

# GOLDSWORTH NEWS



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Goldsworth Park Rangers FC's under-8 teams, GPR Raptors (red) and GPR T-Rex's (blue), pictured before their match

## **Goldsworth Park Rangers showcases grassroots football to the world**

Our local youth football club, Goldsworth Park Rangers, had a busy weekend just before Christmas. The club, who are based on Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground, has certainly been going places in recent years, growing at such a pace that they have had their third season running of record membership, which currently stands at 290 boys and girls. The local youngsters can be seen being put through their paces every Saturday morning over the rec, and then flying the flag for Goldsworth Park by playing matches all over Surrey on Sundays.

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**Three hours free parking at Woking Park** New parking arrangements introduced at Woking Park took effect in December that give up to three hours completely free any day, but you will have to pay if you want to stay longer. Drivers will have to park in a responsible manner – drivers who leave vehicles on double yellows, grass verges or pavements run the risk of a fixed penalty notice. For more information about Woking Park's new car parking arrangements, visit [www.woking.gov.uk/wokingparkcarpark](http://www.woking.gov.uk/wokingparkcarpark)

**An end to 'sardine' train travel?** Network Rail has issued proposals to improve its services from Waterloo. They include carrying out work at Waterloo, changing all 'main suburban' peak trains to run at 10-car instead of current 8-car lengths, improvement of 'on station' capacity for passengers at Waterloo and a number of suburban stations and additional rolling stock to strengthen Main Line trains from Woking and further out that currently do not operate at their potential maximum length. If you want to have your say on the proposals, email [WessexRouteStudy@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:WessexRouteStudy@networkrail.co.uk). All feedback must be received by 18 February 2015 when the public consultation period closes.

**Operation Winter swings into action** Surrey County Council's fleet of gritting lorries are in action as road surface temperatures plunge. Ahead of winter, Surrey stockpiled 16,000 tonnes of salt, prepared 39 hi-tech gritters and signed up an army of farmers equipped with spreaders and ploughs. In addition nearly 1,800 roadside grit bins were filled. New hi-tech weather forecasts are giving Surrey drivers even better protection from ice and snow this winter with the introduction of route-specific forecasts that focus on which roads will be coldest and need advance salting rather than whole areas.

**More than 100 new apprenticeships created** A Surrey County Council drive to create apprenticeships has raced past the 100 mark. Almost 90 firms have now committed to fill 115 apprentice roles as a condition of securing their contracts. Places have been created across an array of sectors, including hospitality, social care and vehicle maintenance. The news came less than six months after the procurement team set a target of filling 170 apprenticeships to support the council's efforts to promote economic growth. The council had also helped 600 teenagers into apprenticeships since the previous year's

Career Fair through a cash incentive scheme.

**Levy to aid local community needs** Woking Borough Council has adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that will secure contributions from developers. New developments will be charged a standardised non-negotiable levy, with funds raised used to support the development of local community needs, such as children's play provision and transport improvements. To allow developers time to take account of the new levy in their development proposals, it will be introduced from 1 April 2015. For further information, please visit [www.woking2027.info/infrastructure](http://www.woking2027.info/infrastructure) or call Woking Borough Council's Planning Policy Team on 01483 743871 or email [planning.policy@woking.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@woking.gov.uk).

**Know a young person with the 'eXceptional' factor?** Nominations are welcomed for the 2015 Young People's Civic Awards Scheme, which aims to promote and reward community spirit in young people aged up to 18 years of age. The scheme, run by Woking Borough Council, recognises children and young people who have achieved exceptional success, in areas that are not normally recognised by formal accreditation. Nominees are being sought in the following three categories:

- **Outstanding Contribution to the Community:** this includes work in areas such as helping older or disabled people, working with children, fundraising for good causes and getting involved with voluntary organisations.
- **Triumph Over Adversity:** this includes endurance and bravery, such as overcoming disability or helping a parent or family member with a disability.
- **Outstanding Achievement:** this covers excellence in many fields – sport, music, drama, and visual arts – particularly in less academic subjects that are not normally recognised or rewarded in other ways.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 23 January 2015. Application forms are available from Julie Northcote, Democratic Services Officer on 01483 743053, or by emailing [julie.northcote@woking.gov.uk](mailto:julie.northcote@woking.gov.uk)

**Squash those litterbugs** The second phase of an initiative to reduce the amount of litter dropped on our streets and catch litterbugs began in November. Anyone spotted dropping litter will receive an on-the-spot Fixed Penalty Notice and be fined £75 or face prosecution, which carries a maximum fine of £2,500. Litter is a serious problem which costs councils thousands of pounds each year. The message to visitors to the town centre is clear – Woking doesn't tolerate litter and if you're caught dropping it, expect to be fined.

