

BOTLEY NEWS

CAROLS IN THE SQUARE
Sunday 17 December at 3pm



Traditional carol singing
with the New Forest Brass Band and All Saints Choir

Finishing at 4pm 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 place. See back page for details

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOTLEY COUNCILLORS

Every edition of the Botley News carries a section with Botley Parish Councillors names and contact details. It's useful information, but sometimes it's good to know a little more about people and be able to put faces to names, so we asked all Botley Parish Councillors will give a brief introduction about themselves, why they joined the Council and how they view their role. Four councillors were featured In the Spring 2017 edition of Botley News; here the next four, talking about themselves and enabling you to get to know your councillors a little better.



I am Colin Mercer, currently Chairman of Botley Parish Council. My wife, Val, and I have lived in Botley since 1970. Both of our children went to Botley Primary School. We have three lovely grandchildren. My first community based activities in Botley

were with the Parent/ Teacher Association and the Scout & Guide Group where, for many years, I was the Treasurer.

My early career was spent as a lecturer at Southampton University, initially in the Computer Department and subsequently at the Institute of Sound & Vibration Research. This included spells with UNESCO in Romania and with the Saturn Moon Project in USA. I left the University and formed a high tech company called Prosig that specialised in signal processing, noise and vibration worldwide. Later my wife and I formed a different type of company, Lysses House Hotel.

Throughout much of my career I have been a Parish Councillor here in Botley, where I have always stood as an Independent. My career allowed me to bring expertise in engineering, project management, finance, and business, together with a desire to aid the growth of community activities. For several years now I have been the web-master of botley.com providing technical know-how while other contributors provide the content.

Like many of my colleagues I believe that Parish Councils bring many benefits to our communities, as we serve at grass roots level. In my view, more responsibilities need to pass to this most local and accountable level of government. Over the years I have learnt that if community facilities and opportunities are established they will be welcomed and will often encourage individuals to undertake the day-to-day operational tasks. Today Botley is rich in clubs, societies and community facilities.

There are many major strategic things happening, and about to happen, in Botley: some we welcome and others we dislike. Our task as a Parish Council is to consult and to maximise the benefits for the community, to seek housing suitable for our young families and for those downsizing. The passion which can be witnessed within our Parish Council is testament to the enthusiasm and respect that we all have for our unique village of Botley.



I am Rupert Kyrle and I have lived locally for many years. I am married and both our children attended Kings Copse and then Wildern schools. I am a Liberal Democrat and was first elected onto Botley Parish Council in 2000 and then to Eastleigh Borough Council in 2002 to represent Botley ward, which I am very proud to continue to do to this day. I am also the Hampshire County Councillor for Botley and Hedge End North Division, first elected in 2009.

I have lived in Eastleigh most of my life and grew up in Chandler's Ford where I attended local schools and then Barton Peveril College. I currently work part-time for Royal Mail which enables me to attend the many meetings that being both a Borough and County Councillor require.

I am currently the Chairman of the Recreation Committee on the Parish Council and along with my Parish Council colleagues continue to work hard to deliver quality open spaces and recreational facilities for all to enjoy throughout the year. This in my view is a reflection and testament to the passion and hard work of all our dedicated staff.

Over the years I have campaigned for many improvements for Botley, but the one thing that I have felt to be the most important is the campaign for the much needed Botley bypass. Botley has suffered for far too long with large numbers of vehicles crawling through the historic village on a daily basis, leading to poor air quality, which has blighted the lives of those living and working in the village. I am so pleased that Botley will finally get the bypass. Once built, this will see traffic reduced, air quality improved and enable us to promote the village as a destination where visitors can come to spend time and enjoy all that Botley has to offer.

During my year as Mayor of Eastleigh in 2012/13 it was an honour for me to have the opportunity to bring other Mayors from around Hampshire to Botley to come and see what a lovely village we live in.

I am passionate about the whole of Botley and will continue to do all I can to protect and preserve the character of the village and its environment, whilst recognising that we have to embrace change in order to meet the needs of our existing residents and future generations.

I feel proud and honoured to have and continue to serve the whole community of Botley and its residents. If there is any issue that you would like to talk to me about, please contact me and I will do what I can to be of help



I am John Gorham and I became a Botley parish councillor in February 2017 when I was co-opted to the council. I have lived in Botley for nearly ten years. Until a couple of years ago a daily commute into London prevented me from committing time to very much outside my working life. That began as an accountant and I later moved later to risk management and regulatory compliance. When I stopped full time working I looked for some voluntary work where I could use my skills, knowledge and interests. This included putting myself forward to the Parish Council.

