cost of £350. The hut was formally opened in 1924.

For over 50 years the hut provided a social centre not only for members of the British Legion but for all age groups of the village. Older villagers recall the dances and whist drives held there and, during the last war, it became the headquarters for the Home Guard.

In 1979 it was realised that the building was decaying and rapidly becoming beyond repair. The committee decided that a new building had to be erected. However, there were many hurdles to overcome before planning approval was granted. To raise the money needed for the new building, a mortgage was required but it was found that the deeds were missing. In 1934 £500 had been borrowed from Brickwood's Brewery but when this sum was repaid in 1949 the deeds were not returned because they had been destroyed in an air raid on the Portsmouth Brewery. New deeds were prepared by a solicitor but delays were inevitable.



The British Legion Clubhouse, Winchester St—pre 1982

Planning permission was given for the new club at a cost of £60,000 but it was discovered that the water supply fed not only the club itself but also the huts behind which belonged to Eastleigh Borough Council for homeless families. The council insisted that the hut's water supply should be separated and that the club should pay. As the Legion had agreed to have their own water supply tapped during the war for the benefit of the bombed out families, the club considered that this was unreasonable, but eventually a compromise was reached.

There were then objections from neighbours on the grounds of noise - resulting in 14 court cases during 1977/79. Further delays were encountered when the Parish Council were advised that bats were living in the roof of the existing clubhouse which would prevent its demolition. However the Nature Conservancy Board subsequently gave the all clear for demolition saying they could find no evidence of bat occupancy. The new clubhouse, which exists today, was opened in December 1982.

DH Stokes

The Botley Curdridge & Durley History Society meets in the Reading Room at Curdridge at 8pm

Forthcoming talks & visits:

27th September: 'Edward Jenner & the Smallpox Virus'

25th October: 'Lest we Forget'



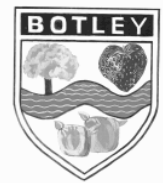
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at the High Street
Recreation Ground**

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football training sessions**

For prices and availability
phone 01489 787181 or e-mail
deborah.barnes@botley.com

**FREE USE FOR CHILDREN
DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
Monday : Friday—9am : 4:30pm

Parish Council 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 the Committee Room of the Botley Centre. See Parish Council notice boards for dates and agenda details.



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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 December newsletter to the Clerk by 31st October 2013