

Peter Winter

"Mr Goldsworth Park"

1936 – 2012

Peter was born in Elham, Kent in 1936, an only child. When he left school, his first job was as a Telegram Boy and then he was called up for National Service. He served with the RAF Military Police and joined the Metropolitan Police when he had completed his National Service. Later, he joined BT and had a long career, mainly in the area of telecommunications security.

Peter and Jean married in 1958 and had 2 sons, both of whom died in their late twenties. They coped with these tragedies with great fortitude and took comfort from their grandchildren with whom they maintained close contact.

Peter and Jean moved to Goldsworth Park in 1976 and lived first in Silversmith Way, later moving to Chirton Walk. Peter was an avid gardener both in his garden at home and on his allotment. His other great love was his caravan in which he and the family spent many happy holidays on the Dorset coast.

Peter soon became involved in community matters. He was Vice Chairman of the Community Association from 1983 to 1985, when he took over as Chairman, a role he held until 1988. He was also Chairman from



ABOVE: Peter and Jean Winter - editors of Goldsworth News



LEFT: Peter Winter and Mayor Anne Payne breaking the ground in 1987



BELOW: Peter as Santa Claus in 2004



Peter Winter

1990 to 1992 and again from 1994 to 1995. Peter was passionate about developing a community spirit and was instrumental in getting a community building for Goldsworth Park. He was Chairman of the Community Association during the heady days when Goldwater Lodge was designed, built and opened.

Giving up the role of Chairman did not mean he escaped from the Community Association Committee. Between them, Peter and Jean edited and/or distributed Goldsworth News from 1994 to 2005. His knowledge of Goldsworth Park and his contacts in the community were invaluable in this role.

For a number of years, Peter was a Governor of Beaufort School.

Peter played another vital role in the life of Goldsworth Park once a year when he stood in for Santa Claus at the GPCA children's Christmas parties and at Squires, taking the opportunity to raise money for St Marks Hospital.

Peter died at the age of 76 on 29th August. He is survived by Jean who, sadly, suffers from Alzheimer's Disease, his two grandchildren James and Lindsay and great grandson, Jay.

There will be Memorial Service in the main hall at Goldwater Lodge at 2.30pm on Friday, 12th October 2012 followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

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Councillors' Surgeries

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.

Goldsworth News distribution

Distribution of Goldsworth News is arranged by Mrs Linda Hill. Her details are: Linda Hill, 5, Newsham Road, Goldsworth Park
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County Council Report



Diana Smith,

County Councillor for Knaphill and Goldsworth West

Flooding

Woking Local Committee met for a full meeting at the end of September. We started with Surrey's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, very topical after heavy rain and reports of flooding throughout the country.

Fortunately work done at the Amstel Way / Lockfield Drive roundabout seems to have been completed successfully, and we were glad to be able to congratulate Andrew Milne, the Area Highways Manager. He said that the increase in funding devolved down to the Local Committee had allowed him, as hoped, to 'side-step' the central funding that would only have come to us after a number of years through the £1M 'wet spot' programme.

Cllr. Bryan Cross and I asked again about Lockfield Drive resurfacing. The last sections are still scheduled for this year

Parking around Woking High School

Petitions can be a good way of drawing attention to local issues, and there's a common-sense rule at the Local Committee that where a problem directly affects a limited number of residents fewer signatures are needed.

So the Neighbourhood Watch and other residents close to Woking High School in Horsell were able to present a petition with only 56 signatures asking for traffic calming including double yellow lines to prevent parking on the corner between Meadway Drive and Morton Road. Vehicles park on both side of the road making it so narrow that only one line of traffic can pass at a time. This led to an accident in June when two cars met head-on. A second bad corner is Morton Road with Morton Close.

Now that the petition has been presented, there will be an investigation involving Surrey's Parking Team, together with an assessment of reported accidents and any speed surveys done in the area, and a discussion with the police Casualty Reduction Officer. This has to be done in time for Surrey Highways officers to bring a paper responding to the petition to the next full Local Committee Meeting on the 5th of December.

