



## COMMUNITY HALL – GRAND OPENING



1. Ian Rickard, past Chair, and Irene Watson, Chair of the GPCA, welcoming the Mayor, Tony Branagan, to the Community Hall. 2. The Mayor and Mayoress with Cllr Hilary Addison and Irene Watson outside the Hall. 3. Irene Watson welcoming Jonathan Lord, MP. 4. The Chair of the GPCA recalls the original opening of the Hall in 1987. 5. Tony Branagan, the Mayor, declares the Community Hall open for business and speaks of the new facilities. 6. An appreciative audience. 7. Jonathan Lord, MP commends the work of the volunteers in the GPCA for the community magazine, the campaigns to benefit residents of Goldsworth Park and the Hall. 8. Entertainment provided by SingGold, the Goldsworth Park community choir, led by Malcolm Herbert. 9. Dedicating the bench in memory of Peter Winter, a founder member of the GPCA who was Chairman when the Hall was first opened in 1987.

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# GOLDSWORTH NEWS

Goldsworth News is the magazine of the Goldsworth Park Community Association, published bi-monthly and distributed free of charge to approximately 5,000 dwellings and organisations throughout Goldsworth Park and the surrounding area.

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## GPCA MEETINGS

The meetings of the community association are now held on the second Tuesday of every month, at the Community Hall in the reopened Goldwater Lodge. The next meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday, 12th May. All residents are welcome to attend. If you would like to be included on the mailing list for minutes and other information, email chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk or call 01483 714096.

## COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

The Goldsworth Park Councillors hold a surgery between 10 and 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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# Views from the Chair

You will see some changes in the magazine this issue. The designer, Fat Crow Designs, who also sourced the advertising, could not continue and so we were unable to publish a full magazine in March. Now, with the assistance of Jon Davies of Knaphill Print, we have met Paul Webster, who will source the advertising, and Knaphill Print will undertake design and printing. I hope you continue to enjoy the new-look magazine.

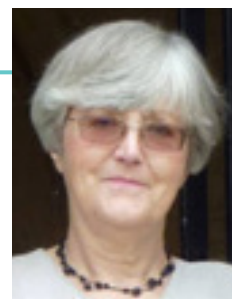
At long last, I can say that the Community Hall at Goldwater Lodge is finally open for business. You will have read my rants and moans about the delays; I have been very frustrated about the time it has taken. However, now that it is finished, I want to record my thanks to Woking Borough Council for investing so much time, effort and money, and making the Community Hall probably the best "village hall" in the

Borough. We had a successful opening event at the end of March; see the front cover of the magazine for some of the highlights.

A new magazine, a new community hall and spring is here – would it be tempting fate to say that things are looking up for the GPCA? Now that we're in the warmer season, I hope to see lots more of you around and about, enjoying the lake and the recreation ground.

If you have any issues of general concern or would like to be involved in the work of the GPCA, please contact me through this magazine or on chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk.

*Irene Watson, GPCA Chairman*



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# Letters

**Note from the editor:** 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. We will include your name and road unless you ask us not to do so. Please keep letters under 100 words. You can also leave comments on the website: [ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](http://ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk)

## Parking in Goldsworth Park Centre

I had hoped that when the new management company took over running the Goldsworth Park Centre car park there would have been some improvements. Sadly, this is not the case.

The car park is badly designed, with only half the spaces available at any visit. It is worse for disabled drivers. If the six spaces (there should be at least 15) are full on the first pass, the only courses of action are to leave the car park or to try and squeeze into an unsuitable smaller space.

Some time ago I had an urgent appointment with the surgery and was forced to use the ambulance bay. I promptly got a ticket, even though I was displaying my badge.

I took legal advice and wrote the following: You must be aware that within your terms of reference in operating this car park, comes an obligation to make Reasonable Adjustment to the rules under the Disability Discrimination Act of 1995. This you are signally failing to do. Should you persist further with this matter, I will take action through a court of law to seek redress for harassment under this Disability Discrimination Act.

After seven letters demanding payment, I had a phone call apologising and cancelling the charge.

Your readers might like to use this method.

Name supplied

## Littlewick Road crossing petition

I am asking the council to make it safer for pedestrians to cross Littlewick Road between Littlewick Common and the Goldsworth Park estate. I have to cross this road each day with my young children to get to school and it is really frightening. It is a 40mph road and it is hard to find a big enough gap to cross safely in the busy morning traffic. Residents of Littlewick Common are cut off by the road, we have nowhere else to cross and all our community services (doctor, schools, shops, recreation ground, playground) are on the other side of this busy stretch of road. There is also a pre-school on Littlewick Common, so many parents with young children and buggies brave this road every morning. The petition closes on 10th June. If you would like to sign it, you can find it on the council's website at:

<http://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk>

Kirsty Green

## Thank you from Woking Lions



I am writing to say thank you to your readers for their recent financial support to enable us to help others.

