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Children and adults from across Woking found out what lurks in the depths of Goldsworth Park Lake last month. The fifth annual Let's Go Fishing event gave novices and intermediate anglers a highly prized one-to-one coaching session with a qualified angling coach. They also received their own set of tackle and a pot of wriggling maggots so they could put their new skills to good use on the lake.

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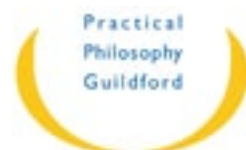
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The Goldsworth Park councillors hold a surgery from 10am - 11am on the first Saturday of every month (except August) at Strollers, accessed from the path between the shops and the lake.

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*From the Guest Editor, Irene Watson*

Once again, I have the privilege of editing Goldsworth News as Amanda has taken her baby daughter and the family to South Africa to introduce Alannah to her grandparents. She will be back in time for the next issue. I am being assisted by a new player on the GN team – Jeremy Hodge, our Roving Reporter. Jeremy has a background in journalism so is well suited to this role.

### Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose

A couple of weeks ago, a reader gave us a copy of the GPCA's Newsletter from July 1983 – 30 years ago to the month! I was just amazed at what I saw.

At the top of the front page was a complaint from the Chairman of the GPCA about the length of the grass on the verges and communal areas and the recalcitrance of those responsible for its cutting. *We still get complaints about Serco's failures when it comes to grass cutting!* At the bottom of the page was a plea for more people to get involved in the work of the GPCA. *While I have been very pleased by the attendance at our recent meetings, we would still love to see more people people to taking an active role in the Association. We will be holding our AGM in a couple of months so please come along and offer your support.* There was a letter about dogs fouling the footpaths, a request for people to deliver the Newsletter and a "Cook's Corner" – so similar to our recent issues. We will print the recipe in the next issue

as it a bit more "autumnal" than the recipe from a resident which we are printing this issue. One difference is the number of social events the GPCA organised back then; we'd love to start doing events again so please email me if you could spare some time to get involved. The back pages were property advertisements from a local estate agent, just as we have now, but this is where there is a big change. Then, a 1 bedroom starter home went for £27,950 while a 4 bedroom 2 bathroom double garage property for £62,950.

### Take care round the lake

During the recent very hot weather, we received reports of both adults and children paddling or swimming in the lake. We would like to remind residents that the by-laws prohibit swimming in the lake. What is more important is that the lake is fed from the run-off from gardens and streets so may contain chemicals and metal elements. The lake bed is littered, I'm sorry to say, with cans and bottles as well as the original scalping so the possibility of cuts and abrasions is high, with the associated risk of infection.

### Finally

As our main feature is all about the happenings on the lake, Roger Westcott is taking a break but **From the Lakeside** will return in the next issue. In the meantime, he is organising the late summer tidy-up – pruning, cutting back, weeding, litter picking, etc – so if you would like to help, call him on 07779 896393.

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Bouncy castles and obstacle courses gave the more active youngsters a chance to burn off some energy, while no-hands doughnut eating, archery and beanbag throwing tested their coordination. Balloon models weren't just a chance for extra fun but offered a useful, creative sun hat. Maypole dancing was an excellent opportunity for creative expression, and even the new Deputy Head of Sythwood Primary, John Parkin, showed off his moves when he was roped (or rather, ribboned) into taking part. Fancy dress transformed children into princesses and superheroes. Face painting gave everyone a chance to dress up and turned one little angel into, well, a little angel.

The emergency services were on hand, with local police officers giving away freebies and the Fire Service opening up a real fire engine for children to explore. Even Peppa Pig made a special appearance, keeping an eye on the bus from the SureStart Children's Centres, which offer parents and carers advice and supportive services across Woking. Peppa oversaw fun activities and lucky kids could have their picture taken with her. The baking hot weather meant the staff pelted by wet sponges in the stocks were actually pleased to be there. Everyone else had to make do with ice lollies and cold drinks.

Congratulations to all the staff and helpers at the Goldsworth Park schools for organising such a varied and exciting set of activities for their charges. Everyone had a fantastic time, as shown by all the smiles in our photos...

Are you organising an event in the near future? Let us know at [goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk).

