

# BOTLEY NEWS

Twice winner of 'Newsletter of the Year' Award

## A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR BOTLEY

A committee formed of members of Botley Parish Council and local residents is currently drafting a Neighbourhood plan for Botley.

Following a survey sent to all Botley residents earlier this year,  
a public exhibition will be held at the Botley Centre:

Friday 23 September 1pm - 6pm

Saturday 24 September 10am - 3pm

The aim of the exhibition is to involve as many local residents and stakeholders as possible. If you would like a say in the future of Botley please come along.

If you are a landowner and wish your land to be considered for allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan, we are interested in small sites for a mix of affordable social housing and open market residential use or for children's play areas, allotments or areas to be planted for community use.

Please write, with full details, to: The Neighbourhood Planning Group, The Botley Centre, High Street, Botley SO30 2ES



# REVELS ON THE REC

Botley celebrates the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday 12 June 2016

The weather was all you expect from the British summer - heavy showers and the odd sunny period! But nothing daunted, Botley residents of all ages gathered on the High Street Recreation Ground in honour of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday for an evening of live music, family fun and entertainment, organised by Botley Parish Council.



Some brought picnics while others enjoyed the locally sourced refreshments on offer. Both parents and children were enthusiastic audience and participants in the two shows of Puppetree's traditional Punch and Judy.



Thanks to RSW Sound there was a superb sound stage for the musical acts - Stephen Hayes, local choir Singsational Voices and the main band, The Gun Show, were all warmly applauded and much appreciated.



As the final notes of the National Anthem died away, the event reached its grand finale. Soaring, sparkling red, white and blue fireworks filled the sky, the bursts of light synchronised with 'Land of Hope and Glory' and the 'oohs' and 'aahs' of the crowd - a perfect ending to the occasion.



## **Botley High Street Recreation Ground Named as One of the Best in Britain**

Botley High Street Recreation Ground is one of the very best in the UK - and that's official. The recreation ground is among a record-breaking 1,686 parks and green spaces that have received a prestigious Green Flag Award - the mark of a quality park or green space.

The award, now celebrating its 20th year, 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 boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.



Janet Morgan, the Parish Clerk, said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag Award for a 5th consecutive year from Keep Britain Tidy. This Award recognises and highlights that people in Botley are benefitting from a green space of the very highest quality.

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "We are delighted to be celebrating another record-breaking year for the Green Flag Award scheme, especially as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Awards. All the flags flying this year are a testament to the efforts of the thousands of men and women, both staff and volunteers, who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award."

Don't train in the dark on  
muddy, grass pitches!

Bring your team to

**BOTLEY MUGA**

No extra charge for floodlights

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

Spaces available on Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday

For details and prices  
phone 01489 787181 or e-mail  
[deborah.barnes@botley.com](mailto:deborah.barnes@botley.com)



**FRIENDS of  
PUDBROOK**

**We could do with more friends!**

Come along and meet our volunteer group who are  
helping to maintain and enhance this special wildlife  
area within the parish.

Work parties meet once a month on Wednesday 2-4 pm

**Meeting dates for the rest of the year are:**

**21 September                      19 October                      23 November**

Please phone the Parish Office on 01489 787181 to find  
out more, register your interest or  
to say you'll be coming to help.

### **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: 07834 171061**

**E-mail: [wendy.whitfield@botley.com](mailto:wendy.whitfield@botley.com)**

### **PARISH COUNCIL HELPS TO KEEP THE SUN SHINING**

Local contemporary community choir Singsational Voices performed a delightful medley of melodies at the Revels on the Rec concert in June. In lieu of payment their leader Erica Maggs asked for a donation to the charity supported by the choir - 'Shine South', a small local charity that supports children and families with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

Botley Parish Council were delighted to donate £250 to this worthwhile charity. The money donated will go towards a

much needed quick  
release back door  
for the charity's  
wheelchair  
accessible holiday  
lodge in New Milton,  
which enables  
sufferers and their  
families to enjoy a  
much needed break.





