



Alex caught a perch with Steve



Ridhi caught a 5lb tench with Simon.

# A FISHY STORY

The 4th August heralded the fourth Let's go Fishing angling coaching event organised by the Goldsworth Park Community Association and sponsored by the Environment Agency. Over 50 trainees, mainly children but a few adults, turned out in very changeable weather to learn about the art of angling. A number of Goldsworth Park Scouts, and one of their leaders, came along to work towards the Angling Badge. The tuition was very effective because one of the very first fish to be caught was a 5lb tench, hooked by 9 year old Ridhi, with the help of coach Simon; a good catch by anyone's standards. Almost everyone caught a fish and some caught quite a few, with roach and perch being the most frequent catch, followed by bream. One youngster nearly caught a pike when it snatched a small fish from his hook but it got away – just as well as it closed season for pike.

Each participant had half an hour one-to-one with an angling coach to learn the basics and they were then given a pole, line, hook and bait (maggots), everything they needed to carry on fishing. An early downpour forced some people to go home to change into dry clothes but they returned when the sun came out to put their training into practice. It was great to see so many families around the lake enjoying the sport.

This year, we were able to add an extra dimension to the event. A generous resident had donated two fishing rods and reels, and these were offered as prizes for the greatest number of fish caught and the largest fish caught during the tuition period. Kallum, aged 11, caught an astonishing 17 fish with his coach, Dave while Maddad, aged 7, caught a 5lb 10oz tench. Maddad's coach, Craig, said that this was a great catch; he had never caught a tench this big!

Overall, everyone enjoyed the day in spite of the typical English sunshine and showers (and what showers!). Thanks are due to Jenny, Irene and David for organising the day; to Roger and Terry for all their support to the young anglers; to Ollie and Jude for helping to set up all the poles and rigs; and, of course, to the coaches from the Angling Trust. We could not have run the event without the support of the Environment Agency. We hope that we will be able to organise another of these very popular events in 2013.

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# County Council Report



**Diana Smith,**  
 County Councillor for Knaphill and Goldsworth West

## Woking Library

Woking Library re-opened at the end of June after radical surgery and a restorative make-over. In the first week it attracted 7,382 visits, 4% more than for the same week last year. Since then numbers of visitors, borrowers, and books taken out have all gone up.

Café Rouge has taken the 'rotunda' entrance onto town square, but the library has not got smaller because offices have been moved to the floor above, and 'back room' areas opened up.

Some people will miss the old entrance, but I like coming in from Gloucester Walk on the long side of the reconfigured floor space. I find it easier to quickly get a sense of where things are.

There are computers for public use and free wifi with seats designed for laptop users. The children's library is bigger, with fun places to sit and look at books. £200,000 has gone into new library stock, buying about 20,000 new books.

One innovation is a small meeting room, intended for community use during library opening hours. It could, for example, house a 'Councillor surgery' – it's reasonably private, but with glass panels that make it public enough for strangers to meet and still feel safe. It could work for Committee meetings, or training sessions. The details of how to book it and what level of fees will be charged to different sorts of organisation haven't been worked out in detail, but should be available soon.

Good signage to the library from Town Square is still missing. We may get a splendid 'cultural corridor' with the library and theatre leading to the Lightbox and the WWF-UK's 'Living Planet Centre' on Brewery Road, but people need to be able to find it.

## Planning spending

Surrey County Council sets its budget, including the level of Council Tax, each February. But an organisation with £1.5bn a year to spend, providing vital services for more than a million people, needs to think ahead. Behind each Annual Budget lies the five-year 'Medium Term Financial Plan' (MTFP), rolling forward each year.

The MTFP is not set in stone. Conditions keep changing. The Comprehensive Spending Review last winter saw painful cuts to Council grants from Central Government, although Surrey did better than most because it gets more of its income from Council Tax. Meanwhile applications for school places have been much higher than expected, the number of older people needing support goes up, and more extreme weather conditions break up poorly maintained roads.