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## GOLDSWORTH LETTERS

I have lived on Goldsworth Park for 40 years. My husband, Jim, will have been familiar to a lot of people in the area, local fishermen and other dog walkers, as we regularly walked our dogs together around the lake and football fields.

Jim became ill Christmas 2011. The doctors found a significant abnormality in his brain but it took until March 2012 and a brain biopsy for a diagnosis. Jim had lung cancer, which had metastasised to his brain. I was able to keep him home for much of his illness with the support of Woking Hospice and a Macmillan nurse. Towards the end he was in excruciating pain, so he had

several short stays at Woking Hospice and spent his last few days at Sam Beare Hospice. The hospices provided wonderful care for Jim and managed his pain in a way that could not have been achieved at home or in hospital.

After Jim passed away, I needed something to focus on, a goal. I discovered it costs £5.4m to run the hospices and they rely entirely on charitable donations to continue to operate. After joining a fantastic local gym in Horsell, I decided to sign up for a sponsored Kilimanjaro trek in August this year in support of the hospices.

At 5,896m, Kilimanjaro is the tallest freestanding mountain in the world. This is an extreme challenge at altitude and I had never trekked before. But I think if you want people to sponsor you, you have to do something that really challenges you and takes you out of your comfort zone. I have now trekked Snowdon and Ben Nevis as part of my training, which is going well. I will be paying the full cost of participating myself, so all money from my sponsors will go 100% to the hospices.

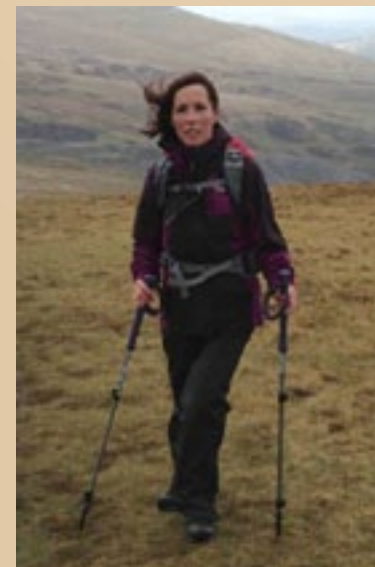
I wanted to tell you my story as I thought people might be interested and I really want to publicise the fabulous work of the hospices and try to give something back to them. I set off on 16 August.

Wish me luck!

Cathy Bell

It is not too late to sponsor Cathy, and you can do so easily online via Just Giving at

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The day began with rumours of thunderstorms and many people were expecting to receive a soaking before the fishing sessions were finished but, as it had throughout most of July, the sun shone. This was good news for everyone enjoying a day around the lake, but not necessarily ideal for the anglers, as fish tend not to cooperate on sunny days. However, one species didn't disappoint. As coach Steve Rowland put it: "Perch are the fisherman's best friend. They're greedy little blighters and even on the brightest days you can get a bite."

Most of the anglers on the shadier platforms were lucky enough to bring in at least one perch, but students who learnt from coach Richard Charlton benefited from his secret weapon – a feeder line, cast all the way into the middle of the lake where the fish stay cool and keep their appetites. Two good-sized bream were landed from this line: a 2lb 8oz fish Alex Frith pulled in, and a 3lb beauty caught by Mark Cottee.

Most of the newly trained and equipped anglers chose to stay for the rest of the day, enjoying the weather and a

