

# Weather spurs rapid grass growth



Residents of Goldsworth Park may have recently been wondering if they were living in a meadow surrounded

by rolling hills of long grass and wild flowers. As beautiful as this may sound, concerns have been raised by residents regarding the maintenance of public areas on the Park by Woking Borough Council and Serco.

Geoff McManus, Neighbourhood Services Manager at Woking Borough Council said "I have to apologise as we have been experiencing problems in recent weeks maintaining an effective grass cutting regime. The unusual wet weather conditions have slowed down the normal operation and has also served to encourage vigorous grass growth. A combination that has proven difficult to overcome.

However, extra resources are now in place and we hope to have completed the Goldsworth Park before the end of June

and then the following grass cut should put us back on a more agreeable regime.

Highway weed spraying is also taking place at this time so residents should see the weed dying off on the footpaths and in the channel of the road during the next few weeks. Again this application has been delayed due to the wet weather and a further weed spray will take place in September".

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The Goldsworth Park Councillors hold a surgery from 10am-11am on the first Saturday of every month (except August) at Strollers, accessed from the path between the shops and the lake.

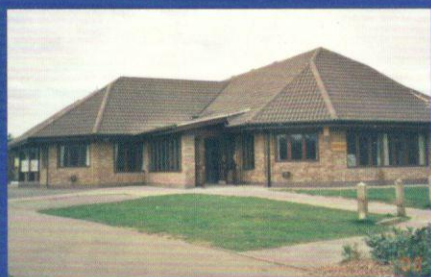
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# County Council Report

**Diana Smith,**

County Councillor for Knaphill and Goldsworth West



## Flooding at the Amstel Way / Lockfield Drive Roundabout

Flooding at the Amstel Way / Lockfield Drive roundabout was a hot subject for discussion in the Woking Local Committee meeting at the end of June.

When the roads were new the drains at this roundabout coped well enough, but over the last couple of years they have stopped being effective. To make matters worse the changed road lay-out, designed to help pedestrians by shifting the traffic flow, seems to have had unintended consequences in sending cars through the water when the road floods.

Andrew Milne, Surrey's Area Highways Officer, said there has been investigative work and preventative maintenance, but 'the state of the drainage system is beyond what we can mediate through maintenance work'. It's on a prioritised list of roads liable to flooding, and all of them queuing for a 'large scale solution'.

This list of 'wet spots' covers the whole County, and the scoring (which includes weighting for flooding threats to homes) puts our roundabout so low it 'may be some years before it is attended to'.

Mr. Milne is quite clear 'that is not acceptable' and he is 'looking at alternative means' to get the work done in the coming year. But the finance is still to be found. None of your Councillors are happy about this.

## Lockfield Drive

I used to be able to name my three 'worst roads' to boost their priority for resurfacing, but now some money has been delegated down to Local Committees for us to make choices directly. I was surprised at this meeting to find the stretch of Lockfield Drive from Amstel Way to Littlewick Road was not covered by this new budget for 'Localised Structural Repair'.

Happily there was a better answer to this from Mr. Milne than for the flooding problem. Half of Lockfield Drive was resurfaced last year, but it was at that point already in too bad a state for surface dressing, and needed a more thorough job, which took up all the resources available at the time. Resurfacing the second half is still due to happen. It too will need 'proper resurfacing' planning to get the right foundation for the new surface. 'The second half of this financial year remains the intention.'

## School Places

Primary Head-Teachers and School Governors have worked effectively with Surrey County Council school planners this year to make sure that there are enough

reception places available to meet overall demand in Woking. Numbers of new pupils have grown faster than predictions based on birth rates and new development in the area.

A presentation was given to the Local Committee by Kieran Holliday, one of the Surrey Officers working on this problem.

We now also have the Cabinet Member for Education as a member of the Committee, since Linda Kemeny, the St. John's and Brookwood County Councillor elected last year, continued her meteoric rise to power in Surrey County Council. She has now moved on from her one-month stint as Vice Chairman of the Committee scrutinizing Adult Social Care to being the Councillor responsible for schools and education across Surrey.

