

Ode of Remembrance



Showing our respect...

Canon Richard Cook from St. Andrew's Church led the service that started on a glorious sunny morning in Goldsworth Park. At 10.45am, the Parade of the Goldsworth Park Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, with their leaders, assembled in front of the Health Centre. A large crowd had gathered, including relatives and friends of those whose names are recorded on the Memorial Stones, from Sloccock's Nursery.

Canon Cook spoke of the tragic and costly sacrifice made by those who died in the two World Wars. He stated that while some conflicts arise, as evil is confronted, many arise because we are greedy, and want what belongs to someone else. He said: "Jesus spoke of the evil from within, which emerges and causes trouble for all concerned. But He calls us to choose a different way, as we live lives of service to others."

After Canon Cook's inspiring words, local groups, community representatives, Councillors and family members of the fallen heroes were invited to lay remembrance poppy wreaths and crosses at the memorial.

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"To remember all who suffer as a result of war" – this year's Remembrance Service served as a double reminder of the cost of war and freedom, both past, present and future.

Taking place on the second Sunday in November, this year Remembrance Sunday fell on the 11th November thereby incorporating Armistice Day as well. The next time this will happen will fortuitously be on the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 in 2018.



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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.

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County Council Report



Diana Smith,

County Councillor for Knaphill and Goldsworth West

Worst Roads on Goldsworth Park?

Money for road resurfacing has been allocated on a year-by-year basis up to now, but Surrey is trying to make the system more efficient by putting together a five-year programme. This is a central £90M budget, separate from the money for local road schemes and small repairs.

After assessment, they've come up with 56 schemes for Woking. In or on the borders of Goldsworth Park, this includes Anchor Hill, Hermitage Road, Kestrel Way, and Bampton Way. They've also carried out a very limited public consultation, which has attracted only 26 road nominations in Woking. For Goldsworth Park, this includes the junction of Silversmiths Way with Goldsworth Road and – unsurprisingly – Lockfield Drive.

(More of Lockfield Drive should have been resurfaced by the time you read this; it's scheduled for between 27th and 30th November according to the latest e-mail to reach me.)

If there are other roads in Goldsworth Park you think are showing signs of needing complete resurfacing, please let me know and I'll ask for them to be assessed for inclusion in the programme. Alternatively you can e-mail improvemyroad@surreycc.gov.uk.

More about Lakers

Last month I wrote about out of school-hours activities for young people at Lakers, now being managed by the YMCA under Surrey's contract with the 'Surrey Youth Consortium'. Even when they get up to speed, this still leaves the building underused in the daytime. Good news now is that the proposed 'Skill Centre' to be based at Lakers is going to be run by the Surrey Care Trust.

The idea of a Skill Centre is to offer training to 'disengaged' young people who don't go on in school or College after sixteen, but aren't in work or training either. The aim is to re-engage them in doing the things that will let them move on to whatever they want to do with their lives, whether through apprenticeships, employment, or by coming back to more formal education. They need places that aren't too far away so that they are easy to get to, and don't feel as daunting as a school or College.

Although this is new for Lakers, it's not new for the Surrey Care Trust. In Woking, they already run the 'Steps' course for unemployed young people, using the Crescent Project building in Heathside Crescent. They also run courses at Weyside Court here on Goldsworth Park, which offer 'alternative education' to school age children (14 – 16) who for a variety of reasons most

often linked to problems in their lives have dropped out of mainstream education. This usually means they have missed a lot of school, so catching up on basic literacy and numeracy in a protective, unthreatening environment is key to helping them find their way forward.

The Skills Centre should be opening early in the New Year, and I'm looking forward to seeing what happens. Lakers is a great building for this sort of use, with an informal, welcoming design and good separate meeting rooms, not to mention the outdoors ball court and the sports hall, all begging to be fully used.

