

# On the move to independence!



*'Here at last! It's overwhelming!'* is how Alison described moving into her own independent home in Leatherhead last month.

She and neighbour Nicky are the first to take up residence in The Oaks, a block of four one-bedroomed flats built for us in Fairfield Road, Leatherhead.

The accommodation has been built to a very high specification with easy access to shops and local facilities.

*'It's really close to my workplaces,'* says Alison. Nicky's flat has an adapted kitchen and bathroom. *'I was nervous on the first night,'* she says, *'but I'm getting the hang of everything now.'*

Two more Grange residents, Laura and Jane, will move in in June.

*'This is a tremendous achievement,'* says Sally Lines, *'and it will literally change people's lives.'*

## Everything in the garden is lovely!

Longest runner bean, best summer bouquet, best arrangement in a wellington boot – these are all categories people we support can enter in the Grange Flower Show in July.

Besides flower and vegetable competitions, there'll be art, woodwork and best apple pie categories!



*'We want to show others at The Grange the achievements of people we support,'* says Horticulture Tutor Barry Phillips.

**Don't forget the Walled Garden Shop – open 10-4pm daily**

## Summer Fun Respite Days

Over 50 sessions have been booked on our Summer Fun programme running from 24 July to 18 August.

It offers adults with disabilities who may be on holiday from their normal activities the chance to come in for the day for activities such as craft, fitness, drama and drumming



along with chill time and outings. Places still available: contact [vikki.schadenberg@grangecentre.org.uk](mailto:vikki.schadenberg@grangecentre.org.uk)

# Our Ride100 cyclists

Bob and Matt Austin are gearing up for the Surrey-London Ride100 Cycle event on 30 July in aid of The Grange. As manager of the King George V Hall, in Effingham, Bob is a well-known local figure. He has another good reason to get fit for this challenge – he's recently become a grandad.

To support Bob and Matt go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/fyingbobmatts>



## Go Mel!

Mel Sheehan is our Work Experience Co-ordinator. Last year she raised over £1,000 for us by riding the Coast-to-Coast route and this year she and her husband Mark, and friends Karen and Wendy, hope to raise a similar amount.

To support them, visit <http://tinyurl.com/ya9oevcr>

# River deep, mountain bike

Superfit fundraiser, Peter Dillow, is swimming the River Arun for us on 24 June and doing Ride100 on 30 July. Peter is a keen triathlon competitor hence the swimming bit! Support him at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/peter-dillow-ovy-PRLS-2017-4>



Mike Sharp and his pal Alan, who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro for The Grange last year raising £2115, plan to 'stroll along the South Downs Way to raise some pennies for the gorgeous Grange'. (It's 100 miles long!) Support Mike & Alan at <http://uk.virginmoney.com/mikesharp6>

## Six new people to join us

With the new Leatherhead flats, plus some other vacancies, six new people will be able to move into Grange accommodation over the coming year. Existing residents will also have a chance to move offsite or swap rooms.

In total, we will see 19 moves at The Grange as people we support progress in their journey towards independence and that is exactly what we're here for!



## Stilgoe sell-out success

Bookham & Horsley Rotary organised a 'Songs from the Shows' concert featuring Sir Richard Stilgoe (one of our Patrons) and the Orpheus alumni and the entertaining GSA singers. The concert, sponsored by GR Lane Health Products Ltd with wine donations from Waitrose, raised £2500 in addition to the £1700 raised at a previous Rotary brunch

We are proud to have been chosen as the Charity of The Year and to have worked with such enthusiastic and supportive people.

## Denbies now sell our fudge



*Cheers all around!*

# Events

## Surrey Artists Open Studios

**12-18 June (but not 14 June)  
10am-5.00pm**

Call in to our studios and see the arts and crafts we've been working on.



## Bookham Open Gardens

**18 June 11am-5.00pm**

We're opening our gardens for you to visit. See the Victorian Walled Garden and smell the sensory garden - then taste some marvellous cake with a lovely cup of tea!

## Summer Fun Respite Days

**24 July – 18 August, Monday to Friday**

Call Vikki: 01372 455229 for details

## Heritage Day

**Saturday, 9 September**

Visit us and discover the history of The School of Stitchery and Lace, as we were formerly known.