Linda commented that the growth in demand for school places in Surrey has been 'absolutely phenomenal', and 'seems to have crept up on us a bit ... it wasn't considered that children would live in flats.'

A wild card that may have knock-on effects in the west of Woking is two army regiments coming back from Cyprus to Pirbright next year. I first read about this in the Chief Executive's report to the Council earlier in June, which said 300 new pupils were expected at Brookwood School. The correct number is more likely to be around 200 across all age groups to be accommodated in several local schools. Kieran Holliday said this was 'sprung on us', but discussions have already begun with schools in order to expand places in the area.

Obviously increased primary school numbers will feed through to the secondary schools. At the moment there are spare secondary places in Woking as a whole. Current projections give a shortfall in 2014, with bigger problems three or four years later.

Discussions are starting with secondary schools about how they could expand. One option to be considered is a new secondary school, even though that risks creating problems in the long run if numbers fall back again.

## 28th and 29th July

Don't forget the Olympic Cycling events will close a large number of roads through Surrey on and around these dates, and place pressure on all alternative routes. Not good days for a spontaneous picnic in the Surrey Hills. But do look out for interesting visitors over the Olympics - it's hoped, for example, we'll be welcoming the Mongolian boxing team to Woking.

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## From the Editor

### Grass Cutting...

Our cover article this month addresses the concerns we have received about the grass in our public areas. Woking Borough Council and Serco were prompted into crisis management mode after the unusual wet weather and intermittent hot days caused a grass growth spurt during May and June. Shifting their focus towards getting the grass cut as quickly as possible has also prevented Serco from collecting the heaps of cut grass as part of its usual maintenance procedures. WBC has assured us that they are trying to return to a normal cutting regime as quickly as possible, but I would like to urge residents to please contact Serco, WBC or your local Councillor if you have any issues you would like to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

### Celebrating the Jubilee...

Thank you to all the residents who submitted photos of their street parties. Sadly there was no street party where I live, so we took the opportunity to see the Thames Pageant in London. I really enjoy these special events. Not only are they a great opportunity to meet your

neighbours, but it also instils a sense of community spirit. Luckily we have another big event to look forward too this year, the Olympics. We would love to hear how you enjoy this event, so please send us your photos or letters.

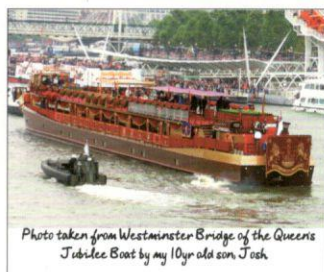


Photo taken from Westminster Bridge of the Queens Jubilee Boat by my 10yr old son Josh

### Be Safe During the Holidays...

With the schools closing soon and people jetting off on holiday, we risk creating a burglar's paradise. Please take care to properly secure your home before you leave and that there are no visible signs that you are away. We should all be more attentive in our neighbourhoods and inform the police immediately if you see anything that looks suspect – no matter how small.

We also need to be more vigilant about children on the roads, especially near the parks. Please slow down and pay attention - this summer should be one of celebrations not mourning!

## The Lightbox 'The Lion Works' Appeal

If you or someone you know worked for James Walker Ltd at 'The Lion Works', you could be of help to The Lightbox gallery and museum.



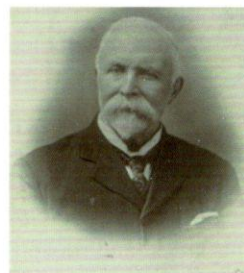
Entrance to the James Walker Factory c.1950

James Walker Ltd, Martinsyde Ltd, The Oriental Institute and The Royal Dramatic College were all housed on the same present-day site of The Lion Retail Park on Oriental Road in Woking.

The four organisations are the subject of a new exhibition, 'From Mummies to Motorbikes: 150 Years of Culture, Collecting and Commerce on Oriental Road' on show at The Lightbox from 31st July – 7th October 2012. This exhibition will show how these organisations influenced and altered the history of Woking in different ways. From Royal connections, to world cultures and technological advances, the exhibition will give visitors a fascinating insight into the ways in which one building played an important part in Woking life.