What happens then depends largely on their recommendations; yellow lines would go into the next parking review, anything more might become a 'scheme' to wait on finance through the Local Transport Fund. Petitions get the process of making change going, but the wheels grind slowly and not always surely, as we saw later in the meeting

Indignation

There have been traffic signals and temporary

barriers at the top of St John's Hill since 1995, kept in place to reduce the risk of out-of-control vehicles going onto the railway line. It's a difficult piece of road, with the narrow railway bridge, awkward junctions, and drainage problems. In all this time, no permanent solution has been worked out or funded.

Now, after the 're-organisation of the Structures Group', Surrey engineers have decided traffic lights aren't necessary and we can go back to the old 'priority system'. This means simply some more bollards and 'improvements to the signing and lining'.

The Committee didn't have a say in this, the decision is made by Officers, and the report was brought to us for information. The best we could do was refuse to note the report and write to the Cabinet Member for transport at County Hall. As Cllr. John Kingsbury said, 'I just think that it makes us look quite ridiculous.'

Charity Bags and Loan Sharks

A Trading Standards 'Illegal Money Lending Team' will be in Woking in November, including the Goldsworth area, trying to find and sort out problems with loan sharks. Notices on bus stops will say when the team is out knocking on doors locally.

Another investigation for Surrey Trading Standards is into the charity bags left by doorstep collectors. Some are genuine, some are outright fakes. If you have a square 'Help the Aged' bag it's a fake; they only use rectangular bags. Some of the charities use the goods directly in their shops, but if you look closely at the bags you can see others are collected by commercial companies. A charity can get about £1,000 a tonne for recycled textiles selling directly, but some of the companies collecting for charities only give £40 a tonne. The most effective way to help charities is by taking unwanted goods directly to their shops.

The first phase of the Surrey Trading Standards' project to find out more about doorstep collections found four unlicensed companies operating in Woking. During the second phase, between the 15th October and the 2nd November, Trading Standards are asking members of the public to drop off examples of charity bags at the Citizen's Advice Bureau in Woking.

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Tributes to Peter Winter



Peter with Mayor Rosie Sharpley at Goldsworth Park's 21st in 1994

Geoff Ward wrote: "Colleagues and friends at Woking Borough Council were saddened to learn that Peter Winter has passed away. He is remembered in particular for his work in supporting the development of Goldwater Lodge. Peter was a key member of the Goldsworth Park Leisure Working Group and was instrumental in bringing forward improvements to the Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground and in ensuring that the priorities reflected the wishes of residents. Peter was respected by all who worked with him for his considered views and personable approach; he was always willing to listen to others and his cheerful and positive nature was a particular strength. Peter also worked tirelessly to promote activities such as the Annual Goldsworth Park Festival and this

work was of great value in helping to develop community spirit in what was initially a very new and rapidly expanding residential area. His legacy is the strong local community of Goldsworth Park which exists today."

Rosie Sharpley, who met and worked with Peter when she was a Woking Borough Councillor said "Those of us who enjoy living in Goldsworth Park today owe a great debt to Peter Winter. He took a keen interest in what was happening in a new, emerging community and, when something wasn't right, he set about fixing it with a passion and vigour reminiscent of all pioneers. Above all, I will remember that he was always fair and just but never without a great dollop of humour to ease the argument along. Thank you, Peter – my No.1 sounding board."

Ian Rickard, current Chairman of the GPCA, said "I worked closely with Peter over many years on the GPCA Committee and admired his commitment to this community. We would not have the facilities that we have now without his persistence and dedication. Apart from his tireless work to get Goldwater Lodge built and operating, his work as editor of Goldsworth News ensured that the residents of Goldsworth Park have a source of local information and a place to express their views. This is a resource that many communities envy. He was a hard act to follow and I valued his support when I took over the role of Chairman. He will be missed by many people around the Park."

