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# GOLDSWORTH NEWS

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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, 14th July. 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



I have friends who live in Canada who say they only have two seasons there – winter and the building season! It seems a bit like that at the moment over here. We have more or less finished work on the Community Hall at Goldwater Lodge but, by the time you read this, work should be well under way on the new public toilets – at long last. The front page features a few pictures from the past and we hope to bring you pictures of the finished convenience in due course.

In addition, we have it on good authority that Martin's, the newsagents in the shopping centre, will be undergoing a refit in the next few weeks. Don't worry – they will remain open during the work. Part of the refit will involve putting up the partition wall in preparation for the arrival of Costa Coffee – but we still don't know when the coffeshop will open or when the play equipment in the courtyard will be replaced.

I would like to draw your attention to the article in this magazine entitled "Planning

for the Future" and to encourage you to go online, look at the recommendations in the Draft Site Allocations Development Plan Document (a bit of a mouthful, I know) and make your views known. Some concerns about the future of the Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground had been raised by residents recently but I am pleased to say that the Council has assured me that its Green Belt status will remain. However, there may be other proposals about which you feel you need to comment.

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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## CALENDAR

**Saturday 11th July, 12pm:** Party in the Park, Woking Park; [celebratewoking.info](http://celebratewoking.info)

**Friday 14th August:** Content deadline for September Goldsworth News

**Sunday 20th September:** Woking Lions Charity Raft Races on the lake; [wokinglions.org.uk](http://wokinglions.org.uk)

**Tuesday 23rd September 2015, 6pm:** Woking Joint Committee meeting at Council Civic Offices, Gloucester Square; [surreycc.gov.uk/woking](http://surreycc.gov.uk/woking)

**Saturday 21st November:** Red Thi Do 2 at Mercedes Benz World; [matthiasalwaysandforever.co.uk](http://matthiasalwaysandforever.co.uk)

## NEWS

# Park businesses raise money with style

By Royer Slater



*A charity "pamper and shopping" afternoon organised by Karen at Unique Beauty and Charlie & Boo's hair salon raised an amazing £900.*

The amount will help sponsor a spectacular charity ball on 21st November; the Red Thi Do 2 at Mercedes Benz World will be a major fund-raiser for the Steven Gerrard Foundation. The first Red Thi Do, held last year, raised a staggering £44,431 for the charity which helps disadvantaged children.

"Last Sunday's pamper afternoon was hosted by Charlie and Boo's hair salon on Goldsworth Park," explained Karen. "Lots of people turned up to have their hair done and to have lava-shell massages. They were also able to sample a glass of wine and chocolate-dipped strawberries donated by Boz's Fruit & Veg.

"We also organised a raffle and invited Sam from Glitter Box, so people could browse and purchase beautiful clothing, jewellery and fashion accessories."

Red Thi Do 2 will be the second "black tie" ball organised by Rosie Barker – one of Karen's clients at Unique Beauty – and her husband Tony. The events are in memory of their son Matthias who died of cancer in 2011 at the age of 10.

Rosie said, "We had the great fortune to spend our final few weeks together as a family with Matthias in Shooting Star Chase children's hospice. I managed to arrange a visit from Matthias's all-time football hero Steven Gerrard. Matthias died three days after his visit."

Rosie and Tony say they will be forever thankful to Shooting Star Chase and the Steven Gerrard Foundation for their love and support. They are committed therefore to raising funds for the two charities and so help other children and families affected as they were. ►

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"We are very grateful to Karen and the girls at Charlie and Boo's for raising an amazing £900 for Red Thi Do 2," said Rosie. "We wouldn't be able to carry out our major charity events without support from local companies."

There are only a few tables left at Red Thi Do 2; if you are interested in attending this spectacular night then get in touch with Rosie Barker on [redthido10@gmail.com](mailto:redthido10@gmail.com). Rosie is still looking for companies to support November's event; please email for more information or see [matthiasalwaysandforever.co.uk](http://matthiasalwaysandforever.co.uk).



## Planning for the future



Woking Borough Council has a duty to plan for the future and, in 2012, it adopted the Woking 2027 Core Strategy, which made provision for nearly 5,000 net additional dwellings, 28,000 sq.m of office floorspace, 20,000 sq.m of warehouse floor space, 93,600 sq.m of retail floorspace and 19 pitches to meet the needs of Travellers.