In 1926 James Walker Ltd made this site the new home for 'The Lion Works' when they moved to Woking, where they continually

expanded the factory around the original Royal Dramatic College building. At one stage James Walker Ltd was the largest employer in Woking with 2000 employees. Today, 'The Lion Works' has gone, although the 'Lion House', the head office of James Walker Group, still occupies a corner of the original site.



James Walker, c.1910

The Lightbox is asking for memorabilia and objects relating to James Walker Ltd and 'The Lion Works' and would love to hear from anyone who worked at James Walker Ltd. If you can help, please email Jenny Webb at [jenny.webb@thelightbox.org.uk](mailto:jenny.webb@thelightbox.org.uk) or call 01483 737808.

'From Mummies to Motorbikes: 150 Years of Culture, Collecting and Commerce on Oriental Road' will be on show at The Lightbox from 31st July until 7th October 2012, entrance is free (donations welcome). The exhibition is sponsored by The James Walker Group. For further information, please visit [www.thelightbox.org.uk](http://www.thelightbox.org.uk) or call 01483 737800.

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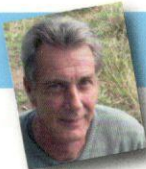


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## FROM THE LAKESIDE – JULY 2012

*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.*

We're over half way through the year already! Am I getting old or are the years getting shorter? There never seem to be enough hours in the day.

Having said that, looking back over the last few months puts things into perspective – how the lake has turned from the barren days of winter into a beautiful scene of colour and life. Where ever you cast your eye you are greeted with a sight to behold – yellow iris lining the banks, tall reeds waving gently in the breeze, birds twittering in the trees and dozens of water fowl gracefully paddling by – and all this on our doorstep; how fortunate we are.

Looking back over the past few years, I am amazed by everything that has been achieved so that that we now have the irises and the reeds to look at. Just look at the “before” and “after” pictures of the first section of the bank we worked on – the improvement is enormous and is a testament to all those who helped with the restoration.

As I write this month's report, it is still too

early to give you any news of whether our resident pair of swans will arrive with a new family in tow. With no less than twelve young swans on the lake at present, I have concerns about what may happen if they do. The next few weeks may well provide the answer.

On the subject of our feathered friends, I was talking to Les, our bird expert, a couple of weeks ago and he informed me of one or two very interesting birdie facts about the



Before

After



lake and the surrounding area. Did you know that, to date, he has recorded no less than 102 species of bird visiting the park, 31 of which have nested here? I must say I had no idea that we had anywhere near that number, which makes me think “what else goes on in nature that we are totally unaware of?” Perhaps it is time to think about setting up a local nature study group or groups. Perhaps you have some thoughts or suggestions on such an undertaking or would like to get involved. Whether it is mammals or insects that take your fancy, we would love to hear from you – so come on and get in touch through this magazine's letters page or email [secretary.gpca@ntlworld.com](mailto:secretary.gpca@ntlworld.com). Who knows what wonders we may unearth.

**And finally, a few dates for your diary.**

On **5th July** at 7.00pm at Goldwater Lodge, there is the monthly meeting of the Goldsworth Park Community Association where you have the opportunity to find out what is going on in the area, including an update on the lake, and to have your say if you have any questions or concerns.

On **19th July**, again at 7.00pm at Goldwater Lodge, there is a Police Panel meeting which gives you the chance to meet and talk to the neighbourhood Policing team. They will give feedback on what they have been focussing on since the last meeting and discuss priorities for the next couple of months.

On **4th August**, there is our very popular **Let's Go Fishing** event. With only a few weeks to go, book soon to avoid disappointment – see details below.



## COOK'S CORNER

This is a lovely light but tasty cake for a summer tea-time.

