

GOLDSWORTH NEWS



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The football club continues to go from strength to strength. Our newest teams are the two under-sevens: the GPR Raptors and GPR T-Rex's, enjoying the football in their first season.

The boys and girls started as a single team, but because of the popularity of the club, the under-sevens soon grew to be large enough to operate as two teams. The Raptors are coached by Louis Freullet, and the T-Rex's by Gareth Griffiths.

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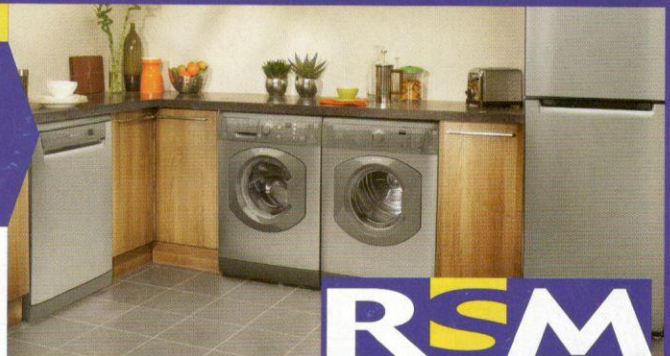
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Councillors' Surgeries

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.

GPCA Meeting

The next meeting is 7pm, Wednesday 12 March in the Dianthus building by the lake. Please email the chairman if you would like to receive the minutes every month: chairman.gpca@ntlworld.com

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From the Chairman

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Goldwater Lodge

The GPCA has had an initial meeting with Woking Borough Council and their architects to discuss the plans for restoring and improving Goldwater Lodge. The plans can be seen on the council's website, reference Plan/2014/0023.

As you may know, the fire caused only limited damage to our Hall so most of the proposals for this area are aimed at rectifying old faults and bringing the facilities up to date. The key elements of the new design are the relocation of all of the toilets to north side of the hall where there will be a straighter fall to the sewers in the yard and the consequent move of the kitchen to a new position off the Snug Bar, resulting in significantly more space in this area.

We are consulting residents and regular hirers about what they would like to see incorporated into the building and we are grateful for all the suggestions and comments so far. It is not too late to have your say. Write to me or to Goldsworth News, or email chairman.gpca@ntlworld.com or goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk with your ideas.

In the meantime, we are pleased to see that work on Goldwater Lodge has now started - at long last.

Boundary changes

One other important piece of news is that Woking Borough Council is planning to move the electoral boundaries of Goldsworth Park. I hope this edition of Goldsworth News reaches you before 8 March as this is the deadline for us all to have our say on these alterations. See page 10 for more information and send me your comments.

Climate or weather?

It is said that Britain does not have a climate - only weather - and what weather we have been experiencing over the past couple of months. High winds and torrential rain have caused havoc across the southeast, but here in Goldsworth Park we have fared better than our neighbours in Old Woking, Byfleet, Guildford, Dorking and Chertsey. We must thank the original designers of the Park; the lake is a balancing pond, and it has been doing its job, managing the collection and dispersal of the rain water. As I write, the water level has hardly risen at all. I hope that all those people across the country who have been affected by flooding and power cuts can get back to normal quickly.

Irene Watson
GPCA Chairman

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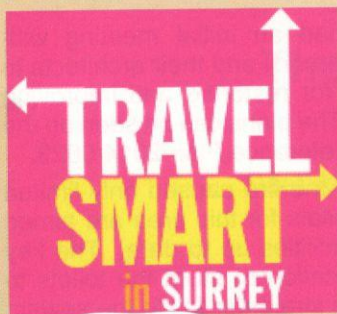
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Go for a stroll

Walking is good for our physical and mental health. It's an easy habit to get out of, but just as easy to get back into. We are working with Woking and Surrey councils to produce maps of local walking routes, and Goldsworth Park is one of the areas we're concentrating on. The printed maps will be available for you to pick up from several local places in early April.

The project is linked to Walk4Life; all the walks, and thousands of others, are available on www.walk4life.info. You can use the website to track the amount of walking you do, and even create groups and set yourself targets.