The next few years will undoubtedly see significant developments in the village that will enforce inevitable changes. I believe it is essential that we manage these changes for the benefit of the residents and businesses in the village. Whilst this may be channeled through the Parish Council everyone in the village is encouraged to have input and their voices heard. We all need to be active in creating the infrastructure to ensure all within the village are welcomed and become part of the community.

We are lucky to live in a village with access to wonderful countryside including the Manor Farm Country Park. In addition we have access to large cities close by without being enveloped by them. Together with Botley's heritage and history we have something to value and protect through growth.

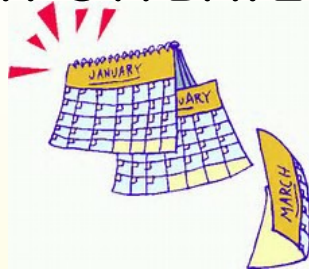
I am Jeff Jones and I have been a Botley Parish councillor for 8 years.

My wife and I moved to Botley from Netley Abbey in 1974. Before retirement we both worked as teachers mainly in Hedge End and Southampton. Both our boys were educated at the Freegrounds Schools and then Wildern.



When I joined the Parish Council I hoped to give something back to the community where our family flourished and prospered. I continue to try and ensure Botley remains a settled community where young people feel optimistic about their future and older age groups feel secure and valued.

IT'S A DATE!



After the great success and enthusiastic reception of this year's Botley Calendar, the Parish Council decided to follow up with a 2018 calendar, featuring paintings of the village from local artists.

All households will receive their free copy during December and there will be additional copies for sale at the Parish Office, price £3.00, if you would like to remind friends and family far away of the beauties of Botley.



Mrs Mabel Bone, a long-time Botley resident, recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mrs Bone is pictured here with Colin Mercer, Chairman, who delivered a floral arrangement, card and congratulations from the Parish Council.

THE BOTLEY CENTRE: HELPING YOU TO HOST YOUR EVENT

Centrally located with ample parking

Disabled access and toilets

Small, medium and large rooms available

All hire rooms have hearing loops

Whether you need a private meeting room for up to 20 people, a large function room for a 100 person sit-down meal or anything in between, take a look at the Botley Centre



For enquiries and bookings:

Wendy Whitfield,
Bookings Manager

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FRIENDS of PUDBROOK

Do you enjoy working outdoors but are fed up with just mowing the lawn and potting your geraniums?

Would you like a bigger challenge; the chance to be involved in conservation rather than just gardening; to have the local community appreciate your skills and enthusiasm? If so, we'd love to meet you!

Friends of Pudbrook volunteer group meet once a month on Wednesdays 2-4pm to work under the guidance of the Parish Council's groundstaff in this special wildlife area. A regular commitment is not required and all assistance is gratefully received.

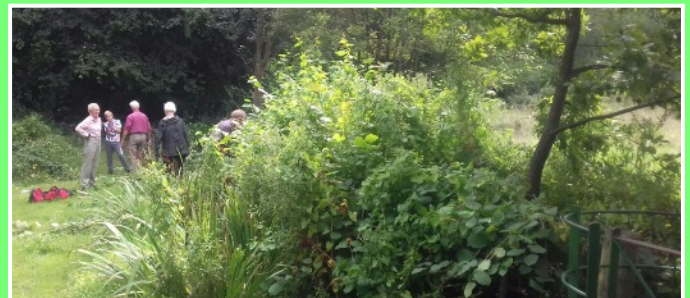
Regular jobs include clearance of undergrowth - Himalayan balsam, brambles etc, allowing native plant species such as bluebells to flourish. This year there has also been work done on the banks of the Pudbrook stream and the pond area.



Gloves and tools are provided by the the Parish Council; just bring your enthusiasm and suitable protective clothing and footwear.

Next meeting dates:
28 February 28 March
25 April 23 May
27 June 25 July

Please phone the Parish Office on 01489 787181 to find out more and to offer your help.
We look forward to hearing from you.



Will your New Year's resolutions be to.....

Get Fit?

Have fun?

Make Friends?



Then step up for
OVER 60's WALKING FOOTBALL
on Botley MUGA!

Join in with one (or both) of the weekly sessions on the MUGA at the High Street Recreation Ground.

Mondays,
1.00 - 2.30pm



Wednesdays,
11.30 - 1.00pm

£3.00 per session, paid on the day.



FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL ON BOTLEY MUGA

The Friday Night Football project run by Eastleigh Borough Council's Healthy Communities Unit continues to be an excellent project, engaging young people through sport and giving them an alternative activity to participate in on a Friday evening, when their attention might otherwise be turned towards things such as anti-social behaviour or petty crime. Sessions are delivered by Level 2 and Level 1 FA qualified coaches and cost £1 for children and young people aged 10 -19 years old.