### Lemon Drizzle Cake



#### Ingredients

175g / 6oz self raising flour (sifted)  
175g / 6oz castor sugar  
175g / 6oz butter at room temperature  
3 medium free range eggs

1 large unwaxed lemon  
1 teaspoon castor sugar  
1 tablespoon icing sugar to decorate  
or, if you want a really luxurious cake, make a lemon icing with  
225g / 8 oz icing sugar (sifted)  
1 unwaxed lemon zest and juice

#### Method

Pre-heat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas Mark 5,  
Grease and line a baking tray approximately 20cm square or a round tin 23cm diameter,

Put the butter into a mixing bowl and beat until softened, then add the sugar and cream together until the mixture goes pale in colour,

In a separate bowl, beat the eggs and add them slowly to the butter and sugar mixture a little at a time, beating well,

Add the sifted flour and fold into the mixture until smooth,

Zest the lemon straight into the bowl to keep all of that lovely lemon zest,

5 Cut the lemon in half; juice one half and stir the juice into the cake mixture,

Juice the other half, add the teaspoon of castor sugar and keep it to one side for the drizzle,

Pour the cake mixture into the prepared tin and smooth the top,

Bake for about 20-25 minutes until it is golden brown and cooked through,

When cooked and whilst it is still hot, prick the cake all over with a fine skewer or cocktail stick then, using a spoon, dribble the drizzle mixture over the cake,

Leave it to cool completely then sieve the icing sugar over it.

If you want to use icing, sift the icing sugar into a bowl and add the lemon zest and juice, stirring until smooth,

When the cake is almost cool, put it on a serving plate and pour the icing carefully over the top. If you pour it on to the middle of the cake, then let gravity disperse the icing down the sides, you get the 'drizzle' effect!



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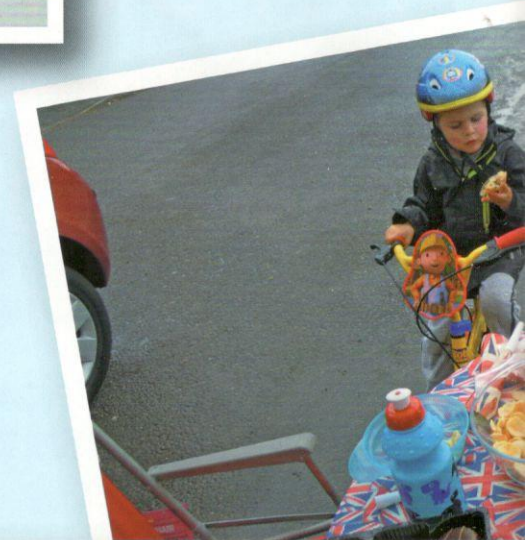
# Jubilee Ce



Children Toasting the Queen with a good cuppa



Local Councillors presented all primary school children in Goldsworth Park with a Diamond Jubilee mug compliments of Woking Borough Council.



## Street Parties

Even though the extended weekend is now only a distant memory for most of us, there are some of our Goldsworth Park residents who will never forget the Queens Diamond Jubilee weekend!

Thank you to all the residents for sharing your photos with us here at the Goldsworth News!





# celebrations



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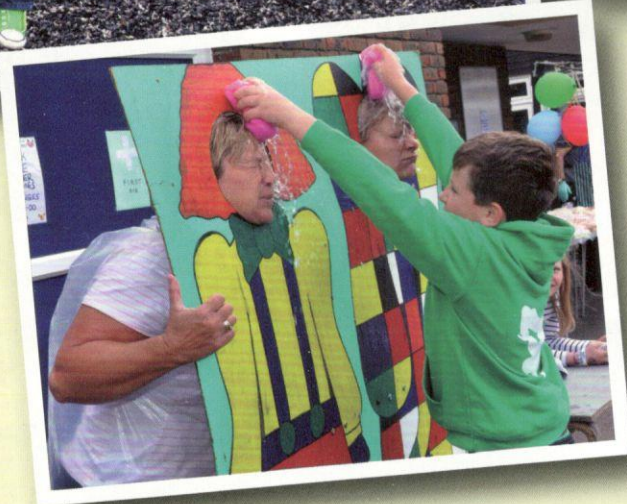
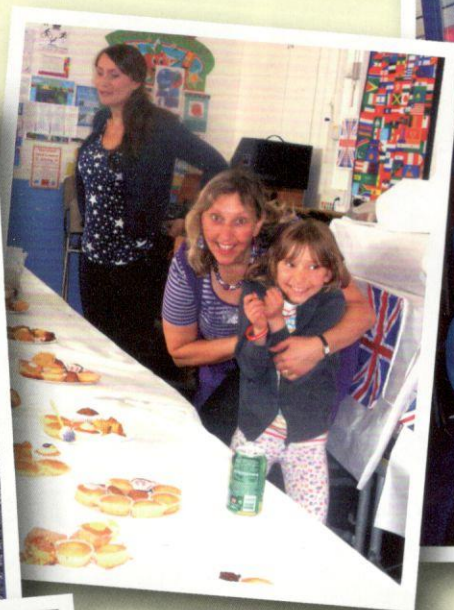