Sue SHINES in 2012

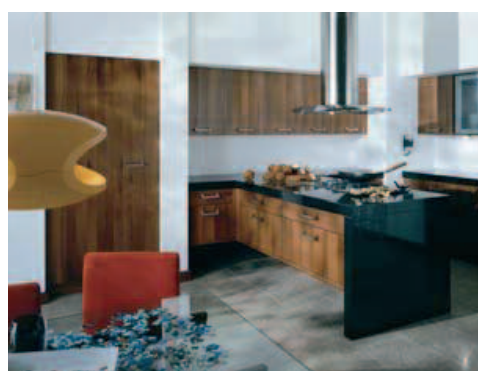


Shine is an exciting event from Cancer Research UK - a unique event that both welcomes men and women to take part in a night time walking marathon to raise vital funds for research and bring hope and light into the lives of those affected by cancer. This year, the London event was on the night of Saturday, 29th September.

Sue Kirbell and her daughter Vicky put on their training shoes once again to raise money for the Children's branch of the charity in memory of Mathias Barker, Vicky's friend's 10 year old son.

To help raise money, Sue will be serving tea, coffee and cake after each of the Fun Way to Fitness classes on 15th, 17th, 22nd and 24th October in exchange for a donation to this worthy cause.

Any one who would like to sponsor Sue and/or Vicky should go to www.justgiving.com/suekirbell or www.justgiving.com/vickykirbell and to find out more about the charity they should go to <http://www.shinewalk.org>



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GOLDSWORTH PARK LETTERS

Editor

I was very interested in reading in Issue 127 of the Goldsworth News about the proposed "dig" on 29th September, even more so in learning about the small area known as Parley Brook or Brockhill which dates so far back.

Regarding the artefacts from the 1920's collection now languishing in the store room of the British Museum, probably never to see the light of day, along with thousands of other items they house, would it not be of more interest if these were retrieved and put on display in the Surrey History Museum for the benefit of the schools and residents in and around Woking along with any further artefacts that are discovered on the 29th September?

Charles S. Love

Editor's note: This letter has been forwarded to Richard Savage, Vice President of the Surrey Archaeological Society, who is in charge of the dig and he has promised a report on the dig in due course. He said that he hopes that, as a result of the work being undertaken by William Mills, who is studying the material as part of his dissertation for a post-graduate degree at Oxford, it may be possible to arrange for an exhibition.

With apologies to Mr Potter – this letter was sent to the GPCA some while ago and has only recently found its way to Goldsworth News. The topic still seems relevant so we are publishing it to see what other residents think.

Your pardon, but with the summer a fresh flush of cold callers will be approaching everyone's front doors.

Has anyone in Goldsworth Park or Woking tried creating "Cold Calling Control Zones" popular in Yorkshire and Wales.

It might well be worthy of an article, as I don't believe it's been brought up before in the area.

John Potter

Editor's note: the stickers saying "We don't buy at the door and will expect to see identification" which are available from the Police are quite effective. Perhaps this should be raised at the Police Panel on 25th October.

Just to remind correspondents, we do not publish anonymous letters or those signed with a pseudonym unless we also have the writer's full name and address. We do not publish personal details if the writer wishes to remain anonymous.

Your Chance to Volunteer - Goldsworth 2012!



Volunteers: it's the buzzword of 2012! Anyone who went anywhere near any of the summer's Olympics and Paralympics will have met up with some of the army of volunteers who did so much to make the two occasions so memorable. Cheerful, joking, smiling and ever helpful, this enormous band of brothers and sisters entirely deserved the huge applause which rang out for them at the Closing Ceremony.

Volunteering, though, is not just a London 2012 thing. On any day, in any year there's a whole lot of it going on! On your doorstep, Goldsworth Care is a group of volunteers which has been helping the community for over ten years. They're a Good Neighbour Scheme, one of eleven across Woking, and their team helps those who can't quite cope on their own. A visit to the shops? An appointment with the Doctor, the Hospital? Changing a light bulb? Walking the dog? Filling in forms? Many people need help with these sorts of things, temporarily or otherwise, and may not have that help to hand. That's where Goldsworth Care comes in.