The Lunch Club has been a very successful, much-loved local service for older people, which had been running in Botley for over 40 years.

Earlier in the year a campaign was run via the

Botley News and Parish notice boards trying to find someone to take over the running of the Club on a voluntary basis. Sadly no one came forward to help and as the current manager was unable to continue any longer, the Botley Over 60's Lunch Club ceased to function.

We hope this is just a temporary blip and that either a small group or an individual will feel this is an institution well worth

saving and will offer their help.

We would like to hear from you no matter what your area of expertise or interest - helping to serve dinners, catering or with the administration side of things.

**If you feel that you could help to get the Lunch Club running again, please contact the Parish Office on 01489 787181 for an informal discussion.**

## BOTLEY NEIGHBOUR CARE

Botley NeighbourCare is all about people helping people. Have you heard of us? Do you know what we do?

NeighbourCare is there for all Botley Parishioners of any age. Formed over 25 years ago to help people within Botley, we are a modern voluntary group, fully self-funding, covering the needs of Parishioners.

Though we are not a taxi service, our most frequent request is providing transport to medical appointments if people cannot get there by their own means. But we can also help with light shopping, befriending, helping with library books, or perhaps just a phone call to check someone is OK.

**If you need to book transport or we can help you in some other way please call 07857 242218**

We are under the umbrella of the Good Neighbours Support Services, who are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. In honour of this occasion some of the group were invited to a Royal Tea Party in July in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral. HRH Princess Alexandra, The Hon. Lady Ogilvy, attended and gave an award to Lynne Line, of Botley NeighbourCare for 'outstanding contribution to the Good Neighbours Network.'

Botley has the most incredible team of volunteers; we all lead busy lives, so we are very flexible as to when we can help within the group.

Your expertise could help the group. There are all sorts of jobs to do, including background jobs. No set days or times are required and it's this that makes us successful - you do what you can, when you can, that's it!

Volunteers don't volunteer with their heads, they volunteer with their hearts and this is what makes volunteering so successful and fulfilling - knowing you have made a difference to others.

If you would like to know more, why not give us a ring, have a chat over a cuppa, join us as a buddy for a trip or two?

**Call Lynne Line 01489 691627**

## BOTLEY MINI BUS

We are getting excited about the arrival of the new Botley mini bus! It will still be an eye-catching yellow but brand new and very smart, a definite plus for the Village.

With the reduction of rural bus services the Government recognised that people were in danger of becoming isolated, so The Department of Transport released £25 million for rural communities to apply for funding to either replace or add to their fleet of mini buses.

Botley's existing mini bus is over 11 years old, in good condition and still very reliable, having been well looked after by our helpers and regularly maintained by Hamble Motors. However this bus is difficult for the more elderly and has no place for a wheelchair. We realised we had a good case for funding, obtained the forms and thanks to Rosemary Nimmo's expertise at form filling, we got the application in just in time!

We heard about two months after our application that we had been successful and we were given the money to purchase a mini bus.

There will be a formal launch of the mini bus on Saturday 24 September at the Market Hall Botley, 11.30am-1.30pm. The bus will be blessed and civic dignitaries have been invited to attend.

The bus is being supported by local businesses and you will be able to view it in the Square on the day.

This is a bus for the village of Botley and it can be hired on a non-profit basis.

For more info contact:  
minibusbotley@gmail.com  
Tel:- 07946087112



## BOTLEY WI

Over the summer members have had talks on 'The Argentine' and 'Where and What is it in Hampshire?' We enjoyed an evening walk followed by tea in the Market Hall provided by Dena Stokes and a stroll around Soberton followed by a charity lunch at Judith Cook's home. The craft group have been busy on several projects including knitting twiddle muffs for dementia patients. We were lucky to have a sunny day for our outing to Stratford on Avon when members were joined by family and friends.

### Future events:

15 September: Birthday Party

'Growing Old Disgracefully': Tim Finlay

20 October: Apples: Julia Hayes

17 November: 'The Queen's Body Guard': Alan Saunders

## AUTUMN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 19 November 11am - 1pm

Refreshments Books Tombola

Raffle Bric-a-brac Cakes

In aid of Botley WI  
and Botley Neighbourcare

Botley WI meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Market Hall. New members and visitors are always welcome. All enquiries to the secretary, Jean Travers Tel: 01489 785712.

