

Supporting Mayoral Charities in Goldsworth Park



Woking Mayor, Cllr Ken Howard, and new Waitrose Manager, Robert Chisholm

Shoppers at Waitrose, Goldsworth Park were greeted by **Woking Mayor, Cllr Ken Howard**, on Saturday, 25th February. The Mayor and his helpers were collecting money for his chosen mayoral year charities and Goldsworth Park residents were not shy in supporting these worthy causes.

The Mayor is raising money for 3 charities this year; Shooting Star CHASE, Surrey Young Carers and Woking Community Action Fund.

Shooting Star CHASE helps to support over 500 families in west London, Surrey and West Sussex living with a child or teenager not expected to reach their 19th birthday. **Surrey Young Carers** offers free impartial information and support to young carers and aims to promote the needs of young carers in all childcare and adult settings. **Woking Community Action Fund** provides small grants or material support to people in Woking who are in hardship.

If you would like to donate money towards these charities or help the Mayor raise funds, please contact the Mayor's Executive Assistant, Jackie Brooks at the Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, Surrey GU21 6YL, telephone 01483 743023 or email jackie.brooks@woking.gov.uk

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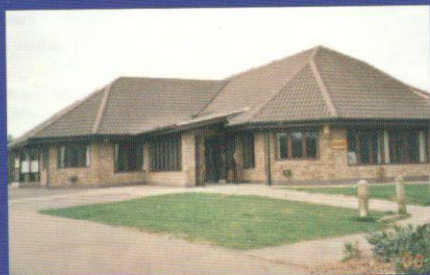
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County Council Report

Diana Smith,

County Councillor for Knaphill and Goldsworth West



P.S. to Surrey's Budget

The Budget meeting, which I previewed last month, went through with a surprising underlying unity. This may be to do with Eric Pickles (Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government). He launched an attack on Councils, including Surrey County Council, that were planning not to take a Government grant instead of raising Council tax. He said they were 'treating the electorate with contempt'.

In my opinion Eric Pickles is insulting the intelligence of the electorate if he thinks we can't understand that a conditional one-off grant can be worse than useless. It's like being given a bonus instead of a pay rise – you start again next year from where you are now, and you can't base a mortgage or pension on it.

All political parties agreed it was wrong for Surrey. The only argument was over the Conservative decision to go 2.99%, 0.4% beyond the 2.5% increase required by the Medium Term Financial Plan. Liberal Democrats opposed this, saying there's still room for reductions in glossy leaflets, consultants, and agency staff; the Independents/Residents Association said we should put less money into reserves; while the one-man Labour group said Council Tax should be increased even more to 'protect the vulnerable'.

Surrey's (Conservative) Deputy Leader said we were 'quibbling about ten pence a week' which is about the amount extra the 0.4% costs a typical Surrey household. The entire 2.99% increase will be about 60 pence a week.

Money spent locally

The Youth Services budget has already been severely cut, with more to go. The 'new' way of trying to make the money stretch is commissioning work from outside organisations such as the YMCA and the Surrey Care Trust. There's a budget of £114,000 in Woking for the year starting this April to spend on 'preventive'

work with young people at risk of becoming 'NEET' (Not in Education, Employment or Training). Surrey's Woking Local Committee has the major say in how it's allocated, and we had a special meeting in February to approve the plan. Management of the Youth Centres is also being commissioned, but I have no detailed information about this. The new Youth Support Service, run directly by Surrey County Council, will be doing the one-to-one work that Connexions and the Youth Justice team once covered.

Prayers at Council

Recently a judge ruled that Bideford Council had no power to make prayers part of the official Council meeting. Prayers can be held before meetings if Councillors want this, but individual Councillors aren't required to be there as part of the job.

If prayers are on the agenda there will be Councillors who are forced to choose between their obligation to be present for meetings and the requirement to sit through a religious ceremony that might be counter to their beliefs, whether religious or otherwise.

There are prayers in Surrey's Council Chamber formal enough to satisfy the traditionalist, but there's probably no legal objection. This is because they are noted on the agenda, but do not form part of the official proceedings. There is a short gap at the end of prayers when those of us who do not wish to take part can go in for the official start of the meeting.

I would be happier if no one wanted these prayers, but I've nothing against them being there for those who do.

I find the attack on secularism by Baroness Warsi more worrying. Secularism separates church and state. It stops the overt religious practices of Mayors, Councillors, MPs, and other holders of office being used as a justification for decisions and actions, and means no specific religious beliefs are required of office holders. It's as much a protection for believers who are not members of the established church as for non-believers.

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GOLDSWORTH LETTERS

"KEEP GOLDSWORTH PARK SPARKLING!"