You, too, can join Goldsworth Care! They are always looking for volunteers, and, in particular, are seeking escort-drivers. "Our volunteers have complete flexibility," says Pat Checksfield, Volunteer Co-ordinator. "They don't commit to particular shifts, say, every Thursday. When we have a client request, we phone volunteers to see who can do the job. But that means that, sometimes, no volunteer is available. The other day, we phoned 19 volunteers before one came up trumps!"

"Still," Pat continues, "that's exceptional, and it's pretty unusual that we have to turn a client down - which is probably why we're getting more requests - which, in turn, is why we need more driver volunteers!"

So, why not get volunteering with Goldsworth Care? They're a friendly, informal group who enjoy helping out a little in their community. To find out more, phone Pat on 01483 837488. You'll deserve a huge round of applause, too!

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Sea Cadets Show Their Paces

The sun shone on the Woking Sea and Royal Marine Cadets' Royal Naval Parade on Saturday, 22nd September. The parade is an opportunity for the cadets to display the skills they have learned and practiced during the year. Watched by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, families and friends, the cadets gathered on the parade ground outside the Dianthus Building, the new Headquarters, to be inspected by the Southern Area Officer, Commander Richard Tarr, Royal Navy.

After a tour of the new building and a break for refreshments, the cadets took to the water. A large audience gathered on the banks to watch four cadets in kayaks showing off their skills in navigating a course forwards and backwards, rafting and accurate steering. The show continued with twelve cadets in an ASC and a Trinity demonstrating rowing, stemming and how to rescue a person in the water. The finale was a display of dinghy sailing by two of the cadets. Although the wind was very light, they showed how to tack and go about and gave an impressive demonstration of "dry" capsizing.

Back to the Dianthus Building and a very quick change by the cadets from wet suits back into dress uniform for the closing ceremony and the presentation of certificates to the Lord Lieutenant's cadet and to 5 of the 6 cadets who had taken part in the Great River Race from Greenwich to Richmond. They were the only youth team in the



Inspection



Kayaking



Rowing



Sailing



Royal Marine Cadets



Presentation of Certificates

event and did exceptionally well being coming 4th in the ASC class.

During the refreshments served on the "Upper Deck", parents enthused about the event and the venue. Kerry Edwards, mother of Able Cadet William Edwards, a kayaker, said that it had been fantastic and Wendy Horn, whose son Alex had been coxswain in the ASC said it was awesome – great to see all training coming together. Lynne Ratcliffe, whose daughter had only recently joined the unit, said that the facilities and the staff were wonderful. They had made her daughter, who had special needs, really welcome.

Commander Tarr explained that the display had been only a small snapshot of what the cadets get up to. The cadets learn a lot of skills and take part in many activities at the unit and away from base; for example, sailing to France in a square rigger. As an engineer himself, he was particularly interested in what they learn about marine engineering but recognised the value of leadership training and first aid qualifications. He was impressed by the number of people who had turned out to watch the display and pleased that the unit appeared to working well with others in the community, such as the anglers on the lake.

He felt that moving to the new building had given new heart to the unit; there had been many new recruits and the unit's performance had improved to the extent that it was now amongst the best in the region

London's Great River Race 2012

On Saturday September 15, Woking Sea Cadets took part in London's water marathon, rowing 21 miles from Greenwich to Richmond to raise funds for the unit. Aged between 13 and 18 and competing against older and uglier crews, Woking Cadets were first over the line at the start, setting a blistering pace, but were unable to hold off the sleeker boats that

were queuing up behind to steal their honours. They rowed over the line in 241st place out of 305 finishers from 321 starters in a time of 4 hours and 16 minutes; a very credible 4th place in their class.