There are 3 sites across the borough where this scheme is run, but Botley is by far the most popular with an average of 56 players taking part during the 3 hour period, a 12% increase in the average attendance a week compared to 2015-16.

A special acknowledgement should be given to Richard Searle of Wright Sports and also Roger Emtage, for their commitment and enthusiasm to continue to grow this session over the past year.

A number of older participants from this site have started volunteering at the 10-13 years session and are receiving mentoring from the lead coach. All volunteers have completed a DBS check with Eastleigh Borough Council and it is hoped in future the project can support volunteers progression to a coaching award.

Friday Night Football, Botley MUGA,
High Street Recreation Ground

6.00 - 7.30pm: 10 - 13 year olds

7.30 - 9.00pm: 14 - 19 year olds

£1 per person per session payable on the night



Your Neighbourhood Plan

From the Communications Team

Botley Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire leaflet or went on line to give their views about the future of our Parish. The two consultation days were very well attended and we had many interesting discussions with various opinions, often strongly expressed.

The two big items on everyone's mind were the Botley By-Pass and the proposed Winchester Street development by Hampshire County Council, with the resulting strain on the local infrastructure. We felt unable to consult on the Woodhouse Lane development since it is not in the Parish, but during our consultation the County Council published their proposals for Uplands Farm, which link the developments at Winchester Street/Uplands Farm with the Senior School and the by-pass. This is clearly a very much larger development than we had been led to believe.

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee is now working to record and analyse all your responses and comments. The results will be independently verified and published as soon as possible. Meanwhile we are making plans for the next public consultation which will cover other aspects of the Plan.

We are very pleased with the response that we have had from this recent survey but would like to see an even bigger return next time so that the Neighbourhood Plan can show a comprehensive picture of the way Botley's residents would like to see the future of our community.

If you would like more information please call 01489 781680/ 01489 784246

Email to sue.grinham@botley.com or colin.mercer@botley.com

Remember – Your Voice, Your Plan

HAMBLE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB



Christmas Shoebox Appeal : Every year Hamble Valley Rotary organise the collection of shoe boxes from local schools; they are filled with suitable items for disadvantaged children to brighten up their Christmas

A big thank you to the children and parents in our area who are very generous with their donated items and are proud to be involved in a project that benefits less fortunate children in the world.

The items are for education, health and hygiene purposes; for example : school equipment, hats, gloves and scarves, socks, toiletries and sport items and of course TOYS, packed to fit in a standard shoebox. Grown ups as well as pupils are welcome to fill a box. So get ready next October if you want to take part in this good cause.

Take a look at www.rotaryshoebox.org and you will see the happy faces of the children opening their boxes and discovering their gifts. Consult our website : www.hamblevalleyrotary.co.uk and our Facebook page.

Hurricane Irma

A combination of a collection outside Haskins, a donation and our disaster fund enabled us to give 3 Shelterboxes. Each of these provides shelter for a family with nowhere to live.

Rotary and Polio

In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus programme - the first initiative to tackle global polio through the mass vaccination of children.

Since then, Rotary has contributed more than £1.28 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunise more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. Its advocacy efforts have also played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than £5.4 billion to the effort. It was in 2013 that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation teamed up with what was already a well-funded and well-coordinated effort to rid the world of this dreadful disease. This year the UK government gave another £100M to assist in the final push. All this effort brings the end nearer, with 11 cases worldwide this year to date, compared with 25 in 2016.

The Carol Float will be touring the streets in and around Botley with Father Christmas and his elves collecting funds for local causes. Thank you for your continuous generosity. Santa is very touched by the smiles from the little ones as well as the parents and grand-parents who all look forward to seeing him !



Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and
a peaceful New Year

BOTLEY MARKET HALL

Zumba...Fitness...Scrabble...Bingo...Bridge...Dance... Badminton ...Spanish class and MUCH MORE all under one roof in Botley! That's how busy the Market Hall is - meeting the needs of all age groups and interests in Botley. It is also the perfect venue for your special occasion or meeting. Ring 07733553408 for information.

We continue to refurbish and improve the Hall and have recently turned the Dressing Room into an additional meeting room.

Our shows this season are proving as popular as ever - top class live entertainment on your doorstep and generating income for the charity which runs the Hall.

Get your tickets for Saturday 27 January when the classy Opera Dudes entertain with their new show "Licensed to TRILL"! Details and tickets from 781155. See www.operadudes.com.

Finally - we welcome new volunteers to help run the Hall. Interested? No experience needed. Ring 781155 to find out more.

BOTLEY FLORAL CLUB

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Botley Centre, High Street Recreation Ground.

In September we had a marvellous demonstration by a NAFAS highly qualified demonstrator who enthused as with lots of new ideas for simple but elegant and innovative arrangements.