...enjoy living in Goldsworth Park?

Many people, like myself, moved to 'The Park' because it was planned and designed for those, who wish to live here, to enjoy this green corner of Woking. OK - there are some things that could have been done better from the outset like - making sure that trees do not, every year, shed their leaves. So, rather than help the council, who are already doing a very good job maintaining the public land, somebody forgot to tell some residents that THEY need to keep the private land in good order i.e. **CLEAR AWAY** the leaves: this not only includes their front garden but also places that tend to be out-of-sight and out-of-mind.

These 'some residents', who have not got a mind bigger than a pea, think the leaves may just vanish! I have news for them: they don't just vanish - they get more every year and become unsightly. This then gives the areas in which the leaves remain an impression of neglect resulting in a devaluation of the properties - more to the detriment of those who care and clear up every year.

To those 'don't care residents' in the Clifton Way, Denton Way and Kirkland Avenue areas I am addressing this reminder: "Get out off your comfort zone NOW before the next lot of leaves comes down and do some **SPRING CLEANING** in your garage yards and off street parking areas for they are a disgrace - and I might just be tempted to name and shame the locations next time."

You'd be surprised HOW easy and QUICKLY it is done and you might even ENJOY the exercise and the result.

Mr. Grumpy II

Love where you Live!

I was house hunting in 2008 when I first visited Goldsworth Park and I appreciated its greenery and lack of litter compared to London where I was living at that time. In the intervening years, I sensed that perhaps it was not as green as I had originally thought. Now that I have lived here for six months, I felt I really had to do

something about the litter that were strewn the length and breadth of Kirkland Avenue.



Armed with a litter picking tool and some plastic bags, I walked Kirkland Avenue from end to end, on either side of the road. In less than one week I filled six bags with rubbish! I found a number of instances of fly tipping which I also reported to Woking Council.

Kirkland Avenue is not clean, but it is cleaner than it was. Every gust of wind seemed to bring another shower of litter. However, I was sitting in the bus a few days later and I noticed that it was greener than before and I felt that my efforts had been worth it.

Residents I met while I did my rounds in Kirkland Avenue and Watermead, were also very supportive of my work.

Is there a solution?

More litter bins certainly, particularly in those locations which seem to be heavily littered. Also, there is no provision for disposal of litter collected by residents other than by using their own blue or black bins.

The most important thing would be for some 'citizen action' to care for the local environment. It is not realistic to expect Serco to drive around looking for every plastic bag, bottle and can. It would be much better if they are directed to particular black spots and locations where residents have already collected up litter for removal.

You actually have to experience litter picking to appreciate the scale of the problem and I suggest that in this period of economic restraint, residents will have to take responsibility for controlling litter in their localities.

It is up to us to Love where we Live!

Mr David Powell

Note from the Editor - Here are some useful steps and contact details for residents who would like to report any litter problems in Goldsworth Park:

Contact Serco and report the problem:

Helpdesk.woking@serco.co.uk 01483 775422

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Contact Woking Borough Council for help:

Nick Roach
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From the Editor



This could be your child or dog – PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND DON'T WALK ON THE FROZEN LAKE!

I apologise to all our readers in advance for the shocking photo in my Editorial this month but I think the seriousness of the issue warrants this decision.

I want to make residents aware of a worrying incident I witnessed at the lake during the recent snowfall we had this month. While most people were frolicking in the snow safely, I did see some children trying to venture out onto the frozen lake! In our article 'From the Lakeside',

Roger explains why, even though the ice might appear solid near the edges, it is very deceptive and dangerous, and not solid at all!

We also discovered a dead fox floating in the lake after the ice cleared. The chances are that it probably ran out onto the ice after a duck, fell through the ice and then could not get out – it drowned or died of hypothermia – as a child could if one fell through the ice!

If the ice cannot hold the weight

of a small fox, what chance does your child have or even your dog? As a parent myself, I urge parents to please chat with their children about the dangers of the lake!

The lake is beautiful to look at when frozen but it is not a playground!



On a happier note...
the Queens Diamond Jubilee

Last month we published possible

suggestions for a "Big Lunch" picnic all the way around the lake on Sunday, 3rd June to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

We asked readers to please let us know what they think about this so that arrangements could be made by the GPCA for entertainment and also to secure the necessary permits to allow this event to take place.

The GPCA needs to be sure that there will be enough community support for such an event to warrant the spending of resources.

I urge readers to please contact us if you think this would be a fun way of celebrating this historic event or not. Just a short email or phone call would help us determine whether or not to go ahead with the plans. You can contact myself (goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk) or Irene Watson, Secretary of the GPCA on 01483 714096 or secretary.gpca@ntlworld.com. Thank you to all those residents who have already contacted us about the event!