Donations towards their fundraising activity can be made on www.charitygiving.co.uk/woking-scrriverrace



A well oiled crew, sprinting to the finish

Pumpkin Soup



Hallowe'en will soon be on us and once again we will have a lot of pumpkin flesh to use up after the kids have made scary heads. This is a simple but tasty soup which will be great when they come back cold and tired from "trick or treat"-ing

Ingredients – serves 6

- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 1kg pumpkin flesh chopped into chunks
- 700ml vegetable stock or chicken stock
- 142ml pot double cream
- 1 cinnamon stick
- freshly grated nutmeg
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 slices wholemeal seeded bread
- A handful of dried pumpkin seeds

Method

Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large saucepan, then gently cook the finely chopped onions for 5 minutes until soft but not coloured.

Add the pumpkin flesh to the pan and carry on cooking for 8 – 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until it starts to soften and turn golden.

Pour 700ml of stock into the pan, add the cinnamon stick and a little ground nutmeg, and season with salt and pepper.

Bring to the boil and then simmer gently for 10 – 15 minutes until the pumpkin is very soft.

Cool slightly and remove the cinnamon stick, then purée with a hand blender or in a food processor. For an extra-smooth consistency, push the soup through a fine sieve into another pan.

Add the double cream to the pan.

While the soup is cooking, slice the crusts from 4 slices of wholemeal seeded bread, cut the bread into small cubes and fry in the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil until crisp.

Add a handful of pumpkin seeds to the pan, then cook for a few more minutes until they are toasted.

Before serving, reheat the soup, taste for seasoning, and serve scattered with croutons and seeds.

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News from Woking Borough Council

Reminder to return voter registration forms

Woking residents are being reminded that canvassers will be visiting households who have so far failed to complete and return their voter registration form, as part of this year's annual canvass of the register of electors.

So far, 62% of the 41,000 forms sent out have been returned and the Council would like to thank those people for their cooperation. However, 16,000 forms are yet to be returned and it is possible that these residents will be removed from the electoral register & lose their right to vote.

Residents have until **Monday 15 October 2012** to return their completed form by post or can hand them to their canvasser.

Residents are reminded that they are legally required to return their voter registration forms, otherwise they could be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000 for failing to do so. They should also be aware that credit reference agencies use the register to verify addresses for individuals applying for credit.

For more information and assistance, please contact Electoral Services on

01483 755855 or email elections@woking.gov.uk

Entries now open for Woking's first Youth Drama Festival

Passionate drama enthusiasts, under the age of 21 years, who belong to a youth or school drama group, are invited

to take part in the first **Woking Youth Drama Festival (WYDF)**, taking place from **Monday 18 to Saturday 23 March 2013** at Woking's Rhoda McGaw Theatre.

The festival, organised by Woking Drama Association and Woking Borough Council's Celebrate Woking project, will give amateur groups the chance to perform in front of established judges, perfect their talent, battle it out for a winning spot and the chance to qualify for the national All Winners Festival. They will also have the chance to meet new people, gain confidence and above all, have fun!

Applicants must belong to a youth or school drama group, with the cast all being under the age of 21 and entirely amateur. A school or group may enter more than one team, and the play must run for longer than 20 minutes and for no more than 60 minutes.

There will be two age group categories, 16 years and under, and groups aged 16 to 21 years. Applicants must fall within this age range on 23 March 2013. Awards will be presented in the categories of Festival Winning Play, Festival Runner Up, Best Actor (under 16 and 16 to 21 years), and Best Actress (under 16 and 16 to 21 years).

The deadline for entries is **Monday 3 December 2012** and groups must also submit their script at this time, along with a £20 entry fee.

For more information, please contact Hannah Smith on **01483 743702** email hannah.smith@woking.gov.uk or visit www.woking.gov.uk/arts or www.wokingdramafestival.co.uk for an application pack.