A better deal for 17 and 18 year olds

The underlying reason why Skills Centres are being developed now is the Raising of the Participation Age (RPA). From 2013 young people have to stay on in full-time education for the academic year in which they become 17, go into an apprenticeship, or combine part-time education and training with some form of work. (This can be employment, self-employment, or at least 20 hours a week volunteering.) From 2015, the Participation Age moves up to 18.

When this becomes a legal requirement, funding will follow the pupils. Then the Skills Centres Surrey County Council is planning to develop throughout the County will be financially sustainable as part of the overall provision.

And more from Trading Standards ...

I told you about Surrey Trading Standards investigation of charity doorstep collections a couple of months ago, but they're investigating new tricks and scams all the time. One of the latest starts with a phone call supposedly from a courier company checking you're in to receive a delivery. When this arrives (flowers and a bottle of wine) the delivery man tells you there's a £3.50 delivery charge. One person who fell for this scam used a debit card, saw it swiped through a mobile card machine, put in their pin, and received a receipt. Next day £4,000 had gone from their account.

The easiest way to keep up to date with Trading Standards alerts is through their Surrey Trading Standards 'Facebook' page (you don't have to be signed up to Facebook to read it.)

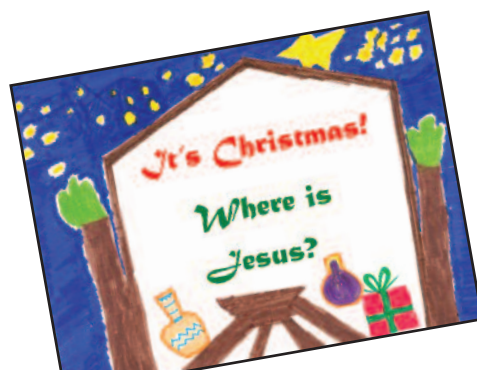
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ST ANDREW'S NEWS

Every home on Goldsworth Park will be receiving Christmas publicity from St. Andrew's Church. Many people are not aware that there is a Church on Goldsworth Park, so we want to help people discover that St. Andrew's Church is at the centre of the Park, near to the Health Centre and the shops.

Telling the astonishing story of the birth of Jesus, we shall wonder at God's love, and discover that our lives can be filled with peace and joy, rather than stress and dread. In these difficult economic times, it is good to know that deep and lasting change can be ours, as a free gift from the God who sent us Jesus.



| Christmas Services at Your Local Church St. Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park | |
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| Sunday, December 9th 10-11am The Nativity Story re-told by the Guides, Brownies & Rainbows | Christmas Eve, December 24th 3-3.45pm Family Carol Service with dressing up, to re-tell the story |
| Sunday, December 16th 6.30-7.45pm Carols by Candlelight with the Gospel Choir Be part of a world-record breaking attempt | Christmas Eve, December 24th 11-midnight Midnight Communion The perfect start to Christmas Day |
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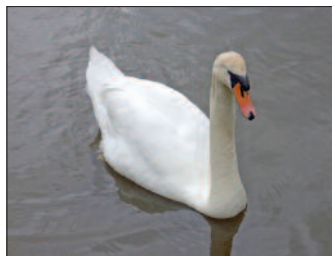


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FROM THE LAKESIDE – DECEMBER 2012

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 will miss you Tyson!"



Tyson's Swan Song – Photo taken by Malcolm Head the day before Tyson died.

Over the last few years, I have written many times of the antics of our resident pair of swans, particularly the cob affectionately named Tyson due to his aggressive behaviour towards any interloper swans that dared to venture into his territory. I am sorry to tell you that Tyson has passed away.

Perhaps due to several days of fighting at the ripe old age of at least 15 years, he lost the final battle of his life, falling victim to one of the common causes of death in wild fowl, a toxin found naturally in any body of water – Avian Botulism. We will all miss him, no-one more than his partner who has been less than her usual self since his demise. She has been feeding and grooming, which are good signs, and we will, of course, be keeping a very close eye on her, particularly if other swans arrive. I hope she will accept them and that she may even find a new partner. If, at any time, we feel she is not coping or

that she is in danger, we may make the decision to call Swan Lifeline for advice. In the meantime, if you ever have any concerns relating to swans, whether here on the lake or on our rivers and canals, do please call SWAN LIFELINE on 01753 859397.