Financial planning is now dominated by planning for cuts, and work for the 2013/14 budget has already started. To give due credit to the Conservatives, over the last few years the process has reached down further to include back-bench and opposition Councillors earlier, though with their significant majority it is virtually certain the budget that will be brought to Council in February will be a 'done deal' before we all vote on it.

## Spending to save

Recession and changes to the Benefit system are set to hit many people in Surrey hard, even though this is still a prosperous County. There have been clear warnings coming from Surrey's senior managers to the Committees examining social services.

Universal Credit, for example, is 'likely to pose major challenges for a lot of Surrey people (and children) who use services, e.g. monthly payments as the normal payment will not help people to budget and the expectation that all claims should be made online will require substantial local support for those without internet access and/or skills'.

Then there's the effect on the ill and disabled of the replacement of Incapacity Benefit by Employment Support Allowance (ESA). Most people agree that many people with disabilities stay happier and healthier if they are enabled to work, but the current effect of the Work Capability Assessment for ESA is to bring down the number of disabled people being allowed benefit because of their disability.

Claimants can appeal against a negative decision. If they're helped make their case by an advocate from the Citizens Advice Bureau or similar, in six or seven out of ten cases the assessment is shown to be wrong.

Equally strikingly, when Age UK in Surrey employed an extra Welfare Benefits Advisor, in just six weeks £100,000 of extra benefit was gained for residents who were entitled to help.

Spending money on organisations such as the CAB and Age UK to help them go on supporting people through these welfare 'reforms' will create bigger savings, not least as they save families from breaking up with all the personal and social costs involved. This is the argument that I hope will be made in the coming months by Councillors from all parties.

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# GOLDSWORTH LETTERS

Dear Editor,

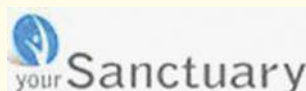
I was very pleased to see the headline on the July issue. The article reminded me that there are other matters that need the pressing attention of many residents and the Council. My concern is the rapid growth of shrubs and hedges abutting public roads and footpaths. Recently many of these have grown far across the paths and are a potential danger to pedestrians and other users, particularly where there are roses and brambles which produce long barbed shoots almost over-night.

All hedges should be kept trimmed to the edges of paths, which are usually marked by a line of concrete kerbs and define the limits of ownership. Many hedges are outside a fence, but are still the responsibility of the house owner. My particular worries are the hedges which reduce the pavement width to such an extent that one can only pass in the roadside gutters. This is sometimes impossible where cars are parked close to the kerb, or even on the pavement! Do the Council serve warning notices on offending owners?

*Yours "Pro Bono Publico"*

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank the Woking Cycle Station Scheme; through the columns of this publication for the generous support they have shown *yourSanctuary*. Through the Rotary Club of Woking and the Woking Cycle Scheme we have been able to have all of the bikes used by the children that are resident in our refuge repaired.



Domestic Abuse is particularly damaging for children and when they arrive at our refuges with their mothers they have had to leave most of their personal belonging behind so it important to us to make the refuge as accommodating as we can. Your (*Woking Cycle Scheme and Rotary Club of Woking*) help with this project means that, throughout the summer months the children will be able to enjoy using the bikes-weather permitting of course!

Kind Regards

*Beverley Pass  
Chief Executive*



## From the Editor

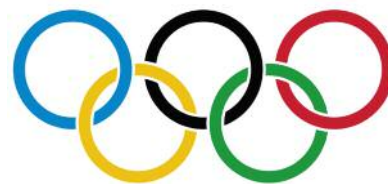
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## Olympic Fever

On the day I submitted this month's magazine, my husband and I were off to see the hockey at the Olympic Park. Anyone of you who tried to get tickets will know the anxious wait that followed after hitting the 'bid button' on the Olympic webpage. So you can imagine our elation when we finally got tickets after the 3rd round of bidding!