## Celebrating the Queen's "Real" Birthday

Bishops Waltham Group of Women's Institutes held their Spring Meeting at Botley Centre on 18 April so we decided to celebrate the Queen's "real" Birthday.

Botley and Fair Oak WIs hosted a tea party for 80 members from Burridge and Park Gate, Shedfield, Waltham Chase, Bishops Waltham and Whiteley as well as ladies from their own WIs. Those attending, were asked to wear their "best frocks", hats were optional.

Members enjoyed a presentation entitled "Majesty" by Tricia Lewis, which ended with the singing of the National Anthem, before sitting down to a delicious tea of dainty sandwiches, cakes and scones with jam and cream.

A cross section of members were interviewed by Wendy Bassom (Group Treasurer) and filmed by Derek Cole to make a video for the Botley archives.



## ALPHABETS PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-School spaces available  
for September term 2016

We have a large outdoor area with artificial grass, shelter and climbing frame allowing free flow play.

Rated "Good" with outstanding features  
by Ofsted 2015

We now accept children from 2 years old,  
offering morning and afternoon sessions  
subject to availability, with 15 hours free funding  
available for 2,3 and 4 year olds.

Please contact Charlotte for more information on  
07867542988 or Email: [contact@alphabets.org.uk](mailto:contact@alphabets.org.uk)

## BOTLEY ALLOTMENTS

Botley Allotments are located off Winchester Street behind the Fire Station. They are managed by a committee of plot holders.



If you are interested in having an allotment please contact the Secretary, 01489 799377 or [janet.susan1704@gmail.com](mailto:janet.susan1704@gmail.com)

## BOTLEY GARDENING CLUB

Open to everyone - come and join us! Our next meeting is Wednesday 21 September 7.30 pm at the Market Hall. Speaker: Alick Jones: 'Weeds - can we ever win?'

Ring 01489 781155 for more information about the Club - future meetings, how to join etc.



Come and join us as we  
celebrate the Club's  
Sapphire Anniversary

## BOTLEY FLORAL CLUB

Botley Centre  
Wednesday 14 September  
12.30-4 pm

£6 charge for non-members  
Phone Christine on 01489 790522  
for more details



# SHOW TIME!

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN BOTLEY



### BOTLEY CHORAL SOCIETY ST CECILIA'S CONCERT

Saturday 26 November 7.30 pm

St. John's Church, Locks Heath

Sunday 27 November 7.30 pm

All Saints Church, Botley

A father and son double bill:

J. S. Bach's exquisite Cantata No. 140 (Sleepers Wake)  
and C P E Bach's vibrant Magnificat

Tickets: £12 (£10 concessions)

available from the Office, All Saints Church, Botley  
01489 782 445 or online at [www.botleychoral.co.uk](http://www.botleychoral.co.uk)

**Botley Market Hall**  
**Saturday 12 November 7pm**

**SHOO SHOO BABY**

**'THE GREAT CABARET SAFARI'**

A wonderful musical double act: flamboyant costumes and tight harmonies promise a superb evening's entertainment

**Tickets £16 (show plus supper)**  
**from Etikett or tel 01489 781155**

**Golden Trumpet**  
**Paul Hart (Trumpet) &**  
**Elizabeth Le Grove (Organ)**  
**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BOTLEY**  
**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 7.30 pm**



Tickets £12/£10 from the Church Office  
01489 782445 or  
<http://www.wegotickets.com>

**"INSTANT WIT": SATURDAY 28 JANUARY 2017, 7 pm at Botley Market Hall**  
An evening of quick-fire comedy, improvisation, music and fun, with buckets of audience participation!  
"a dream topping of an evening". See [www.instantwit.co.uk](http://www.instantwit.co.uk)  
Tickets, £16 (show plus supper) from Etikett or tel 01489 781155



# Botley Curdridge and Durley History Society

Botley, Curdridge and Durley History Society meet in the Reading Room, Curdridge at 8 pm.  
New members and visitors are welcome.

