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The Newsletter of Cookham Dean Village Club

# The Village Life

**Welcome to the Cookham Dean Village Club –  
A great way to meet your neighbours in Cookham Dean!**



The Cookham Dean Village Club is a busy membership club which runs a variety of social events throughout the year: themed parties, quizzes, fireworks night, the Christmas Party and Panto, and whatever else inspired members may come up with!

Cookham Dean Village Club maintains our Village Hall, offering a venue for many different activities, clubs, classes and events. We aim to provide a focus for community life and hopefully make village life fun and inclusive. As a Club Member you are entitled to priority booking and reduced ticket prices for events, as well as having the opportunity to get involved, have fun and enlarge your circle of local friends!

**Joining the Cookham Dean Village Club costs just £20 a year for an annual household membership. For further information or to become a Club Member please visit our website at [www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com](http://www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com)**

## **CHAIRMAN'S LETTER**

I hope you had a fabulous Christmas season, it's been a busy time at the Village Hall! Hard on the heels of the Bonfire night we have had the Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols and then the Village Pantomime. A big thank you to all the people who organised, volunteered, cleaned up and attended these events, which were a great success and hopefully enjoyed by all. In the coming months we are trying a couple of new things, firstly a Local Gin and Craft Beer Tasting/Quiz and later this year a game of Rounders on our beautiful village green. If you have not been to a village event recently then we would love to see you at one or both of these.

Over the last few months we have carried out many important refurbishments to the Village Hall with yet more planned in 2018. Some of the work has been financed out of the Hall's own funds but much has been paid for through generous donations from our main users - Noah's Ark, the Arts Club, the Horticultural Society and Cookham Manor Lodge, as well as the Church Winter Fair, the Village Fete and the Kaffirs. We are very grateful to them all.

**Finbar Murphy, Chairman of the Cookham Dean Village Club**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

## ELIZABETH HOUSE TALKS

These fundraising events showcase the talents of people living in Cookham and its environs. Everyone is welcome. Arrive 6.30pm for Prosecco and canapés, the talks start at 7pm. Tickets are £17.50 and can be obtained Monday to Friday 9am-3pm from Elizabeth House or reserved by email to [stephaniediggon@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniediggon@hotmail.com).

### Forthcoming talks:

**12 February – Andrew Padmore: Our rich heritage of butterflies in the Royal Borough**

**12 March – Jim Rosenthal: Hello and Welcome**

**14 May – Gerald Ratner: The Rise and Fall .... and Rise Again**

**11 June - TBA**

## NEW PLANS, NEW NAME FOR COOKHAM'S WILDLIFE

Cookham Wildlife Supporters starts the new year with a new name - WildCookham. And lots of plans for an increase in activity, calling for support from people across the Cookhams. We have identified a number of ways we shall get involved - a wild garden certification scheme, surveys of local habitats and wildlife, hands on work with our local reserves, the possible recreation of a pond in Cookham Dean.

We're also considering workshops to improve our knowledge and encourage more people to discover more about our local habitats. And we hope to work with local landowners - especially our farmers, National Trust, Woodlands Trust and the John Lewis Partnership - to work towards a sustainable environment for our local flora and fauna. All details about the group's activities are at <https://www.meetup.com/Wild-Cookham>. Or you can get more information at [www.facebook.com/groups/wildcookham](http://www.facebook.com/groups/wildcookham).

**Our next talk is by the Queen's Swan Marker David Barber on Saturday 17 February.**

## THE COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE CLUB LOCAL GIN AND CRAFT BEER QUIZ AND TASTING

Friday 23 February 7pm – Cookham Dean Village Hall



The Cookham Dean Village Club invites you to a lighthearted quiz and tasting of local gin and craft beers, with a delicious supper included. Tickets cost £27.50 per person. Tickets are available to purchase for Cookham Dean Village Club Members on the website [www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com](http://www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com).

## COOKHAM ARTS CLUB SPRING ART SALE AT PINDER HALL

2-4 March

Open 2-6 Friday

10-6 Saturday

10-5 Sunday

ADMISSION FREE

## COOKHAM DEAN TENNIS AND CROQUET CHARITY TOURNAMENT

Sunday 24 June

All standards of  
player welcome.

Bring your friends  
to support you!

Proceeds donated to charity.

[www.cookhamdean.net](http://www.cookhamdean.net)

## COOKHAM TWINNING

We will be welcoming our  
Twinning friends from  
St Benoit to Cookham in  
October half-term.

If you would like to be  
involved in any way  
please contact us

by email at

[keith\\_le\\_page@hotmail.com](mailto:keith_le_page@hotmail.com).

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN COOKHAM DEAN!

## KAFFIRS COMEDY NIGHT

Friday 9 March 7pm – Cookham Dean Village Hall

The Kaffirs, the local fundraising group for local good causes, are delighted to announce that they will be holding a Comedy Night. The entertainment will be provided by 4 top club circuit comedians. A licensed bar and ploughmans snacks will be available to get you into the mood for smiles and laughter. The bar will be open from 7pm and the show will start at 8pm. Tickets are great value at £15 each. We look forward to seeing you at the Kaffirs first fundraising event of 2018. Tickets are available from any of the Kaffirs members in person or from Paul Webb on email at [webbp19@gmail.com](mailto:webbp19@gmail.com) or phone/text on 07801 471738.



## NSPCC/CHILDLINE

Tuesday 15 May  
Temple Golf Club  
Bridge evening with  
supper. For further  
information  
please contact Sue  
Teasdale,  
telephone  
07799 064241

## COOKHAM DEAN CHURCH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Thursday 31 May 7.30pm  
Cookham Dean Village Hall  
Talk by Tom Way, Wildlife  
Photographer, + Cheese & Wine  
Tickets @ £20 each available  
from Barbara Dent, telephone  
01628 476512.

## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> COOKHAM SCOUTS VILLAGE FAIR

Saturday 16 June  
11am-4pm Cookham Moor  
Entertainments,  
Punch & Judy, Bouncy  
Castles, Dog Show,  
Beer Tent and lots more...

## COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday  
23 June  
12-3pm  
SUMMER FETE

## THE COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE CLUB 'ROUNDERS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN'

Sunday 8 July

Cookham Dean Village Club is planning this rounders match, an event that is casual, family friendly, age inclusive and fun, designed to foster village spirit, probably best enjoyed with a picnic! We would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions or if you would like to be involved with the mechanics of the event, maybe playing/umpiring/coaching/mentoring/recruiting our well-meaning teams! And if you would like to form a team (between 9-15 players and a mix of adults and children) then please get in touch via the website: [www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com](http://www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com).

## COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE FETE – AND PANTO!

This year's fete will take place on **Saturday 15 September** so please make a note of this important occasion which is not to be missed if last year's fete is anything to go by! Last year we raised over £3,000 for charity. It would not have been possible without your support so a big thank you to you all. We are now in the midst of planning the next fete and we are keen to involve more people so if you would like to join us, you would be extremely welcome. We have about four meetings a year so it is not something that takes up a lot of time.

The fete really does embrace all elements of the local community, providing an enjoyable afternoon out as well as helping good local causes. So keep us in mind if you are feeling inclined to become more involved with the local community. We are also on the look out for help later in the year with the Cookham Dean Panto which will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> December!

Thank you, Pam Forrester, Fete Co-Ordinator, [pamelaforrester@aol.com](mailto:pamelaforrester@aol.com)

# CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES IN THE COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE HALL



**Cookham Dean Village Club** is a non-profit organisation charged with maintaining the infrastructure of our beautiful Village Hall. With the generous support of our Members we ensure that the Hall is available for use by local charities, clubs, individuals and business. The Hall can be booked for both single and recurring use for very reasonable rates and at a discount for Members. For further information visit the website at [www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com](http://www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com) All sorts of diverse and interesting clubs, classes and societies take place in the Cookham Dean Village Hall - like the ones listed below.

**NOAH'S ARK** We are a traditional village pre-school for children between 2½ and 5 years old. Our aim is to help every child flourish and fulfil their own potential. For further information telephone Iris Elton on 01628 485708 (mornings during term time) or 01628 527106 (any time during school holidays).

**COOKHAM AND COOKHAM DEAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** aims to inspire, inform and support new and existing gardeners in their horticultural endeavours. Meetings, which cover a wide range of subjects, take place at 7.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month (with the exception of June and July when there are Garden Visits, and August and December). For further information contact Catherine Downes at [family.downes@gmail.com](mailto:family.downes@gmail.com).

**COOKHAM MANOR LODGE** meets on the 2nd Thursday of March, May, October & December and holds informal meetings during the winter months every Monday evening. Many thousands of pounds are donated each year by our support of local and national charities. To join the Lodge please call our Lodge secretary, Tim Lee on 01494 816423 or email [tim\\_lee47@hotmail.com](mailto:tim_lee47@hotmail.com).

**COOKHAM ARTS CLUB** meet every Tuesday afternoon, 2-5pm. We are a long established local organisation aimed at encouraging appreciation of art and development of artistic skills through weekly painting sessions, monthly meetings for demonstrations & critiques, workshops & visits to art galleries & places of interest. Members exhibit their work at Cookham Dean fete each year. For additional information concerning the club, please contact the Membership Secretary, Robert Jones, tel 01189 343363

**SPARKY'S DRAMA** We offer quality Performing Arts Classes on Wednesdays for pre-schoolers right up to teens and young adults. Classes help important life skills such as communication and presentation as well as developing confidence, imagination and teamwork. For your free trial contact Amber on 07889 311414 or email [info@sparkydrama.co.uk](mailto:info@sparkydrama.co.uk) [www.sparkysdrama.co.uk](http://www.sparkysdrama.co.uk)

**FLexercise** combines central core and body strengthening exercises with movement to music. Fun, friendly and sociable, FLexercise aims to energise and strengthen the whole body, develop good posture and correct body alignment, and give you improved fitness, energy, strength and mobility. FLexercise meets 2-3pm on Thursdays. First session free. To find out more, email [pauline@cdfll.co.uk](mailto:pauline@cdfll.co.uk) or call 07941 448267.

**1ST COOKHAM DEAN BROWNIES** is a lively unit for girls aged between 7 and 10 years. We meet on a Thursday evening (during term time) between 6-7.20pm. We are now looking for new leaders to step forward in order to keep the unit running. If you are interested in finding out more please contact us at [1stcookhamdeanbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stcookhamdeanbrownies@gmail.com).

**COOKHAM DEAN CHURCH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** is a small committee which plans events to raise money for the Church's needs. We aim to vary events throughout the year and to include families wherever possible. The popular annual Autumn Fayre, held in the Village Hall, raises funds exclusively for charities, preferably local. Every two or so years a Flower Festival is held in the Church and attracts many visitors. For further information contact Susan Poad at [susanpoad@btinternet.com](mailto:susanpoad@btinternet.com).

## MEMBERS OF THE COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE CLUB COMMITTEE:

**Chairman: Finbar Murphy, [chairman@cookhamdeanvillagehall.com](mailto:chairman@cookhamdeanvillagehall.com)**  
**Vice Chairman: Maurice Hancock Secretary: Peter Austin Treasurer: Tania Lawley**  
**Executive Members: Sue Teasdale, Clare Thorpe, Maggie Robinson,**  
**Sabine Bolier, Andy Hall, Gerry Thwaites, Mike Clark**