For most residents on Goldsworth Park, the Olympics might seem miles away, unlike Pyrford or West Byfleet, which saw the world's best cyclists whizzing through their streets, but there have been a few special things happening to ignite Olympic fever on the Park.

Our September issue will have a special Olympic feature and I would like to encourage everyone to tell us their Olympic story. Send us photos if you went to see any Olympic event, tell us how the Olympics have inspired you, etc., we would love to hear from you.



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Kallum won a prize for catching 17 fish with Dave



A fishing family



Abby with Craig



Maddad with Richard and Craig and the prize 5lb10oz tench



Toby, Grace and James with Simon



Scout Khloe adding her roach to the tank



Maddad with his prize for catching the largest fish with Craig



What a downpour



A cup of maggots



Arshia caught a Bream with Martin



Megan caught a roach with Steve



Darren caught a bream with Dave



Scout Khloe with Dave



Luca caught a roach with Dave



AJ with Richard



James caught a Perch with Martin



Darren landing a bream with Dave



Jack caught a Bream with Martin



## Local voluntary organisations invited to apply for grants

Local voluntary and community groups have been invited to contact Woking Borough Council to apply for a grant for the next financial year (April 2013 – March 2014) from Monday, 2 July 2012.

The grants are available through Woking Borough Council's Voluntary and Community Grants scheme. This scheme helps local non-profit making community and voluntary groups, who may be in need of financial assistance, to continue providing services to the public.

Groups seeking financial support need to apply electronically through the Window on Woking (WOW) website ([www.windowonwoking.org.uk](http://www.windowonwoking.org.uk)). Almost 700 community groups in Woking are already registered on the site, and these groups will automatically receive an email notifying them when they can apply.

Groups wishing to apply for a grant, who are not registered on WOW, will need to complete the quick and easy registration process and will then be able to apply direct, through their newly created page on the website.

For those people who do not have access to the internet, or are physically unable to carry out the application, help is available through the Woking Association of Voluntary Service (WAVS), based at Provincial House in Commercial Way, Woking.

Application forms have been available from 2 July 2012 and the closing date for completed applications is **Friday, 31 August 2012**. More information can be found on the Council's website [www.woking.gov.uk/wbc/grants](http://www.woking.gov.uk/wbc/grants) or groups can contact Frank Jeffrey at Woking Borough Council on **01483 743012** or email [frank.jeffrey@woking.gov.uk](mailto:frank.jeffrey@woking.gov.uk)

## Get ready for an "Xtreme Summer"

Young activity-seekers, aged between 11 and 19 years-old, are invited to have some 'Xtreme Fun' over the summer holidays, with a programme of activities to keep them on the go. The programme, organised by Woking Borough Council and the YPod (Woking YMCA), aims to get young people out and active whilst having lots of fun.

Young people can learn the tricks of the trade at a music production course, with tips in sequencing, live recording, arrangement and mixing.

Budding fashion designers can get creative and create their own brand in a clothes customisation course, and art lovers can express themselves on a graffiti course with

legendary graffiti artist, Mister Batlow!

From outdoor water sports and angling, to paintballing and a Go Ape trip, there's something for everyone to have some Xtreme Fun this summer.

The programme will take place from **Wednesday, 25 July to Friday, 31 August**, giving young people the chance to develop their skills or learn new ones.

Prices for the activities start from £5 and all activities must be paid for in advance. Bookings can be made from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information on the Xtreme Fun activities available, please visit [www.woking.gov.uk/xtreme](http://www.woking.gov.uk/xtreme), call **01483 743775**, or email [dale.kitchen@woking.gov.uk](mailto:dale.kitchen@woking.gov.uk)

## Driving efficiency in Woking's Town centre car parks

Works will start this month to replace existing light fittings with energy efficient alternatives in the Shoppers' (red, yellow and blue) and Victoria Way car parks.

The new energy efficient lights will be fitted with technical features that allow automatic programmable dimming, together with presence detectors that will illuminate fully when triggered by movement, but dim to conserve energy when no presence is detected.