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The Lightbox

The Lightbox Celebrates 5 years of success with Grayson Perry, Supporters and a Family-Fun Birthday Party

The Lightbox gallery and museum in Woking, Surrey reached its 5th anniversary on 14 September 2012. To celebrate this important occasion and the success of the organisation, a number of special events took place; from a special fundraising talk with Turner Prize winner, Grayson Perry RA to a 'Thank You' event for loyal supporters of The Lightbox and a Family-Fun Birthday Party for visitors

Since opening in 2007, The Lightbox has welcomed over a quarter of a million visitors who have enjoyed the 69 exhibitions, 72 talks, a staggering 1,043 family workshops and 93 adult workshops, much of which has been free. The gallery and museum have also achieved a number of prestigious awards including the Art Fund Prize, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, two Surrey Business Awards and a Tourism Excellence Award.

Director, Marilyn Scott comments on The Lightbox's success, 'The Lightbox is far more than a building it has always been about people, those who run it, those who dedicate their time by volunteering and of course our visitors who have helped to shape our programme of exhibitions and events over the past five years. None of The Lightbox's achievements would have been possible without the generous support of our visitors, we will be asking, to mark our celebrations, that visitors who enjoy The Lightbox's services give a £5 donation from September to December 2012 in our '£5 for 5 years' campaign. Please consider giving The Lightbox a very special birthday present.'



J.M.W. Turner, *Llanello Bridge and Dynevor Castle*, 1796 © National Museum of Wales

Welsh Landscapes: From Turner to Long

Welsh Landscapes: From Turner to Long', opening at the award-winning Lightbox gallery and museum in Woking, Surrey on 23 October 2012, showcases works from Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales' outstanding collection

Organised in partnership with National Museum Wales, the exhibition will feature highlights from the rich and varied collection of Welsh landscape painting, sculpture and installation held by the museum. The exhibition will, for the first-time, bring these highlights together outside of Wales and will explore the ways in which the landscape of Wales has been depicted by artists over the centuries, including J.M.W. Turner, Alfred Sisley, John Piper and Richard Long

The Lightbox Premieres International Artist's Film

The Lightbox is to premier the new film installation by internationally-acclaimed artist Suki Chan. 'Still Point' by Suki Chan is a 35 minute film that explores sacred spaces and places of pilgrimage that have so often become battlegrounds and examines how cultural and religious identities have changed over time and how allegiances have shifted. These changes coupled with the visual clues that are left behind, are fundamental elements of the work. This free exhibition will be on show from 2nd October until 4th November 2012.

Visitor Information: The Lightbox is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10.30am – 5.00pm and Sunday 11.00am – 5.00pm. Entrance is free. For more information please visit www.thelightbox.org.uk or call 01483 737800.

Local Policing News

Taking Positive Action to Tackle Drugs

The Safer Neighbourhood Team has noticed an increase in drug activity in and around the area of Goldsworth Park. Your local team is working relentlessly in partnership with other Surrey Police resources to deal with these issues; this includes identifying those responsible and then carrying out search warrants.

The Team asks you, as local residents, to be aware of any suspicious activity and to report anything that you believe to be unusual or out of place on the 101 non emergency number. The Team is happy to respond to any calls reporting suspicious activity and to offer reassurance to the local community.

Halloween and Crime Prevention Stalls.

The Goldsworth Park Neighbourhood Team is aware that Halloween can be an intimidating time of year for some residents. This can be down to the darker nights and unknown people calling at your home for the traditional "trick or treating" that inevitably goes on. The team would like to make residents aware

that they will be increasing high visibility patrols around this time.

They will also be holding two crime prevention stalls where they will be handing out leaflets and giving advice to residents. These will be held outside Waitrose on -

Thursday, 4th October 2012 from 12.30 - 15.30

Friday, 12th October 2012 from 14.00 - 16.30

For those who can't make these dates, leaflets and advice on any concerns regarding Halloween will be available at the Goldsworth Park panel meeting being held at the Goldwater Lodge, Wishbone Way, Woking, at 1900 hrs on Thursday 25th October 2012.

Goodbye and Good Luck

This month the Goldsworth Park Team said goodbye to PCSO Paul Roberts who left the team to become a Safer Schools Partnership Officer. This role is still within Surrey Police and Paul will continue to work in the Woking area. The Team would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul for all his hard work and to wish him well in his new role.