The Council has now prepared a draft Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) that identifies sites for development and those which will be protected. This DPD is based on research that has considered all potential development sites. The site allocation makes clear where development

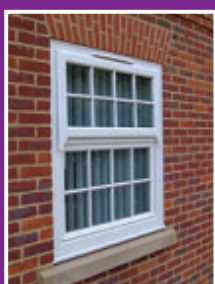
will take place in the future, what kind of development that will be and when it is likely to take place. By allocating land for particular purposes, the Site Allocations DPD establishes in principle the land uses that will be supported by the Local Planning Authority for development of that land. The Site Allocations DPD provides a framework for clear and consistent decision making, giving greater certainty to both the local community and developers.

The Site Allocations DPD takes a long-term strategic view of the future and safeguards sites for residential development beyond the present plan period, between 2027 and

2040. The allocations also propose some minor amendments to ensure a strong, defensible Green Belt boundary in the longer-term.

The Council is consulting all interested parties on the draft Site Allocations DPD, which is available on the Council's website [Woking2027.info](http://Woking2027.info), together with all the supporting documents. The thoughts and information provided during this consultation will inform the final draft Site Allocations DPD which will be subject to further consultation later this year before it is submitted to the Secretary of State.

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# Woodcraft Folk celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

By Kirsten Cawsey

Knaphill and Walton Woodcraft Folk districts enjoyed a week of fun, sun and friendship celebrating the 90th birthday of The Woodcraft Folk movement at Polyapes scout campsite at Stoke d'Abernon near Cobham during half-term week.

The children and young people participated in a variety of activities, including learning to put up tents; a celebration party with afternoon tea and bouncy castle; playing ukuleles; building campfires and cooking bread sticks, calzone pizzas and marshmallow

s'mores over the open fire; track and trail; games including spotlight in the dark; clay boggit faces; fabric and glass painting and other crafts; bottle rockets; scavenger hunt; folk dancing; and a water slide!

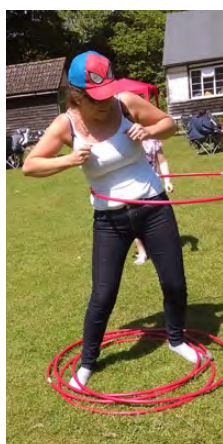
Knaphill Woodcraft Folk welcomes children and young people to group nights on Tuesday evenings in Goldsworth Park. Please contact Bryony Walsh for further information or to join: call 07855 254368 or email [bryony74@ntlworld.com](mailto:bryony74@ntlworld.com)



Tia in tree



Niall with hula hoop



Mum Erika shows him how it's done



Knaphill and Walton districts baking bread over campfire



Lewis, Mabel, Freya and Keeley baking bread sticks over campfire



Mabel, Carmen, Lewis, William, Lorna and Freya on washing up clan



Tia, Daisy, Thomas, Tyler, Cassie and Thea painting glass jars



Lorna, Lewis, Freya, Jess and Thomas at 90th celebration party



Knaphill and Walton districts show off their fabric painted celebratory t-shirts

## Woking Joint Committee – have your say...

Woking Joint Committee is a committee of Surrey County Council and Woking Borough Council that meets to discuss and decide jointly on many of the issues that matter to you. These issues include highways improvements, road safety, speed limits, parking restrictions, activities for young people, community safety, health and wellbeing and other local concerns under the remit of the committee.

The committee welcomes local people to attend and is interested in your views on how to make Woking a better place to live, work and study. You can attend the Woking

Joint Committee and ask a question or present a petition on an issue that you care passionately about. Read the rules here: [new.surreycc.gov.uk/get-involved/your-local-area/rules-of-local-committees](http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/get-involved/your-local-area/rules-of-local-committees)

Future meeting dates and papers for the meeting can be accessed at [mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=411](http://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=411). For further information, please visit [surreycc.gov.uk/woking](http://surreycc.gov.uk/woking), email [sarah.goodman@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.goodman@surreycc.gov.uk) or follow us on Twitter: @JCWoking.





# 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.



Baby Canada geese born in May by Fidelma Fitzgerald

A few weeks ago, I tried to count all the young birds on the lake but none of them would keep still for long enough; was it forty-six or was it over fifty? Either way, I think it's fair to say that most of our wildfowl have had a very productive season to the extent that some of the coots and moorhens are now on their second broods.