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Goldsworth Primary School



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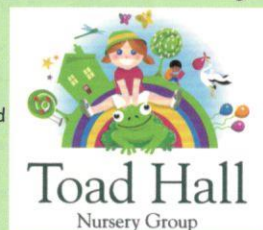
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## Foul Play Campaign launches in a bid to rid the stink

A Horsell resident has been shown a red card after failing to clean up after letting her dog take part in Foul Play.

Neighbourhood Officers issued a Fixed Penalty Notice after witnessing the dog fouling, followed by the resident failing to clear up the dog mess, after increasing patrols as part of Woking Borough Council's Foul Play anti-dog fouling campaign.

In an effort to 'flush out' the dirty habit and to kick off the campaign, Woking Borough Council's Animal Warden and Neighbourhood Officers will be hitting local dog walking spots, distributing information leaflets, dog poop bags courtesy of Dogs Trust and dog treats. They will also give advice to dog walkers on cleaning up after their dogs whilst encouraging people to report perpetrators.

The campaign kicked off on Thursday, 14 June in Silistria Close, Knaphill during National Poop Scoop Week. Armed with the messages "You wouldn't do it in the street, so why let your dog?" and "Don't let Woking be your dumping ground", the campaign will emphasise the anti-social nature of fouling in our streets. It has also seen the introduction of new bins, located in spots chosen with the help of local residents.

Dog fouling is unsightly and poses serious health risks, especially for young children who may tread in it. Residents with dogs are being urged to use the extra bins provided and if one isn't at hand, take the mess home in a sealed bag or place it in a rubbish bin.

For further information, please visit [www.woking.gov.uk/dogfouling](http://www.woking.gov.uk/dogfouling) or call 01483 743664.

## TV Amnesty a Smash!

A temporary scheme that enabled residents to recycle their old analogue television sets has been

declared a success by the Borough Council.

Residents presented over 600 unwanted television sets over the period of the scheme, which ended last week. All sets collected have been separated and the parts recycled.

Although the free collection scheme has now ceased, households wishing to recycle their unwanted TV sets can take them to a Community Recycling Centre, such as Martyrs Lane or Slyfield, or they can be collected as part of the Council's chargeable bulky waste collection service.

Residents are also reminded that they can continue to recycle small electrical items. To take part, simply put the small electrical items in a carrier bag, and place it next to your waste or recycling on your normal collection day. The refuse vehicles have been fitted with a small compartment that can accommodate items no larger than 35cm by 40cm.

For information on the location of Community Recycling Centres across the Borough, please visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning)



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## A musical start to the summer

Residents and visitors to Woking will be treated to a melody of free music this summer on Saturdays from 30th June until 11th August.

'Summer Sounds' is a series of concerts featuring a sizzling selection of music including local brass, jazz and steel bands that will take place at Woking's Bandstand and Woking Park.

The Bandstand is located by the Toys R Us entrance to the Peacocks Shopping Centre. Performances in Woking Park will begin from Saturday, 21st July and will take place on the grassed area beside the play area.

The full Summer Sounds programme will be displayed on the town centre boards and leaflets can be found in the library, leisure centre, community centres and coffee shops around Woking. More information can also be found at [www.woking.gov.uk/summersounds](http://www.woking.gov.uk/summersounds)

## Farmers' Market cancelled

Woking Farmers' Market is cancelled until Thursday, 19th July due to continued works along Commercial Way.

Visitors to the market are asked to check the Council's website for up to date information on market dates at [www.woking.gov.uk/markets](http://www.woking.gov.uk/markets)

## Nominate your local sporting hero now!

Do you know any sports clubs, teams, volunteers or individuals who deserve to be recognised for their involvement or achievement in sport during the past 12 months? Then why not nominate your sporting hero for a Sport Woking Award?