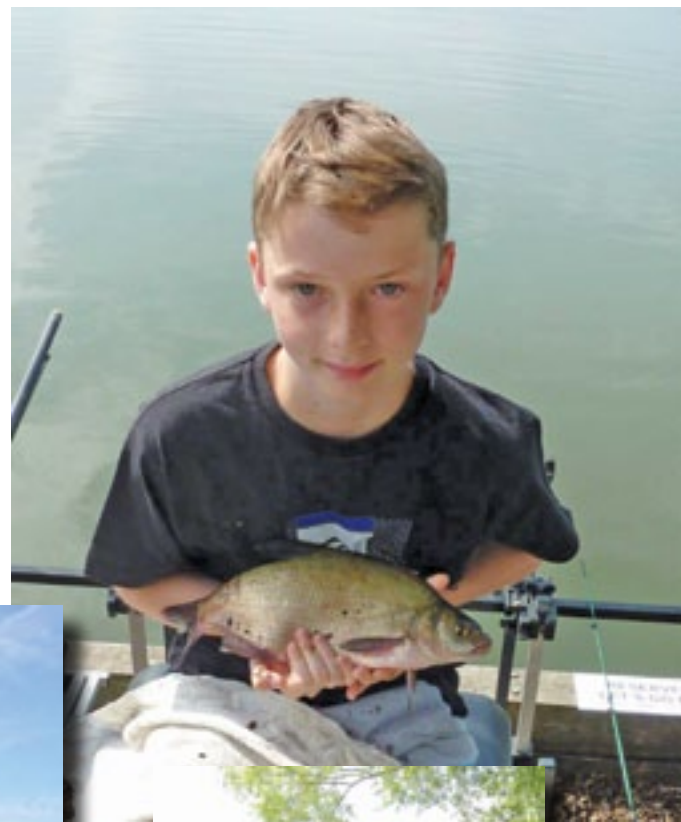
steady stream of bites. Mums and dads, many of whom were keen anglers themselves, praised the coaches and the team of dedicated organisers, saying they were pleased to see their children engrossed in an activity outdoors and away from the television. Some families made a day of it, bringing picnics and soaking up the sunshine.

The event was organised by the Goldsworth Park Community Association and sponsored by the Environment Agency. Fishing bailiffs gave their time to help the new anglers find their feet. The coaches are trained to a high standard by the Angling Trust but they went the extra mile on the day to make sure each student had fun and went away brimful of confidence. Sree, an adult student new to the sport, said he was so inspired that he will try tackling species from a different continent when he goes on holiday to India soon.

The GPCA hopes to keep running the event every year and would welcome volunteers to help set everything up. If you're interested in taking part, keep an eye on the Goldsworth News early next summer to find out the date and how to apply.



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## Local Policing News

With the school summer holidays, the Goldsworth Park Safer Neighbourhood Team anticipate more anti social behaviour associated with the period and the recent spate of sunny weather. With this in mind, the team have stepped up the number of patrols in areas known for anti social behaviour, especially around Goldsworth Park Lake, in an attempt to increase visibility and reduce the number of incidents that occur. We still request that residents report any incidents of anti social behaviour on 101 so that the team can begin to identify issues before they escalate.

In addition, we have recently noticed an increase in reports of vehicles congregating at various locations in Woking and their drivers acting in an anti social manner. Again, we would ask that, if you witness

groups of vehicles at locations being driven in a manner that causes concern, please note down registrations involved, if possible, and then report using 101. The team have already been tackling the problem, issuing warning letters to the drivers of vehicles stopped and dealing robustly with any possible offences. Following the warnings, if the driver continues we will look to seize the vehicles involved.

Keep an eye out on our neighbourhood page via the Surrey Police website for our upcoming engagement events, surgeries and panel meetings.

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Epworth Choir is holding a 'Come and Sing' Choral Workshop led by Matthew Willis on Saturday, 5 October at Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road, Woking.

The workshop will run from 2.30pm until 6pm, and will be followed by a short concert at 7pm. The cost of the workshop is £20 per head.

More details and application forms are available on [www.epworthchoir.org](http://www.epworthchoir.org), or by emailing [secretary.epworth@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.epworth@gmail.com), or telephone 01483 756670.

## Goldsworth Park Rangers Football Club goes from strength to strength

Goldsworth Park Rangers held their annual tournament, with over 1,000 children coming from all over Surrey to play football in Goldsworth Park over the weekend of 8th and 9th June. Alongside the matches for boys and girls ranging from under 7's to under 16's, the club also ran a fun day for children aged 6 and under. As well as coaching exercises and mini-matches, the highlight of the day was a surprise visit by the Fulham FC mascot Billy the Badger, with children (and parents!) queuing up to have their photos taken with him.

Goldsworth Park Rangers is entering its 30th season and Lee Swain, GPR's Chairman, said that they are all very proud of the club and the fact that it is able to provide local youngsters with the opportunity to keep fit and active by playing football. In particular, there is a thriving youth development section for children between the ages of 4 and 6, who attend weekly football coaching every Saturday morning and had their own fun day as part of the annual tournament.