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Start limbering up as sport relief returns to Woking!



Woking is set to host its third Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on Sunday 25 March, and needs local people to come together and show their support by entering now at www.sportrelief.com

As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives – so it's time to dust off those trainers and enter right now!

Setting off from Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground, the Mile will take in the sights of Goldsworth Park Lake and is set to be an incredible event.

Entrants don't have to be sporty to take part, but can choose to complete one, three or six miles knowing that all the money raised will help to change the lives of people living unimaginably tough lives right here on our doorstep, across the rest of the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries

Gary Cordery, Woking Borough Council's Mile organiser said: *"The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in Woking is back and it's your time to shine. From teeny-tots with their mums and*

dads, to super sprinters up against the clock there's something for everyone on the big day. Last year, the Goldsworth Park Sport Relief Mile had over 600 participants and raised a staggering £23,427.98! This year we want to make the day even bigger and better – but we need your help to do that. So come on Woking, pull up your Sport Relief socks in true Team GB spirit, don your fancy dress outfit and enter the Mile to do something amazing!"

Not to be outshone, users of the Borough Council's Moorcroft Centre for the Community plan to complete their mile by clocking up laps of the main hall! Anyone is welcome to take part, and activities begin at 10am on Thursday 22 March. For more details, please call 01483 743373.

The Sport Relief Weekend kicks off on Friday, 23 March when everyone gets active, has fun and raises cash at home, at work or at school; before settling down to watch a night of top Sport Relief TV on BBC One. There will be even more BBC radio, online and TV coverage throughout the weekend to keep you entertained. By the end of the weekend everyone will be raring to go, when the whole nation comes together to take part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on Sunday, 25 March.

The Sport Relief Mile forms part of the Borough's year-long programme of multi-cultural events and activities in the lead up to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games as well as the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Celebrate Woking.

To enter the Goldsworth Park Sport Relief Mile, or for further information, please visit www.sportrelief.com or

www.celebratewoking.info Alternatively, please email Mile Organiser, Gary Cordery, at gary.cordery@woking.gov.uk or call 01483 743424.

Local Resident Counts Cost of Unauthorised Tree Felling

Woking Borough Council has successfully prosecuted a local Woking man for the unauthorised felling of a mature oak tree.

The man pleaded guilty at Guildford Magistrates Court on 30th January to the offence of permitting the felling of a mature oak tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) from his property. He was fined £500 and ordered to pay the Council's costs of £380.

The healthy mature oak was felled by a contractor during June 2011 and the stump covered with foliage from a recently pruned conifer hedge. As the tree, located on Balmoral Drive, was protected by a TPO, the man should have sought prior permission from the Council before carrying out any works to the protected tree. Depending on the circumstances, under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, both the resident and contractor can be liable for prosecution.

Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, any person who cuts down, uproots or wilfully destroys or damages a protected tree is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction can be fined up to £20,000.

Anyone considering works to protected trees should contact Woking Borough Council's Arboriculture Services on 01483 755855 or visit www.woking.gov.uk for more information. Anyone wishing to check whether a TPO protects a tree on their property, can do so online by typing their address details into the 'Your local services' area on the Council's homepage. This part of the website provides vital information on residents' property, plus neighbourhood services and refuse collections.



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Welcome to New Waitrose Manager, Rob Chisholm

Goldsworth News and the Goldsworth Park Residents Association would like to welcome Rob to our community on 'The Park'

Rob joined Waitrose just over a year ago after 16 years in the Army. After a short period of training he ran a small store

for 3 months before transferring to the Goldsworth Park

branch. His predecessor, **Tony Whitten**, who was very well known to Goldsworth Park Waitrose customers, ran the branch for 20 years and, after taking his Long Leave (6 months paid leave, to which all Partners are entitled after 25 years service), decided to retire from last month. Rob was very lucky to follow on from Tony as he handed over a really good, very slick operation.

Rob is married to Jo and they have two small children. You might catch a glimpse of Rob around the lake as he is a keen runner and cyclist, enjoys sailing and cricket. He is really looking forward to improving his knowledge of the Waitrose food and drink range in their new kitchen this summer!

Goldsworth News asked Rob what it means to him to be part of the Waitrose family. He explained: "It's fair to say that it's a very different challenge to the ones I faced in my previous career, but the one constant is the part I enjoy the most - working alongside a cracking group of people. I am very privileged in that I lead a committed team of Partners who are passionate about food retail. They have

looked after me exceptionally well, made me feel very welcome and they remain the backbone of the branch. I'm also very proud to be a Partner in the John Lewis Partnership - it's a special business to be a part of."