The Sport Woking Awards are a chance to celebrate and reward outstanding performances of local sports clubs and athletes, as well as recognise Woking's extraordinary array of coaches and volunteers who are the unsung heroes of sport.

To nominate, simply visit [www.activesurrey.com/sportsawards](http://www.activesurrey.com/sportsawards).

The Awards will take place on 17th October 2012 at the Holiday Inn, Woking with winners of each category short listed for the prestigious Surrey Sports Awards 2012 in December. Surrey winners may then be nominated for other regional and national awards, including BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

Nominations close on Sunday, 9 September 2012.



## 'Making your mind up - to make a difference'



Like many others, we gave thanks to God for the Queen's 60 years of making a difference by the way she has served as Queen.

We marked the Diamond Jubilee, during HOPE Week, in many ways. There was a wonderful Craft Morning, and an extravagant Afternoon Tea, with food, cakes,



scones, cream and many varieties of tea on offer. The St. Andrew's Talent Show revealed some remarkable hidden talents, some of which may return to being very hidden!

This was all part of the HOPE week, in which members of St. Andrew's Church washed cars for free, cleared litter from around Goldsworth Park, and helped out with garden clearance jobs, and some major painting challenges. Why did we do it? Because Jesus told his followers that 'you are the light of the world!'

On 10th June, several people were baptised by immersion, and others re-affirmed their faith in Jesus by recalling their own baptism. We heard from those being baptised

why they wanted to show their faith in Jesus this way. Under the title, 'Making your mind up!', recalling the song by Bucks Fizz, those about to be baptised showed they had made up their minds to be wholehearted followers of Jesus. We then enjoyed a great FREE barbecue!

On July 15th, there will be another FREE barbecue, with a bouncy castle for children, and we hope to hold our morning service outside, weather permitting! In that service, we will be interviewing our latest member of staff, Daniel Natnael.

Daniel will be ordained at Guildford Cathedral on 1st July, and he comes to us as a training Curate. Daniel and his family are coming to us from Camberley, where he has been the Youth Worker at St. Paul's Church.



## Goldsworth Care News

### Jubilee Fun at Goldsworth Care...

Over 60 volunteers and clients of Goldsworth Care, our local Good Neighbour Scheme, got together on June 7 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was, of course, raining on the day, but having braved traditional summer weather, guests enjoyed a traditional summer afternoon tea, complete with strawberries and cream. Not the least of the afternoon's pleasures were the animated conversations over cups of tea, some of them recounting meeting or seeing the Queen during the course of her reign. As the



afternoon drew to a close, Marian Alden, the group's Chairman, found herself leading an impromptu rendering of some favourite patriotic songs.

Marian said, "Everyone seems to have had a good time, and I am grateful to all those on the Goldsworth Care team who made it possible. Also to St Andrews Church, who let us use the Coffee Shop - it looked splendid decked out in flags and bunting!"

### ... and Good News at their A.G.M.!

Another successful year! That was the message for Goldsworth Care members at their Annual General Meeting on June 19.

Those present heard reports on the group's activities in the year to March 2012 from Marian

Alden, Chairman, Peter Roberts, Treasurer and Pat Checksfield, Volunteer Co-ordinator.

The group completed ten years of service to the Goldsworth community and, in February, did its 5,000th job. Currently it had 40 volunteers and 105 clients and during the year had done over 600 jobs. They included escorting clients to hospitals or doctors' surgeries (331) and helping with shopping needs (148). In arranging these jobs, Duty Officers had taken 692 inward calls and made 1,171 outward calls.

Vicki Turton of Surrey Community Action told the meeting that Goldsworth Care was among the most active of the Good Neighbour groups in the county.

The out-going committee was re-elected and, thanking everyone, Marian Alden said that the group would be looking at ways of making itself more well known, and ensuring its long term future.

Goldsworth Care is one of eleven Good Neighbour Schemes in Woking and covers almost 6,000 homes in Goldsworth Park and nearby. Phone them on 07751 801587 if you want to know about using their services, or if you are interested in joining their volunteer team





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