Water Rail - photo taken by local resident Steve Wilson at the Wildlife area (15/11/2012)!"

On a more cheerful note, do you remember that, last year, I reported that we had a Water Rail on the lake? Well, I'm pleased to let you know that, after disappearing last March, it has returned. Over the past few weeks, it has been sighted several times in and around the Wildlife Area. The Kingfishers have also been very active in the same area. For a chance of getting a glimpse of either bird, try watching from Platform 19 mid afternoon – you may just get that lucky picture.

Over the last few weeks, we have been busy again round the lake, having a bit of an autumn tidy-up; this time of year, there is always plenty to be done in readiness for winter. Fortunately, we had extra helping hands from our local Waitrose branch to lighten the load. As part of the Waitrose Partner Volunteering scheme, managers and partners spent several afternoons getting stuck into the tasks of trimming reeds and branches, top-dressing the platforms with wood chips and litter picking. In groups of half a dozen or so, kitted out with work gloves, rakes and enthusiasm, they worked like beavers, achieving in just a few hours each afternoon, what would have taken us days to get done.

Again, I find myself humbled by the way this project has reached out to the community, bringing us together with one common goal – looking after and being part of the environment in which we live. Thank you Waitrose, thank you all of you out there for your continued help and support. May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

"A BIG THANK YOU!!!" to all the Waitrose Volunteers for helping to improve our community



Waitrose Volunteers working hard in the rain



MINCE PIES



I would like to thank Jamie Oliver for this unusual take on the traditional Christmas mince pie.

Ingredients – makes 24

- 100g good-quality mincemeat
- 25g dried cranberries or blueberries, chopped
- Zest of 2 clementines
- A splash of sherry or brandy
- Flour, to dust
- 250g good puff pastry
- 1 pack filo pastry
- 50g melted butter
- 1 free-range egg, beaten
- 50g flaked almonds
- Icing sugar, to dust

Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/gas 6.

Scoop the mincemeat into a mixing bowl

and mix in the dried berries, the clementine zest and the sherry or brandy.

Roll out the puff pastry into a big rectangle about 20x40cm/8x16 inch and the thickness of a pound coin. Thinly spread the mincemeat over the pastry, leaving a 1cm/½ inch gap around the edges. Tightly roll up the pastry, lengthways, like a Swiss roll, place it on a floured tray, and pop in the fridge to firm up.

Take two cupcake trays (for 12 cupcakes each) and butter each one lightly with the melted butter. Place one layer of filo pastry over the tray (you may need more than one sheet to cover each tray depending on the size of the sheets) and ease the pastry into each hole. Brush with the melted butter, then cover with a second layer of filo pastry. Brush with butter again.

Take the puff pastry roll out of the fridge and, with a sharp knife, cut it into 24 slices. Place each slice, flat-side down, into a filo-lined hole. Brush with the egg and sprinkle a few flaked almonds on top of each little pie, then pop both trays in the oven for about 25 minutes, until cooked and golden brown.

Leave to cool, then crack the individual pies out of the trays. Dust with a little icing sugar before serving.

Tip: You can freeze the cooked, cooled mince pies in their trays (just wrap the lot in cling film) or in a plastic container. Just reheat them in a hot oven straight from the freezer.



Cymdeithas Gymreig - Woking Woking Welsh Society

If you are Welsh or are interested in matters Welsh then come and meet us.