Yours sincerely
Anne Clark
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Throughout March Waitrose will be collecting for Goldsworth Park Rangers football club through the green-token scheme

Know about an event coming up in Goldsworth Park that we haven't included here? Make sure you're not forgotten next time; email your events calendar for 2014 to goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk

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Calendar

- 8 March Big banana split fairtrade event at the Living Planet Centre, Brewery Road, 2-4pm
- 9 March Last chance this year to see the butterflies in Wisley glasshouse
- 9 March Surrey half marathon, Stoke Park, Guildford, 10am start – see right
- 12 March GPCA meeting, 7pm Dianthus building at north end of the lake
- 23 March Sport Relief Mile, Goldsworth Park – see right
- 29 March Bach's St Matthew Passion sung by Woking Choral Society 7.30pm, HG Wells Centre – see right
- 30 March Mothering Sunday
- 31 March Deadline for discounted entry to Woking bikeathon (11 May in Woking Park) – visit www.wokingbikeathon.co.uk
- 11 April Content deadline for next Goldsworth News but get your words and photos to us now, to make sure you're included – email goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk
- 12 April Horsell bowling club open day – see page 8
- 20 April Easter Sunday
- 20 April Mizens trains start running every Sunday 2-5pm, Barr's Lane
- 3 May Goldsworth News published

Events in detail...

Sport Relief Mile – 23 March

Woking's fourth Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile sets off from Goldsworth Park recreation ground and takes in the sights of the lake. Last year, there were more than 800 participants, who raised nearly £13,000.

Entrants can be any age and don't have to be sporty to take part. You can choose to complete one, three or six miles, knowing that all the money raised will help to change the lives of people living unimaginably tough lives right here on our doorstep, across the rest of the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries.

There's no deadline for applications, but it's first come, first served, so dig out those trainers, limber up and enter at www.sportrelief.com now! Even if you're not racing, come along to cheer on everyone else.

St Matthew Passion – 29 March

Woking Choral Society, under the direction of its conductor Ben Palmer, performs JS Bach's masterpiece at the HG Wells centre in Woking.

It will be sung in English, in a recent translation by the tenor Neil Jenkins, and accompanied by acclaimed London ensemble the Orchestra of St Paul's. The main narrator's role is taken by the superb young tenor Nathan Vale, winner of the 2006 London Handel singing competition. Tickets cost £20. Book online at www.wokingchoral.org.uk or visit the box office.

Surrey half marathon – 9 March

The first ever Surrey half marathon is running from Stoke Park in Guildford to Woking town centre, and back. Entry is now closed but spectators are welcome along the route. Be aware that several roads will be closed on the day, from 8am to 1.30pm.

Find out more at surreyhalfmarathon.co.uk.

WOKING & SAM BEARE HOSPICES

Hello from Woking Hospice

It was announced in November 2013 that Goldsworth House, in Denton Way, is to become a new hospice serving the community of northwest Surrey. We are delighted that Lorraine Weedon, marketing and communications manager at Woking & Sam Beare Hospices, will be keeping us up to date with developments and telling us about Hospice care and how vital it is for our community.

In December, we announced that Woking borough council has backed our plans to address concerns regarding pressure on our service provision, as people live longer and with more complex needs. In support, they have provided us with a loan facility, which allows us to take the first steps to address these challenges.

Key to our plans is Goldsworth House, located at the entrance to Goldsworth Park Centre, which will be transformed into a state-of-the-art, 20-bed inpatient hospice with daycare facilities. As well as being a base for our community team of nursing staff, the new hospice building will also house services, such as counselling and therapies, and all our administrative functions.

Architects have been appointed and we expect work to start in the spring or summer of 2014, and be completed in spring 2016.

I look forward to updating you on plans and services over the coming issues as we get to know the Goldsworth Park community.



Lorraine Weedon

Is there some news from Goldsworth Park that we haven't reported? Make sure we don't forget next time; email goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk. The deadline for the next edition is 11th April.



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Goldsworth GAS (Guides and Scouts)

The troops in the Scouts and Guides are always on the go, but it's been a very special time for 35 girls from the Goldsworth Park Brownies. As part of the Brownies' 100th birthday celebrations in January, they and about 3,000 other youngsters took over Butlin's in Bognor Regis.

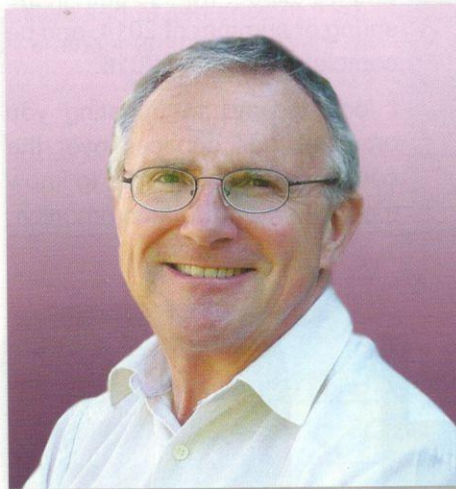
They managed to squeeze many activities into the weekend, including swimming, funfair rides, shows, crafts, soft play and time on the beach. The girls made new friends from all over the country, knowing that they had much in common thanks to Brownies, and an amazing experience was had by all. We're sure the memories will last a very long time.

