

BOTLEY NEWS

Botley Recreation Ground named as one of the best in Britain

Botley is the only Parish Council in Hampshire
and one of only two parish councils in South East England to
achieve the award in 2014

Botley High Street Recreation
Ground is among a record-
breaking 1,476 parks and green
spaces in the UK to receive a
prestigious Green Flag

The Council Chairman, Cllr Colin Mercer, said
"We are absolutely delighted to receive a
Green Flag for the third year running. The
Award recognises that people in Botley are
benefitting from a green space of the very
highest quality. The achievement has been
the outcome of a ten year programme of
improvements to extend the facilities at the
Recreation Ground.

We are very proud to be the only Parish Council in
Hampshire to hold this accolade and hope our
example will inspire other small parish councils to
seek wider recognition of their dedication and
commitment."

The award, given by environmental charity Keep
Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards the best parks
and green spaces across the country. A Green Flag
flying overhead is a sign to the public that the space



*The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Colin Mercer (r.) congratulates
the Council's groundstaff, Senior Groundsman David Bastable (c.)
and Assistant Groundsman Ben Brine (l.)*

boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully
maintained and has excellent facilities. Any green
space accessible to the public is eligible to enter for a
Green Flag Award. Awards are given on an annual
basis and winners must apply each year to renew
their Green Flag status.

Quality green spaces are a vital resource for
communities and the awards provide national
recognition for everyone who, through their
dedication and hard work, has helped create and
maintain these special places.

Parish Council News

Three Community Public Access Defibrillators' (cPAD's) operational in Botley



Three units are now in place around the community.

The Botley Centre, High Street Recreation Ground—on the wall near the entrance to the Public Toilets.

Botley Market Hall, The Square—on the front of the building beside the noticeboard.

Botley Park Hotel, Winchester Road—on the wall of the main building, to the left of the entrance.

To gain access to the equipment in an emergency, dial 999 and follow the instructions given by the operator.



Members of the Council and staff with Peter Hackett of South Central Ambulance Service at the Botley Centre Defibrillator Unveiling—May 2014

CALLING FIRST AIDERS

The Parish Council arranged a training course in June run by the South Central Ambulance Service to raise awareness on the use of defibrillators in emergency situations.

Another, similar course will be arranged for later this year for those who could not attend the first one. Free places will be available to appointed first aiders with community groups, social clubs, children's organisations and sports clubs based in Botley.

Contact the Parish Office to register your interest on 01489 787181 or email Parish.clerk@botley.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER THE BOTLEY NEWS 3 editions a year.

If you could help deliver a few copies please contact the Parish Office at the Botley Centre or phone 01489 787181

PLANNING UPDATES

The application for development on land to the east of Sovereign Drive and Precosa Road was refused planning permission by Eastleigh Borough Council. At the time of going to press it is not known whether the applicant will appeal.

The Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2011 – 2029 has been submitted to the Secretary of State for formal examination. The Planning Inspectorate will prepare a programme for the examination process. Public hearings are expected late autumn. The Parish Council will make representation to the Planning Inspector at these hearings. For more details see Eastleigh Borough Council's Local Plan Examination website

ANTI-SOCIAL CAR PARKING IN BOTLEY

Have you recently seen cars parked around the village, in some cases for weeks at a time, which don't appear connected to residents living nearby? This type of anti-social parking is also occurring in public and private car parks in Botley.

If you are aware of a vehicle which has unexpectedly appeared, and remains for days at a time without being attended or moved, it is suggested that after 10 days you report it to the Police on 101, giving make, model, colour, registration number and location.

The Police, Trading Standards and Eastleigh Borough Council's Abandoned Vehicles Dept. are all interested in these details. It is hoped that this multi-agency approach together with help and information from the community will mean that this kind of nuisance can be greatly reduced.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Police on 101

Hampshire Trading Standards: 01962 833620
e-mail: tsadvice@hants.gov.uk

Eastleigh Borough Council, Abandoned Vehicles Dept.
023 8068 8329 (Only use this option if the vehicle is untaxed or significantly damaged)

GAME PLAN

The verti-draining work carried out on the large football pitch at the High Street Recreation Ground during April helped kick start the grass seed sown to repair the pitch. The extra work will make strengthen the growth making the growth stronger and better able to cope with heavy use.

The MUGA goals have been replaced this summer. The original goals have been in use since the MUGA opened in 2006 and, not surprisingly are looking past their best. New goals will ensure that this popular facility is ready for the winter football season.