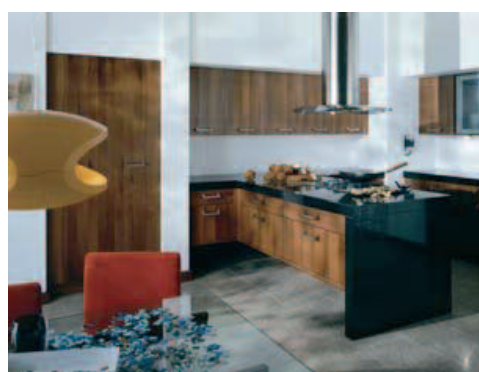
Our aim is to promote and encourage Welsh cultural and social activities and friendship within and around the Woking area. Our membership includes many non-Welsh partners of Welsh men and women so our events are always conducted in English, with Welsh speakers talking in their native tongue among themselves only when it is appropriate to do so. We meet monthly in Woking for all but the summer months.

Meetings encompass a broad range of topics usually having a Welsh theme. Typically our calendar includes good food, a quiz, interesting speakers, film and games evenings and much more. Oh, the pub features periodically too! We are mostly relaxed and casual however we do like to celebrate St David's Day with a formal dinner dance and Church service.

Aside from our fixed events, we also arrange ad-hoc visits to the theatre, and external musical evenings especially if the performers are Welsh. Occasionally we arrange day visits to special attractions.

For more information, please contact Barry Chester (President) on 01932 355536, Gareth Thomas (Secretary) on 01483 475250 or Shân Hughes (Membership) on 01932 350715.

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Woking businesses light up Christmas



Representatives of Woking Asian Business Forum (WABF) joined Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Dame Sarah Goad, the Mayor and Mayoress of Woking, Cllr Michael Smith and Mrs Anne Smith, and members of Woking Borough Council's Neighbourhood Team on 16 November in Jubilee Square to formally hand over their gift of a 35-foot Christmas tree to the people of Woking Borough.

The tree is a Nordmann Fir, sourced from Norfolk, and it will be standing in the Square until Sunday 6 January 2013.

One of WABF's long-standing members, Galaxy Cars, has joined with the business network to sponsor the tree's Christmas lights.

After its time in Jubilee Square, the tree will be chipped, so that the wood can be reused as wood mulch.

For further details about the Christmas tree, please contact Woking Borough Council's Neighbourhood Team Leader, Andy Calfe, on 01483 743451 or andy.calfe@woking.gov.uk

Woking wastes no time moving up the National League table



Recent figures released by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) reveal that Woking Borough Council continues to win the battle against household waste. The Borough jumped eight places up the national recycling, composting and reuse league table from 29th to 21st place, out of 352 local authorities across the country.

The improved annual figures for 2011/2012 can be attributed to the Borough's and residents' continued commitment to recycling, composting and reuse by increasing the local recycling rate from 54% to 57% over the last year. Even more importantly, this means that the amount of general waste (black bin) has reduced. The league table also positions authorities based on the lowest amounts of general waste produced per household. Woking achieved 16th place with households producing an average of just 370kg of general waste each year.

With a 60% plus recycling rate in its sights,

the Council introduced a range of new and improved recycling and reuse services over the last year, including the small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) kerbside collection service and food waste collection service for flats. It has also continued to roll out a comprehensive awareness programme, including attendance at key local events and locations, a doorstep campaign where recycling advisors visited homes across the Borough to raise awareness of the Council's recycling services, and expanding the garden waste collection scheme beyond 12,000 subscribers to meet demand.

For more information about the Borough's waste collection and recycling services, including how to sign up for the expanded garden waste collection scheme, visit www.woking.gov.uk/environment/wasterecycle or call 01483 755855.



Woking's Sport Relief fundraising total is announced

The popular event, held on Sunday, 25 March 2012, raised a whopping £12,596.55 and every single penny will be used by Sport Relief to help disadvantaged people turn their lives around, both at home in the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries.

Earlier this year, 734 people of all ages and abilities completed one, three or six miles of a challenging course around Goldsworth Park Lake. Some participants chose to complete the course in their own special style, including running in fancy dress, completing the race backwards and teaming up with someone else to do it three-legged!