The tournament was a great success with record numbers attending and it was especially pleasing to see the younger children have such a fun time. The visit of Billy the Badger was a great surprise for them. As a registered charity reliant on volunteers and donations to provide top quality training to local youngsters, Lee said that he would like

to thank Fulham FC for allowing Billy to visit and help the children have a fun day.

Children of all ages are welcome to join the club which has a membership of over 250 local youngsters who play at Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground. Training for under 6's will start again in September with children welcome to turn up and join in the fun.

For more details please visit [www.gprfc.co.uk](http://www.gprfc.co.uk) or email [chairman@gprfc.org](mailto:chairman@gprfc.org).



## Goldsworth Care: You know you want to!



"Hello, how are you? Mrs Smith wants to go to St Peter's on Tuesday. Can you help ....?"

It's the start of a typical call to a Goldsworth Care volunteer, and it's fingers crossed time for the Goldsworth Care duty officer. Can Mrs Smith's request be met at the first time of asking, or will it take several calls to several volunteers? For at Goldsworth Care there are no rosters, no commitments: volunteers can give of their time as they wish and say no when they wish.

That, however, doesn't mean that Goldsworth Care is likely to say no to Mrs Smith or any other client. Reporting to the group's recent Annual General Meeting, Volunteer Co-ordinator Pat Checksfield said that in the last operating year only 20 requests out of almost 800 could not be met - and some of those were when the request was made with insufficient notice. It's a statistic of which Pat and the group is rightly proud.

To make sure that Goldsworth Care can continue to meet its clients' needs, the group is holding a Volunteer Recruitment Campaign in September and October. You'll be seeing posters about, and getting leaflets through the door. And on Tuesday morning, 15 October, there will be a Meet and Greet Morning at the A2 Hall, alongside St

Andrew's Church, when the Goldsworth Care team will be on hand to dispense refreshments, answer questions and generally get people volunteering.

So what is Goldsworth Care? It's the local Good Neighbour scheme, serving the Goldsworth Park and Goldsworth Road/Kingsway areas, one of eleven such groups in Woking. Set up in 2001, it's independent, run by volunteers and financially self-sufficient, not least thanks to some kind donations along the way. The group lends a hand to those who need it. Clients may need an escort to hospital, to the doctor, the shops or just about anywhere; or they may need help at home, filling in forms or changing a light bulb perhaps; or they may want someone to walk the dog or just sit and chat for a while.

Volunteers help with any or all of these tasks, or answer the phone or help with admin. They are reimbursed with expenses and CRB checked.

So if you fancy helping your community without being tied down, think about volunteering with Goldsworth Care. Put that date of 15 October in your diary, or ring the Goldsworth Care line on 07751 801587 any weekday morning, or Pat Checksfield on 01483 837448. **You know you want to!**

## Local Family Support Service

Home-Start Woking is a charity which provides help for families with at least one child under five. We train volunteers to give free, non-judgmental support to families in their own homes on a weekly basis. Our aim is to give families the skills and confidence to cope with life's adversities and progress to a more positive future.

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*'To work with mums overwhelmed by the responsibility of a young family, sometimes lonely or depressed, and see them start to grow in confidence and begin to truly enjoy parenthood has brought me a great deal of satisfaction.'* (A Home-Start Woking volunteer)

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## Hamburger me! Burgers

To help you make the most of the Indian Summer, Goldsworth Park resident and burger blogger Nick Andrews lets you in on the secrets of his signature burger recipe.

### Ingredients - makes 4 burgers

500g/1lb 2oz good quality mince (not lean)  
4 soft white rolls  
4 slices medium mature cheddar  
8 rashers of streaky bacon

### To garnish

Iceberg lettuce, chopped  
Gherkins, sliced  
French's mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise

### Method

Get your barbecue up to heat and cook the rashers of streaky bacon until they're nice and crispy.

The secret of a great burger is to let the quality of your meat do the talking, so loosely shape your mince into 125g/3.5oz patties without adding any spices or seasoning, then rub a good pinch of sea salt flakes onto each side. Put them on the barbecue immediately and leave to cook for at least 2 minutes before flipping them.