Works will be completed in stages during off-peak times, with traffic management measures employed to ensure that the car parks remain in constant use with minimal disruption to the public. It is anticipated that works will be completed in all car parks by mid October 2012.

## Woking Council goes door to door for recycling feedback

A survey to gauge residents' views on recycling services in Woking Borough has revealed positive results, with the majority of residents being well informed and reporting that they are happy with the services available to them.

From November 2011 to April 2012, Woking Borough Council engaged with over 14,000 Woking Borough residents in its recycling "doorstepping" campaign. The Council commissioned Waste Watch, a registered charity inspiring people to waste less and live more sustainably, to promote the benefits of recycling and to gauge residents' views on the current recycling process in Woking, door to door. They also enquired into what would encourage people to recycle more often.

## Recycling (blue bin/sack)

An excellent 96% of those surveyed

used their blue recycling bin/sack, with the most frequent materials recycled being paper, plastic bottles, pots and tubs. This compared to 87% of residents living in flats and using shared bulk bins.

## Food Waste

75% of Woking Borough residents participate in the food waste collection service, with participation from residents living in flats being lower at 66%. The most common reason for not using the food waste collection service was home composting.

## WEEE scheme

During the doorstepping campaign, residents were also informed of the small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) collection service now run by Woking Borough Council. Small electrical appliances are now collected at the same time as residents' waste or recycling, and should be placed in a separate carrier bag. For more information on the WEEE scheme, please visit [www.woking.gov.uk/weee](http://www.woking.gov.uk/weee)

As a part of the doorstepping survey, residents were invited to sign up as Recycling Champions, whereby they work with the Council to find more ways to increase recycling rates. So far, 20 residents have currently signed up and others are being encouraged to participate.

As a result of the survey, the Council has committed to the following.

- Where households regularly produce large amounts of recycling, the Council will provide extra containers on request, free of charge.
- Increasing engagement, particularly those residents living in flats and multi-occupancy dwellings.
- Further promote our recycling performance, providing more information on what happens to each material and the benefits of recycling.
- Continue to seek ways to increase the range of items residents can recycle direct from the kerbside, such as textiles and nappies.
- Encourage participation in the food collection service and providing more information on how food waste can be easily separated for collection.

For more information on recycling services available in Woking, please visit [www.woking.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.woking.gov.uk/recycling). If you would like to provide a comment on how the recycling service to your block of flats or apartments could be improved, please call **01483 755855** or email [customers@woking.gov.uk](mailto:customers@woking.gov.uk)

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# Gazpacho



This is my favourite chilled soup – liquid salad – perfect served ice-cold on a hot summer's day. To make a good gazpacho, you need the best ingredients, particularly the very best fresh plum tomatoes that you can get.

## Ingredients

- 100g slightly stale crusty white bread - soaked in a little cold water for 20 minutes
- 1kg ripe plum tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 1 ripe green pepper, deseeded and diced
- ½ cucumber, peeled and diced
- 3 spring onions, peeled and trimmed
- 2 – 3 cloves of garlic, peeled and crushed
- 150ml extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 1 teaspoon sugar or more to taste

Ingredients – serves 4 - 6

## For the garnish

- ½ cucumber, finely diced
- 3 spring onions, peeled, trimmed and very finely sliced
- ½ green pepper, finely diced
- A handful of fresh parsley, finely chopped
- Small croutons

## Method

Mix the diced tomatoes, pepper, cucumber and spring onions with the crushed garlic and olive oil in the bowl of a food processor or blender. Squeeze out the bread, tear it roughly into chunks, and add to the mixture.

Blend until like a light, smooth cream then add vinegar and season with salt, black pepper and sugar to taste. Add a little cold water to thin, if necessary (no more than 100 – 150 ml).

Stir well then cover and refrigerate until well chilled.