We are most grateful to all who have put money into our collecting boxes outside Morrisons, Waitrose and Sainsbury's stores recently. Also, we are grateful to the generosity of Waitrose for including us in their "green disc scheme" as well as donating up to £1,000 of goods towards both our Christmas parcels for the needy and Christmas Day Meal for the lonely. On both we reached new heights with 185 parcels delivered before Christmas Day, up by some 15 on previous years, and seating 80 lonely people, up by 10 on last year, to a full turkey meal at Moorcroft Day Centre with entertainment following. Thanks to Woking Community Transport (Bustler), who helped with transport, and to Mayor Cllr Tony Branagan and his wife Mary for joining us.

On Project Wenceslas, the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) has already received donations approaching £4,000, so we have exceeded the £3,700 raised last year. The CAB has put this to good use helping a number of families who were in fuel poverty last winter.

We are always looking for new helpers for this most rewarding work. Please contact Woking Lions by ringing 0845 833 2747 if you would like to receive further details, or come to one of our meetings, which we hold on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Woking Homes, Oriental Road.

Roger Chamberlain

President - Woking Lions Club

## Parking outside Sythwood School

Every day at least 3 cars park on the zigzag lines outside the school during the 4 drop off/ pick up times. From my experience of that and the presence of double yellow lines around Venton Close I believe that by painting the lines to many they will mean nothing or be totally ignored. To others it will be a sign which says you must not park here but this therefore means you can park wherever else you want be it sensible or not. And so you will create a one-line traffic system because the presence of the yellow lines will say don't park here but where they stop you can park! Only by putting the lines along the whole of the road AND 3 stripes will you have a chance of deterring parking. Since they only don't park on zigzag lines when the police stand in full view I hardly think yellow lines will stop them.

Name supplied



## NOTICES

A map showing footpaths on Goldsworth Park is available from several Goldsworth Park shops and the St Andrew's Church coffee shop, for a contribution of £1 (or more!) to Woking Hospice.

## CALENDAR

**Sunday 7th June:** Woking & Sam Beare Hospices' annual Classic Car Show & Fayre

**Saturday 27th June:** Woking Choral Society concert

**Sunday 5th July:** Woking & Sam Beare Hospices Dragon Boat Challenge

## EVENTS IN DETAIL

### Hospices Classic Car Show & Fayre; Sunday 7th June

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices' annual Classic Car Show & Fayre will take place on Sunday 7th June 11am – 4pm at Mercedes-Benz World in Weybridge, Surrey.

This iconic venue forms the perfect backdrop for the show and as well as an exciting array of classic cars and motorbikes, there will be entertainment for the whole family including; acts in the arena, trade stalls, bouncy castles, bungee fly, live music and a full range of refreshments.

This year we are also delighted to announce that Brooklands Museum will be exhibiting the Napier-Railton at the show. Commissioned by the Brooklands driver John Cobb, the 24 litre Napier-Railton was designed by Reid Railton and built by Thomson and Taylor at their engineering works at Brooklands in 1933. John Cobb and his co-drivers achieved many Brooklands and World land speed records with the car. There will be a demonstration during the afternoon.

The show also provides exhibitors with the chance to win one of four trophies – Best Car and Best Motorcycle and Runner-up for both, chosen by an expert judging panel. Last year over 5,000 people attended the show in support of the Hospices and the event raised over £20,000. All money raised is used to support our patients and their families living with life-limiting illnesses.

If you are interested in exhibiting your classic car or motorbike, visit [www.wsbhospices.co.uk](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk) or call the Fundraising Team on 01483 881752.

### Woking Choral Society concert; HG Wells Centre; Saturday 27th June at 7.30pm

#### PROGRAMME

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## NEWS

The street maps of Goldsworth Park, erected in the 1980s when this most confusing of housing developments was built, had become very dilapidated over the years to the point of being illegible. Now, thanks to the work of two residents with the support of the Goldsworth Park Community Association and funding from Surrey County Councillors Saj Hussain and Colin Kemp, the maps have been replaced and an additional map located near the recreation ground car park.



Steve Willson, Goldsworth Park's own cartographer



The old maps have been consigned to the bin

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# From the Lakeside



■ Roger Westcott is Club Secretary and fishing bailiff working in partnership with Woking Borough Council to oversee fishing, monitor fish stocks and other wildlife, and keep the area generally clean and tidy.