**Thank you, Goldsworth Park** Sport Relief Woking Goldsworth Park Mile, with all sponsorship money now in, raised a whopping £6,449.69. Every penny will be used by Sport Relief to help disadvantaged people, both at home in the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries, to turn their lives around. At the event, local people of all ages and abilities completed one, three or six miles of a challenging course around Goldsworth Lake. Some participants chose to complete the course in their own special style, including running in fancy dress, completing the race backwards and even teaming up with someone else to do it three-legged.



## Goldsworth News

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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 on Wednesday 14th January in the Dianthus building by the lake. Please email the chairman if you would like to receive the minutes every month: [chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk) or call 01483 714096

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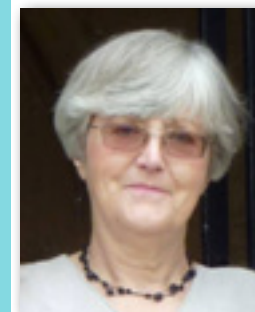
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## From the Chairman

### Goldwater Lodge



I had hoped to be able to announce an opening date for the Community Hall in this issue. In December, we had been told that the main work would be complete by 23rd and we planned to take the Hall over on 5th January after commissioning but there have been major problems with the electricity and gas supplies, much to the frustration of both the GPCA and Woking Borough Council. Everyone seems to stop work for two weeks over Christmas so it is likely to be the end of January before we can move back in. At the AGM, Ray Morgan (Chief Executive of Woking Borough Council) said we would be celebrating by Easter. At the time, I thought he was being pessimistic but now I think he was just being realistic! On a brighter note, what you will see when the Hall is open again is a bright clean space with a lovely wood-look floor throughout, a new kitchen with beech cupboards and stainless steel appliances, bright new toilets, improved and more versatile lighting, a much needed ventilation system and free wi-fi.

### Annual General Meeting

We had a very good turnout at the AGM – it is good to see so many residents taking an interest in the GPCA. The report from the AGM is on the website – [ourgoldsworthpark.org](http://ourgoldsworthpark.org).

uk – so if you were unable to attend you can read about it there (click "About" then "Meeting minutes"). Ray Morgan, Chief Executive of Woking Borough Council, attended to talk about the problems that had caused the delays to the building. He answered questions about all sorts of issues including the public toilets, lighting round the lake and recreation ground, and the installation of CCTV cameras. Please read the report on the website for his answers.

### Projects

The Community Hall is not the only topic of interest to the GPCA. You should be able to see the fruits of some of our other labours soon with the installation of new street maps of the area. We are also involved in campaigns for an improved crossing by the Fox and Flowerpot and an increase in the number of parking spaces for disabled people in the shopping centre car park. There is the ongoing discussion about the overhanging trees on the footpath to Langman's Bridge and issues over the responsibility for parcels of seemingly common land.

If you have any issues of general concern or would like to help with any of these projects, contact me through this magazine or on [chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk).

All that's left for me to do is to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year and to say I hope to see you all at the opening of the Community Hall in the near future.

*Irene Watson,  
GPCA Chairman*

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## Woking Parking Review

Last year, Surrey County Council undertook a review of requests for new, or amendments to existing, parking restrictions. Recommendations for new restrictions and changes to existing arrangements were presented to the joint Woking Committee on 22 October 2014. The joint Woking Committee approved all of the recommendations and these are now being formally advertised for public comment. They can be seen at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/parking-news-and-updates/parking-news-and-updates-in-woking](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/parking-news-and-updates/parking-news-and-updates-in-woking)

For Goldsworth Park, there are three recommendations for double yellow lines at junctions to prevent vehicles parking dangerously and obstructing sight lines. The junctions are:

- Tresillian Way junction with Sythwood
- Willowmead Close junction with Sythwood
- Marston Road junction with Hallington Close

Objections, comments and letters of support must be submitted by 23rd January 2015 either on the web page using the feedback form, or by posting a letter to:

Woking 2014 Parking Review, Parking Team, Rowan House, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 7BQ.

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## An exciting year ahead for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

by Lorraine Weedon, Marketing & Communications Manager

It's the January issue and of course that means a new year is upon us, and what an exciting year it will be. The conversion of Goldsworth House to a new state-of-the-art Hospice will start in February, and everyone at Woking & Sam Beare Hospices is looking forward to providing the best possible environment for our patients and their families. They remain at the heart of everything we do and everything we seek to achieve. Our talented and dedicated staff, along with over 800 volunteers will ensure a smooth transition.

Volunteers are vital to the provision of Hospice care and as we begin 2015, I would like to say a huge thank you to people who volunteer for the Hospices. I am very proud to say we have the support of over 800 part-time volunteers, each of whom give their time when they can. Put simply, we would not be able to provide the services we do without them. Our Volunteers bring with them a huge range of skills and experience which we use across the organisation, in everything from our retail outlets and fundraising initiatives through to driving, cake and tea-making for patients, flower arranging, reception and administrative support.