Why hold Police Panel Meetings?

Wolf Ehlers writes that the last issue of Goldsworth News informed everyone of the date of the next Police Panel meeting – 25th October 2012 at 7 pm. As a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, he decided to conduct a little survey amongst residents to find out why so few people attend these meetings - after all there are only 5 or 6 meetings a year and they are arranged by Surrey Police for the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and the residents to get to know one another better.

generally the same. The Police report back on the issues that were raised by residents at the previous meeting; those residents who have chosen to attend the meeting may then raise new issues, ask questions and join in discussion with the Police and other residents; and then the priorities for action in the next few months are agreed. Sometimes there will be a speaker on a specific topic such as crime reduction or youth justice.

The most FAQs (frequently asked questions) were:

1. Is an admission fee charged and who pays for the venue since nothing is free?

The simple answer is that there is no admission fee (otherwise it would be stated in the invitation). The venue is provided free, usually by the Goldsworth Park Community Association but Waitrose and the Lakeview Community Action Group have also provided room, and you, the residents have already paid for the Police time by way of local Council Tax, some of which goes to Surrey Police.

2. Why is no agenda published?
- There is an "agenda" of sorts in that the pattern of the meetings is

So, if you do not attend the meetings, you cannot have your say about what the Police should target – vandalism, inconsiderate parking, drug and alcohol abuse, speeding, anti-social behaviour, etc.

You would also meet the local PCs and PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) and learn that they are all very approachable. Don't miss the opportunity to speak to them when you see them out and about on patrol - even if it is just saying 'hello' - they cannot find out what the local issues are unless you talk to them.

He ended by saying that he hopes to see a lot more of you at the meeting on 25th October.

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So far, around Goldsworth Park we have supported the Lakeview Community open day and are planning to do some work around Goldsworth Lake to help maintain it, but we would love to do more. So, if you have an activity that could do with some 'horsepower', please do get in touch with the branch. This could be clearing gardens, visiting the elderly, painting a youth centre, providing some help running a charity shop for a few hours - the list of possible projects is almost limitless. This scheme is, of course, in addition to the Community Matters scheme (perhaps better known as the 'green token' scheme) which sees every Waitrose branch donate £1000 per month to local charities and voluntary groups.

For more information you can contact the branch on 01483 725754 or simply drop in and ask to speak to Rob, Lenka or Nicki.

ST ANDREW'S NEWS

The Rev. Daniel Natnael has joined the ministry team at St Andrew's Church on Goldsworth Park as curate. He is married to Tberih and they have four children.

Daniel was born and grew up in the troubled African country of Eritrea, where his local church was always a second home. "I am passionate about youth and children's work because I experienced the reality and importance of faith in my childhood," he explains.

Daniel won a scholarship to study music at a University in Ghana, then worked among youth and children in the Lutheran and Anglican churches back in Eritrea. He was then invited to continue his youth and children ministry in England, where he has lived with his family for the past 14 years. Daniel studied for ordination at Wycliffe Hall in Oxford and was ordained as a deacon at Guildford Cathedral in July.

Canon Richard Cook, Vicar of Goldsworth Park said "I am thrilled that Daniel and his family have come to Woking, and very much look forward to developing a great partnership with him on our staff team. We are very



The Rev. Daniel Natnael

thankful to God for this provision in a new phase of our church's life."

St Andrew's is the parish church for Goldsworth Park. It is community-focused and enriched by people from many nationalities and cultures, and from several church denominations. It provides a friendly welcome to all who are seeking answers to life and faith. It encourages and makes special provisions for children and young people.

For details of services and activities at St Andrew's and its Youth Centre visit www.goldsworthpark.org.uk, phone the parish office on 01483 723879 (office hours weekdays 9.30am - 12.30pm) or call at the St Andrew's Coffee Shop, 10am - 2pm Tuesdays to Fridays.

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