Since the very beginning of the restoration project on the lake, I'd hoped that, one day, we would see swans nesting on site – something we have not seen for many years. The principle of "If we build it, they will come" has paid off; with the now well-established marginal planting, we have a pair of swans that have chosen to nest in what appeared to be an ideal spot, secure on most sides and, with a little help from us in the form of some fencing, they should have been successful. However, sadly this was not the case. After the pen had been sitting on her eggs for over two weeks, we noticed that she had abandoned the nest and the eggs were no longer there. With no obvious signs of a struggle, I would rule out foxes and the like; the perpetrators must have been human! Sadly, there are some unscrupulous individuals out there who will take any birds eggs from the wild, despite it being illegal.

At this time of year, much of our wildlife is busy rearing families and we, as humans, have a duty of care and responsibility for giving nature the respect it deserves. Let's admire the beauty of the wildlife but from a distance. This duty of care includes the way we feed them. Over the coming weeks, there will be many new arrivals in our gardens, and in and around the lake. Please do not feed them with loads of bread; it is no good to them as it has no dietary benefit, so think of more natural foods such as grain or corn or a proprietary waterfowl food. Young birds need to learn from their parents how to forage for insects or eat weed and reeds to grow into healthy birds.

The other piece of news I'd like to share with you is that the Goldsworth Park Angling Club is now managing all the fishing on

the lake. You may have been aware that, until 31st March 2015, fishing on the lake was controlled by Woking Borough Council which kept all the money collected. From 1st April, the Goldsworth Park Angling Club, formed by regular fishermen on the lake, will ensure that all the proceeds from fishing will go back into the lake and the sport. The Club will also be managing two of the four ponds in the Brookwood Country Park, offering members a choice of waters to fish and different challenges. The moneys generated will enable the Club to maintain all the good work that has been achieved over the last few years at Goldsworth Park Lake and to extend the improvements to Brookwood Ponds.

It is also the Club's commitment to create

opportunities for youngsters and beginners in the sport through teaching programmes, and for more experienced members with some competitive angling. The Club will also be looking to improve fish stocks in its waters by monitoring fish health and numbers and looking to create a healthy balance appropriate to the environment. By working in partnership with Woking Borough Council, the Angling Trust, the Environment Agency and Thames Water, the Club is confident that this new venture will be a great success. Watch this space and I will do my best to keep you all updated on developments as time goes by.

*If you would like to know more, you can go online – search Goldsworth Park Lake Fishing – or give me a call on 07779 896393.*

Photo by Steve Willson





# Updates to Robin Hood roundabout on Lockfield Drive

Work has begun to improve the Robin Hood roundabout, carried out by Woking Borough Council and Enterprise Rent-A-Car as part of a project to create sustainable roundabouts across the country.

Nigel Dunnett from The University of Sheffield has produced designs based on his signature stitch-planting style, as used at the Olympic Park.

The planting is planned for this year, for flowering from spring 2016. With around 40 different species, the new design will provide high visual impact and be good for pollinators and birds.



*An artist's impression of the planned design*

Woking Borough Council is also working with colleagues from Surrey County Council

to resolve long standing surface water issues at the roundabout.

## WOKING & SAM BEARE HOSPICES

By Lorraine Weedon, Marketing and Communications Manager



### New Hospice for the people of Woking and North West Surrey wins planning permission



*An artist's impression of the planned new entrance for the Hospice building*

On Wednesday 11th February Woking & Sam Beare Hospices (WSBH) was delighted to be granted planning permission for the development of its new Hospice located in Denton Way, Goldsworth Park, Woking.

The new Hospice will be a modern centre of excellence in palliative care and will include a 20-bed in-patient facility and a Day Care unit designed to cater for daily outpatient visits. The Day Care unit will provide medical assessments and treatments, complimentary therapies, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and wellness activities. There will also be a Hospice community team of Clinical Nurse Specialists and teams managing education, bereavement counselling and spiritual care.

The Hospice will be modern, warm and welcoming with a public café and information centre, which will be open to the public to help engage with the community and dispel some of the commonly held misconceptions about hospices.

*We look forward to engaging with the community as we move the project forward. For further information, please visit [www.wsbhospices.co.uk](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk)*

## Hearing aid maintenance

The monthly NHS Hearing Aid NHS hearing aid maintenance service on Goldsworth Park has proved very popular with as many as 27 users attending the sessions, held on the first Wednesday of each month from 1pm-3pm at St Andrew's Church.

Since February the NHS-trained volunteers have been able to replace the slim Corda tubes and plastic domes, or the wider tubing

on hearing aids with moulded earpieces.

NHS hearing aid users can also get batteries at the sessions. Patients should bring along their brown NHS book.

There is no need to make an appointment: simply check in at a special reception desk in the Coffee Shop café at St Andrew's, Goldsworth Park Centre, between 1pm and 3pm.