Prepare the garnish by slicing, dicing and chopping the vegetables and mixing with a little seasoning of salt and freshly ground black pepper. Fry the diced bread croutons in olive oil until crisp and drain well.

Serve the soup in chilled soup bowls with an ice cube in each and hand round the garnishes separately.

## Local Policing News

### Bike Marking Event

The local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be holding a Bike Marking Event at Lakers Youth Club on **Tuesday, 21st August 2012 at 4pm until 9pm.**

This is a chance to have your bikes marked to help deter criminals from stealing them, but also help the recovery should they be stolen.

This event is free and all we require is an email address to register you.

### A BIG WELCOME to New PCSO Wentworth



This month has seen PCSO Sarah Wentworth join the Goldsworth Park Safer Neighbourhood Team to add additional depth and experience to the policing of the area.

Sarah is looking forward to meeting the local residents so please feel free to introduce yourself to her when you see her out and about.

PCSO Wentworth told Goldsworth News a little about herself: "Last summer I graduated from Loughborough University with a degree in Criminology and Social Policy. For the past year I have been travelling and spent some time

teaching Physical Education at an International school in Macedonia which was very challenging but extremely rewarding."

### Why did you join Surrey Police?

I have always wanted to be part of the police from a young age and throughout my university experience I was able to discover many aspects to the police that I found exciting, and at the same time being part of a team that enables me to help the community.

### What is the best thing, for you, about being a Community Support Officer?

I love going to work and knowing that no two days will be same. Every day I am learning something new and this role enables me to constantly test myself whilst being able to provide reassurance and help to anyone who asks for it.

### Now that you have joined the Goldsworth Park team, what do you enjoy most about the Goldsworth Park area?

Goldsworth Park is a close knit community which is quite rare to come across these days. The diversity of the community mixed with the beauty of the lake and surrounding areas is what I enjoy about working within Goldsworth Park.

## Played hockey at School, College or University? Never picked up a stick in your life?

**Woking Hockey Club** are always looking for those eager to join in and play some hockey, from competitive to friendly - All ages and abilities are catered for!

Welcome Day is **Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Ladies from 9am-1pm
- Mens from 1pm-4pm

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# The Lightbox

## Family-Friendly Heritage Exhibition opens at The Lightbox

31st July marked the official opening of the first major heritage exhibition to be held at The Lightbox gallery and museum in Woking. *'From Mummies to Motorbikes: 150 years of culture, collecting and commerce on Oriental Road'* (on show until 7 October 2012).

The exhibition explores the extraordinary history of a single building in Woking which previously stood where the current 'Lion Retail Park' is situated on Oriental Road, and takes visitors back in time to uncover four very different organisations that resided in the building; The Royal Dramatic College, The Oriental Institute, Martinsyde Ltd and James Walker Ltd.

Director of The Lightbox, Marilyn Scott comments "This exhibition brings together so many elements of an important but often forgotten building that has lots of hidden history and shows how important Woking was in the 19th and early 20th Century".

David Galloway, Deputy Chief Executive of James Walker Group Ltd, sponsors of the exhibition said "James Walker, who are still situated in a part of the Oriental Road site, have a very important history in Woking, at one stage being the town's largest employer. We are very proud to sponsor the exhibition and are very appreciative of the work The Lightbox have done to conserve some of our company's heritage such as the original 'Lion Works' factory gates and the stained glass windows from the old Boardroom, we wish the exhibition every success."

Marilyn Scott also comments "This is The Lightbox's first major heritage exhibition and has fulfilled a personal ambition of mine that I have had since I first became involved with The Lightbox back in the late 1990s, which was to show the incredible stained glass windows from the building. The windows, which have been restored for the exhibition with the help of a generous grant from The Association of Independent Museums (AIM) and The Glaziers Trust, can now for the first time, be seen close up and their wonderful workmanship appreciated.