Cricket returned to the High Street Recreation Ground this summer, with two clubs using the venue. As a means of supporting the training of young players the Council is investigating a project to install an artificial cricket strip next to the cricket square.

THE BOTLEY CENTRE

HELPING YOU HOST YOUR EVENT

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

The building has disabled access and all hire rooms have hearing loops.



Opened in 2012
the Diamond Jubilee Hall
at the Botley Centre, is self-contained,
with integral kitchen and toilets.

It is ideal as a venue for
business meetings, training seminars
or consultations.



It also works well
for smaller groups
or quieter activities
such as yoga/arts
and crafts.

The Main Hall accommodates 110 people, making it ideal for a large party, wedding reception or wake, or an energetic exercise or keep fit class.

Fees include use of
the kitchen and bar



Or try the Committee Room
for one-to-one sessions or
smaller business meetings.



Hire charges	From 1st April 2014	Prices inc. VAT
Mon—Fri; Sat up to 5pm; Sun	Main Hall	£15.60 per hr
Sat after 5pm	Main Hall + Committee Room	£24.50 per hr
Mon—Sun	Committee Room	£10.00 per hr
Mon—Sun	Diamond Jubilee Hall	£13.50 per hr

For enquiries and bookings contact
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BOTLEY IN BLOOM GARDENING COMPETITION 2014: RESULTS

FRONT GARDEN (Portsmouth City Council Shield)

Judge: David Bastable, Senior Groundsman, Botley Parish Council

WINNER: Mrs Mary Mackenzie, 23 Jenkyns Close

Silver: Terry Horn, "Queenswood" Brook Lane

Bronze: Francis Dennis, 3 Four Acre



BACK GARDEN (Bendall Trophy)

Judge: Brian Kidd

WINNER: Lin & David Churcher, 13 Alexandra Way

Joint Silver: Mr & Mrs T Jones, 5 Mayfair Court Mrs Jill Allen, Honeysuckle Cottage, Donkey Lane

Bronze: Shirley & Robin Horseman, Treetops, 5 Park View



COURTYARD/COTTAGE GARDEN (Penny Buckley Award)

Judges: Mr & Mrs Graham Clarke, Clarke Mews

WINNER: Mr & Mrs I Cresdee, 4 Winchester Street (Cottage)

Joint Silver: Mrs June Edwards, Riverside Cottage

Mrs J Iddiols, 56 Jenkyns Close



HANGING BASKET/CONTAINER (Botley Traders' Shield)

Judge: Kevin Clare, Hambrooks Landscapes Ltd

WINNER: Mrs Yvonne Coombs, 1 Lecole Walk, High St.

Silver: Terry Horn, "Queenswood", Brook Lane

Bronze: Mrs Stella Daniels, 28 Precosa Road



ENVIRONMENTAL GARDEN/VEGETABLE PLOT/ALLOTMENT (E.B.C. Trophy)

Judge: Kevin Clare, Hambrooks Landscapes, Ltd

WINNER: Louise Evans, 62 Winchester Street - Environmental

Silver: Mrs M King, 36 Winchester Street - Environmental



ALL WINNERS SHIELD - from 2013 Winners (EBC Trophy)

Judge: Brian Kidd

WINNER: Francis Dennis, 3 Four Acre - Baskets

BEST FLORAL DESIGN BY VILLAGE ORGANISATION (Stallard Trophy)

Judge: Chris Oakley, Hilliers Garden Centre

WINNER: Botley Fire Station

BEST BUSINESS PREMISES (Village Trophy)

Judge: Chris Oakley, Hilliers Garden Centre

WINNER: The Bugle

BEST KEPT ROAD (Frank Watkin Shield)

Judges - Gary & Caroline Bowers, Hamble Motors Ltd

WINNER: Pern Drive

Free Debt Help on your Doorstep

When financial trouble hits it's easy to feel alone. It can seem like no one can help or that no one wants to. Local debt counselling charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP) really can help. Experience has shown there is always a way out and no debt is too big or too small to deal with. The service has been recommended by TV's Money Saving Expert, Martin Lewis.

If you are facing debt problems you can get free, expert advice without even leaving your house. CAP visits people in their own homes, negotiates with creditors and supports people all the way until they are debt free. On top of this, the whole service is free of charge and available to anyone regardless of age, faith, gender or background.

There are over 260 UK CAP Debt Centres including one located in Hedge End serving the Southampton East region. To find out more, call Christians Against Poverty's freephone number **0800 328 0006** or visit www.capuk.org

CALL FREE ON **0800 328 0006**
or 01274 760839 may be cheaper from a mobile

Weighed down by
debt?