October was a work-in which had us tied up in knots learning to do hand tied bunches. A professional teacher came to teach us and great fun was had by all.

November will be fun - making wreaths either for Christmas or general decoration. December is exciting as we have a National demonstration (Pauline Hurran) with the title of 'It's beginning to look like Christmas'.

For more details on next year's programme phone Christine Clemons on 01489 790522

INTERESTED IN KEEPING HONEY BEES?

Want to be a beekeeper? Want to find out more?

Course for beginners in Spring 2018,
in Botley, run by a local beekeeper.
Contact Louise Evans 01489 781155,
louisewithbees@gmail.com

BOTLEY GARDENING CLUB

This popular local club offers a lot to armchair gardeners, newcomers as well as experts, with talks, visits and social occasions throughout the year. We meet at the Market Hall on Wednesday evenings. Ring Derek on 781155 to find out more about membership, or come along to our meeting on 17 January 7.30pm, when there will be a talk on "Hampshire - Nature in Trust". Other topics for talks next year include Monet's garden, perennials, viticulture and the flora of the Cape in South Africa.

Our annual Open Show in September was, as in previous years, a great success. Over 300 entries in the various categories

(vegetables, flowers, fruit, home industry, plants and children's art) meant that the public who came along could enjoy an impressive display.

The Show is a great village event which has been running for many years, with cups and trophies won and records broken! Judges always congratulate Botley on putting on a good show - one of the best in the area. So why not take part next September? Everyone is welcome to enter and it's always a great event to visit. Ring 786166 to find out more.



BOTLEY WI

At a members day in the Market Hall members enjoyed a variety of activities including skin care, gentle exercise, flower arranging with Veronica Mason and a fish and chip lunch. For our 25th birthday party in September we were joined by members from other WIs in the Bishops Waltham Group, entertained by the Singsational Choir and finished with a bring and share supper. We have also had a skittles evening, and talks on Places in Hampshire, met a Naval Captain from the Georgian Period and learned about the work of the War Graves Commission.

We look forward to Christmas and the New Year when we will discuss the Resolutions for 2018, learn about the English cut flower industry and enjoy a New Year dinner. 2018 is the centenary of the Hampshire County Federation of WI's, with a variety of events planned to mark the occasion.

Our WI meetings are held in the Market Hall at 7.30 on the third Thursday of the month. We welcome new members and would love to see you. Telephone our Secretary on 01489 785712 if you would like to know more.



**Season's Greetings
to all our readers
and special thanks to all the
volunteers that deliver the newsletter.**

'Botley News' is produced three times a year and is delivered to every household in the village.
If you would like to help with future deliveries in your area of the parish please contact the Parish Office on 01489 787181

 **Botley Choral Society**
Christmas Concert
*Carl Orff - Carmina Burana
and a selection of carols*

Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm
All Saints' Church, Botley

Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)
From: All Saints' Church Parish Office, Botley: 01489 782445
online: www.Botleychoral.co.uk or Tel: 07941 884419

**Advent and Christmas Services
All Saints', Botley**

8 December, 8.30pm: Carols at the Dolphin
24 December, 5pm: Family Crib Service
11.30pm: Midnight Service
25 December, 8am,: Holy Communion followed
by Christmas cake and Bucks Fizz
10am: Parish Communion followed
by Christmas cake and Bucks Fizz
27 December, 6.30pm: Readings and carols
4 February, 10am: Christingle Service

 **CHRISTMAS TREE
FESTIVAL**
All Saints Church
Friday 8th - Sunday 10th
December 

CALL MY BLUFF/ WOULD I LIE TO YOU

Saturday 13 January 2018 at 7.30pm
At the Market Hall

Tickets £14/£12
from All Saints' Church Office 01489 782445

To include a fish and chip supper;
bring your own drink and glasses

**PROBUS CLUB OF
HAMBLE VALLEY**

We are a club for retired and semi-retired men. We meet in the Diamond Jubilee Hall at the Botley Centre on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 10.00am - 12 Noon.

At our meetings we enjoy good company and interesting talks on a wide variety of topics.

New members are very welcome.

Please contact the Secretary,
Martin Mills 01489 788659

03 Jan: So you think you know
Southampton?

17 Jan: NATS

07 Feb: Forgotten Wrecks of WW 1

21 Feb: Silk Stockings & Spitfires

07 March: Coastal Forces of WW 2

21 March: HMS Excellent, Whale
Island

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

2 PM TO 5 PM

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2017

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

**If there are any changes to the road closure
arrangements due to the road works at
Broadoak/Maypole roundabout,
then details will be posted on botley.com website
and on local notice boards.**

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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