By Royer Slater







# GOLDSWORTH PARK RANGERS Eagles soaring thanks to Key Tuition



Every member of Goldsworth Park Rangers' youngest team, the under-seven Eagles has recently received a new look kit, training tops and jackets courtesy of a generous donation from Key Tuition Surrey.

The popular children's football club, based in Goldsworth Park, Woking has record numbers of children training and playing matches with the club. The kids train on Saturdays and then play matches all over Surrey on Sunday mornings. The youngest age group is the under-sevens and they are thriving this year, with three teams of boys

and girls taking to the pitch: the Eagles, Hawks and Falcons.

The under-seven Eagles are coached by Rob Gay and Steven Bailey and are halfway through their first season. As a charter standard club, Goldsworth Park Rangers follow the FA's guidelines for youth football, so the under-sevens play five-a-side football on appropriately sized pitches, with the emphasis on developing and having fun. The under-sevens are the foundation of the club, with the kids progressing from there through the age groups, with a number of the club's older players having started at

under-seven and gone on to play 200 games for Goldsworth Park Rangers.

"We're delighted to provide support to the Eagles, and the boys and girls look like they could be a professional team in their new kits" said Linda Graham, Director of the local professional tutors.

Coach Rob Gay added "The boys and girls all love their new kit, so massive thanks to Key Tuition."

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– Surrey County Council is investing £50,000 to help business start-ups get off the ground, grow and create jobs. It has joined forces with the Fredericks Foundation, which lends to people who may have been turned down for a bank loan. In addition, it is hoped that more than 25 people will be helped into work through the Surrey Hub scheme. For more information, contact Geraldine Harman at gerry@fredericksfoundation.net or on 07877 032006.

**Step out with confidence** – A new device now available will help people feel more secure when they step out of their front door. The Mindme Alarm is a GPS tracker and communication device that allows the user to summon help wherever they might be. It is similar to the pendant alarm worn at home by frail and vulnerable residents and is linked to the Telecare Service Centre in Runnymede, which operates 24/7. The cost of the service starts at £27 per month. For more information, call Careline on 01483 743647.

## Don't become a victim of pension fraud

– Woking Borough Council is urging residents of a pensionable age (or approaching) to be vigilant against potential pension fraud scams in the roll-out of the new pension

rules, which took effect from 6 April 2015. Get Safe Online, a national private and public sector partnership to help protect people online, is warning people to be careful who they take advice from and not to become a victim of pension fraud, especially as individuals will be able to release more or all of their pension funds as they wish. Visit the website for information: [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

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## Fun-filled sessions deliver safety messages

– Around 1,000 ten and eleven-year olds from across Woking Borough received important lessons about personal safety as the annual Junior Citizen Scheme got underway at Woking Football Club. For more information about Woking's Junior

Citizen Scheme, please contact Woking Borough Council's Community Safety Officer, Camilla Edmiston, on 01483 743080, or email [camilla.edmiston@woking.gov.uk](mailto:camilla.edmiston@woking.gov.uk)

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## Lives transformed in Surrey

– New figures reveal that the Surrey Family Support Programme has reached a Government target two months early by helping 1,050 of the county's most vulnerable families. The initiative involves public services in Surrey working together so they can better support families facing difficulties such as unemployment and truancy from school.



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# Dragon Boat Charity Challenge

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices' have launched their Dragon Boat Charity Challenge, which will take place on Sunday 5th July 2015 at Goldsworth Park Lake. It will be the second year that teams will paddle against each other and the clock to raise funds for the local charity. Last July almost 200 competitors across eleven teams representing the local police, schools, churches and businesses raised in excess of £10,000.

One of the participants was Natalie Dilloway. She took part in memory of her father,

who was admitted to the Hospices in 2011. "Everyone at the Hospices took such good care of my dad so I just wanted to give something back," said Natalie, who was the team captain of 'Rockin' Daves' named after her father. "I absolutely loved it and everyone came away buzzing. It's simply a great day out, and the course is short enough for people of all abilities to join in, but also long enough to feel like you've done some exercise; we were certainly ready for the finish line every time!" added Natalie.

Places for the popular event will be limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The minimum age to take part is 12 and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Teams can be made up of 12-20 people and all equipment and training will be provided on the day. Teams will have their own area on the bank of the lake, and on-site caterers will provide food and drink. This year's Dragon Boat event will be held in memory of Hospice Fundraiser Kris Cook, who grew up close to the lake where he pursued his love of water sports.

*For further details and to register please visit [www.wsbhospices.co.uk/dragonboat](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk/dragonboat) or contact the Challenge Events Team on 01483 881752.*



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