We have an exciting new chapter in the history of the hospices approaching, which we know will be embraced by our existing volunteers and will inspire others to get involved. Could this be you? Find out more on the Hospice website ([www.wsbhospices.co.uk](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk)) or call Volunteer Services on 01483 881750. We'd love you to join our team.

Happy New Year from all at Woking & Sam Beare Hospices.



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## Notices

If you live in Goldsworth Park, you are automatically a member of the GPCA, so make sure you have your say in 2015. Let us know your thoughts on the community, the GPCA, the magazine, the new website ([www.ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](http://www.ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk)) and local issues that affect you. We will try our best to publish your letter but may not have space to feature every one and may need to cut it to fit the space. We will include your name and road unless you ask us not to do so.

### New email addresses

As part of the launch of the new website we now have new email accounts. We will still see any emails you send to the old addresses for the time being but please start using these new ones:

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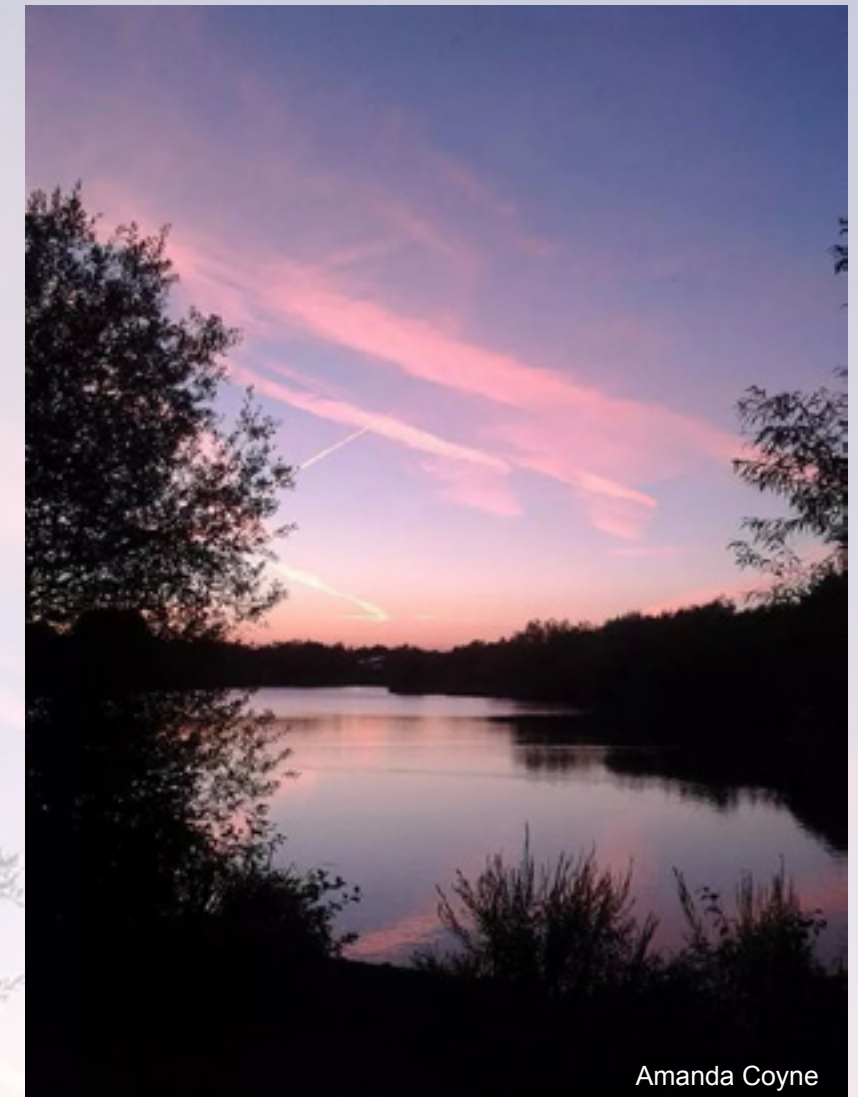
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### Special Notice

*Congratulations to our past editor Amanda Coulson and her husband Denzil on the birth of their daughter, Alizah, a sister for Josh and Alannah.*



Amanda Coyne

In the last edition we asked you to share your pictures of life in Goldsworth Park. Amanda Coyne took this beautiful photo of a rich pink sunset reflected in the lake. If you have recently taken a picture of any aspect of life on Goldsworth Park that you'd like to share, we will try to feature it in the magazine or on [ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](http://ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk). Just email [editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk).

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## Goldsworth Park Rangers showcases grassroots football

*Continued from cover*

Lee Swain, Club Chairman, explained: "As the local football club and a registered charity, we are renowned for an ethos of football for all in the local community. All of our coaches and behind-the-scenes helpers are volunteers and do a great job in encouraging children to keep fit and healthy, learning and developing as footballers, in a fun environment. This has meant that this year we have 23 teams, all regularly taking to the pitch."