Next Society Meetings:

23 September 'Attic to Basement': A talk by The Hampshire Record Office

28 October AGM and 'The Victoria Cross - Facts & Fancies'

## **PART 52 JOHN KING: Botley's Poet and Composer**

John King was born on 29 May 1848 in Botley, the son of John and Harriett King. John writes that his parents were 'poor but respectable'. His father was a sawyer making wooden hoops for barrels, mesh hoops and hanks for sailing vessels.



John was the second child in a family of 12 children. He was born at Yew Tree Cottage in Winchester Street and the family later moved into one of the terrace cottages opposite All Saints church in the 1850s. With the growing family, more space was needed and they moved to a larger house in Shamblehurst Lane.

There was no school in Botley and his early education came from his parents. He recalls his mother teaching him the alphabet and was able to read verses from the bible at the age of three. The village school at Curdridge

was built in 1839 and John attended there at six years of age. The Botley rector, John Morley Lee, was responsible for the building of Botley's Church School in 1855. John King writes *that at the time we were 'dissenters' and not eligible for admission to a church school but through the kind intercession of Mr Guillaume, my father's employer, I and my brother were admitted there. We started at the school on New Year's Day 1856 in the afternoon, the school having opened for the first time in the morning.*

John's first employment was as a 'Bird scarer' aged 8 and later as a 'sheep minder' aged 14. He continued his education at Evening Classes *'for a few winters but got most of my learning while minding the sheep'*. He later followed his father as a Hoop Maker

In 1875 John married Catherine Celia Hooker and they moved into their own home in Winchester Street and had one son, William.

For 25 years, John sang with the choir at All Saints Church and was a Sunday School teacher for 46 years. He was a temperance worker and a regular speaker at their meetings and at Band of Hope meetings. During the First World War he became an Auxiliary Postman at the age of 66.

His love of music stemmed from being a member of the Volunteer Fife and Drum Band and later, the Botley Brass Band. He wrote poetry and later, started composing hymns.

Of his poems and hymns, John wrote *'Since 1872 I have been a writer of many poems and hymns. Most of my hymns have been sung in Botley church. Their Majesties, the King and Queen, were graciously pleased to accept copies of my war hymns. I have a framed letter of thanks from their Private Secretary.*

John King died in 1923 and at his funeral, the pall bearers were five local postmen, Messrs. Cull, Harding, Knight, Kett and West.

D. H. Stokes

## **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 each month from 10am to 12 noon.

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

Our programme for the autumn is:

September 7: Wartime History of the Fire Brigade

September 21: The 1950's in Words and Music

October 5: Life and Death of a Tudor Sailor

October 19: The Road to Agincourt

November 2: 'The Law, An Ass?'

November 16: AGM

December 7: Christmas Party

## ➔ CAROLS IN THE SQUARE 2016 NEEDS YOU! ➔



Every year Botley Parish Council organises the hugely successful and popular 'Carols in the Square' event. The date to put in your diary for this year is the afternoon of Sunday 18 December.

The unsung heroes of the event are the volunteers who give up their time to help patrol the car parks and road closure points to keep the public safe and the event zone free of traffic.

If you feel that you would like to help your community with this aspect of the Christmas event Botley Parish Office would love to hear from you. The more volunteers we have the shorter the marshalling time slots will be and the more time you will have to soak up the special Christmas atmosphere in the Square.

Hi-viz vests, 2 way radios (where necessary) and a full briefing on your duties will be given.

Please contact  
Deborah Barnes, Assistant to the Parish Clerk,  
01489 787181 or email [deborah.barnes@botley.com](mailto:deborah.barnes@botley.com)

The editorial team are always looking 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 28 October 2016*

'Botley News' is produced three times a year and delivered by volunteers to every household in the Parish.

**If you would like to help with future deliveries in your area of the village please contact the Parish Office on 01489 787181**

### 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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