## Cake and Lace

**Saturday, 30 September**

A celebration of lacemaking, embroidery and knitting. Stalls and workshops. Contact: Tina Pedrick, [pedrick.sp.tl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pedrick.sp.tl@hotmail.co.uk)

## Bridge Masterclass

**Thursday, 12 October 2017**

Times Bridge Correspondent Andrew Robson, OBE, will be leading this popular masterclass. Tickets £200 per table include lunch and glass of wine. Contact [marion.chow@grangecentre.org.uk](mailto:marion.chow@grangecentre.org.uk)

## Thank You!

The **Great Bookham Belles WI** for choosing us as their charity of the year and for gifts of a wheelbarrow and talking scales and a cheque for £1100. Our grateful thanks to all of the Belles for their fantastic support over the past year.

**The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey PGM Surrey Fund** for an exceptional donation of £1000.

A massive thank you to the **Co-op Local Community Fund** for a fantastic donation of £2386 which will go to The Sound and Light Project in the ballroom.

**Angela Faulkner** for donating a projector and a video camera – these will be very useful

**Penny Wright** for boxes of ceramic plates and vases which will be decorated and sold in our shops

We have been busy giving talks to **Women's Institute groups** including South Heathlands WI and Leatherhead WI – thank you for your donations and for buying so much fudge!

**Joyce** for the rowing machine and punchbag!

Staff of **Iress software company** for raising £145 by holding a cake sale

**Leatherhead Horti Society** for making us charity of the year

**Nicholas and Gemma Woods** of the Kitchen Shop Weybridge for giving us discount on new pans for Granary kitchen (using funds raised for us by Albury Café)

**Dairy Crest** team and **CEB Global** for putting up sheds and gardening

**Individual donations** including one for £300

Raffle prizes - thank you **Sarah, Wendy** and **June** and others!

A gift of £135, from the family of **Mrs Sheila Hamilton**, mum of Lyndsay Minihane, who passed away in March.

# Walk a Mile



Walk a Mile is a new feature in our Passport to Fitness scheme for people we support and it's got off to a good start. Every Monday and Wednesday, staff and people we support meet at 4.25pm and walk a mile round the Grange site. A big thank you to volunteer Stephen Dean for leading the walks and our Activities Co ordinator Brenna for setting the scheme up.

## Please vote for us!

We are pleased to be one of 300 charities who will benefit from a special £3 million fund from the Masonic Charitable Foundation to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England. The more votes we get the larger the grant we will receive.

**Voting opens on 12 June until 31 July 2017.**

See [www.mcf.org.uk/vote](http://www.mcf.org.uk/vote)



## Hat tip!

Innocent Smoothies sent us a huge box of their products as a thank you for the animated film we made about knitting little hats for their Smoothie bottles.

The film is on our website – you can watch it at [www.grangecentre.org.uk/1150-little-hats-innocent-smoothies](http://www.grangecentre.org.uk/1150-little-hats-innocent-smoothies)



## Open Studios

Creative Arts & Textiles took part in the launch of Surrey Artists Open Studios (SAOS) with a drop in workshop featuring hirameki Japanese doodling and the popular zentangling.

**Our studios will be open for SAOS Week, 12-18 June 10am – 5pm (but not Wednesday 14 June).**

## Prize photography competition – get snapping over the summer!

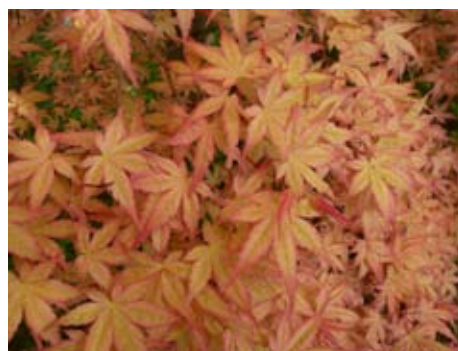


Don't forget The Grange photo competition – some of the latest entries we've had are on the left.

There are two categories: 'Family & Friends' and 'Patterns in Nature' and the deadline is 1 September.

Bookham and Lovelace DFAS Groups have put up a prize fund worth £500. You can enter 3 photos. Email them to [nick.rawlings@grangecentre.org.uk](mailto:nick.rawlings@grangecentre.org.uk)

See [www.grangecentre.org.uk/grange-photography-competition](http://www.grangecentre.org.uk/grange-photography-competition) for details.



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