Speaking about the Goldsworth Park event, Woking Borough Council's Health and Well-being Development Officer, Gary Cordery, said: "I'm absolutely delighted that local runners raised such a huge amount for good causes at home and abroad. I'd like to say a big thank you to all the participants that took part and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for an even bigger event in 2014!"



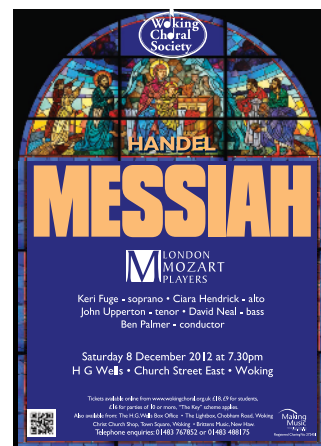
A very special performance of Handel's Messiah

Woking Choral Society will be giving a very special performance of the universally loved oratorio Handel's Messiah, in which they are combining with one of the great chamber orchestras, The London Mozart Players, the first visit by a world class orchestra to Woking.

The concert is scheduled for Saturday, December 8 at 7.30 pm in the H G Wells Hall, Woking.

Tickets will be £18 full (£16 for parties of ten or more) or £9 for students. They can be booked online at www.wokingchoral.org.uk or obtained from H G Wells Centre Box Office or the Lightbox, Chobham Road, Woking or Christ Church Shop, Town Square, Woking or Brittons Music, 13 The Broadway, Woodham, New Haw KT15 3EU. Woking's The Key scheme applies.

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Catching up with Lakers

Introducing the New Manager...

I would like to introduce myself, I am Sandie Bolger, the new Youth and Community Worker for Lakers Youth Centre. I started at the youth centre in June and have got to know the area and partner organisations over the past few months.

What's on...

Many things have been happening at the youth centre which have included:

- Identifying the needs of the young people who participate at the club
- Getting to know the youth work staff and reviewing the opening times
- Setting up a Steering Group led by young people with members of the local community, police, borough and county council.
- Training young people to set up their own tuck shop
- Security marking of bikes and mobile phones with the police
- A graffiti project in the basket ball court
- Advertising for and employing a Youth Worker in Charge
- Increasing the opening hours for young people.

The Steering Group is now up and running and is called HOVE.R (Hear Our Voices Everyone. Respect). The group have spent the last month or so finding out what a steering group is, the roles and responsibilities within that and we have a core group of eight young people. The steering group was launched on Wednesday 17th October with invited guests who have agreed to support the group.

The tuck shop has been named Lakers Bakers and will be opening soon, young people have been trained in food hygiene, financial procedures and the youth centre is signed up with the Foods Standards Agency through Woking Borough Council. All profits from the tuck shop will go back into the centre to subsidise trips, activities and resources.

We are now signed up to the 'Get It On Scheme' and can distribute condoms and Chlamydia testing alongside advice and support around Sexual Health and Relationships. The 'Get it on Scheme' is available during open sessions and on Thursdays between 4 – 6 pm, professional guide lines are followed by the youth workers when working with young people around sexual health.

When to pop in...

Our current opening times and sessions for young people aged 13 – 19 years are as follows:

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| Tuesdays | 4 – 9 pm | Open Session |
| Wednesdays | 6 – 7.30 pm | Project Night |
| | 7.30 – 9.30 pm | Open Session |
| Thursdays | 4 – 6 pm | Study/Course |
| | | Work Session |
| | | Sexual Health Drop In |

If you are aged between 13 and 19 come along and meet Sandie, Sarah, Jack and Kadeem at Lakers Youth Centre, entry is free and there are a wide range of activities you can get involved with.