The Cubs didn't have to travel quite so far for the excitement of the recent bi-annual District Sports event, which was held at Woking Leisure Centre at the beginning of February. Eight Cubs from Goldsworth Park joined about 180 other youngsters from across Woking. They took part in four 30-minute sporting sessions which culminated in a 45-minute swim in the Pool in the Park. Like the Brownies, the Cubs all had a great time, and they returned home very tired!

Claire Storey



Royer wants to hear your story



Park resident Royer Slater is determined to keep Goldsworth Park in the news for all the right reasons. So he volunteered to contribute a section to the Woking News & Mail called Park Life after he moved here last August. Now Royer has also kindly agreed to write for us (see Lakers page 10).

"Bad news finds its own way into the papers, so I aim to report the Park's good stories," he explained. "It's a great place to live. I've been amazed by the friendliness of fellow residents since moving here."

"Park Life in the Woking News & Mail has featured the great work done at Lakers youth centre, Strollers, Lakeview community centre, St Andrew's church and of course by the community association. We've also reported on the Guides and Scouts, Rangers football team and generous awards to local charities by Waitrose. I'm not paid to do it; I love our community and enjoy writing."

Royer, who was a writer, press officer and publicity manager for 40 years, is on the lookout for news and ideas for features:

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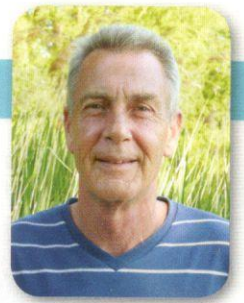
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From the Lakeside



Roger Westcott is one of the voluntary fishing bailiffs appointed by Woking Borough Council to oversee fishing, monitor fish stocks and other wildlife, and to keep the area generally clean and tidy.

Rain, gales, tornados – all have been dominating the daily news. We've all seen the footage of the devastation caused by what is said to be the worst flooding for more than 60 years and, in some cases, since records began. Residents in parts of our own borough were threatened by rising water levels when the River Wey burst its banks before the new year began. Christmas was cold and wet for many people who now, several weeks later, are still looking out on a sea of floodwater.

In Goldsworth Park, we are the lucky ones who have avoided the disaster of flooding. This has a lot to do with the sophisticated drainage system – the lake, which is capable of taking thousands of gallons of surface water each day, controlling the levels with huge pumps. Without it, I'm sure we would have a very different story to tell.

But what effect has all the adverse weather had on the wildlife? Only time will tell, though I fear that the toll of lives lost will be great. Every winter, thousands of birds, mammals and insects lose their lives due to the cold; the balance of nature is just the way of things, and this is a system which has worked for millions of years. However, once in a while, extreme conditions disrupt the equilibrium. I can remember the floods of 1968, when great swathes of Guildford, Old Woking, Molesey and beyond were under several feet of water, and life in and on our local waterways was devastated. One day, the rivers teemed with fish, water vole and

little grebes by the dozen; the next, they were all gone. I believe they still have not recovered to their former numbers, and that was just days of flooding, not weeks or months as it appears it might be this time.

Fortunately, the inhabitants of our lake, through man's ingenuity, are spared the rigours of such extreme conditions. You have only to take a glance over the water and see the wild fowl busying themselves with courtship, especially the new pair of swans who have been showing interest in the new bank. I personally haven't seen kingfishers for some weeks, but I hope it's just that I have been unlucky, and not that the bad weather has driven them away.

Below the waves, all appears to be doing well too; some of our hardened anglers have reported good catches of healthy fish. Several large carp, bream and pike have brought smiles to wind-swept, rain-sodden faces over recent weeks. In fact, if it wasn't for all the broken branches littering the banks, and one fallen tree, you would be forgiven for thinking we'd had no storms at all. Let's hope that better weather is in sight by the time you read this.

As soon as things settle, we will be having a good tidy up of all those fallen branches. If you fancy giving a hand, please get in touch. You can email the editor at goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk or phone me on 07779 896393.