While speaking to Rob, one could not miss his enthusiasm and passion about Waitrose and their involvement in Goldsworth Park. He stated: "My team and I are committed to delighting our customers and ensuring that their shopping experience is second to none - their custom is hard-earned and we certainly don't take them for granted. We will continuously strive to do ever better and I'd love to hear from customers how we're doing. We are also determined to strengthen our ties to the Goldsworth Park community - we lie both literally and, perhaps metaphorically, at the heart of the Park. Our customers will be very familiar with the Community Matters scheme that supports local charities and I'd like to see if we can do even more - watch this space! I'd love to hear from your readers if they have any projects that might need support in some way - I can't make any promises, but will always listen carefully and see what we could do."

He added: "I have been struck by the tremendous sense of community that exists here. I'm really looking forward to playing my small part this year, alongside my team, by helping people to celebrate and enjoy the Diamond Jubilee, European Championships and the London Olympic Games. This promises to be the most amazing and special summer and I couldn't ask to be spending it in a friendlier place."



Sythwood Primary School:

"Let's Get Involved Week"



Year 2 having fun and getting involved at Sythwood Primary School - Gabrielle Atkinson, Becca Hilling and Ty Roberts

The children at Sythwood Primary School have really been showing their community spirit this month by taking part in lots of activities as part of "Let's Get Involved Week".

Each year group took on a special project: ranging from gardening to litter picking and even holding a tea party for some neighbours.

Headteacher Sue Tresilian explained: "This has been a chance for the children to get involved in helpful activities in school and in our wider community. Year 1 has been gardening, Year 2 has been clearing leaves, Year 3 helped with jobs around the infant school and Year 4 and Reception hosted our wonderful tea party." Bad weather meant Year 5 had to postpone some of their plans to do some painting in the junior playground but they helped out with other tasks around school.



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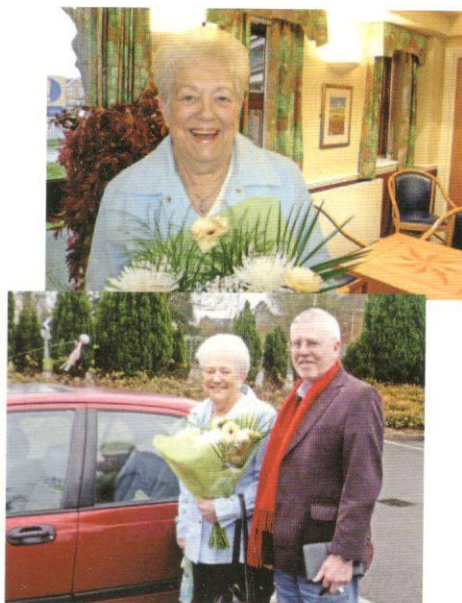
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To mark the occasion, Mrs Brown was presented with flowers by Peter Roberts, the group's Treasurer. Mrs Brown is a regular user of Goldsworth Care's service. She said, "I don't find it easy to use the bus, and it's nice to drive door to door. I like to meet the drivers and I hope they like to meet me."

Founded in 2001, Goldsworth Care is one of 11 Good Neighbour schemes in Woking borough. It serves an area of almost 6,000 homes in West Woking. Its team of 40 volunteers seeks to provide a helping hand to those who need it. Typically, Goldsworth Care drives clients to hospital, doctors' and other appointments, helps with shopping, does small household



maintenance tasks and assists with form filling and even dog walking. All its volunteers are CRB checked. They are unpaid but are reimbursed their expenses. Clients make a voluntary and anonymous donation when using the group's services. Anyone interested in using Goldsworth Care, or volunteering, can contact them on 07751 801587.

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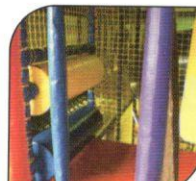
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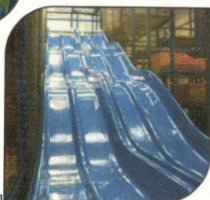
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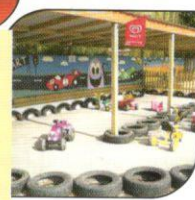


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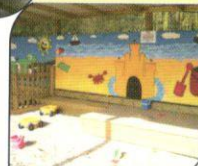
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Officers asked all parents who take and collect their children by car to think carefully about where they park and consider the following questions:

- Are you parking on the zig zags?
- Are you parking on a yellow line?
- Are you causing an obstruction?
- Are you blocking someones drive?
- Are you blocking in another vehicle?
- Can a bus get past?