Free debt counselling in your community
from an award winning charity

capdebthelp.org

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01274 760839 • info@capuk.org Registered Office: Ashlee Mill, North Street, Bradford, BD1 4BW
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Company limited by Guarantee, Registered in England and Wales No. 4685175



Local NHS launches campaign to promote patient choice

NHS analysis shows that the majority of residents of west Hampshire aren't aware that they can choose which hospital they are referred to. This legal right means that patients can choose from any hospital offering a suitable treatment for their condition that meets NHS standards and costs.

Dr Sean Watters, Clinical Director at West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commented: 'We know that people traditionally tend to go to their nearest hospital when they are referred by their GP, but that doesn't need to be the case. Evidence shows that if you choose a hospital in which you feel comfortable and confident, both the result of your treatment and your experience while you're in hospital are likely to be better.'

'There are actually many reasons why you might prefer one hospital to another and you can choose according to what matters most to you. That could be location, waiting times, reputation, clinical performance, visiting policies, parking facilities, GP advice or patients' comments.'

The CCG is therefore actively encouraging patients to consider the options with their GP to ensure that they make the best choice for their circumstances.

The campaign also highlights that if a patient needs to see a consultant or specialist and has to wait longer than 18 weeks, they have the right to ask to go to another hospital.

For more information about choice, the campaign and the work done by West Hampshire CCG please visit our website www.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk

Alphabets Pre-school



The children, their families and the pre-school staff enjoyed a lovely day on Botley Recreation Ground for the annual Alphabets Summer Fair. We had lots of great activities - bouncy castle and face painting, fun games and stalls to entertain us. Our Grand Raffle was very popular and we would like to say a big Thank You to all the local shops and businesses who supported us with donations.

At the end of the fair we had a visit from The Gruffalo who made a special appearance to officially open our newly improved outdoor area. We now have a lovely all-weather artificial grass area, a large wooden shelter and climbing equipment with a slide.

Alphabets Pre-school is located in the Scout and Guide Hall at the Botley Centre.



For information about Alphabets contact
Joanna or Charlotte : Tel:07867 542988,
email contact@alphabets.org.uk
or visit our website - www.alphabets.org.uk

BOTLEY MARKET HALL

AN EXCITING AUTUMN!

To hire the Hall ring 07733553408.
Find out more about the Hall on www.botley.com.

We always need helpers - why not get involved and join the team! Just ring 781155 to find out more.

Fantastic events coming up -

Saturday 20th September 7pm:
Race and Supper Night. Fancy an evening at the races? Tickets £10 from Etikett or 781155.

Saturday 8th November 7pm : "An evening with Victor and Albert"
Enjoy an evening of song, laughter and distraction. See www.victorandalbert.com. Tickets £15 includes baked potato supper - from Etikett or 781155.

Saturday 31st January 2015 7pm :
"Sonrisa - A Taste of Latin" - Cuban Son, Tango, Bossa Nova, Samba and Rumba. Get your toes tapping with this 5 piece band! See www.sonrisamusic.co.uk. Tickets £16 includes supper - from Etikett or 781155.

BOTLEY TRADERS ASSOCIATION

The Association supports local traders and promotes Botley as a good place to shop and do business.

You can help by
SHOPPING LOCAL
we need your support!

Find out more on www.botley.com or email Botley.traders@botley.com

WALK THIS WAY.....



AND SUPPORT BOTLEY'S ONLY SOCIAL CLUB

Botley RBL Club in Winchester Street (previously The Royal British Legion Botley and District Club) has been in the village for 90 years. Readers of the Botley News may remember the article in last year's summer edition from the Botley, Curdridge and Durley History Society which charted the history of the clubhouse from its inauguration as an ex servicemen's club in a small tin hut to the present building's opening in 1982.

The Club has played an important part in village life as a social centre for all age groups. Joy Haythorne, Club Treasurer, and her husband Bill, the Chairman, are keen to stress that this is still the case. "We're a friendly, family club with a beer garden, pool and snooker tables and a view to die for across the countryside."

A new committee has prepared a full programme of events, such as a race night, summer barbeque with live music, a film evening with children's matinee and a car boot sale alongside regular events such as darts, cards and bingo. The facilities are also available to hire for parties, wedding receptions, christenings and wakes.

New members are warmly invited to see all the club has to offer and previous members might like to drop in to try the new-style programme.

The Botley RBL Club is unique amongst Botley's licensed premises as a social venue, offering good company and entertainment for all ages.