From royal connections, to world cultures and technological advances, 'From Mummies to Motorbikes' will explore through artefacts, documents and illustrations, the fascinating history behind four organisations that influenced and altered Woking in different ways. Some extraordinary and rarely-seen objects all with their own connection to the site will be on display, ranging from a golden mummy mask fragment from the Ptolemaic Period (304-30BC) to a Martinsyde-Newman 680cc motorcycle, giving the exhibition its name; 'From Mummies to Motorbikes'".

'From Mummies to Motorbikes' is a free exhibition on show in the main gallery at The Lightbox until 7 October 2012 and includes an activity for children.

### Associated Events:

#### Tour of 'Mummies to Motorbikes'

Join a member of The Lightbox team to tour the exhibition and gain a fascinating insight into how it was put together. Advance booking required (01483 737837).

**Thurs 6 September, 2.00pm – 2.45pm, free entry (suggested donation £2)**

#### Audio described tour and workshop inspired by 'Mummies to Motorbikes'

Blind or partially sighted visitors are invited to join us in a tour and workshop inspired by the exhibition. Advance booking required (01483 737837).

**Thurs 6 September, 10.30am – 1.00pm, free entry (suggested donation £2)**

#### Talk - Collecting in the 19th Century: Frederick Horniman and his Museum

Join Dr Fiona Kerlogue, Deputy Keeper of Anthropology at The Horniman Museum, as she provides an interesting insight into the growth of collecting in the 19th Century, which formed the basis of so many British collections. The Horniman Museum opened as a public museum in 1901 and contains a fascinating collection of natural history, cultural artefacts and musical instruments. Advance booking required (01483 737837).

**Thurs 16 August, 1.00pm, £6 adults, £5 concessions**

#### Talk - Theatrical Portraiture and its Collections

Join Marcus Risdell, Curator and Librarian at The Garrick Club in London, as he provides a fascinating insight into the treasures held within The Garrick Club and explores other important theatrical collections, including that of the Royal Dramatic College, Woking. Founded in 1831, The Garrick Club is a private members' club which holds the largest collection of theatrical paintings and drawings in existence. Advance booking required (01483 737837).

**Thurs 13 September, 1.00pm, £6 adults, £5 concessions**

#### Trip to the Garrick Club

The Garrick Club, situated in the heart of London's West End, is a private members' club that holds the largest collection of theatrical paintings and drawings in existence. Founded in 1831, the Club has over 1000 works of art on display. Join us for an exclusive tour of the Club, which now holds part of the art collection from the Royal Dramatic College, Woking. Includes transport to and from London. Friends and members of the Supporters' Club enjoy a 10% discount. Advance booking required (01483 737837).

**Wed 19 September, 8.30am – 1.30pm, £30 adults**

#### Talk - Planes, Motorbikes & Carts: The Story of Martinsyde Ltd, Woking

Join Mike Goodall, Aviation Historian and Photographic Archive Manager at Brooklands Museum, for a photographic account of the history of Martinsyde Ltd. Learn about the fascinating history of this company, which was one of the largest aircraft manufacturers in England in the early days of flight. Martinsyde were also renowned for their motorcycle production. Advance booking required (01483 737837).

**Thurs 27 September, 7.00pm, £6 adults, £5 concessions**



## Hope Week @ St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's Church hosted a week of social action activities under the 'Hope' banner during the week of 4th- 10th June, at the church buildings and around Goldsworth Park.



A craft event on Monday morning proved really popular: the A2 building was packed. Similarly, the afternoon tea that day went down a treat!

Throughout the week the weather didn't put people off, with many volunteers picking up litter on Lakeview in spite of torrential rain. The free car washing outside the church buildings took people by surprise, but was a great success. We thank our local Wickes store which donated the buckets and sponges.



The free variety concert on Wednesday evening drew a big, appreciative audience. It revealed several hidden musical and dramatic talents among church members and Park residents.

In total the week had a fantastic atmosphere and a great spirit of neighbourliness from everyone involved.

As a result of the success of Hope week we will be doing regular acts of service once a month, so keep your eyes peeled for those free car washes and litter pickers!

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