The team hoped to engage with parents and school staff to ensure that road users and pedestrians are being as safe as possible.

Police Panel Meeting Update

The most recent Goldsworth Park Police panel meeting was held on Wednesday 8th February at Goldwater Lodge. PC Emma Barrett chaired the meeting that was attended by twenty residents.

An update was given to those in attendance regarding the work undertaken by the Safer Neighbourhood Team to tackle anti-social driving that has been taking place in the Goldsworth Park Centre car park. This has included a "Safe Drive, Stay Alive" event that involved local drivers being shown a hard-hitting video relating to a road traffic collision. The video included real life testimonies by serving members of the emergency services and the parent of a young person who lost their life in a road traffic collision. It is hoped that the evening encouraged those in attendance to think of the consequences of driving irresponsibly.

The Team will continue to actively deal with this issue of anti-social driving in Goldsworth Park and we encourage local residents who are experiencing this type of behaviour to report it to Surrey Police when it is happening.

Contacting The Team

As always residents are encouraged to call 101 for all non-emergency policing matters and to call 999 if you have a genuine emergency requiring the attendance of the police (for example a crime is in progress or someone is in immediate danger).



Note from Editor – Correction to January issue:

In the January 2012 issue we reported on a new member joining the Goldsworth Park Neighbourhood Team, PC Steve Anderson. PC Anderson, has now been relocated and we will keep you informed of any new members that join the local Goldsworth Park team.



A performance of "Haydn's greatest composition"



Joseph Haydn's acclaimed "Nelson Mass" is the main work in our Spring Concert to be held in the H G Wells Hall on **Saturday, 31st March 2012**. It has long been one of the composer's most popular works and is considered by his chief biographer H.C. Robbins Landon to be "arguably Haydn's greatest single composition".

Written for Haydn's patrons the Esterházy family of Austria, at a time of great turmoil within Europe, when Napoleon's armies were in the ascendancy, having won four major battles in Austria and even threatening Vienna itself, Haydn gave the composition its title *Missa in Angustiis (Mass for troubled times)*. While Haydn was at work on his Mass, the British fleet, under Nelson, was triumphant over the French at Abukir in the "Battle of the Nile". Haydn would not have been aware of the battle, as news of the decisive victory was not to reach Vienna for several weeks. It was only when Nelson and Lady Hamilton passed through Austria in September 1800 and stayed at Eisenstadt Castle as guests of Prince Esterházy that the work was given its new title "Nelson Mass". It was performed in his honour and so became generally known by this title.

By contrast, another Mass is also being performed, this time written during the peace and calm that followed the Second World War. It is the Requiem op.9 by the French composer Maurice Duruflé, written in 1947 and considered to be his crowning achievement.

We will be accompanied by the Bartholdy Chamber Orchestra, augmented by an Organ and conducted by our Musical Director Ben Palmer.

Tickets can be booked online at www.wokingchoral.org.uk or obtained from H G Wells Centre Box Office or the Lightbox.



Can we see things differently?

After Pancake Day (22nd February), we are now well into the 40 days of Lent, leading up to the heart of the Christian story, Good Friday & Easter. But what is the point of Lent?

Lent is generally observed as a time for Christians to reflect and pray as a way of preparing their hearts for Easter.

The choice to observe Lent is a personal one—the whole point is to focus our heart and mind on Jesus during the journey to Easter. There's no requirement to observe it, but millions of Christians around the world do observe Lent each

year. They do it to help them to see the familiar story in a new and different light.

At St. Andrew's Church, a hundred or so members have been continuing to study the 'Everybody Welcome' course. It has been fascinating to see ourselves as visitors or newcomers might see us. Already, we have loads of suggestions about how to improve what we do! It all comes from trying to see things differently.

Over the last weekend of March, some young people & adults will be taking part in Slum Survivor, which is a chance to spend 2 nights the way over a billion people spend a lifetime! A slum will be built on the grass outside the A2 building, and the 'residents' will eat simply, and endure living without any electrical gadgets, mobile phones, or hair dryers. They will welcome guests to visit them, and have some challenges to endure. For all involved, they will certainly see things differently after just 2 nights in a slum.

This leads us to Palm Sunday, on 1st April, when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. Harry, the Donkey, will be with us, and there will be free

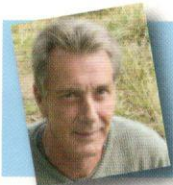
donkey rides from 12 noon, for any children, who are accompanied by their parents. But in the midst of the fun, we shall all hope to see the familiar story differently.

Try the experiment for yourself.