**To find out more, to join or hire the facilities
please phone Botley RBL Club on 01489 783772.**

MUSIC 2014 AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

David Burgess and a small committee are working hard to bring professional musicians and singers to the centre of the village. There are two opportunities this autumn to attend a great music event right on your doorstep.

What will you be doing in the afternoon of **Sunday 21st September?** Come to All Saints' Church at 3pm and listen to the gentle relaxing sounds of the **Kaleidoscope Palm Court Trio**. Tickets are incredible value at £7 and £5 and include afternoon tea. Why not give a friend a treat - a ticket to this event would be a great birthday or thank you gift.

Bath Camerata is a versatile mixed chamber choir formed by King's Singer, Nigel Perrin in 1986. This choir's performances have been described as 'Dazzling' by the *Guardian* and 'A flawless, heavenly performance' by the *Bath Evening Chronicle*. Bath Camerata has performed all over the world. Don't miss this great opportunity to hear them in Botley. The concert will take place in All Saints' Church Botley on **Saturday 18th October** at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12 and £10 for concessionary tickets.

Tickets are available from All Saints' Church Office. Telephone 01489 782445.
Catherine Tribble

BOTLEY CURDRIDGE AND DURLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

THE VILLAGE HISTORY - PART 46 HORTICULTURAL SHOWS AT THE MARKET HALL

There has probably been a horticultural show in Botley every year since the Market Hall was built in 1848.

A market had been held in the village since 1226 but had declined by the end of the 18th Century. James Warner, a local farmer of Steeplecourt and soon to become the Lord of the Manor, resurrected the market in 1829. Warner purchased a cottage in the High Street and had the Market Hall built on the site in 1848. It was used by farmers on market days but quickly came to be used by the villagers for a whole variety of activities. A constant use has been as



Botley & South Hampshire Farmer's Root Show c1910

a display hall for horticultural shows.

In the early years, the Botley and South Hampshire Farmers' Club organised 'An Annual Root Show' held every November in the Hall. Classes for the Show typically included 'Six heaviest stubble turnips', 'Six best shaped Swedes' and 'Four heaviest kohlrabi' etc. There were also ploughing competitions in conjunction with the show held at a local farm and prizes for fields of vegetables including 'Two acres of Mangel Wurzels' and 'Ten acres of Swedes'. In later years the show included classes for 'poultry', 'dozen eggs' and '2lbs of butter'.

In 1893 the grandly named 'Botley and South Hants. Gardeners Amateur Mutual Improvement

Association' was formed and held annual shows of flowers and vegetables in the Hall in September. This organisation was more akin to present day horticultural clubs which include talks and visits to gardens throughout the year. The Farmers Club continued to organise the 'Root Shows' up until 1939 when frivolous activities such as flower shows were discontinued.

In the early years of the war, the Government encouraged the formation of Growmore Clubs. Its aim was to enable farmers and their employees to meet together to discuss improvements in all aspects of farming technology and to maximise food production.

Botley's Growmore Club was formed in December 1942 and included farmers from West End, Hedge End, Curdridge and Botley and its first chairman was Harold Yates. After the war the club merged with Bishop's Waltham Growmore Club becoming the Botley and Bishop's Waltham Growmore Club and it continues to exist today.

After the war, shows were organised in the Market Hall by the Eastleigh and District Rose and Sweet Pea Society and then, in 1972, by the Botley Show Committee. Many of today's trophies originated at this time with donations of the Thompson, Lombard, Taplin, Candy, Chalk, Daniels and Berryman Cups.

In 1995 the Botley Gardening Club was formed and they have continued to organise the Botley Horticultural Show to the present day. The founding Chairman was John Domone who led a very active committee to achieve a gold standard of Show display and organisation awarded by the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies in 2001; a standard that is maintained today.

Dennis Stokes

It is with great sadness that the Gardening Club reports the loss of its present chairman, Michael Redstone on 3rd July 2014.

Mike was not only a tireless worker for the Club and the Show but an outstanding vegetable grower. He will be greatly missed.

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

New members and visitors are warmly welcomed

**26th September: Finds at Bitterne Manor
4th October: Dickens, Schooling and Education
Followed by the AGM
21st November: Seafarers and Scurvy**

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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WINTER IS COMING.....

Say goodbye to training in the dark on muddy grass pitches.

Bring your team to

Botley MUGA

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

**No extra charge for floodlights
and no increase in prices
for 2014/15 season!!**

**For details, prices and availability
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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 next newsletter to the Clerk by 31st October 2014