And the club laid on a treat for the children on Saturday 13th December. Goldsworth Park Rangers was chosen by the Surrey FA to host a TV crew from South Korea who were making a documentary around football at all levels. GPR were chosen to show how things are at grassroots level. The TV crew spent the morning interviewing players, parents and coaches from the FA Charter Standard club and filming the action.

The club put on a number of matches for various ages to

showcase youth football. They also paid respect to Surrey FA's FootballRemembers Week. The Club Secretary, Andy Morgan, said, "The Surrey FA commemorated the centenary of one of the most iconic moments of the First World War - the 1914 Christmas Truce - as part of a week of Remembrance activity in December 2014. This was joint collaboration between the FA, the Premier League, the Football League and the British Council, with the aim being to make football fans and players at every level aware of what took place on Christmas Day one hundred years ago on the battlefields of the Western Front. On 25th December 1914, soldiers from both sides put down their weapons and crossed into 'no man's land' to share in an impromptu ceasefire. First-hand accounts from the time include references to football being played and photographs taken."



The club's under-10 teams, GPR Lions (red) and GPR Hotspurs (blue), pictured before their game

The children were honoured to be invited by Surrey FA to play their part in this event, especially in front of the TV cameras. To recognise the respect between opposing teams, before each of the matches both sets of teams posed for mixed photos. Games were also played under the theme of Respect, whereby the club encourages players and spectators to respect the opposition and the referee. The club's youngest teams, the under-7 Eagles and Hawks, took the festive mood one step further, turning up in Christmas hats!

Louis Freullet, coach of under-8 Raptors, one of the teams involved, said, "This was a great day for all of the kids: we played our friendly rivals, GPR T-Rex's, one of the club's other under-8 teams, and it was great to see the boys and

girls play football in the right spirit. I'm proud to be part of a club that prioritises taking part and enjoying the game rather than winning at all costs, something we all firmly believe is in the best long-term interests of the children, as demonstrated by Goldsworth Park Rangers being selected by Surrey FA to represent the face of grassroots football in this event."

Any local youngsters interested in joining the club should email [Chairman@GPRFC.org](mailto:Chairman@GPRFC.org). Goldsworth Park Rangers are particularly keen to hear from any under-6s (i.e. current school year 1), as this will form the basis of next years' under-7 team. At under-6, the children will take part in coaching sessions every Saturday this season, before progressing to representing the club in Sunday matches next season.

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## Police Update

*By PC Emma Robinson*

### Beat the burglars this winter

Happy New Year from the Goldsworth Park police team!

Goldsworth Park has been experiencing a small number of burglaries now that the darker evenings have arrived. This is currently an issue that we are experiencing borough wide.

In response to this our teams have increased patrols in the key areas, highlighting potential vulnerabilities in properties to residents

If you are going away this winter, then please make sure that your property looks occupied and ask a reliable neighbour to check on your property daily.



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As always we encourage residents to visit [www.immobolise.com](http://www.immobolise.com), where you can mark property and valuables linked to your address.

Please also check out our website ([www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk)) for information on crime prevention and keeping safe.

The next panel meeting will be arranged in the new year and a date will be published nearer the time.

## A personal view *by Royer Slater*



I'm going to make an effort to smile and say hello to people I encounter when walking around Goldsworth Park. Please try it yourself. What a friendlier, happier community we'll be! But first we need to make eye contact, which isn't always easy.

I hear that studies of behaviour have established we humans have a need to belong. But there's a well-known social rule in busy towns and cities: you do not make eye contact with a stranger in the street or on public transport. Perhaps a friendly greeting – even so much as making eye contact – is mistrusted and seen as a threat in the urban environment. I bet many clever people have analysed this and written lots of words on the subject.

People in busy towns and cities keep their heads down, and the predilection for using phones and tablets at all times gives them an excuse. They'd rather talk to people miles away than say hello to someone in front of them.

I hope Goldsworth Park is different. We're a relatively small community – more like a village. Whether you know lots of your neighbours or hardly any, when walking around the Park you are more likely to encounter people you know, or recognise people you often see, than in the town.

Please join me in trying this – I know it may be a challenge at first: make eye contact, smile and say hello to people you pass, even if you don't know them. A simple smile and greeting could be the highlight of that person's day. They'll know you noticed them and that they matter. If you're shy, just make eye contact, smile or nod. You'll progress to making short observations about the weather in no time!

Regardless of whether you play the greeting game yourself, how will you respond if a stranger makes eye contact and greets you with a smile, a cheery "hello", "morning" or "hi"? Well, smile and return the greeting of course: that person might be me – and I'm only trying to be friendly!



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