Details of our full Palm Sunday to Easter programme will be published in mid-March on our website www.goldsworthpark.org.uk



Enjoying Palm Sunday last year



FROM THE LAKESIDE – MARCH 2012

Roger Westcott is one of the voluntary fishing bailiffs appointed by Woking Borough Council to oversee fishing, monitor fish stocks and other wildlife, and keep the area generally clean and tidy



Gone Fishin'! Despite temperatures plummeting to minus 12°C and a blanket of snow, a couple of our more determined anglers braved the elements, spending two long days and nights by

the water's edge hoping for a bite (no – not frost-bite) but as the lake froze around them, they were forced to retire early for the comforts of home without a catch. The only bright spot was the beautiful picture that greeted them at first light. Brrrrr – I wonder if they have thawed out yet?

The following days saw the lake almost completely frozen over. Once again, it was disappointing to see the amount of rubbish plus a shopping trolley and a number of the life-buoys thrown out onto the ice. I know that I say it every winter – remember that the lake is very deep – up to 13ft in places; it also takes run-off from the roads which includes salt so that, as a consequence, the ice is never very thick. Parents – make sure that children don't play around the lake when it is frozen. I believe that the Editor has more to say on this subject, so please read her article.

Prior to the cold snap, we were able to crack on with the Wildlife Area. The new fence has been erected, log piles built and the pebble beach in place. We were thrilled when the first

visitor to the beach, before it was even finished, was the elusive water rail. Unfortunately, we were carrying tools not cameras so could not record the moment. The planting of the hedging had to be put on hold when the ground froze but, now that the weather has improved, we intend to start planting on 8th March. Anyone wishing to get involved can contact the GPCA Secretary on 01483 714096. Details are on the notice-boards in the fenced area.



Collegium Regale returns to St Andrews Church on April 12th

Collegium Regale (Latin form 'King's College') is the close harmony group made up of the Choral Scholars of the choir of The King's College, Cambridge. The Choir is most famous for the broadcasts of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on BBC TV and Radio each Christmas, which reach an estimated 120million people worldwide.

On their 2012 tour, they are once again performing for Woking Hospice at St Andrews Church, Goldsworth Park on April 12th at 8pm.

Don't miss out, the concert is always a sell out - tickets are £15 each, available by calling the fundraising team on 01483 881752

Midnight Walk – Friday 15th June

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices are pleased to announce the date for their annual ladies only Midnight Walk - Friday June 15th

This is an 8 mile sponsored walk starting at The Marist School, West Byfleet. The walk will start at 10pm and there is a real carnival atmosphere as women take to the streets in flashing bunny ears. Don't miss out, be part of this year's event and join hundreds of other women of all ages and abilities to have fun – and help raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for your local Hospices.

It is fun, it is challenging, it is rewarding! All ladies over the age of 13 are welcome to take part, visit www.wsb-midnightwalk.co.uk for more details or call 01483 881752

Let's Celebrate

2012 really is a year to celebrate all the good and great things about Britain. The Queens Diamond Jubilee, The London Olympics, and Euro 12. All wonderful opportunities to celebrate and Woking & Sam Beare Hospices are keen to help you make the most of this special summer. If you are planning an event and want to give it a real local focus, why not make it even more special by raising some much needed funds for Sam Beare Hospice. Why not organise a street party, tea dance, sports day in your local street, club or school and we will do all we can to help you and will provide a special Jubilee fundraising pack with balloons, flags etc. Please call 01483 881752 or visit www.wsbhospices.co.uk for more details.



Community Clinical Nurse Specialists, Jane Howard, Rachel Hill, Sarah Ivey and Pam Walmsley taking part in last year's Midnight Walk



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The Lightbox

Call for Kenwood Memories and Memorabilia



A700 Kenwood Chef by Kenwood

Do you remember when the Kenwood factory was based in Woking? If so you could be of help to The Lightbox gallery and museum.

Opening this spring, a new exhibition at The Lightbox will explore how, after founding Kenwood in a Woking workshop in 1947, design pioneer Kenneth Wood went on to develop iconic and familiar appliances, that over 65 years have transformed our daily lives.

If you worked at Kenwood, knew Kenneth Wood or have a story to tell about how using a Kenwood mixer transformed how you or your family cooked, The Lightbox would love to hear from you.

The Lightbox is also looking for loans of memorabilia and objects relating to Kenneth Wood and the Kenwood brand.

From the A100 Turnover Toaster – the first electric toaster to allow the user to toast both sides without touching the bread – to the Kenwood Chef, heralded the world over for its labour-saving abilities and classic design, this exhibition will look at the secrets behind Kenneth Wood's

success and explore how advances in technology impacted on the social and cultural landscape of the 1950s.

