

LOCALITY (COMMUNITY EVENTS, LIBRARIES & PLACES OF WORSHIP)

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1 Music at All Saints Church

- 1.1 All Saints Church is at the centre of musical life in the Village. A programme of monthly concerts is published each year. This includes two performances by the Botley Choral Society, a large choir on the verge of celebrating its centenary, lunchtime concerts by solo singers and instrumentalists and concerts given by other local groups from the immediate local community and beyond. Professional groups make an appearance too, most notably in 2020 when the Armonico Consort with Oz Clarke presented an evening of music and wine.
- 1.2 Botley Church is lucky to have a large and very dedicated choir, who not only sing for Sunday services, but also take part in village events such as the annual Carols in the Square. Also, they have a regular slot singing carols in one of the local pubs in the lead-up to Christmas. They form the core of the larger Chamber Choir which involves a number of local singers, many of whom live in or around Botley. This choir gives an annual performance on Good Friday, as well as giving other occasional concerts.
- 1.3 Every other year the Botley Music Festival takes place during the first week of July which attracts many people from the local area. This comprises daily lunchtime concerts and several evening events, usually culminating in a highly popular Last Night of the Proms with augmented choir and orchestra, again drawn from local musicians.

2 Botley Market Hall

- 2.1 Botley Market Hall is a Grade 2 Listed Building in a prominent position in the centre of Botley and lies within a Conservation Area. It is owned and managed by a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The running of the Charity and of the Hall is dependent entirely on volunteers.
- 2.2 The Hall is a vital community asset and meeting place for over 20 groups and clubs in the local area. Also, it is frequently hired for private functions.
- 2.3 For over 30 years concerts, live entertainment and shows of all sorts have been organised at the Hall for the local and wider community. The Hall has established a reputation for top quality entertainment, which is both affordable and accessible to all sections of the community. Jazz, classical, folk and traditional music has been performed, as has comedy, film and drama. In addition, exhibitions of art and crafts regularly occur. For most of these

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functions any proceeds or profits have been ploughed back into the Hall, ensuring it is up to date and modernised whilst respecting its Listed Building status.

3 Community events

- 3.1 French Twinning visit. Botley is twinned with St Jean Brevalay in Brittany and its surrounding villages. An alternate (even) year visit to Botley by our French friends is organised by the Botley Twinning Association and usually occurs in May. Twinning Association members visit Brittany on alternate (odd) years.
- 3.2 Botley Community Information Day. This annual event, usually held in June, is arranged by the Botley Parish Council. It is held on alternate years at the Botley Centre and the Boorley Park Community Centre. The residents are able to meet local voluntary groups and find out what is available to them.
- 3.3 Botley in Bloom. This annual event, held in June, is arranged by the Botley in Bloom Group. It is a competition open to all residents to compete in various categories relating to their horticultural endeavours.
- 3.4 Botley Music Festival. The Festival is held on alternate (odd) years and is arranged by the Botley Music Festival Organising Committee.
- 3.5 Botley Gardening Show. This annual event, held in September, is arranged by the Botley Gardening Club. It is a competition open to all residents to compete in various categories relating to their horticultural and culinary endeavours.
- 3.6 Remembrance Commemorations:
 - a There is an annual Commemoration event at HMS Cricket in the River Hamble Country Park on the Saturday before Remembrance Day, and;
 - b There is an annual Remembrance Day Parade in Botley on Remembrance Sunday. The High Street is closed to allow all participating unhindered access to the Village War Memorial at All Saints Church.
- 3.7 Carols in the Square. This annual event, held usually on the last Sunday before Christmas Day, is arranged by Botley Parish Council. It allows the community to come together to sing carols and for Father Christmas to visit the Village and give a small present to each child at the event. The High Street is closed to allow full use of the Village Square.

4 Local Libraries

- 4.1 All Saints Church Library. This was set up as a Hampshire County Council unattended Library but following withdrawal of support by the County Library Service it is run now entirely as a voluntary Library by the Church. Several local organisations support this community facility.
- 4.2 The nearest library run by Hampshire Library Service is at Hedge End Library (11 Upper Northam Road, Hedge End, SO30 4DY), which is 1.5 miles from the centre of Botley. It is very much hoped that this important local resource will not be part of Hampshire County Council's planned Library closure programme, which is out for public consultation till 18 March 2020

5 Places of Worship

- 5.1 There is only one place of worship in Botley but a number of other places of worship nearby.
- 5.2 Places of worship are listed below in relation to their distance in miles from central Botley
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| a | All Saint's Church, High Street, Botley, SO30 2EA | 0.2 |
| b | St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Curdridge, SO32 2DR | 1.2 |
| c | United Reformed Church, St John's Road, Hedge End, SO30 4QU | 1.5 |
| d | Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 1 Freegrounds Road, Hedge End, SO30 0HG | 1.7 |
| e | The Salvation Army, Wellstead Way, Hedge End, SO30 0BP | 1.7 |
| f | Hedge End Baptist Chapel, 72A Upper Northam Road, Hedge End, SO30 4EB | 1.8 |
| g | King's Community Church, Upper Northam Road, Hedge End, SO30 4BZ | 2.2 |
| h | St John's Church, St John's Road, Hedge End, SO30 4DU | 2.0 |
| i | St Luke's Church, St Luke's Close, Hedge End, SO30 2US | 2.1 |
| j | The Salvation Army, 85 Whites Way, Hedge End, SO30 2GL | 2.7 |
| k | Catholic Church of St Brigid, 30 Woodlea Gardens, West End, SO30 3GA | 3.1 |

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l	Hedge End Methodist Church, 42 St John's Road, Hedge End, SO30 4AG	3.1
n	Thornhill Baptist Church, Thornhill Park Road, Southampton, SO18 5TR	3.3
o	Church of the Holy Cross, Durley Road. Durley, SO32 2AP	3.6
p	Vedic Society Hindu Temple 79-195 Radcliffe Road, Southampton, SO14 0PS	6.5
q	Southampton Hebrew Congregation, 73 Dover Street, Southampton, SO14 6GN	7.0
r	Shahjalal Mosque & Islamic Centre, 121 St Mary's Road, Southampton, SO14 0BL	7.1
s	Southampton Central Mosque, Compton Walk, Southampton, SO14 0BH	7.1
t	Southampton Buddhist Centre, 73 St Mary Street, Southampton, SO14 1NW	7.2

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