And finally, I'm sure that many of

you will have noticed that the bench on the point of the lake has been vandalised by fire. We all find this very upsetting, and the individuals responsible must be brought to justice. If anyone has any information, please contact the police on 101 or, if you prefer to remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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Horsell Bowling Club update



We have had a successful 2013 season, competing in friendly and league matches for mixed teams and also men's and women's games. After our open day in April, we enrolled four seasoned players and fourteen beginners. These beginners went through coaching courses with our seven coaches and were soon playing in friendly and social matches and joining our very popular Friday club nights.

In May, we joined forces with Woking Park bowling club for a long bowling weekend in Bournemouth. Horsell players reached the finals in the Ladies' Heathfield cup and the West Surrey Midweek Men's league, and we won the finals of the Knaphill Mixed Triples league A team. The internal club competitions were also hotly contested throughout the season.

This year, our Open Day will be on Saturday 12 April. This is the ideal chance to see whether bowls is the sport for you. Novice and experienced players are welcome at our clubhouse in Queen Elizabeth Gardens, next to Horsell Village Hall between 10am and 1pm. All equipment is provided – you just need to wear flat shoes. Phone 01483 760170 or email tricia.horsell.bowls@gmail.com for more details.

Tricia Nigh



Staying secure this spring



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Goldsworth Park is generally a low-crime area but the Safer Neighbourhood Team has been working to tackle a few incidents recently.

Lead thieves

Over the past few weeks, there has been a spate of lead thefts from St Andrew's Church in Goldsworth Park. On Sunday 2nd February, 2014 three males were arrested, and they are currently on police bail.

Please check your own roof. If you discover you have been a victim of this crime, please let us know on 101. If you spot a theft in progress, please call 999.

Burglaries

In recent weeks, two properties have been burgled in Goldsworth Park, with access gained through insecure front doors. While on patrol, we are always on the lookout for vulnerable properties and vehicles. We try to identify the owners and give them the advice they need in order to protect their property. We urge you to make sure all of your doors and windows are locked at night and when you leave the house, and that valuables are not left on display.

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Bench arson

One of the benches that overlook the lake was destroyed by fire on the weekend of January 25. This is one of the favourite spots in Goldsworth Park. Did you see or hear anything? We are appealing for information from anyone that could help us identify the offender.

Email sntwoking@surrey.pnn.police.uk, call 101 or have a chat when you see us on patrol. In an emergency, please dial 999.

Woking foodbank



There is now a food charity in Woking for people in need. Back in September, a launch night at the Lightbox gallery, where the charity is based, recruited volunteers and got the project rolling. In November, the first collection of food donations was made at Waitrose in Goldsworth Park.

Collections gather food from members of the public and organisations. These are taken to a warehouse for storage – the foodbank is designed to have supplies for three days in case of an

emergency.

The distribution is organised by frontline professionals, such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, Citizens Advice Bureau staff, welfare officers, the police and probation officers. They hand out vouchers to people they judge to be in need.

When those people come to the foodbank to collect their parcel of goods, they are given some time by the volunteers to talk about their situation and discuss ways they might

find more help.

The foodbank relies on support from the public, in the form of food and financial donations, fundraising and volunteering by members of the public, and sponsorship from local businesses.

The foodbank is open on Mondays and Thursdays between 10:30 and 12:30. To find out more, visit woking.foodbank.org.uk, email info@woking.foodbank.org.uk or call 07896 077760.

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Little monsters welcomed at Rangers

(Continued from front cover)

Their weekly training sessions are held every Saturday morning on Goldsworth Park recreation ground. Both teams play matches every Sunday in the Surrey Primary league. Under the Football Association's new youth development guidelines, under-7s teams play five-a-side football on appropriately sized pitches with small goals.

New opportunities

And so, onto the next generation... Do you know any energetic boys or girls aged between 3 and 6 – that is, year one at school or younger? As part of our continued goal to provide fun through football in the local community, Goldsworth Park Rangers' under-6s youth development section is recruiting local youngsters to the club's weekly sessions, run by FA-qualified coaches.

At this age, the emphasis for the kids is as much on having fun as developing as a player. For those that enjoy it and want to continue, this age group is the future of the club, as

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the boys and girls will go on to be part of the under-7s team and beyond. The 3- to 6-year-olds train every Saturday morning, from 10 to 11 at Goldsworth Park rec. If you're interested, please come down and join us, or email secretary@gprfc.org for more details.