If you are able to help please contact Jenny Webb by email: jenny.webb@thelightbox.org.uk or call: 01483 737808, by Friday 16 March 2012.

The exhibition *The Art of Design: Kenwood in the Kitchen* will run from 28 April to 24 June 2012, entrance will be free (donations welcome).

A Diamond Jubilee Exhibition, celebrating a revival in British Art

This spring at The Lightbox gallery and museum in Woking, The Ingram Collection: A Diamond Jubilee Exhibition will celebrate HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee by exploring the significant advances in Modern British art during the 1950s, when The Queen came to the throne.



Keith Vaughan, detail of 'Theseus' (final study for the Dome of Discovery at The Festival of Britain), c.1950. © The Estate of Keith Vaughan

The exhibition will illustrate how a combination of events in the 1950s increased the status of British

Artists and led to one of the most significant periods in Modern British Art.

Breakthroughs in Modern British Art

Following the devastation and unrest of the war years, *The Festival of*

Britain in 1951 was a welcomed opportunity to celebrate the best of British art, design and technology, raising awareness not only within Britain but on an international level. Keith Vaughan was commissioned to paint the central mural for the Dome of Discovery. A large scale study, *Theseus*, the only full oil study in existence, will feature in the exhibition. Explorers can be seen landing on new territory, the central figure holding up a beacon which spreads light across the land, reflecting the optimism of the time.

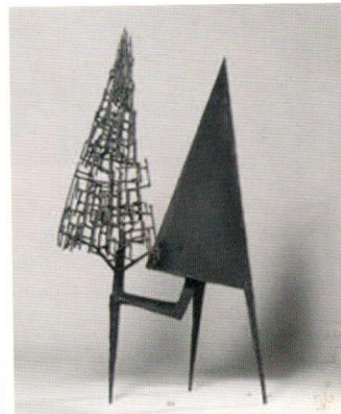
In 1952 the World's eyes once again turned to Britain as The Queen ascended to the throne. At the same time a group of young British sculptors were also attracting international attention at the Venice Biennale. *New Aspects of British Sculpture* captivated international audiences and further raised the profile of British art.

1952 also marked the initial meeting of *The Independent Group*; a revolutionary group who challenged approaches to modern culture. Artists including Sir Eduardo

Paolozzi and Richard Hamilton were among the group who are credited with initiating the Pop Art movement and whose ideas and work were instrumental to the direction of British art in the 1950s and 60s.

Thee Ingram Collection

The exhibition is drawn from The Ingram Collection, an outstanding



Lynn Chadwick (1914 - 2003) *Later Alligator*, 1961 © The Estate of Lynn Chadwick Image courtesy JP Bland Photography

private collection of Modern British Art on loan to The Lightbox from Chris Ingram, a media entrepreneur. The collection which is over 350 pieces strong represents an exemplary showcase of some of the finest examples of works by British artists, with particular reference to the post-war period.

The exhibition will be on show at The Lightbox gallery and museum in Woking from 6 March until 15

April and entrance is free of charge (donations welcome). Visitors to the exhibition will have the chance to vote for the winner of the Peoples' Prize, which will be announced when the exhibition closes. The winner of the People's Prize in 2010, David Wentworth said 'it was a real honour just to make it into the 60 artists selected for the exhibition and it gives me great pleasure to win the People's Prize as the standard of work in the exhibition was very high'. The winners of the Judge's Prize and the Ingram Sculpture prize will be announced when the exhibition opens.

Don't miss out on your chance to enter; application forms can be downloaded from www.thelightbox.org.uk or are available on request from The Lightbox Reception.

COOK'S CORNER - Wheaten Bread



With St Patrick's Day only a couple of weeks away, I thought I would give you an Irish recipe. I spent quite a lot of my childhood in Ireland and well

remember my aunt cooking soda bread and wheaten, potato bread and barmbrack.

My favourite is wheaten bread which is great with smoked salmon or prawns, lovely toasted with butter and strawberry jam and, best of all, fried with an Irish breakfast.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb 2 oz/500g coarse wholemeal flour
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 18 fl oz/500ml buttermilk

Preparation:

Heat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6 Mix together the flour, salt, and bicarbonate of soda in a large bowl. Add the buttermilk and stir to form a loose dough.

Lightly dust the work surface with flour and turn out the dough. Knead the dough gently until smooth.

Shape the dough into a ball and flatten to roughly 5cm / 2in thick. Using a sharp knife lightly slash the surface of the dough in the shape of a cross.

Place the dough on a greased, baking sheet and bake in the oven for 30-35 mins until well risen and a light brown color.

Test by tapping on the bottom of the loaf – it should sound hollow. Leave to cool.