CHOBHAM BURMEAD FC

Players Wanted for 2012 / 2013 Season

Chobham Burymead Girls are looking for players to join their Under 14s team. (School Year 9) We play on Sunday mornings in the North East Hants Youth League (NEHYL) Girls Premier Division. Having finished third in the league last season and runners up in the league cup we are now looking to strengthen our squad and will consider players in all positions. The Girls train on Friday evenings at Chobham Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham and we welcome new players to join our warm and friendly club.

Anybody interested in coming along to one of our training sessions can contact our Girls U14 Manager Dan on 07970 894830 or you can email him at dannoel@blackberry.orange.co.uk.

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Keeping the memories alive...



"For King and Country in memory of J. Drew"

Sgt. William John Drew was born in 1910 and was known as John to his family and friends. He was the only son of Emma and William Drew, and lived at 42 Arnold Road, Woking, as a child. The family later moved to The Dell in St John's Road where his mother ran a boarding house for retired ladies. Sgt. Drew was the only son in the family with 5 sisters.

Sadly, he never married and his father had already died in 1939, so John was the only male in the family and was well loved by his mother and sisters, who greatly missed him when he died.

John's niece, Liz Pennick was joined by her husband, Mike and her sister, Maggie Willson to honour her uncle at the Remembrance Day service. Liz said: "I know my Mother would have been very pleased that John is still being commemorated if she had been alive today. He gave his life so that we can all live safely today and I am very proud to be his relative, even though I never had the chance to meet him."



John was working for Slocock's Goldsworth Nursery when he joined the RAF Volunteer Force. Sergeant Pilot Drew joined the 44 Squadron which was renamed 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron in

1941 as a quarter of the crew were from Southern Rhodesia. Sergeant Pilot Drew, flying in a Lancaster took off at 22:01 from Dunholme Lodge (Lincs) on 17 August 1943. The aircraft was shot down on the raid over Peenemunde (Baltic) – to stop the Germans building more VI & VII rockets – on the night of 17/18 August 1943. During this raid, 237 aircrew were killed and 45 taken POW. Sergeant Pilot Drew was killed in action that night and even though he has no known grave, he is honoured and remembered on the Runnymede Airforces Memorial as well as the Slocock Nursery Commemorative stones at Goldsworth Park. He was only 33 when he died.



Goldsworth War Memorial Stones...

"Who went from this nursery and gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919" – Thanks to the Slocock family, the Goldsworth Nursery War Memorial stands as tribute to all the fallen heroes who worked the nursery lands in and around Goldsworth Park.

Mr Martin Slocock, paid tribute to all those brave souls when he delivered the "Act of Remembrance" during the Sunday service.



Local Policing News



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Inconsiderate Parking in the Park

Your Local Team has recently been receiving reports of inconsiderate parking at different locations within Goldsworth Park.

We would like to remind all residents and visitors that inconsiderate parking could cause an inconvenience to other road users and could be dangerous, particularly to disabled people or children.

Please park considerably making sure that you have not parked on the pavements, over dropped kerbs or within 10 meters of a junction.

Your local team will be monitoring parking within Goldsworth Park and failure to comply may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

Your local team has already been out monitoring the area in a bid to deter any further reports of this nature.

On Tuesday 20th November your local neighbourhood team also attended Beaufort Primary to tackle the parking issues, especially at the end of school.

Officers spoke to several people in regards to how they were parking, educating them as to the offences being caused.

As road users, you have obligation towards other road users; as residents please be aware of how your action could affect your neighbours.

Police Panel Meeting

Your Local Officers will be holding the next Police Panel Meeting on Thursday 17th January 2013 at 7pm at Goldwater Lodge, Wishbone Way.

Please come along to allow us to update you on current issues that we have been working on but for you to have your say on what issues most affect you in the community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Crime Prevention Stands

Please come along to meet the team and to discuss any local issues you may have, and take the opportunity to collect free crime prevention information for the festive period on

- Friday 14th December 2012 between 3pm and 4:30pm, and

- Thursday 20th December 2012 between 3pm and 4:30pm