The sessions are run on a pay-and-play basis, with no joining fee. The cost is just £2

per session, to cover our admin, insurance and equipment costs. GPRFC's under-6s are kindly supported by Greenoak Housing Association. We would like to thank them for their donation towards our kit and equipment.

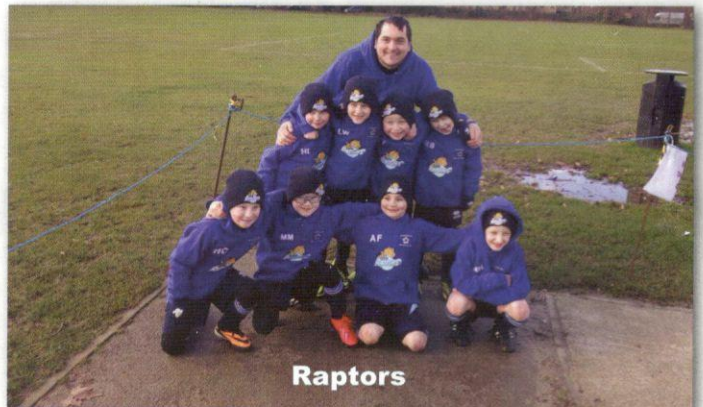
The sunshine is coming

Over the weekend of 7-8 June, Goldsworth Park Rangers will host our annual tournament. 2013 was the biggest event so far, with over 1,000 children visiting us to play football. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make it a success. Let's hope we can top this in 2014!

Andy Morgan, club development



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Silent Witness filmed on Horsell Common

Nearby Horsell Common made a star turn in January, in the BBC crime series Silent Witness. A stand of Scots pine trees did some very wooden acting, pretending to be the Highlands of Scotland. Within the story, the area turned out to be filled with the makeshift graves of murder victims. Fortunately, it was all special effects, filmed in September 2013.

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Lakers gives out well-deserved awards

Proud leaders and supporters of Lakers youth centre paid tribute to its young people at its first ever awards evening. The sparkling event was co-produced by youth workers and the young people themselves. It included musical entertainment by talented Lakers youngsters. Representatives from the centre's partner organisations were on hand to present the awards to deserving winners.

"We are very proud of all the young people who received awards," said Sandie Bolger, youth and community worker at Lakers. "They are role models for all young people."

Awards were presented for a wide variety of activities, including volunteering, creative arts, peer mentoring, partnership and curriculum projects, community events and membership of Lakers' steering group.



The star awards were presented to Gina Marie Munday, young person of the year, and Marcus Afonso Martin, volunteer of the year. "We thank Mr and Mrs Calvert for the sponsorship of the trophies for these two main awards," said Sandie. "It was great to see so many families and friends supporting the young people, and to see everyone having a great time."

Several of Lakers' partner organisations were represented, including Woking borough council, Surrey county council, the Lifetrain Trust, the Lightbox and Woking safer neighbourhood policing team.

The memorable evening ended with a disco. If you'd like to find out more about Lakers youth centre, call 01483 743775.

This photo shows some of the award winners, including, on the front row, Marcus Afonso Martin (first left) and Gina Marie Munday (third from right).

Royer Slater

Goldsworth Park boundary changes

Woking Borough Council has asked the GPCA for comments on the proposed electoral boundary changes. The deadline is 8th March, so please get your comments to the GPCA quickly. Send all comments to chairman. gpc@ntlworld.com.

The aim is to even out the size of the electoral wards. On this map, the green shows the area that was built as Goldsworth Park, which the GPCA represents, and the red shows the proposed new boundary. You can see the full proposals on WBC's website at www.woking.gov.uk/council/election/boroughwardboundariesreview.

Here are a few key points you should know about the plan:

- There will be a single ward with three councillors, replacing the existing arrangement where Goldsworth Park is split across two wards and represented by five councillors
- As is stands, Goldsworth Park is too large for one ward

so the Claydon Road area and the area to the south west of Sythwood will be incorporated into Horsell, and the area south of Lockfield Drive and the canal will be incorporated into Canalside

- The rationale is that these areas are accessed from the "new" wards, although the roads entered through Slocock Hill can only be accessed through Harelands roundabout in Goldsworth Park, and, in some cases, residents feel that they are more part of the "new" ward than Goldsworth Park
- However, it would mean the "real" entrance to Goldsworth Park, with the specimen trees from the original nursery on the site, would be outside Goldsworth Park

Do you represent a club or group who we don't talk about enough (or at all)? We'd love to give you a voice in Goldsworth News. Drop us a line: goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk



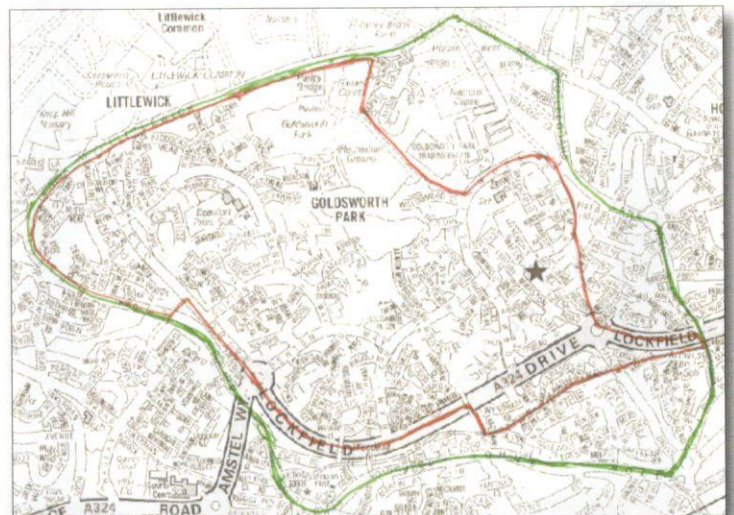
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Be heard

Woking Borough Council is keen to have more representatives from Goldsworth West on its Citizens' Advice Panel. It is your opportunity to have your say on the way services are provided in the Borough. This group is taken as representative of their community in consultations over matters such as leisure, waste, recycling and housing.

Feedback is gained through questionnaires sent by email or post.

The panel is made up of residents from all backgrounds and ethnicities. Applicants must be over 16. There are currently over 1,000 members but more are needed, especially in under-represented wards such as Goldsworth West, Knaphill South, Knaphill and Hermitage.

To find out more, visit www.woking.gov.uk/citizenspanel.

Goldsworth Road changes

The application for a new fire station building in Goldsworth Road has been submitted to Woking borough council. The building will replace the current CTD Tile Showroom, Cavendish House and units one to six in Butts Road.

The new fire station is intended to

replace the old facility in the town centre, which is planned to become the site of the new Victoria Square development, along with a wide area that includes the former Woking market, the former post office and Globe House. The new market will be based in Peacock Walk.

The fire station will be larger than the one it replaces and there will be 20 flats on its top storey.

The plans for Victoria Square were also submitted, and these will feature retail units – including a Marks & Spencer – a hotel, flats and car parking. The scheme has been finalised, after public consultations in 2013.

To find out more, visit victoriasquarewoking.co.uk.

Big banana split a treat for fairtrade

Woking Fairtrade Action Network will be creating Woking's biggest ever banana split on Saturday 8th March at the Living Planet Centre, home of WWF UK. The event, which is open to the public, comes at the end of Fairtrade Fortnight (24 February to 9th March) and aims to put the spotlight on the problems associated with the unsustainable pricing of bananas in the UK. The event will finish with the

opportunity to dig into a 14m-long banana split!

Material benefits

You can now recycle textiles, such as worn out clothing, shoes (in pairs), curtains, bedding, blankets and towels. Simply place them in a standard carrier bag, tie the handles and place it next to your blue-lidded bin on the same day as your recycling collection.

Once collected, textiles are sorted. Clothing that can be reused is shipped to developing countries, while the rest is shredded and made into new products, such as car mats, cloths, flocking and felt.

Any unwanted items of clothing in good condition should be donated to charity.

The collection of small electrical items takes place on the same day as your black bin. These also need to be tied inside a carrier bag and placed next to the bin.

Small electrical items can be recycled if they are no larger than 35cm by 40cm and fit into a standard carrier bag. This includes kettles, hair dryers, games consoles, DVD players, radios and mobile phones. Even if the items are broken, they can still be recycled.

Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 – 9. Solution next issue.

		8	3		4			
	2					9	6	
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		2			6	8		

Solution to June 2013 (!) Puzzle

3	9	2	1	4	7	6	8	5
4	6	5	3	8	9	7	1	2
1	8	7	6	2	5	4	9	3
6	3	1	9	5	4	8	2	7
9	7	4	2	6	8	3	5	1
2	5	8	7	1	3	9	4	6
7	4	3	5	9	2	1	6	8
8	2	6	4	3	1	5	7	9
5	1	9	8	7	6	2	3	4

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