Traditionally, soda and wheaten bread would be baked on a hot cast-iron griddle over an open peat fire.

To cook your wheaten as farls, make as above but instead of putting in the oven, heat a griddle or frying pan to a medium heat and sprinkle with a little flour. Divide the dough in two and shape each portion into a circle about 2.5 cm / 1 inch thick. Cut each circle into quarters and cook on the griddle or pan for about 6-8 minutes on each side. Cool on a wire rack for a couple of minutes, split and spread with butter.



Four Legged Friends Not So Friendly...

Following a recent spate of dogs attacking horses being ridden on local commons, Chobham and District Riding Club is urging both dog walkers and horse riders to follow a code of conduct to keep one another safe.



"We need to work together to enable a better understanding for both parties"

The incidents have occurred mainly on Horsell and Chobham commons, and 18 months ago a particularly bad case left a rider with a broken back when she was thrown from her terrified horse.

Earlier this year, local rider Kate Lemon was out riding with a friend on Chobham Common when a dog ran up and pestered her friend's horse and then launched at her own horse's chest. She said "I was so frightened; the dog came out of nowhere and attacked our horses. The owner stood on and watched, making no physical effort to retrieve the dog. Other dog walkers who were passing at the time were appalled by what the dog was doing. I jumped off to try and get the dog away, and in doing so my horse broke free and galloped off across a main road. He was found about a mile away and both of us are scarred by the experience."



Chobham and District Riding Club with local dog walkers and Nicky Buckland from the Surrey Wildlife Trust

Chobham and District Riding Club have been working with the estate managers of local commons to publicise the need for care on both sides.

'There are things that riders can do to help the situation. By wearing

high-viz clothing, dog walkers will see them from further away and this will give them a chance to call their dog to heel and put it on a lead if it is unsure of horses. The problem we face as riders is that some dogs will run up behind a horse whose survival instinct is to flee from the attacker. There is also the strong chance of a horse kicking out and hurting an attacking dog. We urge dog walkers to put their dog on a lead until the horse has passed safely.

Chobham and District Riding Club, in partnership with Chobham Common Riders' Association, Horsell Common Preservation Society and the Surrey Wildlife Trust, has produced a code of conduct for horse riders and dog walkers to follow. It has been sent to all equestrian establishments in the area and will be displayed in vet surgeries and on local commons.

HORSE RIDERS:

- Ride with care and consideration for others – remember, some people are frightened by horses
- Wear hi-viz clothing so that dog walkers can see you approaching
- Slow down to a walk when you approach dogs
- Call out to alert walkers to your presence
- Thank dog owners for keeping their dog under control as you pass
- Keep only to agreed riding routes

DOG WALKERS:

- Keep your dog on a lead if you cannot control it
- Call your dog to heel when you see a horse rider approach
- An out of sight dog may be out of control
- Prevent your dog from excessive barking

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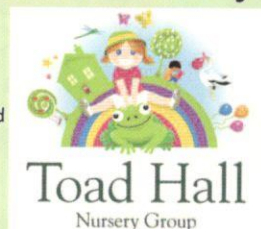
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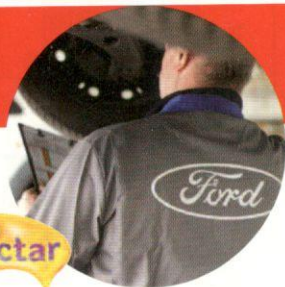
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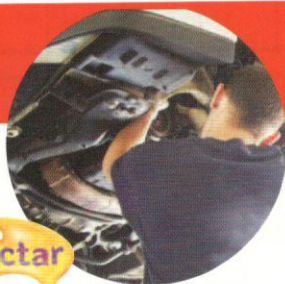
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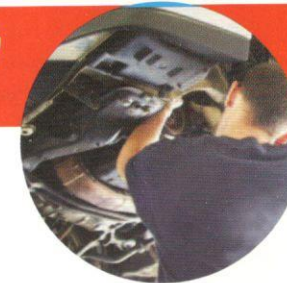
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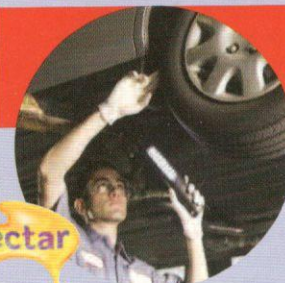
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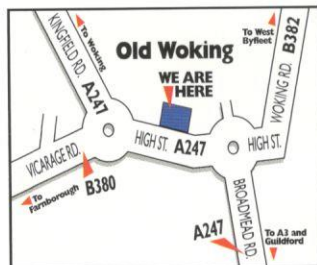


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