Slice your rolls in half and toast lightly on both sides. Put them on a plate and garnish the bottom buns with blobs of mayonnaise, ketchup, and French's mustard. Pile on chopped iceberg lettuce and a layer of sliced gherkins.

Flip your burgers and immediately add a slice of cheese on top. Cover with a cloche (a wok lid will do) to ensure you get a great melt. Leave until cooked (at least another 2 minutes).

Take your burgers off the heat and leave them to rest for a few minutes – this makes them more tender.

Place each burger on a bottom bun, top with crispy bacon and finish with a top bun.

Nick Andrews writes for the London burger blog [www.hamburger-me.com](http://www.hamburger-me.com).

If you would like to share a recipe, email it to [goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk) with the subject line "Cook's Corner".

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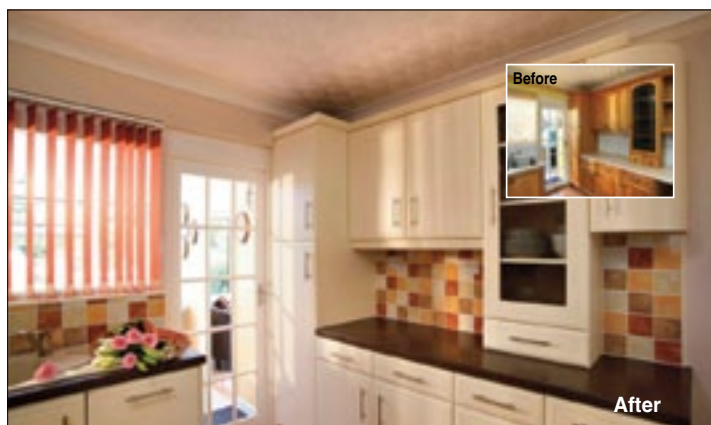
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- avoid driving to your local tip and having to clear your car of creepy crawlies afterwards!

### Local Resident Counts the Cost of Littering

At Aldershot Magistrates Court on Thursday, 25 July, a Goldsworth Park

resident was one of two people found guilty of littering - dropping a cigarette butt - in the Town Square. The resident did not attend court, and was ordered to pay a fine of £100, a victim surcharge of £20 and the Council's costs in the sum of £250.

Litter enforcement patrols are carried out regularly across the Borough and fully trained Council Officers have powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to anyone caught littering. This offence carries an on the spot £75 penalty or prosecution through the court with a fine of up to £2,500. 17 fixed penalty notices have been issued for the dropping of cigarette butts since the beginning of 2012.

For further information on litter enforcement, please visit [www.woking.gov.uk/litter](http://www.woking.gov.uk/litter) or call 01483 755855.

### Have Your Say

Don't miss the opportunity to get your voice heard on plans for Woking.

Visitors to Woking Park are being asked about how they use the car park. It is proposed to change the current car parking by introducing similar arrangements to those in Woking Town Centre. Planning consent has already been granted for an additional 261 car parking spaces at the rear of the Leisure Centre.

You can complete the survey online from the link on [www.woking.gov.uk](http://www.woking.gov.uk) or pick up a hard copy at Woking Leisure Centre, Pool in the Park or the Council's Civic Offices. All responses must be received by the council by 5pm, Friday 13 September.

### Surrey CC

**Goldsworth Primary School** is amongst the 378 schools nationally which have won a share of £820 million to pay for 74,000 extra school places. 2,300 of these places will be in Surrey and Goldsworth Primary School will be able to provide an additional 210 places.

**Surrey County Council Trading Standards'** rapid action team prevented victims - many of them vulnerable - being conned out of £38,000 in the last financial year. This took the total the team has stopped people handing over to crooked doorstep sellers in the last decade to well over £1 million.

Surrey's team is on alert to provide a fast response to anyone who suspects they are being conned by doorstep callers.

The news came as a trading standards survey revealed that a drive to deter dodgy sellers from approaching front doors in the first place is working. It showed that 90% of households displaying a 'no cold calling' sticker carrying a legal warning saw a drop in the number of doorstep sellers. Around 100,000 of the stickers have been distributed and more than half of people displaying the notice were aged over 60.

"No cold calling" stickers can be picked up for free at local council offices, libraries and police stations. They can also be downloaded by visiting [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk) and searching for "doorstep sticker".

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