Again, the kingfisher bank has been used by grey wagtails; they have successfully reared three chicks, one of which gave me a special treat whilst I was fishing one afternoon by landing on my fishing pole, happily balancing for several minutes before realising that the "branch" was a bit odd and slippery. I did manage to take a photo with my phone but, without a zoom, I could not do justice to the scene. As for the kingfishers, although they are regularly seen close to the bank, as yet there is no sign of them actually using it. However, I live in hope.

The new Fishing Club has also had a very good start, bringing many new faces to the lake bank and offering some excellent sport.

Despite tench proving rather elusive, bream, roach and perch have been showing well, along with some good-sized hybrids making up multiple catches of up to 100lbs or more for individual anglers. Our carp anglers have also had a number of good catches; as usual, it's a waiting game for those monsters of the deep but well worth the effort for a stunning Goldsworth beauty to grace the photo album.

If you fancy a dabble and have a rod licence, do come and have a go. Day and annual permits are available from one of our bailiffs



Baby Canada geese born in May by Fidelma Fitzgerald



Baby coots born in May by Fidelma Fitzgerald

on the bank. The best baits for bream and roach are maggots, corn or pellets and good quality boilies for carp. Please remember, no pike or lure fishing until 1st October.

The Club is hoping to hold a beginner's event in August, similar to our "Let's Go Fishing" days that the lake has hosted in the past, where anyone of any age over 7 can have the chance to learn the basics of angling from specially trained coaches. I'm just waiting for the Angling Trust to give me dates and times – when I have these, I will advertise the event here and in other local media, so if the idea takes your fancy, watch this space.

One last piece of good news, not just for the anglers but for everyone, is that work is due to start on the new public toilets any day now, so no more crossed legs!

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



Baby grebe by Erica Mayhew



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By Lorraine Weedon, Marketing and Communications Manager



# Hospice care is so much more

As the first dig for our new building in Goldsworth Park approaches, we continue to raise awareness about hospice care and exactly what it means to a community.

Our focus has been on dispelling the myths that a hospice is just about a building; a place to be feared and one you never come out of. Hospice care is so much more – over 70% of care is delivered in people's homes through our Hospice at Home service. Once under our care, patients can be referred to the hospice building for many reasons: to control pain relief; for respite care; to attend day care; for bathing in our specialist sensory baths; for counselling sessions; to receive therapies; or at the very end-of-life, if that is their preferred place of death. The range of conditions that we need the skills to manage is on the increase. Though the majority of patients have a cancer, we are nearly as likely to be asked to care for people with heart disease, motor neurone disease (MND), chronic pulmonary conditions, Parkinson's disease or MS.

Our Medical and Clinical teams work closely with other healthcare professionals and organisations to improve the patient journey.

This mainly happens behind the scenes; for instance we actively seek to support individuals with progressive neurological conditions and, with partners, have set up and developed a North West Surrey Palliative Neurological Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT). Our Medical Team host and chair the MDT and the patients discussed have a wide range of complex neurological conditions. With our Hospices' skill base and cross organisational working enhanced by the forum, we believe patients get better care as a result of this seamless way of working.

There are currently 1,200 patients with a life-limiting illness being looked after by the Hospices across the whole of North West Surrey and Alan Clough is one of them. During June, as part of MND Awareness Month, Alan and his wife Linda shared what Hospice Care has meant to them. You can read their story at [wsbhospices.co.uk/news](http://wsbhospices.co.uk/news)



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A group of under-10s pose with Martin Keown



Players give themselves a pre-match pep talk

# A special visitor at Rangers' record-breaking Youth Football Festival



Kids got a real kick out of Goldsworth Park Rangers Youth Football Festival in June, as former Arsenal and England legend Martin Keown dropped by to lend his support to our local club.

Almost 2,000 energetic boys and girls, aged 5 to 15, pulled on their boots over two days of football fun in the sun on the Rec. It was a record-breaking occasion for a tournament of its kind in the area, thanks to the club's army of parent volunteers.

An astonishing 194 different teams lined up to represent clubs from across the borough, county and further afield. There were so many players that the Rec had to be converted into nine football pitches. GPR Chairman Lee Swain said: "Massive thanks to all our volunteers and to our partners – to McDonalds and to Andrew Waterfall and his team at Waterfall Sales & Lettings – for all their support."

The action took place on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June, with Martin Keown arriving on Saturday morning. He generously gave up his time to speak to all the kids, take part in a Q&A session and hand out medals to the boys and girls.

Keown said, "The volunteers at Goldsworth Park Rangers are true grass-roots heroes and their work is fantastic. I'm so impressed by the passion and commitment shown at the club."

Any children interested in joining our local club should email [chairman@gprfc.org](mailto:chairman@gprfc.org). We are particularly looking for boys and girls that will be in year 2 at school in September.



The under-7 boys and girls proudly display their medals



Keown took time out to sign autographs



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# A Personal View

Are your earliest childhood recollections like mine? Watching ever-changing cloud patterns, soaring skylarks and swooping swifts. Busy bees. Garden birds pecking. Chattering ducks. Industrious ants. Fluttering butterflies. Flowers in their great variety.

The sounds of birdsong, voices and traffic. The scents of grass, hedgerows and cooking.

The world was a place of interest and fascination, observed in the moment. I reflected upon everything my senses told me about the world – and I learnt from it.

But I grew up, and became absorbed by inner things: pondering problems, looking for inspiration and being concerned for the future instead of the here and now. Busy-busy-busy! Each day spent in buildings and wheeled boxes, paying too little attention to the world around.

Then this year I resolved to be different and to notice and experience sounds, sights and smells, just as in childhood. This behaviour is the antithesis of shutting out the real world through slavery to mobile phones, portable music players and social media.

It helps that I live on Goldsworth Park: the abundant wildlife provide constant stimuli. I observed the first spring flowers emerge and then bloom. I saw the first green buds on trees and bushes. For the first time in many years I patiently watched bees explore flowers.

I've taken notice of the Park's great variety of birds: pecking for food, courting mates, repelling rivals and nest-making. I've been fascinated and amused by fledglings, still a mixture of fluff and feathers, as they learn where and how to feed and fend for themselves.

I've explored Goldsworth Park's back roads: our many footpaths skirted with grass, wild flowers and plants escaped from gardens. I've relaxed

and watched clouds, planes crossing the sky and birds' aerobatics.

I forsook music and listened to birdsong and the background sounds. It was no longer noise but instead an ever-changing audio landscape, full of sounds to be identified or explained.

These have been rich, relaxing and rewarding experiences for me. And now I've seen confirmation by experts that paying more attention to the world around you and to the present moment can improve mental wellbeing. Scientists claim it can reduce stress levels and improve moods.

Try it yourself: take time to relax, observe, listen to and smell the world around you. Savour and enjoy every sensation: don't let them pass by unnoticed. Goldsworth Park is a fertile place to do it!



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**Dementia sufferers helped** – The number of dementia sufferers in the UK is set to rise to one million by 2025. Woking Borough Council helped to raise awareness of the condition during Dementia Awareness Week. For further information about dementia and the support available, please visit the Woking Wellbeing Centre at The Vyne Centre for the Community in Knaphill.

**Party in the Park goes vintage** – Woking's premier outdoor party returns on Saturday 11 July and promises to be the biggest and best yet! From 12pm until 9pm, with an array of free performances and activities – a traditional British summer fete, plus an open-air festival stage for bands and

professional and local dance acts. Activities will include workshops and pop-up shows for all ages, and a big-screen film show. Visit [celebratewoking.info](http://celebratewoking.info)

**Get credit for sharing your time and skills** – Surrey is launching a scheme for people to share their time and skills in return for 'credit' to spend with others in the community. For example, a teenager could teach older people how to use Wii Fit to keep them active and in return receive cookery lessons. One hour of help earns a one-hour credit under the scheme being developed by the Council and Timebanking UK.

**Local hero recognised** – Marcus Alfonso Martin, who works with young people in

the local community, was among those recognised at a Mayor of Woking's reception. Marcus is a member of the Youth Task Group on the Woking Joint Committee, which collectively organises youth work across Surrey. He is also a dedicated member of the team at Lakers Youth Centre in Goldsworth Park and sits on the Lakers Steering Group.

**Woking honours Victoria Cross hero** – A stone to honour a Woking-born man awarded the Victoria Cross (VC) for his heroic actions during one of World War One's bloodiest campaigns has been unveiled on Jubilee Square's Town Gates. Major Richard R Willis VC was one of six soldiers to receive a VC, during the first morning of the Allied Force's Gallipoli campaign.

**New information about making Council payments** – The Cash Office located in Woking Civic Offices has closed. With more people using online services and payment, the Council has looked at how it can help people pay for services more conveniently. Payments including Council Tax, rent, parking charges and garden waste subscriptions can be made online. If these changes affect you, please discuss your options with one of the Customer Services Team on 01483 755855.

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